

Gartree High School

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Dear parents and carers,

We have an exciting week ahead with our final full week of the Autumn term. On Tuesday evening we have our Christmas Concert, which starts at 7.00 pm. On Thursday we have our Christmas lunch, and students have the opportunity to support Save the Children by wearing a Christmas sweater (£1 donation). In addition, at lunchtime we will be having a collection for Crisis at Christmas. Crisis is the national charity for homeless people that is dedicated to ending homelessness. All money collected will go towards reserving a place at a table for a homeless person on Christmas day.

We have lots of keen young scientists here at Gartree, and many will tell us about experiments they have done at home. Often, they will even bring in the results of their experiments to show us. Recently a number of students produced home-made 'slime' with household chemicals, by following a YouTube instruction video. We love that our students are so engaged in finding out more about the world, and we want to make sure this is always done safely. If your child is doing these experiments at home, please do double check that everything is being done carefully, as YouTube videos are not necessarily safety checked. If you have any questions, you may get in touch with one of the science teachers. However, we do have to ask students not to bring in home-made chemicals to school. As we have no control over what chemicals have been used, they are a potential safety risk.

On Tuesday the Year 8 and Year 9 girls spent the morning with FA coaches at Nottingham University, developing and delivering a number of different football activities. The girls learned new ideas about marketing and designing, as well as coaching.

Meanwhile, ten Year 9 boys had the opportunity to take part in a LADs day (Live Active, Do Something) at the Pavilion, Huncote. The boys took part in some truly fantastic opportunities that included tug-of-war (coached by an ex world champion, Mark Beaver), dodgeball (coached by an England under 18 player), archery coached by Kirby Muxloe Archery Club and martial arts taught by the Martial Arts Mastery Leadership Academy. The boys loved the experience and the all the coaches on offer were truly superb.

Also on Tuesday the Year 8 boys' basketball team travelled to South Wigston High School. They returned 38-0 winners. A really impressive performance and result. Well done boys! It just goes to show all the hard work in training pays off.

On Wednesday, the Year 7 girls travelled to South Wigston High School to take part in their first ever girls' Futsal tournament. The girls performed wonderfully well and finished in second place. Superb effort girls!

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On a musical note, well done to the Gartree Taiko drummers who performed on Thursday at the Lord Mayor of Leicester's Christmas Concert at De Montfort Hall. Then today auditions are taking place for the school production of High School Musical.

Finally, I would like to remind you of arrangements for our last day of the Autumn term. On Tuesday 19th December the school day will end at 12.20 pm and buses will be leaving school at 12.30 pm. Food will be available at break time, but not at 12.20 pm.

Have a great weekend.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Singleton'.

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