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Dear Parent/Carer

A warm welcome back to everyone. I hope you and your family have been able to enjoy the summer break, despite the mixed weather.

S1

We are delighted to welcome all young people back but especially to see our new S1's who have shown a great attitude to their first days at Speyside High School.

SQA Results

We are very pleased with our SQA results, with our S4 National 5 pass rate at A to C and our S5 Higher pass rate at A to C, higher than national averages. A significant number of young people for whom being in school is difficult performed very well. Our S6 performed well also.

We are really excited to build on this excellent set of results.

New Colleagues

We are delighted to welcome the following colleagues:

- Mrs N Boardman as Principal Teacher of English
- Mrs J Stewart as Pupil Equity Fund Teacher
- Mr I Shand as NQT in Physics and Science

Tomintoul School Bus

Due to the bridge works that start on Monday, there are changes to the arrangements for young people who travel on Deveron Coaches Bus F over the next few weeks. The bus will now leave Tomintoul at 7.40am each morning, approximately 15 minutes earlier than normal. Connecting transport will also leave earlier to ensure it meets the bus on time. Connecting transport drivers will advise of changes to pick up times for the individuals on those buses. Those young people that are normally picked up by this bus on the road down to Ballindalloch will instead be picked up by Mayne's Coaches bus E. It will leave Tomnavoulin at 7.45am. Connecting transport will meet the bus at Tomnavoulin instead of at Auchnarrow.

Satchel One

Young people in S1 were all issued with information account details for our homework app, Satchel One. There is an account for each young person and also a parent account to allow you to keep track of what they should be doing. Information about homework can be accessed through Glow, the Satchel One website <https://www.satchelone.com/> or by downloading the app that is available both for Android and Apple devices.

For all other young people who may be having problems logging in, your username is your Glow email address and if you click on "forgot password" you will receive an email to your Glow email with a link to reset your password.

Mr Picksley will be happy to help anyone with further problems.



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We understand that currently it can be difficult to provide all equipment that your young person may need for school every day. To support this we have Pick up a Pencil (and other basic equipment) at the front door. This may help with ensuring your young person has pens, pencils, rulers etc for their day at school.

If you are having further difficulty in supplying equipment please do not hesitate to contact us and we will be able to help out.

Extra-Curricular Activities

We are keen to get as many young people involved in extra-curricular activities as possible. A fair, introducing all our clubs, will take place soon and we look forward to seeing as many young people attend to sign up for all our exciting activities.

Canteen Fusion Mobile App

Young people are now required to pre-order from the canteen using the Fusion Mobile app. Parents/Carers are reminded that they can top up their young person's canteen account by visiting www.moray.gov.uk/schoolpayments. If you do not have an iPay account to make online payments, or to get an onboarding code for the Fusion App, please contact the school office.

Moray Sensory Support Survey

Health & Social Care Moray wants to gather the views of people who have lived experience of sensory support needs and services, and people who have an interest in future services.

Responses to this survey will help Health & Social Care Moray to get a better understanding of:

- What support people with sensory needs access now.
- What challenges people experience.
- What support would make a difference?

Health & Social Care Moray welcome your feedback if you:

- Have a sensory support need.
- Are a carer, family member or friend of someone with a sensory support need.
- Provide services or help to people with a sensory support need.
- Have an interest in future sensory support services.

All responses are anonymous. Health & Social Care Moray don't ask you to give your name and you choose which questions you want to answer.

Take part using the online form at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MoraySensorySupportSurvey2024> or scan the QR Code.

Survey closes 30 August 2024.



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Speyside Challenge 2024

This is a fantastic challenge with some great prizes up for grabs. The Challenge is returning for a third year after previous year's success and runs throughout the whole of September. Please see the link to register and poster attached. The challenge runs across the upgraded section of the Speyside Way between Craigellachie and Cragganmore. Challengers will be able to sign up and log their active travel journeys on the path. At the end of September those with the most cycling and walking journeys logged and the most distance covered will win one of three Moray Loves Local gift cards. There's a prize for first, second and third placed participants up to the value of £50, as well as the opportunity to win a new bike up to the value of £2,000 from Highland Bikes.

There is also a 'Bike Fest' at Alice Littler Park on Sunday 25 August to help promote the challenge. Please see attached poster for more information.

<https://www.speysidechallenge.com>

Yubo App

Children and young people across the world use a range of online platforms to communicate and find connection with others. One app is redesigning itself entirely around this idea. Yubo (formerly known as Yellow) now describes itself as a "platform that celebrates the true essence of being young" and encourages "you to just be you."

Please see the attached Parent/Carer "Yubo Online Safety Advice" sheet which has been produced by the Moray Child Protection Committee which outlines the risks that the app presents to young people and steps you can take as parent/carers to protect your young person when using the app.

Lost Property

Can you please remind all young people to check lost property as we have had a number of earpods/plugs handed in to the school office.

Job Opportunities

The Moray Council Catering department is looking for relief staff within the Speyside area, currently they are looking for relief to cover a post at Aberlour Primary.

If you are interested in becoming a relief catering assistant can you please go to the advert link below:

<https://myjobscotland.gov.uk/councils/moray-council/jobs/relief-catering-assistants-388678>

Yours faithfully

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