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Dear Parent/Carer

BGE English

I am writing to let you know of the many opportunities and events we are offering your child as part of their BGE English experience. A key way for your child to develop their literacy skills is through regular reading for enjoyment and research suggests that reading for just 10 minutes a day can have a huge impact on a child's development.

Library Programme

We have launched our new Library programme for S1 and S2 classes. Pupils will be working through a programme based on introducing them to a variety of genres and each pupil will have individual and class 'bingo' targets. Once their private reading programme is underway, they will begin recording Twitter book reviews, which you can watch from home too!

Author Visit

On Wednesday 20 September during periods 5 and 6, S1 classes in English will go to an exciting talk from David Goutcher, author of *Spy Quest*. Books cost £5.99 and come with a free Agent T-shirt. Pupils should come with money if they would like to buy a copy that they can also get signed!

Book Fair & Patron of Reading

On Monday 27 November we are arranging for our new Patron of Reading, Sarah Moore Fitzgerald to make her first visit to Larbert High School. She has already been a big hit with our Red Book Award class last year and has judged our senior entries for the various writing prizes given out at the recent senior Prize Giving. We are still arranging the programme of events for her visit. This will also be the first day of our first Scholastic Book Fair of this new session. These book fairs have been a huge success and are loved by our pupils! We raised hundreds of pounds in commission for the Library to spend buying books pupils want to read. The book fair will be in school for a week. All BGE classes will get the opportunity to attend and we are often looking for pupil helpers to administer it at lunchtimes. There will be a raffle ticket given with every purchase so some lucky pupils could win extra prizes!

You can buy vouchers for your child to use from <http://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/parents?nt=t> which means you don't have to give them extra cash. Scholastic's website also allows you to buy



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vouchers at a discounted price. For example, a £12 voucher costs £10; a £6 voucher costs £5 and so on.

Scholastic Book Club

However, book fairs only happen once or twice a year so we have set up the ability to order books online all year round. We are launching the Scholastic Book Fair and parents have the ability to buy books online without having to get cash and give it to students: you can order from home! These books often have discounts or deals so you can help the school while also buying your child a book at a good price!

Our new **Scholastic Book Club is up and running!** Go to <http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/larbert> to browse the latest books and order online. For **every £1 you spend** on this month's Book Club, **our school will earn 25p** in Scholastic Rewards.

Please place your **order online by 31 October 2017.**

Finally, I thank you for taking the time to read this letter and for your continued support of our efforts to promote reading.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "sleach". The letters are cursive and somewhat stylized, with the 's' and 'l' being particularly prominent.

Miss S.A. Leach
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