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Dear Parent / Carer

Many thanks for your patience and understanding as we have returned to school this week. Yet another set of challenging and unique circumstances have faced many of you.

If you are still struggling and require assistance or know someone that does, please provide them with the information attached with this update.

Storm Address

If you have not provided us with a storm address please do so by completing the link by Tuesday 7th December 2021. Given the recent adverse weather event, it is vital that we have this in case your young person is not able to make their journey home.

[Storm Accommodation Link 2021 - 2022](#)

School Photos

All pupils who had their photo taken by Tempest Photography should receive a copy of their photo during registration on Monday. You must place your order before **Thursday 9 December** If you wish to take advantage of free delivery and receipt before Christmas. Any order placed after then will be charged a delivery charge and cannot be guaranteed Christmas delivery.

Parent Council Update

Turriff Academy Parent Council are seeking your views on the possibility of developing a Parent Support group for parents/ carers of pupils with Additional Support Needs.

If you would like to feedback, please complete the form below. The collated information will be passed to the chair of the Parent Council and the results discussed at a future meeting to decide on next steps.

Please complete by Friday 10th December

[ASN Parent Council Form - please complete by 10-12-21](#)

Friends of Turriff Academy

Friends of Turriff Academy are a subgroup of our Parent Council whose aim is to support the school community usually by fundraising activities. You may have seen them at the turning on of the Christmas Lights last weekend.

They have decided that they would like to support our local food bank by asking for donations when you are doing your shopping in Tesco. They have arranged for a trolley to be available in Tesco for donations. There will also be a donation box in the reception of the school for pupils to donate and the school will pass them on. They are requesting the following items:

Beans Meat Products (e.g. sausages, meatballs, stew) Soup Tinned Pudding Rice/Custard Cook-in sauces Rice Cereal Longlife Milk Tinned Veg. /Tomatoes Tinned Fruit Sugar Coffee Juice Biscuits Jam Pot Noodle	<u>Toiletries:</u> Toilet Roll Soap Toothpaste Shampoo Shower Gel Deodorant Washing Powder Luxury items for Christmas Parcels
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Turriff Necessities

As a school, we have stores of toiletries and basic necessities for any pupil to access at any time- we have stores of toiletries: shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, deodorant, sanitary products as well as other personal hygiene products. If your young person or your family wish to pick up products, it is possible for any young person to get from the following areas in the school:

Angie

Guidance Classrooms

The table in the front reception.

Pupils should know about this service and can be accessed discretely, and it is open to anyone who needs at any time.

Thanks to Abernecessities based in Aberdeen who have just helped us restock.

Sports Results

Football

Under 13's: Our S1's were in action on Thursday against Alford Academy in a league game. The boys showed signs of improvement from their last match and had some promising spells in the game. Unfortunately they ran out of steam in the second half and Alford ran away with the win, the final score was 11-1 Alford. Jamie H with the goal for Turriff.

Under 14's: Our S2's were in also in action against Alford Academy on Thursday in a league match. The boys played fantastic well throughout the game, and showed great resilience to come back from a 2-1 deficit to win the game 3-2! Scoring a goal in the last minutes to win the game! Murray S, Blair B and Logan K with the goals, Logan scoring the winner! Congratulations to Mr Sexton and his boys.

Under 15's: Our S3's were in action on Tuesday against Fraserburgh Academy in a Scottish Schools cup game. Turriff started the game off strongly taking a 2-1 lead. However, after key midfielder Mathew G had to go off injured Fraserburgh quickly took control of the game and went into a 5-2 lead. Turriff fought back hard and got it back to 5-4, but then lost out to a counter attack in the last minute just after hitting the post. FT Turriff 4-6 Fraserburgh. Ryan S, Ally Mand Mitchel (2) with the goals.

Senior Boys: Our senior boys had an Aberdeenshire Cup match against Fraserburgh Academy on Tuesday and were in scintillating form. Turriff comfortably won 5-1, showing grit and determination along with some really beautiful football. A composed game plan sees then progress to the next stage, congratulations to Mr Shearers team! Goal scorers were Alfie K(3), Callum A and Callum R

Senior Girls: Our senior girls also had a game this week, playing Alford in a Scottish schools cup match. They girls went toe to toe with an extremely strong Alford team in the first half and went in at half time 3-2 down. They started the second half positively but unfortunately Alford's quality shone through and they ran out 7-3 winners. Goal scorers were Aoife G, Stacey H, and Louanna M!

Well done to all teams and thanks to the staff involved in supporting all the teams.

Congratulations to Mr Dempsey – Physics Teacher at Turriff Academy

Prestigious Institute of Physics Award for Aberdeenshire and Turriff Academy Physics Teacher

Mr Stephen Dempsey from Turriff Academy has been awarded a 2021 Teacher of Physics Award from the Institute of Physics (IOP) for their inspirational physics teaching.

The IOP Teachers of Physics Awards celebrate outstanding classroom practice in the teaching of physics, and recognise the success of secondary school teachers in the UK and Ireland who, by their dedication and excellence in the classroom, have raised the state of physics teaching in their school.

Understanding and enjoying science can lead to a rewarding career, to improved analytical thinking skills, a life-long interest or all of these. An inspiring teacher is crucial to supporting this.

Physics and physicists have a vital role to play in solving some of the 21st century's biggest challenges, such as responding to climate change, ensuring personal and online security and supporting an ageing population. Without dedicated physics teachers we would have far less physics-based research and industry, and the world would not benefit from the contributions made by physicists to the continually expanding knowledge of the world in which we live.

The IOP is the UK and Ireland's professional body for physicists. Its members come from across the physics community, including academia, research, industry, and education.

Committed to working with teachers of physics at all levels, and across the schools landscape, the IOP has a strong track record of supporting teaching in schools: from its teacher training scholarship programme and comprehensive programme of ongoing professional development, to online teacher support and resources.

Chris Shepherd, Teacher Recruitment & Retention Manager at the IOP, said: "I am delighted to be recognising and applauding Mr Dempsey. Each of this year's winners has, through their skill and personal commitment, made a significant positive difference to the teaching of physics in their school, the student experience and the level of student achievement. On behalf of the Institute of Physics, I warmly congratulate all of them and thank them for their dedication to their students, their school and their subject."

Stay safe all, hope fully we will have a more settled week next week.

Kind regards



Ms L Menzies
Head Teacher