

Gartree High School

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7th December 2018

Dear parents and carers,

Yesterday I was lucky enough to see part of our school performance of 'A Christmas Carol'. This was a dress rehearsal performed to Year 10 and 11 students. Very well done to all of the cast, who did a fantastic job performing to their peers. This is always a difficult and nerve-wracking thing to do. Ms Gill was noting learning points for the final polish before the performance on Wednesday 12th December. I, for one, am really looking forward to it. It promises to get us all in the festive spirit, so if you want a ticket send in the money as soon as possible!

I am also looking forward to Christmas lunch on Thursday 13th December. Students and staff are invited to wear a Christmas sweater in support of Save the Children.

This week we have had very unsettled weather and I am certain we will have colder weather in the coming weeks. Please can you support us by ensuring your son or daughter is wearing their school uniform black sweatshirt in KS3 and blazer in KS4. Other outdoor coats are needed for break and lunchtime but hoodies and other sweatshirts are not school uniform and should not be worn in school. If you could reiterate this at home and ensure that your son or daughter leaves home dressed for school, it would be much appreciated.

Looking back to the London to Paris cycle ride in September, huge congratulations to all of those involved and a thank you to those who have supported us in raising £5,664 for The Children's Trust. This is a great amount that will help make a difference to a young person's life.

On Monday and Tuesday this week the year 11 GCSE PE group travelled to North Yorkshire for their rock climbing moderation. In really cold conditions the students did a great job impressing the assessor and produced some lovely climbs and worked on all their technical skills. The students were really put through their paces working solidly from 9am until 9pm – well done to all those involved.

On Wednesday, in brutal weather conditions, the year 9 boys' rugby team travelled to Robert Smyth Academy to play their quarter final county cup match. After two early injuries to key players, in the first 10 minutes of the game, the boys put up a really spirited performance but lost to a very good side.

On Thursday, the year 8 boys' and girls' basketball teams were in action. The boys hosted Beauchamp College and ended up convincing winners 38-12. The girls travelled to Welland Park Academy to take part in the South Leicestershire tournament. They performed magnificently and finish as runners up. They now qualify for the county cup in the New Year.

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If anyone would like to support the South Leicestershire Food Bank, Mrs Howell is coordinating donations.

Have a great weekend.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S. Singleton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small dot at the end.

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