

Gartree High School

Ridgeway, Oadby, Leicester, LE2 5TQ



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Dear parents and carers,

Developing a strong work ethic, enthusiasm and a good attitude at school are vital parts of our work. We try hard to recognise both effort and achievement. This is done in a number of ways – words of praise in the classroom, letters/postcards home, certificates of achievement and many more. One of the key ways we acknowledge excellent work in school is through our merit system. The notion that a young person will excel beyond their starting point is an appealing one and forms the foundations of a meritocracy. In school it is important too that fairness can flourish. I would like to think that all of our young people are celebrated for the many talents and skills they have, but their positive attitude is also commended. We do our best to develop positive contributors to school and society. I have long taken the view that a positive ‘can do’ attitude beats almost everything!

We are currently in the process of evaluating our merit/rewards system. If you have any feedback regarding our current system, please do let us know.

It has been another busy week, with our house dodgeball competition, a visit to an organic farm in Loughborough, ski practice, pumpkin carving and Hallowe’en fun in the dining room.

We also have new sporting practices beginning this week:

- Y7 boys’ basketball training starts on Tuesday after school;
- Y8 boys’ basketball training starts Wednesday after school;
- KS3 badminton starts after school on Thursday.

Looking ahead, we will have a whole school Remembrance assembly on Monday 6th November in readiness for Remembrance Sunday. It is Year 10 parents’ evening on Tuesday 7th November. In the meantime, please have a safe and enjoyable Fireworks Celebration. If you are organising celebrations, you may find this link helpful <https://www.rospa.com/home-safety/advice/fireworks-safety/>

Have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely,



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