

# Head of School

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

What a wonderful week we have had at Giles Academy with some classes even having witches and wizards in as we celebrated World Book Day! It goes without saying that there were some absolutely fantastic efforts in Year 7 with costumes to represent their favourite book character. Congratulations to all Year 7 students and in particular Jak Wright, Emi-Mai Forman and Kealy Weir who were rewarded in the best dressed competition.

Regarding our theme of Respect, Pride and Celebration we have had countless activities to celebrate and be proud of this week. House assemblies have taken place where Aspire Card raffles took place for Key Stage 3 students who have completed their cards. Congratulations to all students who were able to enter the raffle and to the winners who received an Amazon voucher.

Also, this week we saw many sporting fixtures taking place, football and netball respectively. All students participated with team spirit and gave their all, however I must highlight the Year 8 netball game versus Haven High Academy who were victorious with a fantastic 20-0 win, what a result! Well done to all students who participated this week, regardless of the score we are very proud of each and every one of our students.

I must also highlight singing success for some of our students this week. Singing students studied either Musical Theatre or Pop Vocals grades in their one to one lessons in school with Mrs Beeson. Congratulations go to Lily Skinner, Kara Rose, Ellie English, Millie Hyam and Vimbai Shahwe, all students received top marks in their recent singing exams and have received their graded certificates.

On Thursday we welcomed the RAF Roadshow which gave Year 8 students an insight into the world of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) in an interactive presentation which explored the subjects of magnetism. All students participated with interest in the workshop especially when Mr Castley (Science) demonstrated electric motors by riding around the sports hall on an electric scooter ... I am not sure who enjoyed it more, the students or Mr Castley!

Sadly, we have said a fond farewell to Miss Campbell this week, the Year 11 Pastoral Lead, who left Giles Academy this week for an exciting career change. Miss Campbell will be very missed by the Year 11 students and we all wish her well on her new adventure! I am pleased to announce that Mr Relton will be leading Year 11 from this point onwards, if you wish to contact him you can do so via his email address



[srelton@gilesacademy.co.uk](mailto:srelton@gilesacademy.co.uk) or via the school phone number. The Year 8 students are being supported by Mr Cooper and myself, until we look to appoint a new Year Lead in the coming days.

Finally, there are two further successes to share:

### **Year 7 Offers for September 2022**

It is great news that the school's popularity continues to grow, since we have been part of the South Lincolnshire Academies Trust (SLAT). On Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022, the Year 7 Offers for 2022 were issued and I am pleased to share that we have had 150 offers made, which is a significant increase on the 70 offers made this academic year. In all other year groups places are now limited.

### **Attendance**

Thank you to all parents who have been positively supporting their child to attend school every day and on time. Excellent attendance has definitely been hampered by the Covid pandemic however all parents have positively been supporting attendance at Giles Academy and due to this our attendance has increased significantly, with the school consistently achieving well over 90% attendance!

Have a great weekend.

Kindest regards,



**Miss Katie Belcher**

Head of School, Giles Academy

## For the **latest news**

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

- [www.instagram.com/GilesAcademySLAT](https://www.instagram.com/GilesAcademySLAT)
- [www.facebook.com/GilesAcademy](https://www.facebook.com/GilesAcademy)
- [www.twitter.com/GilesSLAT](https://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/world-book-day-costume-winners](https://www.gilesacademy.co.uk/world-book-day-costume-winners)
- [www.gilesacademy.co.uk/magnetism-roadshow-attracts-students](https://www.gilesacademy.co.uk/magnetism-roadshow-attracts-students)
- [www.gilesacademy.co.uk/student-artwork-used-by-local-artist](https://www.gilesacademy.co.uk/student-artwork-used-by-local-artist)
- [www.gilesacademy.co.uk/year-8-parents-evening](https://www.gilesacademy.co.uk/year-8-parents-evening)
- [www.gilesacademy.co.uk/free-student-gcsepod-webinars](https://www.gilesacademy.co.uk/free-student-gcsepod-webinars)

# Giles Academy

## Poetry Competition 2022



It has been 18 months since Giles Academy became part of the South Lincolnshire Academies Trust where our school has made many improvements.

This is why we are excited to announce the theme for our poetry competition this year is **'My Primary School'**.

Using **'My Primary School'** as inspiration, the poem can be about anything to do with school, such as your favourite subject or teacher, school dinners, travelling to school, homework, being creative or playing sport.

This is your opportunity to celebrate all of the great things you enjoy about your school.

### CATEGORIES & PRIZES

There are two categories with prizes for the winning students and their school:



#### YEARS 3/4

- **Win £150** (£75 Gift Voucher for the student and £75 of books for their school)
- Plus 3 x £10 highly commended prizes

#### YEARS 5/6

- **Win £150** (£75 Gift Voucher for the student and £75 of books for their school)
- Plus 3 x £10 highly commended prizes

### HOW TO ENTER

The competition is **free to enter** and open to Key Stage 2 students from schools in the Boston, Spilsby and Skegness area.

The closing date for entries is Sunday 27th March 2022.

For further information and to submit your entry, visit [www.gilesacademy.co.uk/myschool-competition](http://www.gilesacademy.co.uk/myschool-competition)

