

Head of School

Friday 21st January 2022

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

It has been another incredibly busy week at Giles Academy where we have been fully embracing our theme of Reward and Celebration. Throughout the week we have been celebrating various positive achievements including 'Scientists of the Term' for last term's contribution to this subject, the Top Year 11 Achievers and Most Improved Year 11 Students in our recent examinations and today we celebrate our Top 5 Point Scorers of the week. In addition to this we are always looking to reward the students who always 'go the extra mile' and in Key Stage 3 students are encouraged to put their Aspire Cards on the classroom desks for teachers to look for opportunities to reward positive conduct, behaviour and attitude.

In addition to this, Giles Academy students provided a fantastic contribution to the South Lincolnshire Academies Trust (SLAT) Trust Mental Health poetry competition and it was fantastic to see that a Year 8 student from Giles Academy produced the winning poem from across all of the Trust schools. I would like to say congratulations to Lola Panton who achieved this first place, and was rewarded for her thoughtful and reflective poem on Mental Health.

Please see the link to our website, Instagram and Facebook news stories for this week where you can read this poem, and see many other things happening in our school.

I would also like to take the opportunity to highlight all of our Year 9 students who displayed their outstanding behaviour on Monday when we welcomed our external visitors from the Prison Me No Way workshop. We hope they learned some valuable lessons regarding actions and consequences and shared with you their experiences from the day. The presenters commented "we had a fantastic day and can't wait to come back the students were a credit to the school".

In Key Stage 4 this week, Year 11 students were presented with their PPE mock examination results. This was a dry run for the summer examination results day when they will be receiving their final grades. We are proud of all of our Year 11 students and can clearly see how hard they are working to gain and maximise their grades, they conducted themselves superbly whilst receiving their results this week.

I would like to take the opportunity to share with you all that in the Year 11 assessment of learning (AOL) data, we are now forecasting the end of Key Stage 4 progress to be **+0.09**, which will place the school performing ABOVE national average, which is certainly where we are aiming to be.



It is important to take the time to reflect on the school's journey, and to be able to move Giles Academy from being in the bottom 10% of all schools nationally in 2019, to now in 2022 by working with a new Trust to see that we will be able to move progress to above national average well within two years, is just fantastic for all our young people. The school's previous end of Key Stage 4 progress score 2019 was - 0.68, well below national average ... but let's leave those days behind us! Well done to all the staff and the Year 11 students for their hard work.

We look forward to seeing Year 11 parents and carers at this next Thursday's Online Parents' Evening. This is an important event, with it being the final parents evening to gain as much information as possible regarding progress towards the examinations, interventions opportunities and additional support we can offer leading up to and into the examination season.

Finally, thank you for your continued support with the COVID measure changes and revised guidance issued this week, particularly regarding the wearing of face coverings. As shared in Mr Martin's (SLAT Executive Deputy Headteacher) letter sent on Wednesday face masks no longer need to be worn in the classroom and we await further restriction information next week on Thursday 27th January 2022. We will ensure to keep you all promptly posted regarding any further updates.

Kindest regards,



Ms Katie Belcher

Head of School, Giles Academy

Upcoming key dates

Thursday 27 th January 2022	Year 11 Parents Evening	Year 11
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For the latest news

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- 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/prison-me-no-way-2022
- www.gilesacademy.co.uk/breakfast-club-for-students-and-staff
- www.gilesacademy.co.uk/mental-health-poetry-competition-2