

Head of School

Friday 11th March 2022

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

Thank you once again for your continued support with your child's attendance, this week we have seen attendance hitting over 90% for the second week running which is fantastic!

This week we have held important whole year group additional assemblies to ensure all students understand how to access support if they require it due to the harrowing scenes they are witnessing during the war in Ukraine. We have designated an area at break and lunch where students can access support if they have any worries, concerns or questions related to the crisis. In addition to this we reminded the students about the worried email address worried@gilesacademy.co.uk which students can use out of school time if they feel anxious about some of the information and harrowing scenes being shared on media platforms or any other worries or concerns.

In addition to this you will have also received a letter sent home regarding non-uniform day next Friday. Wearing non-uniform is not compulsory however for those that choose to participate we are nominating a minimum donation of £2 to raise funds to support both Comic Relief 2022 and the Ukraine humanitarian situation.

I would like to highlight a huge well done to the Year 7 Netball Team this week who competed in their first District Tournament in Spalding. This was a great experience for them all! Mrs Cooper - PE teacher said "all students were an absolute credit to the department and to Giles Academy". I would also like to say well done to all involved.

Another highlight of this week was the Year 11 practical food exam which I had the pleasure of visiting with Mr Martin - SLAT Executive Deputy Headteacher and Mr Cooper - Pastoral Manager. The fabulous creations were like scenes from MasterChef, with a selection of starters and mains from around Europe presented. I managed to ensure I secured the position of chief tester. I was so impressed, all dishes were amazing and they certainly put my cooking skills to shame!

Thank you to all the Year 8 parents who attended Parents' Evening this week. This was a great opportunity for tutors to meet with parents and carers online to receive information about their child's progress. If you have missed this opportunity for any reason and wish to receive any further information please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Finally, I would like to share that the Year 11 PPE 3's (mocks) have started today with History students making an excellent start this morning with their impeccable examination conduct! These mock



examinations will help support and prepare all students for the final examination period during the summer. In addition to this we are hosting a wide range of Easter Revision Sessions during the holiday period to support further preparation throughout the two-week break. Please can I urge you to encourage your Year 11 child to discuss these with you and for them to attend these sessions, which are all provided at no cost to parents. It is a great opportunity to enhance revision skills with specialist teachers.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kindest regards,



Miss Katie Belcher

Head of School, Giles Academy

Upcoming key dates

Tuesday 15 th March 2022	PSHE Day	Year 7
Wednesday 16 th March 2022	PSHE Day	Years 8-11
Friday 18 th March 2022	Non-uniform day (Comic Relief/Ukraine)	Years 7-11

For the latest news

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/easter-revision-sessions-for-year-11
- www.gilesacademy.co.uk/non-uniform-day-for-comic-relief-and-ukraine
- www.gilesacademy.co.uk/making-the-grade-with-singing-lessons
- www.gilesacademy.co.uk/year-7-district-netball-tournament
- www.gilesacademy.co.uk/year-8-netball-team-win-20-0
- www.gilesacademy.co.uk/design-a-stamp-for-queens-platinum-jubilee

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

