

Gartree High School

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Dear parents and carers,

If you listen to Radio 2 in the morning you will have heard Chris Evans launch the '500 words 2018' competition. This is a creative writing competition to get young people excited about reading and writing. We do not want to miss an opportunity to promote literacy and creative writing, so all Year 7 students will be writing a short story independently as part of their home study. All of the information about 500 words can be found at the following link:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00rfvk1>

The age category relevant to our school is 10-13 years. Some Year 8 students are eligible and we would encourage them to get involved as well. The age category is not a perfect fit at school but was decided on after consultation with the National Literacy Trust, the Children's Department at the Hays Festival and BBC Learning. Good luck to all of those who take part.

Lunchtime and after school clubs have resumed for the spring term. We had some fantastic sporting results throughout the autumn, so encourage your son or daughter to get involved and build on those successes.

On Tuesday our KS3 and KS4 boys' and girls' indoor rowing teams travelled to South Wigston High School for the South Leicestershire Indoor rowing championship. It was a new experience for our students and they loved it. They all performed exceptionally for their first attempt at rowing. Wednesday saw Gartree host Wigston Academy in a hard-fought badminton fixture. The girls performed really well despite missing some first choice players through injury. The boys also fought very hard and played some really exciting badminton, eventually winning a brilliant encounter 5-3. On Thursday the Y8 boys, who qualified for the Basketball County Cup by winning the Oadby and Wigston league, hosted Redmoor Academy. They won a fast and thrilling encounter 12-6 and will now travel to Rawlins Academy to play their quarter final fixture.

Next week is another hectic sporting week, with Gartree hosting the South Leicestershire KS4 girls' dodgeball competition as well as welcoming Manor for a badminton fixture and Kibworth for the girls Y8/9 football.

Rehearsals for High School Musical commenced this week. Well done to all of those involved. This is a huge commitment from our students. I hope you can join me on Thursday 15th March for this performance.

I look forward to seeing Year 9 parents next week for parents' evening.

Have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely,



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