

# Head of School

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2022

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

It has been a fantastic first full week back at Giles Academy, with all students now becoming more familiar with their new timetable and teachers. They look proud to be in their uniform in their new year group!

Year 7 are proving to be a really great team of young people, they have settled very well into their new routine and have adjusted to secondary school with maturity and confidence. Some Year 7 students will be attending the Kingswood trip next Friday and I know this will support them further in their transition to secondary school, there is a fantastic timetable of fun activities planned!

Extra-curricular clubs have started this week and in particular the sports clubs and fixtures are up and running for all year groups. If your child is interested in joining a club or team, please tell them to speak to their PE teacher.

Also, we have instrumental music teachers visiting the school to teach the following instruments – guitar, singing, piano and drums. If you would like your child to start lessons please email the school on [enquiries@gilesacademy.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@gilesacademy.co.uk) for further details.

Yesterday was a fantastic afternoon to mark the start of the new netball and football season. This was our first match away playing one of our Trust school teams Cowley Academy so both teams were sporting a competitive edge to succeed in their respective games.

The Year 10 Netball team won 16-10 with player of the match awarded to Luciella Crowfoot and Alexia Cox. The Year 9 team (pictured) lost after a tough match but the player of the match was awarded to Vimbai Shahwe for her determination and resilience. In football news both teams had success with a 1-0 win for the Year 8 team and a 3-0 win for the Year 10 team. There was superb team work from all of the footballers with players of the match being Manuelis Zembinskas in Year 8 and Charlie Hardstaff in Year 10.



During this week, we have supported all students with extra PSHE sessions to mark the Queen's passing during this period of National Mourning. During tutor times, all students have been learning about the Queen's role and responsibilities within the monarchy and what changes we need to expect following the announcement of our next monarch, King Charles III. We have our flag pole with the Union Jack flag flying at half mast in respect for the Queen and on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 11am the whole school observed a one-minute silence as a mark of respect.

I would like to remind all students and parents that we have a designated email address at school for safeguarding matters when students need help or support outside the hours of school – [worried@gilesacademy.co.uk](mailto:worried@gilesacademy.co.uk). Any student can access this email address if they are worried about a situation and need some guidance or support prior to the next day at school from the Safeguarding team. This is an out of hours email address where someone from the designated team will respond as soon as possible.

Last night, I attended the annual Upper School Awards Evening held at Springfields Events & Conference Centre in Spalding. The evening celebrated the Year 11 and Year 13 results across all Trust schools which were absolutely fantastic! Invited to the event were subject award winners and overall winners in respect of achievement. We are immensely proud of all Year 11 students and this occasion really marked the rapid journey Giles Academy has been on. I am already looking forward to the event next year!

Visit [www.gilesacademy.co.uk/upper-school-awards-evening-2022](http://www.gilesacademy.co.uk/upper-school-awards-evening-2022) and our social media platforms for photos and details of the ceremony and the winners.



Finally, please be reminded that we have an Open Evening on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2022 from 5.30pm to 8.00pm for children in Years 4 to 6. School will finish at the normal time of 3.15pm on this day.

I look forward to seeing all students return to school on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2022 following the extended weekend for the Bank Holiday on Monday.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Katie Belcher'. The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light-colored background.

**Miss Katie Belcher**  
Head of School, Giles Academy

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- [www.facebook.com/GilesAcademy](https://www.facebook.com/GilesAcademy)
- [www.twitter.com/GilesSLAT](https://www.twitter.com/GilesSLAT)

## Upcoming **key dates**



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

# Open Evening

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

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