

## **Parent Council** Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November - 7.00-9.00pm



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- 1. Welcome
- 2. Attending/Apologies
- 3. Matters Arising from Previous Minute/Approval
- 4. Treasurer Update
- 5. Presentation from S3 Outward Bound Group.
- 6. Presentation from Freya Bhreathnach SAMH
- 7. Head Teacher update
- 8. Pub Quiz Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November
- **9. AOB**

10.Date of next meeting – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January (face to face only?)

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## **S3 Outward Bound Group**

## Outward Bound – Inverurie Academy

#### Monday

- Jog n dip
- Spiders web
- Big wall
- Wee wall



#### Tuesday

- Passage of Interest Walking up Glen Nevis
- Gorge Walking Going down a river
- Pack n Prep



#### Wednesday

- Finish packing
- Expedition
- Sleeping in bothy



#### Thursday

- Walk back
- unpack
- Orienteering
- Zipwire
- Mixed bag challenge



#### Friday

- Rowing
- Driving home







# What did we enjoy most?

Most people found the gorge walking their favorite as it was fun and easy to do.

Personally me and Liam found the passage of interest the best as it was a once in a lifetime experience and we really enjoyed it.

Overall, all the activities were really fun and forced us to step out of our comfort zones allowing room for personal growth.

## What we did not expect

We did not expect to become a group together, meeting up together playing games.

The food was better than we expected and the challenges we faced were nothing that we thought they would be.

## The future

I helped others in my team by... Communica I helped others in my team by ... bit more than usual When I get home When I get home I will... feel More confident in myself



### Freya Bhreathnach – Time For Me Practioner SAMH



## **Head Teacher Update**

### New staff:

## Physics – Mr S Dempsey PSA - Mrs K French

#### **Key Dates moving forward**

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec Monday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Jan Monday 15<sup>th</sup> Jan – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Feb Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb Monday12th Feb Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb

S2 Outboard Parents Information Evening **P and J Christmas Concert** S1 Parents Evening **S4** Parents Evening **Christmas Concert** Last Day of Term **First Day of New Term** S4/5/6 Assessment weeks (study leave) S2 away at Outward Bound **S2** Parents Evening **Careers Evening Occasional day Occasional day Inservice day Inservice day** 

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## 2.2 Curriculum

- Context
  - S3-4 Reviewed and Adapted in 2017.
    - 10 Subjects in S3 into 6 Subjects in S4 (2017)
    - 7 Subjects in S3 into the same 7 subjects in S4 (2018-Current)
  - Senior Phase Reviewed and Adapted 2018- Current
    - Programme of NOs (Advanced Higher, Higher, N5) supplemented by NPA, Skills for Work and Foundation Apprenticeships
  - Planning for Residential Experience 2024
    - BGE (S2) to include outdoor education experience

Thematic Inspection on Curriculum 7-8 June 2023 National Review into Qualifications currently taking place

#### • You said:

- Making sure parents know what subjects must be taken can support young people when making choices
- we feel the curriculum is ambitious with the high level of choice and opportunities being offered
- peoples are given opportunities for the success such as general science and the options to progress into N5 during S5 and a good mix of academic and practical subjects
- Our only concern is that HE is not available for S2 pupils which may block pathways for some students who would thrive in that area look further down the school
- good to have college courses in S45 and S6
- good to have subjects on offer outside of the core science maths and humanities in the upper levels senior face
- only one hour of PE in senior phase is not sufficient
- need to clear the information to parents as well as students in S3 as to which national five maths course they should be taking
- offer of subjects is really good but it would be good to have an open session where you can find out more about the different subjects around that time so that subject choices can be made clear.

## Task 1: How well does our curriculum reflect the rationale at all levels? You said:

Rationale: *"A curriculum that is AMBITIOUS," INCLUSIVE and takes account of our local context."* 

In groups of 3 (approx.) please put a post it on the curriculum map, with a description of how you feel the curriculum is reflecting our rationale.

- In S1 and S2 there is a good selection of topics giving insight for future years.
- Sood rationale at all levels and plenty choice
- Lots of choice in S3 and S4
- Would be helpful to see subjects for S5 to help with choices in S3 and S4 S1 and S2 curriculum is very broad and gives a taster of all subjects
- S3 choices can be challenging with column structures
- I had no idea that S56 curriculum was so broad
- there is a potential lack of connection between column structures in S2 going into the senior phase
- it could be more inclusive by and enhancing the S4 work experience programme what is logo local in a global economy?

- Abernecessities
- Curriculum update
- TMR
- DYW Update
- Sponsored afternoon







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# **Any Other Business**