

Gartree High School

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2nd November 2018

Dear parents and carers,

Many in our community are looking forward to a weekend of celebrations around bonfire night or Diwali. If you are celebrating with fireworks, you may find the following link useful:

<https://www.rospa.com/home-safety/advice/fireworks-safety/>

We are supporting the Poppy Appeal in school with the sale of poppies throughout next week. The Poppy Appeal is the Royal British Legion's biggest fundraising campaign - held every year in November, the period of Remembrance. The first ever Poppy Day was held on 11 November, 1921, the third anniversary of Armistice Day. This year, 2018, marks the centenary of the end of WW1 hostilities and it therefore a good time to recognise all who served, sacrificed and changed our world.

The poppy is -

- A symbol of remembrance and hope
- Worn by millions of people
- Red because of the natural colour of field poppies

The poppy is NOT -

- A symbol of death or a sign of support for war
- A reflection of politics or religion
- Red to reflect the colour of blood

Good luck to our choir, who take part in the Music for Youth Prom at the Royal Albert Hall on Tuesday 6th November. This is a great opportunity for our choir, who are currently recognised as Leicestershire Schools Choir of the Year!

On Tuesday our Year 7 girls 5-a-side footballers travelled to Wigston Academy for the Oadby and Wigston Schools tournament. The girls were absolutely wonderful and produced some great performances. On Wednesday our Year 9 boys' rugby team hosted Brookvale in the Leicestershire School County Cup. In a thrilling end to end match, Gartree won 33-17. The boys will now host Robert Smyth in the quarter final of the competition.

Next week our U13 and U16 table tennis teams travel to South Wigston High School to play in the Oadby and Wigston Schools tournament. Also next week, our Year 8 boys football team will travel to Brockington College to play in the last 16 of the County Cup. Good luck to all involved.

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I look forward to seeing the parents of our Year 10 students for Parents' Evening on Wednesday 7th November. We have planned a visit for all Year 10 students to attend the World Skills Show held at the NEC in Birmingham on 16th November. This is a trip for all of the year group. Please get your permission slips in by 9th November.

A final reminder to students who wish to perform in Gartree's Got Talent. They must let Mr Rackley know by Monday if they wish to audition for this prestigious event.

Have a great weekend.

Yours sincerely,

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

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