

# Gartree High School

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Dear parents and carers,

Hundreds of parents and pupils joined us for our annual opening evening on Tuesday. This was a great opportunity for me to meet prospective parents, and to reflect on what is important at Gartree High School and where we are right now. This keeps my focus on our values and our quest for continuous improvement. In my welcome speech I mentioned some of our new initiatives this year, such as our KS4 mentoring, GCSE study evenings, the history trip to Berlin, additional maths GCSE, our Christmas production and, finally, this weekend's courageous cycle ride from London to Paris by a group of our staff and students, in aid of the Children's Trust for children with brain injury.

It is a credit to the enthusiasm and commitment of the staff and students that so much activity takes place each term. We are always aiming to keep enjoyment and learning central to what we do.

Gartree is made up of hundreds of unique people. We value these differences. As a school it is true that "The whole is greater than the sum of its parts." Form groups, teams, year groups and the choir all work superbly together. Celebrating the individual and the collective is something we should do daily. On that note, we have some great sporting results from a recent 'local derby'.

On Tuesday evening Gartree's football and netball teams played against Beauchamp College. The Year 7 and Year 8 teams continued their unbeaten start to the season by winning all four games:

Year 7 football won 3-0

Year 8 football won 4-3

Year 7 netball won 6-2

Year 8 netball won 13-1

The Year 10 football team had their first ever game together and lost narrowly in horrendous windy conditions, and the Year 11 netball team also played their first game together, with some great individual performances. Additionally, we must pass on huge congratulations to Zahraa in Year 8, who was successful in getting through two sets of trials to be selected for the County U13 Netball Squad. What a brilliant achievement - we are all very proud!

Good luck to our cyclists! The next opportunity for you to join us at school is Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October for our online safety evening.

Yours sincerely,

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

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