

# Gartree High School

Ridgeway, Oadby, Leicester, LE2 5TQ



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Dear parents and carers,

At this time of year I spend much of my time planning and preparing for the year ahead. I love doing this, as it is a great opportunity to reflect on what has gone before. I like to evaluate our work, so that we continually improve and extend our practice. As the end of term draws closer, all of the teachers will be looking to recognise the efforts and achievements of our students across the year groups. Our celebration assemblies take place in the final week of term, when certificates will be awarded to those students who have gone above and beyond in their attitude at school.

It has been a lovely week at Gartree - we have had many visitors, and Year 8 students have completed their end of year exams. Many of our visitors have been prospective students and parents who wish to join the Gartree community. In the sunshine we have enjoyed this week, our school site has looked exceptional. Our students are very fortunate to have the fields and space to really embrace the outdoors during break and lunchtime.

During one of these visits, I was asked by a Year 5 primary pupil about our school sustainability and our environmental approach. I told them about our greenhouse/eco club and our allotment. Our allotment and garden look glorious, with fruit, vegetables and flowers thriving. We have a small orchard and the strawberries and redcurrants are ripening. This is thanks to the students involved in our greenhouse/eco club, who meet every Tuesday and Wednesday lunchtime. On Tuesday lunchtimes they are joined by a gardener from the Wigston Allotment Society. Not only do they keep the plot and planting on track, they also play a key role in recycling and composting. New members are always welcome and if you would like to join from the beginning of the Autumn term, see Mrs Atton.

Enjoy what promises to be a very sunny and warm weekend.

Yours sincerely,

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