

Gartree High School

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Dear parents and carers,

"A 'virtual climb' of Mount Kilimanjaro," he said. "It'll be fun!" he said. Let's just say that thanks to Mr. Rackley, we are doing our bit for a great cause!

Today we are raising funds for Comic Relief, a UK charity with a vision of a just world, free from poverty. Their mission is to drive positive change through the power of entertainment. Back in 1985, Richard Curtis came up with the idea of using comedy to raise money and to change lives. The money raised is used in a range of projects across the world to tackle inequality. This year we have seen the endurance test of the 'danceathon', a 'lol-a-thon' and the real climb of Mount Kilimanjaro. The first Red Nose Day was 5th February 1988 and raised £15 million. I wonder what the grand total will be in 2019?

Well done to the students today – they conquered the 'virtual Kilimanjaro' and kept going, climbing the equivalent of Mount Everest 2 ½ times! - Thank you to parents for supporting us in this cause. I am sure many of us will be watching Comic Relief events throughout the evening – sometimes I find the juxtaposition of humour and harrowing stories can be a difficult one, but the reality is that many people across the world are struggling and they need help desperately.

Today, a group of Year 7 and Year 8 students were at the BIG Bang Science Fair at the NEC - with the opportunity to explore and to experiment with a huge and exciting range of science and engineering activities. I look forward to hearing about it!

On Monday, our Year 9 girls' netball team went to Leicester Grammar School for the U-14 Leicestershire netball tournament. The girls finished third in the top pool out of nine teams! There were fantastic performances all round. On Thursday, our Year 7 and Year 8 boys' and girls' teams competed at the Oadby and Wigston sports hall athletics competition at Beauchamp College. We will find out the final results on Monday, but there were plenty of first place finishes for Gartree in a variety of events. Well done to all!

Good luck to the many students taking musical instrument exams over the next few weeks. They have been practising hard and I wish them all the best. Thank you to their instrumental teachers for all of their hard work teaching our musicians.

I look forward to seeing Year 11 parents on Monday 18th March at 6.30pm to discuss the 'home straight' to the exam season and how we can all support Year 11 in the final weeks of GCSE.

It is our Year 8 parents' evening on Wednesday 27th March. Please make your appointments on Insight - this is a vital opportunity to discuss your child's progress and school life. I hope to see you all then.

Have a great weekend.

Yours sincerely,

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