

# Gartree High School

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27<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Dear parents and carers,

Yesterday, our Year 9 and Year 10 students watched the live streaming of Shakespeare's Macbeth, performed by the Royal Shakespeare Company. This was a great opportunity to link live performance to literature which is studied in Year 9 and for GCSE. We also had Year 7 and Year 8 students taking part in the Maths Challenge, a national mathematics activity that involves thousands of young people across the country. We are also involved in team competitions linked to the UK Mathematics Trust.

Two of our students recently attended a residential weekend at Dukes Barn, organised by the Ear Foundation. Well done to Katie and Eythar. They had a wonderful time and have come back into school this week with increased confidence, having had a great experience.

Well done to our Year 8 and 9 girls' football team who, despite the shocking weather on Tuesday afternoon, put up a brilliant performance against a strong Belvoir High School team and narrowly missed out on a place in the final.

Congratulations too to our musicians, who gave some terrific individual performances on Thursday evening. The audience enjoyed listening to a fantastic range of music and watching our soloists' showcase. Our performers relished this opportunity to share their talent with parents and friends - and are looking forward to future musical opportunities.

Mr Rackley is launching 'Challenge Homework' this month. This weekly optional homework (linked to a topical event) will be set for students to tackle independently. It is an opportunity for students to challenge themselves and push their limits. Excellent work will be recognised, rewarded and displayed. This week's question is: *What is the problem with plastic waste and how can it be solved?* This can be addressed in any format and must be submitted to Mr Rackley by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

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

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