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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope this finds you all well. I believe the weather forecast for the weekend is good.

Senior Timetables

We continue to ensure all senior young people have an appropriate timetable including wider achievement. This has taken longer than I had hoped. I believe that we are now in a position where only a very small minority of young people's timetable are not complete.

Club Fair

A very successful club fair was held yesterday. All of S1 to S3 attended and were able to sign up for a wide range of clubs from Cheerleading to School Newspaper with lots of sports, science and creative clubs also represented.

There were some clubs not represented at the fair, and so young people should look out for details of these and all extracurricular clubs in the pupil bulletin.

Please also note that if any young person has not signed up for a club and they would like to attend then please just discuss with the members of staff responsible.

Curriculum

We are delighted that we have been approved by the SQA for our new Barista course. The SQA were very impressed with how the course has been developed and noted this as excellent practice.

Attainment Meeting

I had an initial attainment meeting with the Head of Education and our Quality Improvement Manager following SQA results. This was a very positive meeting where excellent results were recognised. I would like to thank you all for your hard work and support in making this possible.

Staffing

I would like to inform you all that just prior to the summer holidays I was appointed as an Associate Assessor for Education Scotland. This position means that I will be a member of the Inspection teams that visit other schools. I am delighted to have been appointed and am excited to experience good practice across Scotland that I can take back to Speyside High School and Moray.

This position works alongside my role as Head Teacher, but just means I will be out of school a few times in the year to visit other schools. The Senior Leadership Team will always be available at these times.

School Photographs

The school photographer will be in school next Thursday 5 September to take individual photographs for pupils in First, Third and Sixth year. Young people in sixth year will also have a year group photograph taken at this time. I appreciate that the majority of our young people are meeting school uniform expectations, however I would be very grateful for your support by reminding your young person of this event and wearing school uniform.

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Scottish Universities Evening for parents/carers and families – 30 October at 6pm

Please see the attached flyer for the above event. Representatives from each university will be on hand to talk about the benefits of university study and answer any questions you may have. We'll also be joined by current students who study with us. A joining link will be sent to those who have registered interest ahead of the start of the event.

The Scottish Universities Tour came to Speyside High School this term to present to S5 and S6 year groups. There is a recorded version of their presentation which can be accessed on You Tube [here](#).

Revision Hub

Is your young person taking new classes this year? Do they still have flashcards, notes, jotters or revision posters that they no longer need? If so, we will be establishing a revision hub in the library after the October holidays, and would greatly appreciate any donation of these materials.

Shape the Process - Youth Just Transition PB - 21 September, from 11am to 1pm, the Inkwell, Elgin

Get Involved! Money for Moray and **tsiMORAY** invite young people aged 12 to 25 from communities across Moray to take part in a deliberative event, including group discussions.

At this event, we invite you to focus on key questions to help shape the Youth Just Transition Participatory Budgeting (JTPB) process for 2024 that will guide how £33,333 (10% of the overall Moray JTPB fund) is distributed this year.

We also aim to recruit a steering group of young people to lead the Youth JTPB 2024-25. There will be a presentation from Elgin Youth Development Group, and the opportunity for young people to find out more about how to get involved in being part of other key decision making groups, networks and processes in Moray, including a Moray Youth Local Action Group (YLAG), and the Moray Climate Action Network (Moray CAN).

Book your place here: [Shape the Process – Youth JTPB 2024-25 Tickets, Sat 21 Sep 2024 at 11:00 | Eventbrite](#)

What's cooking - w/c 2 September 2024

- S1: Chicken Noodle soup
- S2: Potato Wedges with mayo dip
- S3 Practical cookery: Quiche Lorraine
- S5 Practical cookery: Tuesday- Brazilian chicken with savoury rice
Thursday- Beef stir fry and boiled rice
- S5 HFT: Lemon & Blueberry Muffins
- Wider achievement: Brownies

Yours faithfully

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