

Head of School

Thursday 21st July 2022

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

We made it... we have finally reached the last day of the academic year 2021/22, and what a year it has been!

Firstly, I would like to thank you for your co-operation during the national heat warning this week. Students managed well in school on Monday with refreshments available, indoor lunchtime areas and air-conditioned rooms where possible. However, considering the students care and safety at the centre of our decisions - the increase of temperature on Tuesday, the concerns regarding transport and the impact of other schools shutting we made the decision to close the school. Thank you to all parents and carers who received this information and may have changed plans to accommodate the school closure, it is greatly appreciated.

On Wednesday we saw our whole school theme Celebration, Reward and Praise at the centre of our Celebration Day. It was fantastic to see so many students embracing opportunities and experiences that were available to them! Staff supporting the trips and in-school activities reported that the behaviour was exemplary across the school community.

Today we have bid farewell to some members of staff...

- Miss Green - PE Teacher, Mr Whitworth - Teaching Assistant and Mr Wagstaff - who will be embracing the teacher training programme.
- Miss Doyle - English Teacher, has fully embraced every moment at Giles Academy in the last eight years and is relocating out of the county.
- And a special mention to both Mrs Cook - Head of DT and Mr Relton - Second in DT who are both starting on their next adventure... retirement!

We wish all staff good luck on embarking on to the next chapter.

Finally, as I consider the highlights of this year there are far too many to mention. Giles Academy has been on an incredible journey with South Lincolnshire Academies Trust this year and the engagement and support from parents and carers has been brilliant.

My highlights have been:

- The introduction of the House System where students have positively embraced the team spirit and healthy competition of Team House!



- The students conscientious attitude to learning - it has been so rewarding to see how committed the students are to their learning and the time and effort they have independently put into their studies particularly those who have sat examinations this year for the first time.
- The enthusiasm for extra-curricular activities and responsibilities – the overwhelming student involvement in Junior Librarian roles, LGBT+ community club, prefect awards, the team spirit at Sports Day.
- ...and not forgetting the Year 11 Prom, which was truly wonderful!

Please be reminded of the start of term arrangements as follows:

- Tuesday 6th September 2022 for Years 7, 10 and 11 only
- Wednesday 7th September 2022 Years 8 and 9 will return (all students are expected to be in school)

Finally, for Year 11 students their examinations results days are:

- Year 11 GCSE & BTEC Results Day: Thursday 25th August 2022, from 8am

During the summer break we would like to remind students that if they are worried about anything and would like to gain some advice or support our school email worried@gilesacademy.co.uk will be active over the summer period (not 24 hours). If you require urgent support for a student, you can contact Lincolnshire Childrens' Services on 01522 782111, the NSPCC helpline on 0808 800 5000 or Kooth support via the website www.kooth.com.

I wish our students and all families a safe and well-deserved summer break and look forward to seeing all students return in September for the next academic year.

Kindest regards,



Miss Katie Belcher

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