

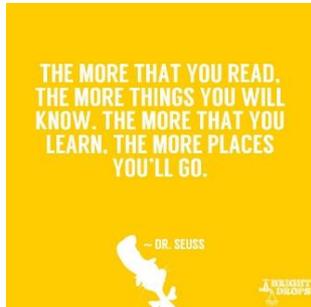
# Gartree High School

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6<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Dear Parents and carers,



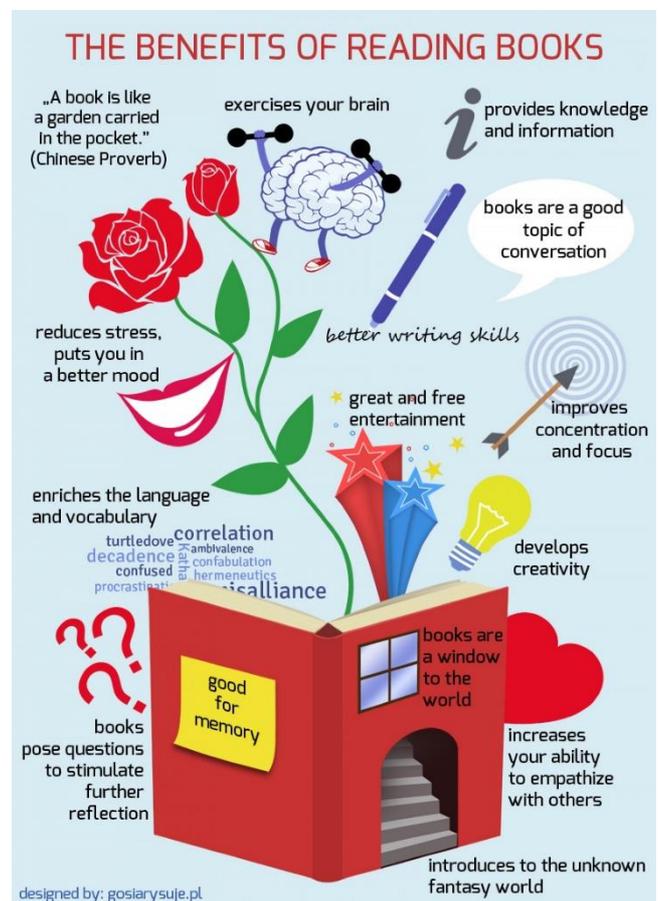
Today is **National Read a Book Day** - what better time to enjoy a new book! I know many of our students were reading over the summer, but I also realise that without the structure of the school day some do not. So today I want to take the opportunity to really push the importance of reading. The benefits of reading reach far and wide, but if you need convincing to put some time into encouraging and discussing reading with your son or daughter perhaps this information will help.

Our school library is full of a range of different books for all abilities, fiction and non-fiction. All of our students would benefit from reading a breadth of material to improve their knowledge, spelling and writing as well as helping to develop a sense of different contexts. This will inevitably enable them to make links across the curriculum and in their broader learning. Our library has a lovely atmosphere for some quiet time and an opportunity to choose a new book, revisit an old favourite or enjoy some extra reading time.

Many of the books are available to support our KS4 students with their GCSE studies and the study hub is available to them at breaks and lunch time for quiet study. There shouldn't be a moment of boredom with a book to hand.

You will find more ideas and reading lists following this link:

<https://www.worldbookday.com/reading-ideas-youll-love/> and your child's English teacher is there to get ideas and reading lists. An excellent range of books was included on the KS4 English newsletter that was issued last week.



The PE department have been busy with trials and training for our first sporting fixtures. Year 7, Year 9 and Year 10 football teams will play at Robert Smyth on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September and we will host matches against Robert Smyth for Year 10 netball and Year 8 and Year 11 football matches on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September. You are welcome to come along and support – good luck to the students and staff involved.

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This morning we have had a highly entertaining music assembly introduced by our Head of music, Mr Carter. Any student interested in music lessons should see him for more information. We encourage all students to consider this - please don't rule it out even if your child has gone beyond Year 7. Now is as good a time as any to get started.

Today is the first session of Gartree's Big Chorus. All students are invited to join Mr Carter to be part of the singing phenomenon at Gartree. Many students have been involved with our highly successful choir and this is a great opportunity to increase participation and enjoyment of singing together. Staff and students are welcome 3-4pm. It will be a wonderful way to end a busy school week!

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 at the end.

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