

# Gartree High School

Ridgeway, Oadby, Leicester, LE2 5TQ



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Dear parents/carers,

"The wise man built his house upon the rock" is the first line of a childrens song, based on a parable, which has always resonated with me. We are hugely proud of the firm foundations of learning that we lay here at Gartree. Ofsted too have recognised these firm foundations, explaining that "pupils achieve outstandingly well and reach well standards that are well above those expected for their age," and that when they leave they are "extremely well prepared for the next stage of their education." [Ofsted 2015]

Though we are very proud of our massive contribution to the successes of students in the Gartree family, it would be remiss of us not to recognise the role played by the excellent primary schools in preparing students for the next stage of their education. That is why we organise events such as the Gartree High School Y6 "Resource and Support" event scheduled for Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March, when we will be sharing schemes of work, books, resources and ideas with colleagues from the primary sector who will be teaching Year 6 students next year in their primary schools.

Firm foundations are important, and we should recognise their importance. For as the song ends, "The foolish man built his house upon the sand, and the house on the sand went crash."

Next Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> March is Comic Relief Red Nose Day. Comic Relief is a charity with a vision of a just world, free from poverty. The charity works all year round to help make this vision a reality and since 1985 over one billion pounds has been raised. Red Nose Day launched in 1988 and for a day every two years, people across the land and within school do something funny for money. Comic Relief spends the money raised by Red Nose Day on people living tough lives across the UK and Africa. This year they will focus on issues such as malaria and domestic violence. To support this excellent charity, next Friday afternoon fund raising activities will take place. It is non-uniform day (£1 donation requested). This year we have had an unlikely pledge from Deputy Headteachers Paul Bannister and Ben Rackley. They have agreed to have their heads shaved if the school raises over £1,500. Please support us in this cause!

Have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'S. Singleton'.

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