

19th January 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians

We welcomed some new pupils last week and this week it has been lovely to check in with them and hear what aspects of school life they have been enjoying. I would like to congratulate them on a great start to life here at LGS Stoneygate.

Year 11 have now finished their mock examinations which will allow them to stop and draw breath this weekend. They have all worked very hard and we will now be able to use their results to help them to identify their next steps.

Yesterday we hosted a Year 7 Experience Day for our current Year 6 pupils. They enjoyed an introduction to Spanish, tested their Year 7 Art skills through some superb screen printing and tried their hand at a GCSE Science practical. In the afternoon we challenged them to work as a team and use their design, organisation and planning and presentation skills to create a marble run. This afforded them a chance to understand the skills they will draw on as secondary-age pupils. They conducted themselves superbly and told me they'd like to start Year 7 next week!

This week we also welcomed one of our Trustees, Mr Alex Osiatynski, to visit school. Alex is a former Headmaster who has worked in senior and prep schools across the Midlands, East Anglia and in the Netherlands over a period of 20 years. Alex has been a panellist for the Teaching Regulation Agency and the Chairman of Finance for IAPS, the prep schools' membership organisation. Alex is an ISI School Inspector, as well as working as an educational consultant and hence we were able to draw on his expertise to gain some top tips about the new Inspection Framework that was implemented across the country from September 2023.

Next week we hope to welcome many parents to visit school as we are hosting a variety of events and fixtures so please do have a look at the calendar and reminders below.

Wishing you an enjoyable and restful weekend.

Best wishes,
Mrs McCullough
Headmistress

Notices and Reminders:

Monday 22nd January

Years 5 and 6 Young Voices, Birmingham, leaving 12noon

Tuesday 23rd January

Years 3-6 Parents' English and Maths Seminars, School Hall, 4.15pm **Thursday 25th January**

Year 1 Space Centre Trip, 9.30am-2.00pm

Year 9 Options Evening, School Hall, 5.30pm

Friday 26th January

Scholarship Experience Day