

Gartree High School

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10th November 2017

Dear parents and carers,

We had a moving whole school assembly this week to commemorate those who have been killed in wars. *The Last Post* was played as students entered in silence. We had some moving readings from our Head and Deputy Head boy and Head and Deputy Head girl. Mr Rackley spoke of the 250,000 child soldiers currently engaged in wars across the world. At this time of year, poppies are worn as a reminder of the suffering and sacrifice others have made. Wearing a poppy is a simple act to show our unity and our hope for peace.

The importance of remembrance is highlighted in '*For the Fallen*' by Robert Laurence Binyon:

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

Next week we have our Year 9 Options Evening on Wednesday 15th November. Parents and students are welcome from 5.30 – 7 pm, with keynote speeches at 6 pm. This is an important evening for all Year 9 students as they make decisions regarding their option choices for GCSE. Please do join us.

On Friday, the 17th November, we will be fundraising for Children in Need. All students are invited to make a contribution of £1 for a non-uniform day. Children in Need is the BBC's corporate charity. Their vision is that every child in the UK has a childhood which is:

- Safe;
- Happy and Secure;
- Allowing them the chance to reach their potential.

I hope you feel you can support us in our fundraising for them.

On Tuesday afternoon a group of talented Year 6 mathematicians from Glenmere Primary School visited the Gartree Maths department for a challenging mathematical experience. "The children loved it!" was an example of feedback – and it was great to see their engagement.

On Monday Gartree hosted the Primary Change 4 Life festival for the local Primaries. Twelve of our Year 9 Sports Leaders ran the event which was an enormous success. The leaders were absolutely superb and wonderful role models for the Year 4 and 5 pupils – well done to all of them!

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The Year 7 Cross-Country Team finished off their final league meeting in style. They had four top six finishes. Special mentions to Tyrese, who had his highest finish of the season with a bronze medal in the boys' race, and Sophie who completed her hat-trick with her third 1st place finish of the season – a truly staggering achievement. Huge congratulations!

On Thursday 16th November the U13 boys table tennis team will be representing Oadby and Wigston Schools at the County Finals being held at Judgemeanow Community College. We wish them good luck. Support from parents will be most welcome. The event runs from 4-6pm.

Once again, I hope you all have an enjoyable weekend.

Yours sincerely,



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