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Dear parents and carers,

We are very excited to invite you to the first of our family parental engagement **Games Nights**. This will take place in Holyrood Secondary School on Wednesday 20th November. We listened to what parents had to say about being more involved in the life of the school and primarily in the education of their children. For this purpose alone we have decided to mix education with fun! The focus of the evening is about families learning and playing together. The most current educational research tells us that one of the best ways to have fun and learn with the whole family is through playing games. With this in mind, we have a huge selection of games for the evening ranging from parent favourites such as monopoly and scrabble and children's favourites like charades and heads up. All the games centre around educational aspects across our curriculum and we have taken the opportunity on this evening to show you how this can be done; bringing curriculum together with family fun learning. There will be opportunities for your family to play against and alongside other families in 'the minute to win it' challenges. There will also be the ultimate CHASE where mums and dads can try to beat our master-mind teachers! Go on mums and dads you got this!

The doors open at 6.45pm for a 7.00pm start. The event is free and snacks and refreshments will be provided. There will be a crèche available with games for younger family members to also learn and play. Younger children will have access to, giant jenga, giant connect 4, drawing mats, dance piano, to name a few, but don't worry adults can have a go too! We hope the games night provides an opportunity for families to be involved in learning with their children.

Government Quote on Family learning 'Supporting and encouraging your children through enjoyable learning experiences is important through all stages of their education. When parents, family members and communities learn together this helps foster positive attitudes towards life-long learning and makes a positive difference to a child's life-wide learning.'

The S4 leadership team will be there to talk to you about study and exam techniques and also lead you in the games areas, just to get you started. We have something there for every family member. We have listened to what you have asked for and we have a great night planned for your families. Even if you can give us half an hour of your time please come along and join in. It is important to your child and their learning that parents show up, engage when they can and work with us in ensuring positive outcomes for your child.

"The family that plays together, learns together, stays together" Chris Bernholt

You will receive a personalised invite in the post if you could cut off and return the RSVP from the invitation filled in with your child's name, class and how many family members are attending to help us organise this best. We cannot wait to make this a night to remember. Let's have fun and learn with our families!

Thank you
Kind regards
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