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Dear Parent/Carer

I am delighted to start this letter with good news following my previous correspondence regarding attendance and am pleased to let you know that on two days this week our attendance absence rate was below 10%. This is the first time for a very long time that we have not had to report our absences to Moray Council. As ever thank you for your support in this matter and if there is anything concerning you regarding your young person's attendance please contact the school.

### **Primary Metaskills**

We were delighted to welcome Primary 7's from Aberlour, Craigellachie and Mortlach for their visit to develop their metaskills profiles. Over the next few weeks other primary schools will visit Speyside High School as well to develop their skills.

### **S2 Relationships Day**

Our S2's participated in a Relationships day this Thursday. They attended a number of sessions and workshops with agencies such as The Police, 39 Engineers – Kinloss, Moray Woman's Aid and even learnt how to manage self-esteem, empathy and resilience through Magic with Mr Hoskins. The morning was incredibly successful and the young people had an insightful and enjoyable day. Miss Harley would like to thank all the agencies and young people for their excellent input and engagement throughout the morning.

### **Baxters**

Yesterday afternoon we held our S2 Baxters soup challenge school finals in the Performance Area. Well done to all who took part but particularly our two winning groups with their "Granny's Grand Soup" and "Sausage and Bacon Surprise".

All finalists will now attend Moray College UHI on Wednesday 20 March to refine their recipe and presentation further before the grand final back at the college on Monday 20 May.

A special thank you to Emma Winchester (DYW coordinator) and Kloe Paton (H.R Administrator at Baxters) for giving up their time yesterday to judge. Good luck to both Speyside groups – you will be "souper!"

### **e-Sgoil Study Support for Easter**

e-Sgoil's programme of Easter Study support is now open for registration for senior phase subjects. Most of these webinars are covering exam techniques. The programme runs through MS Teams on Glow and requires learners to sign up in advance here: <https://www.e-sgoil.com/senior-phase/easter-study-support/>. This page also has FAQs, timetables, etc.

These online sessions are provided by Scottish teachers, free of charge to learners.

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### Exchange Counselling

Got 5 minutes? Visit [www.d-exy.com/moray](http://www.d-exy.com/moray) to give us your thoughts on wellbeing and help The Exchange shape the future of support in your school - You can even be in with a chance to win a self-care bundle" and come along to one of our Parent/Carer Wellbeing Engagement Events on Wednesday 13 March 5.00 pm – 6.00 pm in Elgin Community Centre, Trinity Road, Elgin or 7.00 pm - 8.00 pm Fochabers Public Institute, High Street, Fochabers

### Tomintoul and Glenlivet Outdoor Bowling Club

Please see the letter attached.

Yours faithfully

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