

gilesacademy

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Dear Parent/Guardian

I am writing to you all as it is the end of term and as each term ends, I will send another letter with updates as to how that term has gone and any upcoming events to look out for. This term has been particularly challenging as you are aware we suffered a cyber-attack and this has resulted with us having to rebuild our computer system from scratch.

Students and parents have been very patient and supportive of this process and we are now in a position that we have working computers back in school. I would like to thank everyone for their patience during this time.

It is also very pleasing to see that we had 77 students achieving 100% attendance. Attendance goes without saying how important it is, we have covered this in assembly with the students and I thank everyone for their efforts with attendance in this first term.

We held our second open evening of the year this term and I was delighted and proud of how many Y7 students put themselves forward for this. They did the school and themselves proud. I was particularly impressed with how smart they looked.

During form time students learning is focussed around Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural curriculum. Once per term we extend this past the 20mins at the end of the day to 1 full 50 minute lesson. This term we had a guest speaker talking to students about transport and bus safety. Next term we will have a full day of lessons from a range of agencies based around the theme of "Stay Safe" and we will also have a visit from the Gideons.

A new method is being used throughout the school to aid the memory to retrieve information across all subjects, proven use of Knowledge Organisers in other secondary schools have seen students progress quicker and help performance in examinations. All students will be given a Knowledge Organiser which will have memory aids and mind maps for each subject your child studies which will support learning key facts and information for all areas of the curriculum. In addition to this students will be given a Knowledge Organiser book (The K.O Book). The one book will be used for all subjects and the expectation will be that it is used within lessons when directed and at home in order to aid revision and self-quizzing. A K.O homework timetable has been created so you as a parent/carer can support your child in completing revision tasks on the specified days. The completion of this homework will be checked in tutor time by tutors. Further information to follow during next term.

We will have a Progress Evening on 2-12-19 from 5pm-8pm. This will give you the opportunity to meet each of your child's subject teachers and discuss the progress they have made with us so far. I look forward to seeing you all there.

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Another date for your diary is the last day of term before Christmas is Thursday 19-12-19.

It has been a very enjoyable first term, I hope that the students enjoy the break and come back ready to learn next term.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mr A D Castley', written in a cursive style.

Mr A D Castley
Head of Year 7