

# Gartree High School

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Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back after the Easter break. The daffodils are fully blooming in the school grounds - although it doesn't feel like the beginning of the summer term! We begin the term with some congratulations to our students.

Firstly, the Easter break started with 12 of our Year 10 students representing us in the Leicestershire Schools Courts Competition, which was held at Leicester Crown on March 24<sup>th</sup>. This involved our students preparing and working with solicitors and legal teams before presenting to the court. Aqueelah won the Gold Award for the Best Advocate on the day. This is an outstanding award for our Head Girl. Well done to all the students who took part.

Secondly, Lucy in Year 7 has been successful in progressing to the second round of the BBC's 500 words story writing competition. This is a fantastic achievement in a national competition that appeals to thousands of young people. Well done Lucy and good luck in the next round. Here is a short extract to give you a flavour of her 500 words:

*'I'm Summer. I'm in the testing room...again. It's such a drag. Before the war they didn't test on citizens like me. I don't really know how my brain is different from anyone else's, but, apparently it is. People say that they lived a life of luxury before the war, owning big houses and fancy gadgets. Nowadays people are poor and even children are forced to work.*

*In the testing room, the white walls are actually windows, allowing the doctors and surgeons to watch my behaviour and take their stupid notes. They make me sooo angry! I can't live like this. It's time to start an uprising against the government and get this testing stopped!*

*I'm not the only one they test on. My best and only friend, Arthur, gets tested on too. He and the others are the only ones who know what it's really like. So they're the first people I go to with my idea.'*

Thirdly, today fifteen students are participating in a massed choir event today at Lutterworth High School, alongside all other schools in the Learning South Leicestershire group. This is a great experience for our talented students and it is fantastic to see such an appetite for singing and music here at Gartree.

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Over the next few weeks there are a number of further opportunities coming up for our students -

- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May – Year 10 GCSE Geography field work in Leicester
- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May - Year 7 visit to Lincoln Castle and Lincoln Cathedral
- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May – Year 8 visit to the Black Country Museum
- Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Year 10 GCSE fieldwork Hunstanton, Norfolk.

I look forward to seeing Year 7 parents on Monday or Tuesday for Year 7 Parents' Evening.

Have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely,



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