

Gartree High School

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Dear parents and carers,

I think this may be the first February in a long time that our students have been able to enjoy the school grounds and playing fields at lunchtime. The return to school after half-term has been sun-filled and the daffodils are in bloom! I'm not sure we will be on the fields next week – but it was fun whilst it lasted.

Forty Year 7 students travelled to the Theatre Royal in Nottingham on Tuesday evening to see the Horrible Histories production of the Terrible Tudors. A great time was had by all, and the students were complimented on their 'exemplary' behaviour.

On Thursday we hosted a South Leicestershire inter-schools debating event. Well done to all those who represented our school in this collaborative event, debating a range of topics

It has been a successful week for Gartree sport. The Year 8/9 girls beat South Wigston High School 5-2 in a brilliant team effort, with goals from Ella, Rebecca and a hat-trick from Year 8 Zahraa. The victory means they win the league and will represent Oadby & Wigston Schools in the last 16 of the County Cup.

There was also a huge win for the Year 9 boys' basketball team. They won their semi-final County Cup match 35-20 against Belvoir Academy. They will now have the massive honour of playing in the finals evening at Leicester Riders on Tuesday 26th March. Support from friends, family and parents at this wonderful event is most welcome. The evening runs from 4.00pm until 6.30pm.

Next week the Year 8 girls' basketball team is in semi-final action, and the Year 7/8 boys' indoor cricket team representing Oadby & Wigston at the County Finals at Crown Hills. Good luck to all involved.

Looking ahead, next Thursday is a celebration of books and reading with World Book Day. We have many avid readers in the school (both students and staff), but I am mindful that many students do not read as much as they could for enjoyment and to improve their knowledge and understanding. Young people get their facts and fiction from a range of different sources, although I'm not sure that time with a good book can ever be replaced.

Here are some links you may find useful when encouraging your son or daughter to pick up a book! Have a great weekend.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/ideas/100-stories-to-share/young-adults/>
<https://www.worldbookday.com/reading-is-power/>



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