

# gilesacademy

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Dear Parent/Carer

I would like to thank you all for your participation at our recent Options Evening. The excellent attendance demonstrated the continued commitment that you all feel towards each stage of your child's education. I would expect students to have now finalised their option choices but please feel free to contact me if you need any further advice.

This term has seen the completion of our Giles Edale Adventure. This was a huge success and I was overwhelmed by the positive feedback I received regarding the student's engagement and behaviour. Students demonstrated perseverance and determination and working as a team they were able to tackle the team building activities with great success. New friendships were made and I am certain that students will look back at this experience with great fondness.

As part of our Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural curriculum, this term students have been looking at the topic of 'British Values'. Students have learnt the importance of showing tolerance and respect in their everyday interactions with other students. The recent ongoing Brexit negotiations provided students with the opportunity to learn about democracy and the rule of law. Whilst looking at careers, tutors were able to offer advice and support students with their option choices. Next term, students will focus on the topic of 'Health and Well Being' and they will learn amongst other things, what makes for a healthy relationship. Students will also continue to focus on careers.

This term our students have continued to show a huge commitment to their knowledge organiser self-quizzing homework. Many students have shown me their efforts with great pride. Research has shown that this style of study improves memory and examination performance. You should have now received a login for Show My Homework. This will enable you to follow the knowledge organiser timetable and help your child complete their tasks on time.

I would like to congratulate Gabriella Bedford, Hubert Bukowy, Nikola Duza, Hannah Fisher, Kacper Kanczkowski, Augustina Kurpyte, Lacie Newbold, Kara Rose, Coral Tilsley and Megan Washford for their excellent Effort and Attainment grades last term. Well done and keep up the good work!

I am really pleased to report that I have recently seen an improvement in our overall attendance. Hopefully this will continue to improve as the weather warms up and the number of coughs and colds decline. A special mention goes to Oliver Blomeley, Luke Cooper, Felicity Limb and Coral Tilsley for achieving 100% attendance since September. Please see our Giles Facebook page for pictures of all our students receiving their certificates and reward vouchers in assembly this week.

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All that is left to say is have a wonderful, relaxing half term break. I look forward to welcoming students back to school on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February, Week B.

Best Wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Smith'. The letters are cursive and somewhat stylized, with the 'E' being particularly large and the 'Smith' part written in a more fluid, connected script.

Mrs E Smith  
Head of Year