

Head of School

Friday 14th January 2022

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

I am writing following my first full week in my role as Head of School and what a productive and positive week it has been!

As I walk around the school site daily I reflect to consider at what a fast pace the school has positively changed. We are proud of all the students in the school, they are all actively engaging in lessons, communicating with staff with maturity and respect and enjoying their school days.

This week, following our delivery of the Christmas Hampers to The Minstrels Care Home in Wrangle, we have received a Thank You card to school, to all the students, parents and carers who donated to the hampers. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the fantastic project - the contributions were very much appreciated.

One of our whole school key themes this year is Celebration and Rewards. Last week we saw three strike card winners awarded per year group, all clean strike cards for the term were entered into a raffle where the winners were the recipients of a money voucher. Please see the links on our website and social media to view some of our winners.

Also this week, we saw all Key Stage 3 students receive their Aspire cards. These cards are to reward positive behaviour and attitudes in and around school, motivating and encouraging high student aspiration. There are a set of values displayed on the card, which allow the student to identify examples of good behaviour and conduct which staff will be on the lookout for.

Looking forward to next week, we will see our Year 9 students removed from their normal timetable for the day as they will experience a series of workshops from the charity called; Prison Me No Way! This is an experience for students that is well established in the other two SLATrust schools, Bourne Academy and Spalding Academy. It has been so successful in these schools, that for Giles Academy students it will also be a fantastic day for the students.

Next week we will see Year 11 receive their PPE (mock) examination results. Year 11 students have been working incredibly hard to prepare, revise and perform in their PPE examinations which are modelled on the real exam series that is due to take place in the summer. The results from the PPE (mocks) will be distributed on Wednesday 19th January, please discuss the results with your child so we can best prepare them for their next steps together. Although the real exam series may seem somewhere in the distant future it is only around the corner as the real IT and Business examinations start next month.



Proudly, I can share that our students in Year 11 are very self-motivated with attendance at intervention sessions being very high. However, please can you also support at home preparation and revision to ensure our students receive the grades they deserve.

Finally, Mr Martin recently wrote to you on the 10th January 2022 regarding school attendance and Covid-19 protocols. However, due to further changes by the government, please find enclosed a revised letter from Mr Martin which reflects the most recent information you will need to be aware of relating to Covid-19 procedures.

Kindest regards,



Ms Katie Belcher

Head of School, Giles Academy

Upcoming key dates

Monday 17 th January 2022	Prison Me No Way	Year 9
Thursday 27 th January 2022	Year 11 Parents Evening	Year 11

For the latest news

Our social media pages are continuing to grow in followers and I would encourage you to 'like/follow' our Facebook, Instagram and twitter pages to receive timely updates of our news stories.

You can follow Giles Academy on our official social media platforms as follows:

- www.instagram.com/GilesAcademySLAT
- www.facebook.com/GilesAcademy
- www.twitter.com/GilesSLAT

There have been some notable highlights this week which you may have seen on our website and social media pages. You can access the links below for the various news stories:

- www.gilesacademy.co.uk/students-with-no-strikes-are-winners
- www.gilesacademy.co.uk/students-chef-whites
- www.gilesacademy.co.uk/gcsepod-webinars-for-parents
- www.gilesacademy.co.uk/year-11-parents-evening
- www.gilesacademy.co.uk/covid-testing-for-all-students