

Gartree High School

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Dear parents and carers,

Next week is Shakespeare week. This is an opportunity to celebrate the work of Shakespeare and for us to encourage students to explore his work and ideas. All of our students study the life and times of William Shakespeare in Year 7. In Year 8 they study Romeo and Juliet and in Year 9 they study Macbeth - which is a GCSE text. Our current Year 9 students will begin their study of Macbeth in the summer term and it will feature in their end of Year 9 exam. This study will continue into Year 10 and GCSE.

There is no escaping the influence of Shakespeare in our everyday use of language. There are so many aphorisms and references used on a daily basis. Here are some well-known quotes that are often used, which students and adults may well hear from time to time:

'Nothing will come of nothing.' (*King Lear Act 1, Scene 1*)

'A horse! a horse! My kingdom for a horse!' (*Richard III Act 5, Scene 4*)

'To be, or not to be: that is the question' (*Hamlet Act 3, Scene 1*)

'If music be the food of love play on.' (*Twelfth Night Act 1, Scene 1*)

'What's in a name? A rose by any name would smell as sweet.' (*Romeo and Juliet Act 2, Scene 2*)

'To thine own self be true.' (*Hamlet Act 1, Scene 3*)

'Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?' (*Sonnet 18*)

'Uneasy lies the head that wears the crown.' (*Henry IV, Part 2 Act 3, Scene 1*)

On Monday, a group of our students were involved in rehearsals for the Leicestershire County Council's Concert that will take place at De Montfort Hall on 21st March. The students sang and represented Gartree brilliantly – in fact they performed so well that two singers were given solos ahead of over 100 other performers. Well done to those students involved!

Last Tuesday, despite the extreme weather, the Year 7 and Year 8/9 girls' football teams played their fixtures against Wigston Academy. The Year 8/9 team won 4-0. This means that they won their league and progress to the County Cup knock out stages – well done girls! What an amazing achievement in their first year competing together.

Last Thursday evening, the Year 9 boys' badminton team represented Oadby and Wigston Schools in the Leicestershire County Finals, at Babington Academy. They were a mere 2 points away from progressing to the semi-final stage. They eventually finished as the 5th best school in Leicester.

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On Monday evening, the Year 7 and 8 boys indoor cricket team travelled to Crown Hills Community College to compete in the county finals. There was a very high standard of cricket on the night. The team lost one, drew one and won one of their games. The team showed great potential for the future!

Well done to all of the Year 7 and 8 boys and girls who participated in the Oadby and Wigston Indoor Athletics Championships. We had a very successful night - our Year 8 boys' and girls' teams both finished runners-ups, along with our Year 7 boys' team. The Year 7 girls team won their event and they will now go on to represent Oadby and Wigston Schools in the Spring Games at Loughborough University on Wednesday 21st March. Well done and good luck!

Finally, please join us for our performance of High School Musical on Thursday 15th March at 7.00 pm. This promises to be a highly entertaining and enjoyable evening. I hope to see you there.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S. Singleton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small dot at the end.

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