

gilesacademy

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Dear Parent/Guardian

I would firstly like to thank you for, overall, a fantastic start to the new academic Year. Year 8 students have responded well to the uniform demands and have shown high levels of pride in their appearance, which I am very happy with.

We recently attended the Gravity Fields trip to Grantham as part of the Science curriculum. The trip went smoothly as expected and all students were impeccably behaved. I hope they all managed to take away some vital knowledge and experience.


The rewards scheme has now been officially launched and I have already given out a plethora of prizes! Students are now nearing the amount of points required for some of the more valuable rewards such as Bowling and Love2Shop vouchers. Students can obtain points based on their academic progress, attendance and general attitude around school - it's an extremely accessible program! If you know of any local businesses that would like to donate rewards towards the scheme, then please do not hesitate to contact me. This truly is a fantastic initiative to motivate students to be the best that they can be, and we are already seeing an improvement in drive and determination from some of our pupils.

The Year 8 Giles Adventure trips are currently in process of being organised, so look out for details on that next term. It should be a fantastic couple of days away in which students learn new skills and get to experience the outdoors in a way that will develop them as young people and hopefully encourage them to complete their Duke of Edinburgh award at a later date.

I would like to ask that all parents/guardians please monitor the use of their child's social media at this stage of their young adult lives. There are some incidents occurring via these channels that could and should be avoided. The legal age to have a Facebook profile, for example, is 13 years. More information about keeping your child safe can be found on our Giles website under the tab Parents, Safeguarding.

Thank you once again for your continued support and I would like to remind you that we return on Monday 29 October 2018 on Week B. Please ensure that your child is fully equipped for school and is wearing the correct uniform when we return.

Have a fantastic half term.



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