



*Learning to encourage, aspire,
persevere and succeed.*

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Dear Parents,

We are thrilled to share that Professor Kathy Rastle and Dr Anastasiya Lopukhina from Royal Holloway University will be coming to visit Sinclair Primary & Nursery School for a special assembly on **Friday October 13th at 11.15am.**

You may recall that Kathy and Anastasiya (Stacey) worked with a number of pupils at school on a very interesting study last year, to see if same language subtitles supported children with learning to read. The children loved using the 'eye tracker' whilst watching videos with subtitles as part of the research.

The preliminary results showed that children don't look at subtitles until they have reached a certain level of reading proficiency. This means that children are unlikely to *learn to read* from subtitles. However, it is possible that subtitles help children to get *additional reading practise* once they can read aloud fluently using their phonics knowledge (usually when children are in Year 2 and above), which the University will be researching next. So do keep those subtitles on at home!

Kathy and Stacey will be sharing a presentation with pupils to share the results of their study, to which parents are most welcome, should you wish to attend. Please sign up via the school office or email in at info@sinclairlive.net so that we can organise adequate seating in advance.

They will also be sharing information with our pupils about Universities, the study of psychology and science, as well as discussing careers in STEM subjects, which we hope our pupils will find interesting.

Thank you for your continued support
Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "G Montague".

Mrs G Montague
Executive Headteacher

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ellie Crawshaw-Prince".

Ellie Crawshaw-Prince
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