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Dear Parent/Carer,

This time of year can often bring a little sadness as we bid a fond farewell to learners who are moving on to new adventures after the summer break. Many pupils have been taking the opportunity to finalise the formal leavers' process this week, and this provides a lovely opportunity to reflect on each journey, and to hear their excitement about future plans. Whether moving to a new school, to further study or employment we wish each and every one of you the best of luck.

To balance the nostalgic feelings that arise students move on, we have been very proud to welcome our 165 new S1 pupils to the academy this week. They joined us for a three day visit in preparation for becoming a full time student at Inverurie Academy from August. On Tuesday morning we met many polite and slightly shy looking young people, and we were delighted to see their confidence grow during each day. Every class was supported by a number of exceptionally committed S6 buddies who made sure that everyone knew what to do, where to go, and how to get there. We already know our new S1 pupils hold their S6 buddies in very high regard, and look forward to seeing them reconnect in August. It was also lovely to meet so many parents and carers during the information evening last night.

As the term begins to near the end, it is just super to see pupils continuing to invest their energy through extra-curricular activities. Our senior girls' football team played a home game against Ellon on Tuesday, and battled hard to finish 4-4.

On Wednesday Nicole and her friends organised and ran a charity quiz evening to raise awareness of and funds for charities which are very close to their hearts. Those of you present at the YPI evening in March will recall how movingly the then S3s spoke about each of their nominated charities. The groups were not in the slightest disheartened by watching the Charlie House team win, and decided to organise this event in order to continue their fundraising mission. Supported by Miss Brogan, the groups raised a good sum of money which we know will be appreciated by the charities involved. We are very proud of all involved - talking about what you believe in and care about is one thing, but giving your own time to organise something significant like this is impressive.

It's hard to believe that we are almost at the end of the session already! Next week we will focus on publishing our end of term newsletter rather than this form of shorter update. With one final week of term to go, all staff at the school would like to take the opportunity to wish all pupils, parents and carers a restful and enjoyable break when the time comes.

Yours sincerely,



Ms D Lynch
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