

# Head of School

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

Preparations are well under way for our Open Evening on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2022. Students are preparing to support department areas or guide visitors around the school to promote the continued success of the school.

Although Year 7 have only been attending Giles Academy for just over two weeks they have already formed a football team and been on a fixture to Cowley Academy. Well done to all team members who drew in a well fought battle and particular congratulations to Thomas Bond, who was Player of the Match. What a great effort in Term 1!

Please be reminded that we are working hard to maintain excellent attendance in school. However, if your child is ill and cannot attend school please report the absence using our email address [studentabsence@gilesacademy.co.uk](mailto:studentabsence@gilesacademy.co.uk) or via the school number **01205 870693**. On the rare occasion when your child may have a medical appointment in school time please be mindful that evidence of the appointment needs to support the absence and a copy should be emailed to the above email address or handed in to our Attendance Office. For the fantastic achievement of 100% attendance and significantly improved attendance students receive a termly reward!

We have been able to get underway with our House Assemblies this week. Heads of House have been working hard to introduce their new Year 7 students to the House system and this week has been their first experience of an assembly in their House teams with other year groups. It was great to see everyone identifying in their teams, there is definitely collaboration and a competitive edge amongst the Giles Houses. We are looking forward to the first inter-house competition!

Each week we report on our Five Top Point Scorers – points are rewarded for various positive behaviours from ‘Commitment to School’ to ‘Best in Lesson’. Last week the following students were top of their Year group – well done to all!

- Zane Stanley                      Year 7
- Ruby Mackay                      Year 8
- Ben Richards                      Year 9
- Alexia Cox                      Year 10
- Grace Kenning                      Year 11



Year 11 prefects are currently preparing to be considered for Head Student positions at the school. In order to be considered students complete a letter of application and interview with senior staff. This is an exciting opportunity for our students to support the school and be recognised as fantastic school ambassadors. I look forward to sharing with you the outcome!

We have also waved goodbye to our Year 7 students who have headed off to Kingswood in Norfolk this afternoon. This is a great opportunity for students to have a weekend with their peers building and forming new friendships in their transition to secondary school. I look forward to hearing about this exciting adventure on return.

Finally, next Monday we are celebrating the European Day of Languages where students will be tasked with some small activities in lessons to celebrate this day including a Bake-Off competition located on our homework portal Show My Homework which students may wish to take part in.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

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

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

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