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Dear Parent/Carer

I am sure, like us at school, things are very busy at home and work for you all.

Career Fair

On Tuesday S2 to S6 young people attended our Careers Fair. Representatives from various companies (see below) were on hand to let our learners know about career opportunities and pathways and all of our visitors commented on the quality of engagement as well as how polite and well-mannered our young people were on the day.



Christmas Parties

Both our Christmas parties take place on Tuesday 10 December. The S1 – S3 party will be in the afternoon and S4 – S6 party in the evening. I hope the parties are enjoyed by everyone and that good use is made of their social dancing that they have been practising in PE.

Please note that if a young person is absent from school on Tuesday we would not expect to see them at the party. There will be a quiet room for those young people in the afternoon that would benefit from this.

Christmas Concert

This will be held in the Performance Area on Tuesday 17 December 2024. Tickets can be purchased from the school office. Adults £3, Concession £2, Family £8

Parental Appointments

Please make appointments with the school if you wish to discuss anything. It is not always possible for a parent/carers to be seen if they arrive at school without an appointment.

Annual Update of Young People's Information

As you already know it is vital that we hold up to date information for our young people. Each year we take the opportunity to provide you with a copy of the information we currently hold, either via a paper copy or the Parents Portal if you have signed up, so that it can be updated. It is vital that we are aware of changes to telephone numbers, mobile numbers, email addresses, emergency contacts and any relevant medical information. Can we please request that you complete this information as soon as possible if you have not already done so.

May we please also request that you update your young person's Annual Permissions, if you have not already done so, by clicking on the link <https://forms.office.com/e/jzVhU8iZcz>

Reverse Advent

During the month of December, we are taking part in reverse advent in aid of Moray Food Plus. Every day, we are asking young people to bring in donations of different food items if possible (see attached) and leave them on the table beside the auditorium. Any item(s) can be brought in any of the days.

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Christmas Events

I am pleased to let you know there are lots of events taking place in the lead up to the festive break and I have attached a copy of the calendar prepared by our Head Students.

S2 Charities Fair

This takes place on Monday with a variety of stalls in the Auditorium on Monday lunchtime for all staff and young people to take part in to raise money for the charities selected by each class.

France and Germany trip October 2025

The Modern Languages department is organising a trip to Strasbourg and Freiburg in October 2025. This is for senior students who will be in S4 and above in session 2025/26. Should your young person be interested in this trip please ask them to collect a letter from the school office.

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:

- UHI Poster
- University of Dundee Webinar – How to write a compelling personal statement
- Scotrail Apprenticeship Information Session

Transport Survey

Moray Council's transport survey is now open and they want to hear from you! They are looking for your input to help identify where best to focus the next phase of additional and enhanced services in Moray. The survey will close on 31 January 2025. Follow the link below and let us know your views.

Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7C297F5>

What's cooking w/c 9 December 2024

S1:	Festive Ginger Biscuits	(Box)
S2:	Mini Christmas cakes	(Box)
S3 Practical Cookery:	Christmas Chocolate Log	(Box)
	Christmas tree Cookies	(Box)
S3 HFT:	Scone Pizza	(Box)
Wider Achievement:	Festive Gingerbread Biscuits	(Box)
	Christmas tree Stack	(Box)
	Mini Christmas cake	(Box)
	Mincemeat Tarts	(Box)

Yours faithfully

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