



No thoughts of wintry weather as some senior students enjoy a mild autumn day in Speyside.



ADVERSE WEATHER ARRANGEMENTS

We are approaching the time of year when adverse weather conditions enter our thoughts. In such conditions, the prime consideration is the safety of pupils. Parents and carers are reminded that they should ensure that their son or daughter knows what to do in an emergency situation. Information about any kind of emergency closure, or the early return of buses, will be available when you call the THUS Information Line on **0870 054 9999: PIN Code 031070**, which will be updated daily during adverse weather conditions

What to do if:

You are worried about safety—Do not send your son or daughter to school.

School closes early—If weather deteriorates during the school day, a decision may be taken to send some or all the pupils

home early. In these circumstances pupils must not leave school unless they are absolutely certain there is a friend or someone at home to receive them. If school closes early any pupil may ask to phone and check there is someone in.

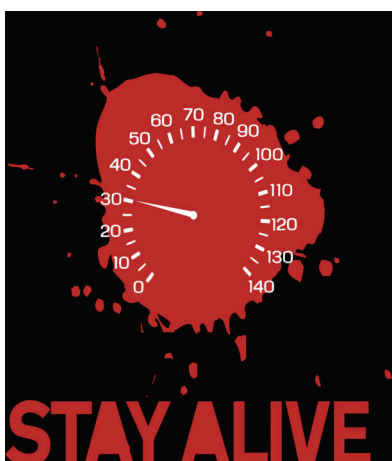
School does not open—In exceptional circumstances it may be decided that the school will not open. In such cases, a message will be broadcast on Moray Firth Radio between 6.00 and 8.00 am.

The bus doesn't come—In storm conditions, it is possible that a bus may not get through. Pupils should not wait at the roadside for more than 20 minutes after the usual pick up time—they should return home. Please phone the school to tell us if the bus has not come.

It is not possible to get

home safely—pupils will be asked if there is an address in Aberlour where they can go overnight. A stay in Aberlour overnight will be insisted upon if, in the opinion of the school, it would be hazardous to try to leave the village.

All arrangements fail—If arrangements go wrong, a bus is missed, there is no one to go to, or there is another problem, pupils should always return to reception. We will always do what we can to help any pupil. It is a wise precaution to make sure your son or daughter knows that messages can be left at reception.



DRIVING AMBITION/SAFE DRIVE STAY ALIVE

Helping our youngsters to develop positive attitudes towards road safety when driving is always a priority for the school. S5 pupils attended the 'Safe Drive Stay Alive' event in Aber-

deen this month. Our youngsters no doubt found the event hard hitting and thought-provoking, and were given the opportunity to examine the main factors in road accidents and

how to avoid them. Our thanks go to the staff of the agencies involved for organising these events.

Serving our communities...

In my first week I was keen to get to introduce myself to the communities we serve. I attended the Speyside Area Forum in Tomintoul and learnt a lot about some of the issues that affect people across Speyside, particularly in the smaller settlements. The follow-

ing night I attended Aberlour Community Association and was able to answer a number of questions.

My vision for the school is to be at the heart of the communities we serve and we will be giving some serious thought as to how we 'bring the school out'

to those of you who live outwith Aberlour.

In the meantime please be assured that we are committed to working in partnership with all of the communities we serve.



'Stronger Together'

'Let's Bin Litter'

On my first day I introduced myself to local shopkeepers and asked them about any problems they encountered at lunchtimes. The people I spoke to were overwhelmingly positive about our young people's behaviour. We will be focusing on the very small minority



who cause a nuisance by littering. I have been patrolling the village with my colleague Ms Grant (Depute Rector), paying particular attention to Alice Littler Park. A group of Rural Skills students under the leadership of my colleague Mr McCaughan have also been litterpicking in the village.



School Football

**Speyside High 2
Forres Academy 3**

Despite losing on Saturday 12th November, the Senior Team produced a great team performance led by captain Greig Donald

Man of the Match was Finlay Robertson (pictured)

Remembrance Assembly



At a whole school assembly on Friday 11th November we remembered all of those who have died in past and current conflicts. The assembly was prepared and superbly led by students Eva Cumming, Lauren McBain and Francesca Rothery.

Every young person in attendance demonstrated the greatest respect and sensitivity for the occasion and members of staff spoke afterwards of how lucky we are to teach such a positive, well-mannered group of young people.

'Learners Today; Leaders Tomorrow'



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