

Gartree High School

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Dear parents and carers,

Our final half term is upon us and students are back into their regular routine following a highly successful and enjoyable enrichment week. On Friday 26th May the annual Area Sports were held at Saffron Lane Stadium. It was Gartree's turn to organise this year's event. The day was a great success and the weather certainly helped! The girls' teams finished overall 3rd and the boys' teams finished overall 2nd. The Y9 boys won the Y9 boys' event – an amazing achievement. We now have 15 students representing Mid-Leicestershire at the County Championships, on Saturday 10th June at Saffron Lane. You are welcome to join us to support our students.

Today we woke up to the news of a 'hung parliament'. However the school election was far more decisive with a clear victory for Labour who took 26 seats (form groups) in a landslide victory, with many students explaining that the Labour policies were the best 'all-rounders.' The Green Party was the only other party to gain seats, winning 5 seats. The students said that they were voting for the Green Party because of their planning for the future. UKIP and Conservatives took no seats. Further details on Twitter and Facebook. Liberal Democrats gained some ground, sometimes taking second place, sometimes receiving no votes whatsoever - all students spoken to disagreed with their stance on legalising cannabis, calling it 'wrong' and 'dangerous,' but liked their plans for education.

Congratulations and well done to Michael, Irandip, Zuri, Joanna, Amy, Simran and George who were finalists in the RS Components Innovation Challenge 2017- Young Enterprise. Young Enterprise launched a competition to create a pitch to redesign the 'Innovation Truck', used by RS Components to showcase their products at trade fairs, and to be used as an educational tool to introduce young people to the work of manufacturing. The team won the East Midlands heat in April, and have been working on their final presentation to be delivered to business representatives in a "Dragons' Den" style pitch at Loughborough University. The students produced an outstanding pitch, providing 3D models, website mock-ups and visualisations of the re-designed truck, and delivered it with professionalism and confidence. Our students were highly commended by Young Enterprise representatives.

Good luck to the Gartree athletes competing tomorrow and to those students sitting end of year exams next week.

Yours sincerely,

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