

Head of School

Friday 25th March 2022

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

I cannot believe that we are now less than a week before the Easter break and what a jam-packed term it has been. Students will definitely be ready for a well-deserved break at the end of term next Thursday.

This week, students in all year groups were awarded with a drink and a snack if they achieved 100% attendance last term. There were many, many students to award, who all appreciated this token of thanks for ensuring they maintained outstanding attendance. Congratulations to all of these students!

Our Year 7 students this week all participated in World Maths Day. This is an online maths competition where students competed against other students from all over the world to challenge themselves in various maths activities. Students were really engaged in this international competition and definitely demonstrated their competitive edge, it was impressive to see.

In sporting news this week, I have previously mentioned the efforts of our netball teams and this week this continued in fixtures against Boston High School. However, this week I wish to highlight our boys Year 7 football team who travelled to play against Spalding Academy. This was a friendly South Lincolnshire Academies Trust 'derby' match where we secured a draw with an end result of 5-5! A special mention to Lucas Taylor who not only was Coaches' Player of the Match, he also scored all five goals! A great effort from every Year 7 who participated in the game.

We continue to encourage all Key Stage 4 students to utilise an online revision portal called GCSEPod. This is widely used nationally and is an excellent revision resource to access a wide range of learning materials and view revision pods. Before Giles Academy joined the SLATrust I can report that out of 150 regional schools we were disappointingly 148th. However, now part of the SLATrust, this week I reported to staff and students that Giles Academy is now **number 1 out of 150 schools** in the region for using this excellent resource to support their revision! I am confident that this will reflect in excellent examination results this year but clearly shows how seriously our Year 11 students are focused on their studies - keep up the hard work Year 11!

In addition to this, a polite reminder to all Year 11 parents and students that we have an excellent selection of Easter revision sessions scheduled for the holiday period. As students have been focusing on their PPEs (mocks) we have now extended the time to book onto these sessions, students will be unable to attend unless they have booked in, the deadline for this is Tuesday 29th March 2022.



Finally, I am pleased to report that our non-uniform day raised £1,413.80 for Comic Relief and the Ukraine Disaster Emergency Fund appeal. The three schools in the Trust in total raised £6,282.93 - a fantastic amount which will contribute to making a difference to the families affected by these charities. I would like to thank everyone for their support of this day.

I hope you all have a fantastic weekend.

Kindest regards,



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