

Gartree High School

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Dear parents and carers,

Well done to all the Year 7s and 8s, who have been sitting their end of year exams this week. The week has gone smoothly, and teachers are now busy marking the papers and completing end of year reports. Reports will be issued on the last week of term.

Once again, the dangers and risks of social media and online activity are in the news. I feel I mention this a lot in my messages! However, the severity of the impact on the lives of young people cannot be understated. This week, the National Online Safety Team have sent this link regarding live streaming. It provides some useful and comprehensive guidance to parents to help keep young people safe in their on line activity. <https://twitter.com/natonlinesafety/status/1004385008562462722>

Congratulations to Austin in Year 9, who qualified for the 1500m freestyle at the British national finals. This puts him in the top 18 for his age group in Britain. He has also gained a place in the English Nationals for 800m freestyle. This is a fantastic achievement for all his hard work and dedication.

Our congratulations also go to Siyon in Year 7, who has been recognised for her creative writing. Siyon received a 'Talent for Writing' Certificate of Merit after entering a young writers' competition. We also need to say "Well done" to the HIU students, who raised £40.85 from a cake sale on Tuesday in support of Hearing Dogs for the Deaf.

Last Friday, our English teacher, Mrs Howell, who is a marker for the 500 Words writing competition, had the privilege of going to Hampton Court Palace! She was part of the audience for the Live Final on the Chris Evans Breakfast Show. Fifty very nervous and excited children, along with their families, were there to find out who would win Bronze, Silver and Gold in the age 5-9 category and in the age 10-13 category. To read the full account of her day <http://gartree.leics.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/500-words-final.pdf>
We are always looking for ways to inspire our students to read, write and develop their literacy. The 500 words competition is an ideal opportunity for Years 7 and 8 and we hope to see some great entries next year.

I am excited to announce our next big adventure for students. This is the London to Paris cycle ride in September. The challenge will run from 22nd to 24th September and is in aid of the Children's Trust. The motivation for this event is the story of Jamie McKechnie. For the full story, see our website <http://gartree.leics.sch.uk/cycle-to-paris/>. If you would like to donate to this cause and support and sponsor us for our London to Paris cycle ride visit: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/gartreehighschool>

Have a great weekend - and if you are a football fan, enjoy the World Cup!

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