

Gartree High School

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Dear parent/carer,

The extensive use of social media could not have been anticipated just a few years ago. In 2016 most teenagers have access to and regularly use this form of communication. This could include Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat and social networking on games consoles. These channels can be excellent vehicles for sharing news and images with friends and family. However, when using social media it is important to use it responsibly and safely.

The dangers of misuse by some people have been highlighted to Years 7, 8 and 9 students this week. They have been learning about the tragic death last year of Kayleigh, a 15-year-old Leicestershire girl. Students have seen a film, made and presented by Leicestershire Constabulary, entitled '*Kayleigh's Love Story*,' which tracks the days leading up to her murder. The police have shared vital information about staying safe on line. It is also important for parents to be vigilant about their son or daughter's use of social media. You may find the following links useful: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/guides/zx9wv4j> <https://ceop.police.uk/> Should you have any concerns regarding your child's use of social media, please contact the pastoral team and in the case of serious concern, contact the police without delay.

The past week has been busy, with visits to the Warner Bros studios, the Natural History Museum and the Peak District mountain bike trip. The conduct and behaviour of our students have been exemplary and they are a credit to our school. Well done also to our Year 6 cross country runners. Sophie finished first in the girls' race, and George and Corey came second and third in the boys' race.

On Thursday next week, Gartree's Got Talent will be taking place for Children in Need. This talent show finale will include Taiko drummers, dancers, singers and instrumentalists. I'm looking forward to the performance. This promises to be a really enjoyable occasion for us all. On Friday we will have non-uniform day to raise funds for this important cause. Finally, good luck to the Year 6 students who are taking part in the Maths Challenge which takes place on Tuesday.

Yours sincerely,

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