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Dear Parent/Carer

Weekly Update 27-5-16

On Wednesday we welcomed 165 primary 7 pupils to Inverurie Academy for an additional Transition Day. The aim of the day was to provide pupils with a curricular experience focusing on Social Subjects and Modern Languages. In History, pupils were delving into local history, learning all about motte and bailey castles and specifically the Bass of Inverurie. In Modern Studies, the focus was on local support groups in Inverurie, how they operate and who they aim to provide help for, and in Geography, pupils were using their atlas skills to look at different cities and countries in relation to the upcoming UEFA European Championships. During their time in the Modern Languages department, the focus was on the importance of studying languages, encouraging pupils to consider the variety of different languages spoken around the globe and making the links between the different languages. The pupils and primary staff have reported that they had a really good day, with lots of new friendships being made, and noting a real growth in confidence in making the transition up to secondary school. From our point of view, we were impressed with the enthusiasm to learn and the positive attitudes shown by the P7s and we very much look forward to welcoming them back in June.

Congratulations are to be passed once again to our footballers with the Under 15 team winning the North Scotland Cup against Mintlaw Academy. It was a close game with a full-time score of 1-1, but the Inverurie Academy team won 9-8 on penalties. Well done to all players and coaches!

Another group of S5 pupils have completed Peer Support Training this week. Again, I was impressed by the participation of all, but particularly noted Paul's ability to reflect on how he would also use the skills practised in his volunteering role out of school too.

One of our Bronze Award Duke of Edinburgh groups have their practise expedition this weekend. We're sure they will do well following the support and guidance they have had from Miss Bradley and her team of staff in preparation. We hope the weather stays dry for them for the weekend!

Next week is the last week of SQA examinations for this session. On behalf of all the staff at Inverurie Academy, I'd like to wish all of the pupils the best of luck in their final exams.

Yours faithfully,

Pauline Fraser  
Depute Rector

**Maria Walker, Director of Education and Children's Services**

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