

Gartree High School

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7th June 2019

Dear parents and carers,

The final half term of the academic year is upon us. This is the time when I start pulling together our evaluations from throughout the year and begin planning for August and the new academic year. There is still plenty to do this half term, but reflecting on how far we have come this year and what we can do to improve is an important process. There is much to celebrate.

I would like to congratulate all of our athletes who competed at the Area Sports Athletics event, at Saffron Lane Athletics Stadium, on the final day of last half term. All the hard training in PE lessons and Tuesday lunchtimes sessions paid off. Our KS3 team finished overall winners, with some real stand out performances along the way. Considering the number of schools and the high standard of athletics on show, this is a truly fantastic result. Many of our winning athletes will be representing Mid-Leicestershire Schools in the County Finals at Saffron Lane this Saturday. We wish them all the very best of luck.

Next week sees our Y8/9 boys' cricket team travel to Leicester Grammar School to play in the last 16 of the county cricket club. Go well, boys!

All students will be involved in our annual sports day on Tuesday 2nd July. This is one of my favourite days on the school calendar. Come rain or shine, I will be on the field watching and recording the results of the track events. I am always excited to see if school records are set and long-standing records broken. The great support and healthy inter-form and house competition make it a joyous day. You are very welcome to join us; do check the specific times your son or daughter will be on the track. I have a feeling 2019 will be a bumper year for records.

Congratulations to our choir for being awarded a place in the Choir of the Year finals after excellent feedback from their qualification recordings. They will be preparing hard over the next few weeks to retain the title that they won last year. All musicians are working hard for the summer showcase concert and are hoping to attract a large supportive audience.

A reminder of the exam season dates and an opportunity for our students to show the culmination of their hard work this year. Please encourage and support them in their preparations. It really is important to have a strong and productive half term; this is an important time for assessment and vital feedback.

10th June: Year 7 and 8 exam week

17th June: Year 9 exam week

24th June: Year 10 exam week

Other dates for your diary:

Thursday 13th June Year 10 surgery (*invited students*)

Friday 21st June Year 11 Prom at Leicester Racecourse

Tuesday 2nd July sports day

Tuesday 2nd July evening Choir of the Year competition at The Haymarket Theatre

Wednesday 3rd July summer showcase concert 6pm-7.45pm (*tickets available from the school office*)

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In the final week of term, we will welcome our new Year 7 for their induction week and our new Year 10 will be off to The Peak District for a team-building experience.

So much to do...so little time!

School closes for the summer at 12.20pm on Friday 12th July.

Have a lovely 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 above the 'i' in Singleton.

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