Dear parents/carers,

**SQA Personal Development Award – Levels 4 and 5**

The Personal Development Award is a qualification offered by the SQA with the aim of helping young people become more independent and to develop their potential as contributing members of their societies. During this programme young people further develop self-reliance, self-esteem, and confidence through a combination of online supported and independent learning.

The award comprises of 4 units. These are:

* Practical abilities
* Self and community
* Self and work
* Self-awareness

We are aiming to deliver this award during the next two terms at Auchenharvie Academy. This will not only provide your child with an additional level 4 or level 5 qualification, but will also further support your child’s life skills and qualities development.

We will initially be delivering this additional qualification during the time that pupils would usually attend their core PE class in S4. Although much of this work will be completed independently, there will be online support in terms of contact with teachers, narrated PowerPoints, email assistance and a range of other learning materials. All work will be assessed internally by teachers in school and there will be no requirement for a final examination. All S4 pupils will be contacted by staff involved in the delivery of this new programme to help them get started on working towards this award and discussions on how your child will be supported throughout their journey towards gaining their Personal Development Award will take place in the next few weeks.

We are confident that this will prove an invaluable addition to the qualifications gained by our young people of Auchenharvie Academy this year.

If you have any questions about the award, please do not hesitate to contact me by email on:

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Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

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