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Dear Parent/Carer

Attendance

This week has seen our attendance dip a little, with no days under 10% absence. If a young person's attendance is 90% this means they are missing one day a week. In S1 to S2 this could mean they are missing all of their Social Subjects or specific Science input per week, for example.

At this time it is really important, also for our Senior Phase young people, to be in attendance as much as possible. This allows everyone to work together to ensure the best possible achievement for young people.

As ever we very much recognise that some young people's absence is unavoidable. If you have any concerns about this do not hesitate to contact the school.

Senior Phase Study Club

We are delighted to see so many young people attending Study Club on a Tuesday/Wednesday. The Study Club costs the school a considerable amount of money but the more young people attend the more viable this is. I have spoken to a number of young people about Study Club and they have very much highlighted the benefit of this. Study Club will run until the Easter holidays, so there are only two more weeks available. Look forward to seeing you all there.

Senior Pupils – Study Platform – ACHIEVE and SUCCEED.

At Speyside High School we use a product called ACHIEVE as a study program, which contains course notes and quizzes for almost all National Qualifications. The company have launched a new part of their platform called SUCCEED which focuses on study skills like revision planning, creating flash cards and techniques for revision. To access this, your young person has to click on 'SUCCEED' at the top right of the page when they have signed into ACHIEVE.

If your young person has not yet signed up for ACHIEVE, they can do so at: <https://achieve.hashtag-learning.co.uk/> and sign up using their Glow email address and our school code: **9peTwCyh**

e-Sgoil Easter Study Support

The e-Sgoil Easter Study Support programme is at the heart of the National e-Learning offer and provides live and interactive online webinars, delivered by experienced and fully GTCS-registered subject specialist teachers. The service is completely free for learners. Registration is open. To register you should first login into your Glow account. Please note that even if you have been attending regular Evening Webinars, you must register separately for Easter Study Support.

For more information go to <https://www.thinglink.com/view/scene/1684544161350418434> or email e-sgoil@qnes.net.

P7 Transition/.



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P7 Transition Evening

On Wednesday evening, we welcomed the P7 parents/carers to the Transition Information Evening. Information was shared regarding the school and also the transition process. We will be welcoming the P7 pupils on the 14 May for the Stepping Out at Speyside Day and also on the 10 and 11 June for their timetabled transition experience. We look forward to welcoming the young people and working with parents/carers in the coming months.

Bus Passes

Please remember that all young people should carry passes for the transport they have been allocated and only travel on that bus and no other. Random checks do take place from time to time.

Parent Council

There will be a Parent Council Meeting on Thursday 21 March at 7.00pm in the school Library, all welcome.

Building Maintenance

As many of you will know (having been pupils here yourselves!) the Speyside High School building is almost 50 years old. We work hard to maintain the building well to ensure a positive learning environment. In this regard we are undertaking a large project to paint all toilets, the social area and the performance area corridor.

Can I ask for your support to talk with your young person(s) about maintaining the building in good state. I am particularly keen that we do not see vandalism in the toilets.

Metaskills

We were delighted to welcome all Primary School P7s to talk about their Metaskills for learning, life and work. They began to build their digital website profiles all about them, which they will continue to develop over their school career at Speyside High School.

Outfit Moray

Please see attached poster regarding Easter activities from Outfit Moray.

Yours faithfully

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