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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope this newsletter finds you well. The changing of the hour has certainly had an affect on the morning! This morning is particularly driech.

### **Anti Bullying**

All year groups are having anti-bullying assemblies at the moment. This is a topic which is vitally important to all of us, both at home and at school. Please remember if there is anything you or your young person is worried about, that they or yourselves should get in touch. There are QR codes all around school to help with this.

It is so important that we all work together to ensure everyone is safe at Speyside High School and so again please if there is anything worrying you get in touch – everything reported is investigated and handled discretely.

### **Attendance**

Thank you to everyone who is working hard to ensure young people are in school as much as possible. Please understand we fully appreciate there are times that young people just cannot come into school due to ill health or family circumstances.

Please, if you are worried about your young person's attendance get in touch and we can work together to ensure they manage in to school as much as possible.

### **S1 Back to the Future (School) Day**

On Wednesday 27 November we have invited S1 parents/carers to join us for the Back to the Future (School) Day. The day will allow you to take part in lessons in a "parent class" to experience, first-hand, what it is like to be an S1 pupil at Speyside High School in 2024. Please note that a letter with additional information and consent form has been issued to all S1's with a return date of Friday 8 November for those who wish to attend.

### **Parent Council**

The Parent Council held their AGM this week - thank you to everyone who was able to attend. A huge thank you goes to the Parent Council for their generous contribution to our young people's request for more seating options in the social area. Thanks to the Parent Council we are able to buy all the seating they had requested. This is just one of the great things the Parent Council have supported the school with.

Please note the Parent Council are holding a coffee morning this Saturday, 2 November, at 10am until 12 noon at Rothes Church Hall to raise funds. So if you are looking for somewhere for your fly cup please come along.

### **Annual Update of Records**

I am pleased to let you know that we will be issuing the paperwork for the annual update of records on Monday 4 November. The majority of this will be done online via our parentsportal service and you will receive an electronic correspondence about this. Correspondence will be sent home via young people on Monday for anyone who has still to sign up for the electronic service.

Please can I take the opportunity to mention that the administration team in the school office are always available if you would like any assistance creating a parentsportal account.

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### **Pupil Pathway Information**

Any information that is received regarding opportunities for our young people when they leave school is posted in the General channel in the Speyside Pupils Team that all young people have via Glow.

This week items posted are:

- Pathway to Professional Healthcare Event (12 Nov at UHI Moray)
- Careers in Dentistry


### **Interested in Healthcare?**

Are you considering a career in health and social care or looking to make a career change? Join Eventbrite at their Pathway to Professional Healthcare Careers Event on **Tuesday 12 November, 6pm-8pm** at the **UHI Moray Street Campus**, where you can discover a range of rewarding career paths within the health and social care sector and learn about the various educational pathways available to help you get there. Eventbrite link -

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pathway-to-professional-healthcare-careers-tickets-1013523615417>

### **Your National Qualifications**

SQA's learner booklet – Your National Qualifications – is available to download from their website. The booklet contains important information for learners creating and submitting coursework for National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher. It also highlights the rules that learners must know and follow to ensure they are not penalised. Please encourage your young person to download and read the booklet. If you have any problems accessing the booklet please ask your young person to speak to their pupil support.

[Download Your National Qualifications](#) 

### **Annual Catering Survey**

The Catering Department is excited to announce the launch of their annual parent/carer survey, which will be open from the 4 November until the 29 November. This survey plays a crucial role in ensuring that parents and carers have the opportunity to provide valuable feedback regarding school meals. By gathering this information, the catering team can work to enhance their services in line with the Food in Schools (Scotland) regulations 2020.



Thank you for your cooperation and support in helping the Catering Department gather valuable feedback. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HQJMQJS>

### **What's cooking w/c 4 November 2024**

<b>S1:</b>	Jam Tarts	(Box)
<b>S2:</b>	Scone Pizza	(Box)
<b>S3 Practical cookery:</b>	Chocolate Eclairs	(Box)
<b>S5 Practical Cookery:</b>	Vegetable Fritters with Savoury Couscous	(Box)
<b>S5 HFT:</b>	Swiss Roll	(Box)
<b>Wider achievement:</b>	Jam Tarts	(Box)

Yours faithfully

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