

Gartree High School

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Dear parents and carers,

Last Friday, the Young Enterprise 'Learn to Earn' programme delivered in school was an ideal opportunity for all our Year 7 students to engage in activities to help them understand how education is key to their future success and happiness. They explored themes including career choices, personal skills, job interviews, financial planning and budgeting.

The trip to the University of Birmingham on Tuesday was a Year 8 aspirational visit. Gartree students enjoyed touring the University with a student ambassador and visiting the Law department. Having world class universities on our doorstep is an important resource to use to inspire students to study further.

Thursday was a particularly busy day with 45 Year 7 and Year 8 Gartree scientists visiting the Big Bang UK Science Fair at Birmingham NEC. This event gives young people the chance to hear from inspiring engineers and scientists from some of the UK's biggest companies, to find out about the opportunities available in science and engineering. Perhaps we can help to fill the UK STEM skills shortage from Gartree in years to come!

Next week is Sport Relief week. Are you ready for The Nation's Billion Step Challenge? Have you been following The Mother of All Challenges? Or Gregathlon? In school, Sport relief is all about getting students to feel good while they do some good. This year the theme is 'Whatever moves you'. So far the student support has been excellent -We've already sold out of the Sports Relief wrist bands! Throughout the week there will be a range of challenges and activities taking place at lunchtime.

Monday - Y10 Rowing challenges (Mr Rackley will be setting a challenging time for you to try and beat)
Tuesday - multi-game challenges for all year groups – including beat the keeper, keepy up challenge, basketball shooting, hula hoop challenge and badminton target game.

Wednesday – Y8 Rowing challenges

Thursday – Y7 Rowing challenges

Friday – Y9 Rowing challenges and Y7 girl's football 5-a-side final (50p to spectate, half-time refreshments)

There will be prizes available for the winners of all the activities, but all we really want is people to 'have a go' and have fun in the process. Bring lots of loose change and contribute. All challenges will cost £1 to take part in, 50p for spectators.

Sport relief funds are used to tackle critical issues affecting people across the UK and the world. Since the last Sports Relief, the money raised has:

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- Helped more than 50,000 people in the UK living with mental health problems
- Treated over 900,000 people across Africa with anti-malarial drugs
- Helped over 3.4 million people in Africa through maternal, neonatal and child health funding.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zYIAVvvW88U>

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Please support our Sport Relief activities!

Finally, a big thank you and well done to the cast of High School Musical. We were entertained on Thursday evening by students from all year groups who contributed to this fabulous performance. Here is a student's experience - from Leah in Year 8:

"I'm Leah and I played the role of Gabriella Montez in High School Musical. The whole process of rehearsing and performing was an amazing experience. The auditions were a great time to show confidence and finding out that I gained the lead role was incredible. I have always loved performing and singing, and with the actual production being one of my favourite movies, it seemed a dream. The rehearsals were moving at a good pace and we moved through the 19 scenes in stages of three. Once the stage was up and the songs were coming together, we performed to Brocks Hill's Year 5 and some of the residents of Devonshire Court. Then finally on the night, everything went perfectly and the audience seemed to love it!"

Have a great weekend.

Yours sincerely,



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