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Gartree High School 11-16 Update Preparing for GCSE!

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Gartree High School:

- “Outstanding achievement is the result of the school’s high expectations, outstanding teaching, excellent support and pupils’ wholly positive attitudes to learning.” OFSTED 2015
- “Attainment data from the local authority indicates that Gartree pupils excel at Key Stage 4...” OFSTED 2015



Greetings to everybody in the Gartree Community. Welcome to the first edition of a monthly update on Gartree’s progress towards GCSE readiness. The formal consultation process has now ended. Our business plan is being finalised and we are waiting for a final decision around June or July.

We will be working hard in the meantime, though—there is a lot to think about and a lot of work to do.

Staff at Gartree are now writing plans and attending training, to ensure we are ready if the decision to become an 11-16 school is approved.

We would like to thank everyone who contributed to the consultation, either in writing or by attending the meetings. It was good to see the messages of support as well as the questions about the detail.

We really do value your feedback, and we want you—parents, pupils, staff, governors and members of the community—to be involved in shaping the Gartree of the future. With a committed staff, superbly motivated pupils and parents who want the very best for the children, we can work together to make Gartree into an excellent 11-16 school.



Headteacher Sonia Singleton and a group of Gartree pupils

There is a specific email address for any suggestions, contributions or ideas—please feel free to make contact at:

11-16@gartree.leics.sch.uk.

We look forward to hearing from you.

There will be updates from different departments, interviews with department heads, news about courses—and more—in the next edition.

What’s happening at Gartree?

Look out for:

An animation to explain Gartree’s vision for an 11-16 school. We wanted to explain where we are on the journey towards GCSE readiness. Click the link to watch it at:

[GCSE Ready - Gartree](#)

Date for your diary:

Gartree’s “Vision Evenings” - where you can talk to members of staff about the curriculum, option choices, exam syllabuses and what to expect of GCSE, on:
27th April 2016 (Weds)
28th April 2016 (Thurs)

Individual Curriculum:

We want the best for your child, so we are working hard on a GCSE offer that will ensure your child succeeds. Look out for more details in the February edition.