

Head of School

Friday 15th July 2022

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

This is our penultimate Head of School Update of this academic year. By now you will have received an additional letter about our final arrangements during the last week of term – particularly reminding you of the final day being Thursday 21st July 2022 and the arranged staggered start dates for next term.

Firstly, on Tuesday evening we shared a very special evening with parents, families and friends at the House Celebration Awards evening. To be able to address parents and carers then award students who go above and beyond in particular areas to represent their House was an absolute pleasure.

Congratulations to all recipients of awards and our overall trophy winners were:

- Scarlett Truepenny Wray (Year 7)
- Manuelis Zembinskas (Year 7)
- Andrew Dlugosz (Year 8)
- Aidan Fox (Year 8)
- Tillie Cartwright (Year 9)
- Kamila Dauksaite (Year 10)

A particular thank you to our House Leads – Mrs Archer, Miss Pearson, Mr Dodd, Mr Reed and Mr Jagger for their continued enthusiastic competitive team spirit for their role and to Billy Mustill in Year 9 who gave a wonderful speech on stage in recognition of the students and staff and demonstrated his enthusiasm for his house – Tennyson!

There has been huge success this year with the use of GCSEPod which is an online platform used to support revision and study in Key Stage 4. From being one of the lowest users of this revision tool prior to the Trust supporting the school we are now NUMBER 1 in the eastern region out of 150 schools! This is a tremendous achievement by all of our students who have helped us climb the ranks to pole position. We will now receive £150 reward and a trophy to celebrate this!

Year 10 are continuing to complete coursework for their BTEC subject areas and in order to finalise the completion of work before the summer break there has been a Catch-Up day organised for those with outstanding pieces of work on Tuesday next week.

Today we have welcomed Mr Matt Warman MP to Giles Academy. Mr Warman toured the school and met with students, staff and senior leaders. He was very positive about the transformation of the school and in particular the students' positive attitude, respect and behaviour witnessed throughout this tour.



Next Tuesday all students will participate in a Cyber Crime workshop delivered by the Cyber Crime policing team. This is very important information that all students need to be aware of following the increase of this type of criminal behaviour nationally.

Finally, you will have by now received a letter regarding the national hot weather warning on Monday and Tuesday next week. We are adjusting our uniform to adopt a sensible strategy for this please ensure you are aware of the details sent out this week in order to prepare for this.

Hope you have an enjoyable weekend.

Kindest regards,



Miss Katie Belcher

Head of School, Giles Academy

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