

Gartree High School

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Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to the new term – and a happy new year!

Our first half term of the spring is relatively short but we have had a very positive start and I can see that staff and students are well rested following the Christmas break. Just before Christmas, Year 7, 8 and 10 students received their autumn grade reports and today the Year 9 annual report will be sent home with your child. I am always particularly impressed by the 'attitude to learning' grades. The importance of attitude in school cannot be underestimated. Attitude, self-motivation and taking responsibility are vital for a young person's success. This becomes increasingly important as students progress through school - and ultimately plays a huge part in GCSE success at KS4.

I can see from the Year 9 reports that our students are thriving here and we continue to develop their attitude and approach every day. Parents will have the opportunity to discuss Year 9 reports at parents' evening on Tuesday 23rd/Wednesday 24th January. This is a vital opportunity to discuss option choices as students make important decisions this term.

This week has been extremely dark and cold as we have arrived at school. I notice that many students arrive early and would like to remind all parents that breakfast is available in school from 8.00 am each morning. I know how busy it can be in the morning and many of our students leave home very early to walk or catch the bus to school. Breakfast plays a vital role in preparing us for the day ahead. Cereal, toast, Danish pastries, fruit, yoghurt and pancakes are available along with tea, coffee or hot chocolate. All year groups are welcome.

Dates for your diary:

- Year 9 parents' evening on Tuesday 23rd/Wednesday 24th January.
- Poetry GCSE Live on Tuesday 30th January.
- Maths Challenge on Thursday 1st February
- School closes on Friday 9th February for the half term break. Students return to school on Monday 19th February.

Have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely,

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