

Head of School

Thursday 31st March 2022

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

So, we finally arrive at the end of term and what a busy term it has been!

This week all year groups have received assemblies to remind all students about keeping safe over the holiday period. This included road safety, social media safety and keeping safe in the local community. Students were also reminded about what to do if they do not feel safe during the holiday period including how to access school support during the holiday period by emailing the worried email address:

- worried@gilesacademy.co.uk

During this week we have been planning for our celebration and rewards events in the summer term and also have been celebrating with students their subject successes. If you have been able to visit our social media pages this week you will have seen the wonderful works of art our Food students created for their examination. Their creations were absolutely tremendous and all worthy of a place on MasterChef! We have also awarded students of the term in the PE department and congratulations go to Ruby Mackay, Luciella Crowfoot, Willow Rush, Finn Harrison, Kallum Baxter and Evie-May Wesley who all received this award from Mr Reed - Head of PE for their fantastic contribution to PE and Sport Studies this term.

As we look to the Easter break, can I thank all our Year 11 students who have signed up for additional revision sessions over the two-week holiday period. It is fantastic to see the high number of students that have signed up and how many of our Year 11 want to support attending these opportunities to be able to receive structured revision support from a specialist teacher during the holiday period. The booking process for these sessions is now closed. The commitment from the Year 11 to their studies has been brilliant!

Next term we welcome some new staff and wish others well as they embark on new adventures. Firstly, I must thank Mr Taylor in the temporary position as Year 8 Year Lead. Mr Taylor has carried out this role whilst maintaining the Medical Lead role – thank you Mr Taylor! Next term we welcome Mr Portas on his return back to Giles Academy. Mr Portas has continued to work for the Trust and has been working at Bourne Academy as a Year Lead, we can now welcome him back to Giles which everyone is very excited about to start in the role as Year 8 Year Lead. We also welcome Miss Green - Teacher of PE, Mrs Kamsika - English Lead Teacher, Miss Lindley – Teaching Assistant and Mr Sedgewick in the role of Science Technician. All of these staff are very welcomed to our school. We continue to recruit new staff to the school as our student numbers continue to significantly increase. We also say a fond farewell to Mrs Jagger



– librarian, she has made a positive contribution to the school library and in particular the role of student librarians.

Finally, a polite reminder that there is no school tomorrow Friday 1st April 2022 unless you are a Year 11 student attending a revision session. We welcome all students back to school on Tuesday 19th April 2022 where school will resume for the summer term and hopefully the summer weather!

I hope you have a restful and enjoyable Easter break.

Kindest regards,



Miss Katie Belcher

Head of School, Giles Academy

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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/tummy-rumble-and-tastebuds-tingle
- www.gilesacademy.co.uk/supporting-our-ects
- www.gilesacademy.co.uk/sports-students-are-rewarded
- www.gilesacademy.co.uk/get-involved-with-ncs-this-summer