

Gartree High School

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Dear parents and carers,

Thank you for your support so far in the term. The importance of parental engagement cannot be underestimated in school. The involvement of parents in supporting a child's learning can make a huge difference to the child's attitude in school and ultimately their outcomes. On Tuesday evening many parents joined us for a Key Stage 4 Supporting Excellence evening, where lots of useful information and guidance was shared. Here is a summative list of some top tips to bear in mind:

1. Create a work space at home.
2. Help to avoid distractions (e.g. mobiles, Xbox time, social media access and so on).
3. Help to plan and support weekly study timetable (copies will be sent home).
4. Encourage regular sleep habits (including switch off time).
5. Practise the basics e.g. reading and reading aloud, spellings, timetables and the like.
6. Encourage a healthy diet and regular exercise.
7. Give positive encouragement and rewards.
8. Get the balance right!
9. Talk to us for support.

If you would like to get more involved with school directly, we are re-launching our Friends of Gartree (FOGS PTA) this term. Information regarding this will be coming to you shortly. If you would like to get involved, please contact Assistant Headteacher Ed Wilson ewilson@gartree.leics.sch.uk
Your next opportunity to join us may be:

Friday 14th September – Family Curry and Race Night, which is a fundraising evening;

Tuesday 18th September – Our Annual Open Evening for potential Gartree students currently in Year 5 and Year 6 (if you are interested in our school, please feel free to visit);

Thursday 4th October – Year 7 Tutor Evening and music concert;

Tuesday 9th October – Year 8 Curriculum Evening.

I hope you can join us for these events.

Rehearsals are underway for the prestigious Music for Youth Schools Prom at the Royal Albert Hall in November. Our choir will be joined by 700 other Leicestershire musicians to celebrate the Leicestershire Schools Music Service's 70th anniversary and are very much looking forward to preparing for this special event.

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We are also very fortunate to be able to offer 20 places to Year 7s in our new beginner wind band, which involves students being loaned instruments to take home and practise. Mr Carter will be leading the launch assembly for this next week so please ask your child to look at the letter promoting this.

It has been fantastic to see the huge amount of interest from students in all year groups for the trials for our football and netball teams. Teams have almost been finalised for our first fixtures of the academic year. The KS3 teams play Manor (away) next Thursday 13th September. Good luck to all the students involved. We always welcome spectators and support.

Have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely,

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

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