Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope the first week back has been filled with the colours of spring and that those in our community celebrating Eid had a special and memorable day. I have enjoyed coming back to the smiles of the children, the colours of the tulips, daffodils and cherry blossom. What a week bursting with brightness (I am determined to ignore the rain!).

Smiles will be important during April as we will have a whole school photograph and plan to have some new photos taken for our website, so watch this space! We will host a school Open Afternoon for current and new families on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April from 2pm. If you would like to look around the school, please register on the website and you can collect your child and explore! I will be doing a short address at 3pm in the school hall.

You will have received details by Clarioncall about our forthcoming Parents' Forum on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April between 8:45am to 9:15am. I look forward to seeing you there if you are able to attend.

In June, we have a host of exciting events with our Transition Day on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June - so please save the date for this new event! More detailed information will follow, in essence, all new pupils and staff are invited to join us for the day. All classes (except for Yr 10 who will carry on working hard) will move up a year. Pupils will meet their new class/form teacher and experience taster lessons during the day. Pre-Prep and Prep parents are invited to join the classes at 2:45pm for a short presentation from their new class teachers about next year (for Senior School parents this will happen in September). You will also receive a copy of our new 'Parent and Pupil Information' book. If you have more than one child in Pre-Prep/Prep then please attend the parents' session for your oldest child and we will share all presentations after the event.

On Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June the annual Big Bang Fair, open to all Trust pupils, will take place at Leicester Grammar School. The last Big Bang Fair in 2023 was a resounding success, with over 3000 visitors joining us over the course of the day, to experience a wide range of different hands-on exhibits. This year promises to be bigger and better than ever; highlights being a tethered hot air balloon, a chance to perform key-hole surgery with the Medical Mavericks and race against Usain Bolt in the 25m Accelerator Tube, the opportunity to meet a variety of animals and explore the solar system in Warwick University's 360° Planetarium! There will be over 60 exhibitors from local businesses, universities and STEM organisations, so it promises to be a fantastic day out for all ages. We hope that you and the rest of your family can join us and would very much appreciate it if you can register in advance at <a href="https://www.lgs-senior.org.uk/bright-sparks">https://www.lgs-senior.org.uk/bright-sparks</a> to give us an idea of expected numbers. However, you are very welcome to just turn up on the day, whether or not you have registered already. Please feel free to share details of the event with your friends and family!

Another action-packed term is on the cards! Remember to check the calendar on the school website <a href="https://www.lgs-stoneygate.org.uk/news-events">https://www.lgs-stoneygate.org.uk/news-events</a>

Thank you for your ongoing support.

## Enjoy a pleasant weekend.

Best wishes, Mrs McCullough Headmistress

## **Notices and Reminders**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April

Yrs 7 & 8 Parent Meeting regarding the PGL Paris Trip 5pm, School Hall

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April

Yr 11 Parent and Pupil Exam Preparation Meeting, 5.30pm, School Hall

Thursday 18th April

DofE May Expedition Parents' Meeting, 5.30pm

Friday 19th April

FOLS Family Quiz Night, 5.30pm, School Hall