

gilesacademy

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Dear Parent/Carer

The Year 7 students have now completed their first term at Giles Academy and I would like to congratulate them all for a very successful transition from primary to secondary school. The students should feel very proud of the way that they have settled in, found their way around the school and adapted to having numerous different teachers on a daily basis.

Within the first two weeks of term we discussed the important role fulfilled by a Form Representative. Students were then given the opportunity to apply for this responsibility. Each student voted for the person in their form that they felt was best suited to this position. I am pleased to announce that the Year 7 Form Representatives are:

7VV – James Truscott
7MA – Grace Castledine
7CAC - Jack Dean
7CD – Faith Dales
7EL – Amelia Herdman
7EK – Adrians Bamsis
7MGS – Riley Campbell
7KWM – Gabriella Bedford

Four of the Form Representatives applied for the two positions of Year 7 Representative which is decided by a student vote. The candidates each delivered a brief presentation to the year group in assembly, outlining how they would represent the year group effectively. The successful candidates were Adrians Bamsis and Faith Dale: I look forward to supporting them in this exciting role.

Please find enclosed your child's first Student Progress Report. These reports are one method we use to track and monitor your child's academic progress. You will notice that the report contains two vital pieces of information.

1. Attainment: Subject Teachers use their professional expertise to predict the results your child is likely to achieve in their GCSE examinations.
2. Attitude to Learning: This grade relates to the attitude and effort your child has displayed in lessons.

We encourage parents to discuss this report with their child. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this report, please do not hesitate to contact me.

It is vital that students maintain good attendance if they are to be successful at school. At Giles we have an expectation that students will achieve a minimum 95% attendance. So far, the attendance in Year 7 has been excellent and I would like to thank you for your support in making sure that your child attends school whenever possible. May I politely remind you that if your child is not going to be at school we need to be contacted before 8:30am. I would like to take this opportunity in congratulating 7CAC for achieving the highest attendance this term at 99%.

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During afternoon registration students take part in our Social, Moral, Spiritual and Culture (SMSC) curriculum. This is delivered by way of class discussions, activities and assemblies. This term the topic is Friendship and Bullying and should help support students as they settle into Giles and make new friends within their form groups and the wider school community. Next term our topic will be Alcohol and Drugs.

I would like to comment on how smart the students have looked this term in their new uniform, however, one area of concern is the increasing number of boys coming to school without a tie. Learning to organise themselves and ensuring that they have all vital equipment and school uniform is part of the transition from a primary to secondary school student. I thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

Once again, I would like to congratulate all students for their successful start to a new life at Giles Academy and wish you all a relaxing break. I look forward to welcoming the students back to school on Monday 29th October.

Best Wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Smith', written in a cursive style.

Mrs E Smith
Head of Year