

# Head of School

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022

## UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

Firstly, I would like to welcome all Year 7 parents and carers to their first weekly Head of School Update. I do hope your child has returned home from school this week happy and excited to be part of their next stage of learning at Giles Academy.

We have been very impressed with all Year 7 students. They are very friendly, helpful and super organised plus thank you to all Year 7 parents/carers for the positive support received for this first week. I know first-hand how worrying it can be for parents/carers but I can reassure you that they have all been amazing! If you do have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact the Year 7 Year Lead Ms Dobrianskyj via her email:

- [ldobrianskyj@gilesacademy.co.uk](mailto:ldobrianskyj@gilesacademy.co.uk)

I am certain all students will have been exhausted as they return back to their school routine and a full day of learning. All students have returned looking incredibly smart and well prepared for their new academic year.

A polite reminder that all students must wear their house badge and if by chance this has been mislaid over the summer holidays a new badge can be purchased for £1 from main reception.

There will be many, many positive news stories and activities happening at the school throughout the academic year that we like to share on our social media platforms. I do encourage you to follow Giles Academy on our official platforms:

- [www.instagram.com/GilesAcademySLAT](https://www.instagram.com/GilesAcademySLAT)
- [www.facebook.com/GilesAcademy](https://www.facebook.com/GilesAcademy)
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There is also a wealth of important information on our school website ([www.gilesacademy.co.uk](http://www.gilesacademy.co.uk)) including term dates, uniform expectations and safeguarding information. Please take your time to view our website where you can find important parent/carer news.



Next Thursday, we will be holding the South Lincolnshire Academies Trust - Upper School Awards Evening. This will be a fantastic evening which will see our Trust celebrate the excellent Year 11 results that have been received this summer across our Trust schools. Giles Academy have received the best results in the schools' history with a staggering improvement from our last set of official results pre-pandemic for the whole Year 11 cohort with some outstanding individual performances, our top performers achieving a majority of their subjects being Grades 8 and 9!

We are holding our next Open Evening on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2022 from 5.30pm to 8.00pm for students in Years 4 to 6. If you do know any families that may have children in these year groups please support the school and help us spread the good word about the rapid improvement at the school and the incredible summer results students have recently achieved! We will also be looking for student ambassadors to help support departments and represent the school as tour guides, please put this date in your diary if your child will be interested in helping at this event.

Thank you for your support this week particularly with ensuring your child is in the correct uniform and well prepared for the return to school. Our last day of the first term is Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022 with the school day finishing at 3.15pm.

Finally, it was with great sadness that we heard our Queen had died peacefully yesterday, 8th September 2022, surrounded by her children and family members. Having been such a personal inspiration to so many, with her devotion to duty being an example to us all, we have ensured that we shared an appropriate message about this sad news with all students in registration this morning and will be holding some remembrance assemblies in the coming days.

Her Majesty the Queen's long record of public service is unparalleled in our nation's history. Throughout her remarkable reign, the Queen led us through great transformations with unfailing grace, wisdom, dignity and genuine care for the welfare of all. In sunshine or storm, she demonstrated kindness, courage, warmth, serenity and strength, as well as considerable humour and charm. The nation owes her a deep debt of gratitude for her unwavering devotion to the United Kingdom and to the Commonwealth.

Our thoughts need to be with the royal family at this sad time.

As you will already know, the announcement of the Queen's death will mark the start of national mourning that will continue until the end of the official State Funeral. The DfE have this evening communicated that all Schools will remain open during this period of national mourning. Buckingham Palace will release the final official arrangements for the funeral in the coming days and I will communicate any further information to all students, staff and parents/carers once details are confirmed that may impact on any school activities or events.

Kindest regards,



**Miss Katie Belcher**

Head of School, Giles Academy

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## Upcoming key dates



Prospective students in years 4 to 6 and their parents are invited to our

# Open Evening

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**Thursday 6th October 2022**  
5.30pm to 8.00pm



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