Dear Parents and Guardians,

As you will be aware from the letter you received yesterday our Trust Principal, John Watson, has announced that he will step down at the end of next academic year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank him on behalf of all staff, pupils and parents past and present for the support and dedication he has given to the Trust and LGS Stoneygate. I have no doubt that he will remain as supportive as ever, as we journey into and through his final year.

This week draws to a close after many of the senior girls have had a sporty week, playing at the ISA Rounders and ISA Football competitions. It is always a pleasure to see them arrive back after a day together enjoying all the values that sport has to offer. With the rain subsiding somewhat and the pitches drying out, it was pleasing to see cricket back on the menu and I look forward to watching the season unfold. Bea in Year 8 impressed us all by achieving her black belt in karate; another pupil who works hard in school but also out of school. Congratulations Bea.

I remain very impressed by the time and dedication shown by all the pupils involved with Oliver Junior! They continue to rehearse on Sundays as they work together to bring the scripts to life. It is something we are all looking forward to watching.

Year 3 and 4 pupils will be over-excited this weekend as they get themselves ready for their residential trip to Beaumanor Hall, we will wave them off early on Tuesday morning. I look forward to hearing about their adventures on their return. Our Year 9 DofE pupils will also be busy packing their equipment ready for their bronze practice expedition next weekend. Fingers crossed for good weather for both trips.

Wishing you all an enjoyable Bank Holiday, filled with creative baking ready for our 'Bake Off' Competition next Tuesday. Please bring all entries to the Food Tech room on Tuesday morning.

With all best wishes, Mrs McCullough Headmistress

**Reminders and Notices** 

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May BANK HOLIDAY

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May** Bake Off Competition Years 3 & 4, Beaumanor Hall, Leaving at 9am

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May Years 3 & 4 return from Beaumanor Hall, 3.30pm

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May** Exam Leave, Year 11

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May** Year 9 DofE Bronze Practice Expedition Reception and Year 1, Captivating Creatures Visiting

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May

Year 9 DofE Bronze Practice Expedition return to Topstones Campsite

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May Oliver Junior! Rehearsal 2-5pm