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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope this newsletter finds you well despite the continuing cold and wet weather.

SQA

Well done to all SQA candidates this week, the first week has gone very well and I am sure everyone's hard work has paid off. Best wishes to everyone for the following weeks.

S3 Exams

All S3s will complete exams for English/Literacy (Tuesday 30 April) and Maths/Numeracy (Tuesday 7 May). This will not only inform us as to the levels achieved as they come to the end of their Broad General Education but also give young people the experience of an exam prior to the prelims and SQA exams they will be doing in S4.

BBC iPlayer

I am sure like me, those of you who got the chance to watch and listen to Planet Earth (III) kids, thoroughly enjoyed the episode and particularly the input by Speyside High School young people – well done!

The episode will be aired on the BBC on 6 May so if you have not had a chance to watch/listen this is another opportunity.

IDL

Interdisciplinary week planning is well underway. All young people met in their groups and with group leaders on Monday of this week. Please look out for letters with consent forms in their "school bag". Please can these be returned as soon as possible to ensure your young person can participate fully in the activities.

No Waste Wardrobe

You may be aware that we have up and running this year our sustainability themed 'No Waste Wardrobe' which offers young people access to quality second hand school uniform and sports clothing. We are now looking to extend this and are looking for any offers of formal wear such as dresses and shoes for girls and suits, shirts, ties and shoes for boys. We are looking for clothing to fit from approx. age 11 years up to adult's large sizes. These can then be offered to young people at formal events such as proms and Christmas parties. We would be most grateful for anything you are able to donate – please pass this onto the school office or directly to Mrs Duffy/Mr McWhirter. Many thanks for your support.

Drama Performance

On Tuesday 25 June, the Performing Arts Department will be presenting an evening of Music and Theatre. The evening will include an abridged 30 minute production of William Shakespeare's eternal tragedy of 'star crossed lovers' Romeo and Juliet, along with live musical performances. We're very excited about the performances and the young people have been working hard to rehearse and prepare for the show; tickets will be available in due course and we very much looking forward seeing you there.

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Universities Webinars

For any young person in S4/5 considering **applying for RG universities (such as Cambridge, Edinburgh, Glasgow, LSE, Bristol or Manchester)** UK University Search are excited to be collaborating with the **Russell Group** once again to bring parents, carers and young people popular, informative and inspiring webinars that cover a range of key topics. Taking place from **30 April to 2 May**, there are **five 90-minute sessions** each featuring **five or six expert panellists** who will offer clear, impartial guidance for young people looking at taking the next step in their educational journey. In each session the Q&A function will be managed by other member universities from the Russell Group who will be able to answer specific questions and provide further information.

Young people and parents/carers **can sign up for each webinar via the registration link below. You can also sign up to be sent recordings.** <https://www.ukuniversitysearch.com/fair-signup/russell-group-webinars>

Moray Wellbeing Festival

The Moray Wellbeing Festival is an annual event which brings together communities through activities that promote and support good mental health and wellbeing. This year there are lots of face to face and online activities available. Please take a look and enjoy the wide range of free opportunities available this year to support mental wellbeing.

Barista Course – Help needed

Do you have a working fridge/freezer which you no longer require? Would you please consider donating it for the Barista course at school? Please contact the school office if you are able to help in any way.

Yours faithfully

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