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Dear Parent /Carer,

As our young people have settled back in after the summer break, we have completed assemblies focussing on expectations and on how our young people can make the most of opportunities so that they can be the best they can be.

We are in the process of interviewing for House Captains and Deputes this week and next and look forward to getting the House Committees set up for the year ahead.

We have a wide range of opportunities for your young person to get involved and our What's on Guide is updated regularly on our website. It would be great to see as many young people getting involved as possible. Please remind your young person to look on the website to see what is available

### **Sharing Success**

Many of our young people are involved in lots of great things out in the community – if you would like these shared, either in the parental update or on our social media feeds or you just want us to know, please complete the link below:

[Please complete if you have a good news story to share](#)

### **Our School Dress Code**

One of our plans for this session is to review our school dress code. This will involve consultation with parents, pupils and staff. The aim of this review is to:

- Make our dress code accessible to all
- Ensure a sense of school identity
- Ensure a sense of house identity

We will be setting up a focus review group which will produce a survey to go out to all, with a plan for implementation for session 23/24.

This group will include: staff, pupils and parents. If you would like to be part of this group and you are able to attend in person or virtually then please complete the link below. We would hope to have the first meeting prior to the October Holidays.

[School Dress Code Review - please complete by 17-9-22](#)

I would also ask if any pupil is struggling with our current dress code, please contact their guidance teacher directly to discuss options.

## Supporting you S4 – S6 pupils at home.

Our senior pupils all have access to Scholar which is a really useful resource to support learning. The event below provides information for parents and carers.

### Scholar Information

<p>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022</p> <p>6:00-6:30pm</p> <p><b><u>Register</u></b> (via <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com">eventbrite.com</a>)</p>	<p><b>SCHOLAR Information Session for Parents and Carers</b></p> <p>SCHOLAR provides a range of National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher online courses and support materials for young people in subscribing local authorities across Scotland.</p> <p>The webinar will take place in MS Teams and will provide an overview for parents and carers of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the key features of the courses;</li> <li>• how your child can access their account and courses; and</li> <li>• how they can make the most of SCHOLAR to support their learning and revision.</li> </ul> <p>For information on the SCHOLAR programme and courses, please see:</p> <p><a href="https://scholar.hw.ac.uk/">https://scholar.hw.ac.uk/</a></p> <p><a href="https://scholar.hw.ac.uk/using.html#parents">https://scholar.hw.ac.uk/using.html#parents</a></p>
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SCHOLAR currently offers the following online courses aligned to the SQA curriculum at National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher level:

Humanities and Social Sciences	N5	H	AH	Sciences	N5	H	AH	Languages	N5	H	AH
Accounting		✓	✓	Applications of Mathematics	✓	✓	**	ESOL	✓	✓	**
Art and Design		✓		Biology	✓	✓	✓	French	*	✓	✓
Business Management	✓	✓	✓	Chemistry	✓	✓	✓	Gaelic	*	✓	✓
Economics		✓	✓	Computing Science	✓	✓	✓	German	*	✓	✓
English	✓	✓	✓	Human Biology	**	✓	**	Mandarin	✓		
Geography	†			Mathematics	✓	✓	✓	Spanish	*	✓	✓
Music	†			Physics	✓	✓	✓				
Psychology		✓	**								

† Initial materials available; more to follow throughout 2022-23      \* Support Materials Only      \*\* No SQA qualification for this subject level

### Dates for your Diary:

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| 13 September                | School Photographer  |
| 15 September 5pm :          | Friends of Turriff Academy Meeting – any parent is welcome to come along and find out more about how you can help with supporting Turriff Academy with things like Fundraising |
| 26 September 7pm:           | Parent Council Meeting- in School  |
| 27 September 6.30 – 8.00pm: | BGE Parental Engagement Show Case Event  |
| 11 October 5-7pm:           | S1 Parents Evening   |
| 14 October:                 | Last Day of term 1   |
| 31 October:                 | First Day of term 2  |

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ms L Menzies', written in a cursive style.

Ms L Menzies  
Head Teacher