



PATRICIA GOODBRAND BSc(Hons), MEd

Head Teacher

Speyside High School Mary Avenue, Aberlour AB38 9QU

Tel 01340 871522

Email admin.speysidehigh@moray-edunet.gov.uk

Website www.speysidehighschool.net



Our Ref: PG/MF

Date: 22 March 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

As ever I hope this letter finds you well and enjoying the longer days. I know many of you will be very busy with lambing so I hope this is going well for you.

This will be the last newsletter for the term as we finish for Easter next Thursday. I would like to thank you all for your support this term and hope you all have a great Easter break.

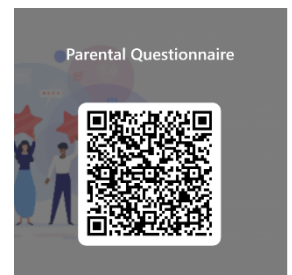
Attendance

I am delighted to report that we have had 3 days this week where our absences have not exceeded 10%. This is great as it is so important for many reasons that young people are in school as much as possible. Please remember that if you have any concerns about your young person and their attendance to contact us as soon as possible.

Feedback

At every parent/carers evening we are grateful to all of you who are able to attend and provide feedback via our evaluation sheets. We understand that many parents/carers are unable to attend these evenings for many reasons and so we have provided our evaluation sheet in the format of a Microsoft form. This can be accessed through the QR code to the right or the link below. Can I please ask that as many of you as possible complete this to allow us to use your feedback and views to inform school improvement.

<https://forms.office.com/e/uzspqLVgUm>



It would be greatly appreciated if you complete this form whether you have done one at parents/carers evening or not.

Can I please also ask that this is completed by **Thursday 28 March**. Thank you in advance for your support in this to continue to improve Speyside High School together.

Uniform Reminder

Thank you to all young people who maintain our uniform standards. Below is a reminder of our School Uniform standards:-

1. White shirt with school tie and black jumper/cardigan/sweatshirt; black jumper or hoodie with school logo
OR
2. Polo shirt **not a round neck t-shirt** with black jumper/cardigan/sweatshirt; black jumper or hoodie with school logo

AND

Option 1 or 2 along with: black trousers **not joggers or leggings**/skirt/shorts **and** sensible footwear **preferably plain black**.

Please/.



Healthy
Respectful
Responsible
Achieving
Ambitious
Dedicated



PATRICIA GOODBRAND BSc(Hons), MEd
 Head Teacher
 Speyside High School Mary Avenue, Aberlour AB38 9QU
 Tel 01340 871522
 Email admin.speysidehigh@moray-edunet.gov.uk
 Website www.speysidehigh.co.uk



-2-

Please note that a **plain** (with no other logo) black jumper, sweatshirt or hoodie is also perfectly acceptable as uniform. A jumper or hoodie with the Speyside High School logo does not have to be worn. Any smart black trousers are acceptable, but joggers and sports leggings should not be worn unless for PE, and then they should be changed for uniform trousers.

In addition please note that young people should also follow the below standards:-

- All coats should be removed in class
- Phones should only be out in class if or when directed by a teacher
- Only water should be drunk in classes
- Gum should not be chewed in classes

Staffing

Please can I let you know that three members of our teaching staff are retiring in the coming weeks. Mrs Pippa Weir and Mrs Helen Barnes both retire at the end of this term next Thursday 28 March and Mr David Irving returns after the Easter break for a week and starts his retirement on Monday 22 April. It is incredible to think that between all three of them they amass 43 years of service to Speyside High School.

The end of this term also sees Mrs Irene Smith retire from her role of 25 years as Assistant Cook with the school canteen.

On behalf of everyone in our school community I would like to pass on our gratitude for their hard work and long service, they will all be missed at Speyside High School.

IDL week

All S1-3 year groups will be taking part in an exciting inter disciplinary learning (IDL) project after the Easter holidays. One of these group projects is focused on upcycling furniture and clothing. We are therefore looking out for both second hand indoor and outdoor furniture to upcycle, preferably wooden and not veneered. If anyone is able to donate any items for this project they would be most gratefully received. Any donations can be dropped off at the school office or if you have any larger items then please get in touch with Helen Duffy at the school as we could arrange to collect these by trailer.

Exchange Parent Workshops

The pilot for the Exchange Parent Support is drawing to a close (finishes 31 March). Please see below the list of upcoming workshops that are available:

Monday 25 March 2024	12:30 - 13:30	Anxiety	Online
Monday 25 March 2024	17:00 - 18:30	Anxiety	In person - Lossiemouth Community Centre - Library Room
Tuesday 26 March 2024	18:00 - 19:30	Self-harm	In person - Elgin library, corner room
Wednesday 27 March 2024	16:00 - 17:00	Self-esteem	Online
Thursday 28 March 2024	12:30 - 13:30	Self-harm	Online

If/.



Healthy
Respectful
Responsible
Achieving
Ambitious
Dedicated



PATRICIA GOODBRAND BSc(Hons), MEd
Head Teacher
Speyside High School Mary Avenue, Aberlour AB38 9QU
Tel 01340 871522
Email admin.speysidehigh@moray-edunet.gov.uk
Website www.speysidehigh.co.uk



-3-

If you would like to attend, please book online: [MORAY - The Parent Project | Exchange Counselling \(exchange-counselling.com\)](https://www.moray-council.gov.uk/exchange-counselling)

Barista Course

Speyside High School are delighted to begin working with Caber Coffee from Aberdeen as they came to install our new coffee machine. Our young people will be learning real-world employability skills through our Wider Achievement Barista course from June this year.

Active Schools Moray

Please find attached details regarding Street Football being run by Active Schools Moray

Yours faithfully

Mrs P Goodbrand
Head Teacher

Enc



Healthy
Respectful
Responsible
Achieving
Ambitious
Dedicated