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Dear Parent/Carer

As ever I hope this finds you all very well. We have had an excellent week two with almost all young people settling very well back into school routines.

Learning and Teaching

Learning and Teaching is at the centre of everything we do and as a Senior Leadership Team we are completing "Learning Walks" this term. This allows us to visit lots of classes to observe excellent learning and teaching and to see how well our S1's are settling.

Uniform

Thank you and well done to all those young people and families who are showing their pride to be part of Speyside High School by wearing our uniform. If anyone has concerns about sourcing school uniform please contact the school as soon as possible as we have a well stocked "No Waste Wardrobe" of preloved items.



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.

Parent Council

Speyside High School Parent Council are holding their first meeting this new academic year on Thursday 29 August at 7pm in the school library. (The Library is on the first floor, straight ahead up the first flight of stairs on the left when entered through Community Centre).

All new and existing parents are warmly invited and are welcome to pop along.

Pick up a Pencil

Please be reminded that if your young person is in need of stationery items we have 'Pick up a Pencil' at the front door and in classrooms. Should you have any spare pens/pencils/ruler etc. we would be very grateful for any donations.

We also have our 'Wall of Wonders' that is available every morning at Breakfast Club for stationery, deodorants, shampoo and toiletries etc.

Breakfast Club runs every morning and is free to everyone. It is held in the canteen and provides breakfast items that are donated by the co-op to all young people.

Whooping Cough

Whooping cough is circulating in the community. If your young person is unwell they should stay off school and if they develop a cough they should discuss their symptoms with their GP.

Mobile Phone Use Policy

Please find attached a letter from Vivienne Cross, Head of Education

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New Scholar Public Website

To celebrate Scholar's 25th anniversary of delivering high-quality online learning for Scotland's schools and colleges, we are excited to launch our new [public website](#). You can still use our website to access our Login page and get in touch with us, and we've added a new [Knowledge Hub](#), where you'll find news, helpful videos and much more.

Information Sessions for Parents/Carers of SQA Higher and National 5 Students

The University of Glasgow are hosting online entry requirement information sessions for parents/carers of potential applicants who are sitting SQA Higher/Advanced Highers. These sessions are ideally suited to those with S4, S5 or S6 pupils, but of course anyone from S3 upwards may attend. The session will be approx. 60 mins with a presentation on understanding our entry requirements and the UCAS process in relation to applying to Glasgow, followed by a text based Q&A opportunity.

Dates:

Monday 26 August, 7pm BST

Thursday 29 August, 7pm BST

Monday 16 September, 7pm BST

Sessions will take place on zoom. For more information and to register please visit:

<https://www.gla.ac.uk/explore/visit/undergraduate/onlineinfosessions/parents-carers-sqa-applicants/>

Toilets

We continue to work hard to ensure the toilets are safe places for all young people. To this end the vape alarms which have been installed are rarely being triggered, and when they are we are able to deal with the situation quickly. We continue to investigate other ways of ensuring these areas are safe for all young people.

What's Cooking?

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| S1 | Coleslaw | | |
| S2 | Lemon cupcakes with Drizzly icing | | |
| S3 | Practical cookery | Fajita vegetable pasta & Spiced fruit loaf | |
| S3 | HFT | Jambalaya | |
| S5 | Practical cookery | Tuesday | White chocolate and lime cheesecake |
| | | Thursday | Cajun Chicken with boiled rice |
| S5 | HFT | Beef Lasagne | |
| Wider Achievement | | Banana Loaf | |
| Baking Club | | Muffins | |

Yours faithfully

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