

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy New Year to you all. I hope the festive season was one filled with family, friends and many treats! I enjoyed spending time with my family, walking our Cocker Spaniel albeit in the rain most of the time and prioritising treats as much as possible!

Chinese Horoscopes 2024 will host the Year of the Dragon. The Dragon is a powerful and auspicious creature in Chinese mythology, representing courage, creativity, and innovation. These three values are ones we hold very close to learning at LGS Stoneygate and so I am sure that the Lent term will be as busy and productive as ever.

Year 11 are working hard to perform their best in their mocks and we have been impressed with the way they have started and the manner in which they have conducted themselves this week. Year 9 will use this term to consider their GCSE options and we hope to see many parents and pupils at our Year 9 Options Evening on Thursday 25th January at 5.30pm. Year 6 are busy working on Romeo and Juliet which will certainly feature as a highlight of the term. I called in to see Year 5 this week and they were working hard at their verbal and non-verbal reasoning which was impressive. So, a great start to learning this week.

All pupils received reports before Christmas so should you have any questions regarding them, please do contact their teacher. Senior School pupils will be having a short 1-to-1 chat with their form teachers about their reports and considering the next steps in their learning.

This week I was invited to attend the Independent Schools Association (ISA) New Heads Conference where I was invited to contribute to a session on New Headship and Leadership. It was not only a privilege to be asked but also to represent our school on a stage such as this. The ISA offers our pupils many academic, sporting and arts opportunities that we will continue to take full advantage of over the coming months and years.

Enjoy the weekend.

Best Wishes,

Mrs McCullough

### **Notices and Reminders**

Fixtures commence next week please check the Sports Calendar Website for details.

Year 9 Teenage Booster Vaccination – Wednesday 17th January.

Year 6 pupils Year 7 Experience Day - Thursday 18th January followed by a presentation to parents at 3.15pm in the school hall.

FOLS Meeting – Friday 19th January 8.30am in the greeting room of the Manor House.