

# Head of School

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

Firstly, what a fantastic trip to Kingwood our Year 7 students experienced. I was informed that the behaviour and positive attitude of all students was exemplary. Students were keen to get involved with everything on offer to them and staff also participated in some of the activities – I heard that students were really excited to see Mr Jagger climbing Jacob's ladder as they cheered him on for encouragement. The trip enabled new opportunities to meet new students, team work and most importantly, to have fun!

There have been some sporting fixtures held this week which include the Year 7 football team travelling to Sleaford for the National Cup match and the Year 8 football team played Boston Grammar School in a well fought match. Unfortunately, both teams did not win on this occasion. Well done to everyone involved for your fantastic commitment to the team and great representation of the school and to our The Players of the Match were Alfie Perry in Year 7 and Brendan Daniels who was a Year 7 student playing for the Year 8 team!

Thank you to all parents who have given permission for their child to attend the Open Evening next Thursday. I am looking forward to welcoming visitors to the school some of which I know will be current parents as younger siblings arrive to see the school. We have a superb selection of student ambassadors for the event who I know are very proud to be touring other visitors around the school. A polite reminder please can parents collect from the Pedestrian Gate at the Swimming Pool entrance.



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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In addition to the Open Evening next Thursday we will also be celebrating National Poetry Day! Students will be exposed to a wide and varied range of Poems throughout the day in every lesson. This year's theme is The Environment and we are hoping some students will be gathering thoughts over the weekend to construct their poems to compete for recognition in our local competition!

Year 11 have made a fantastic start to the year, and this week we have received many more Prefect and Head Student applications with students aspiring for commitment, responsibility and recognition as they are now 'top of the school'. All Prefects and Head Students can be identified by their black tie with the SLAT logo on and their Prefect/Head Student badge which they are awarded. Thank you to all who have applied for Head Student positions, the selection process which took place today was a very challenging task, I look forward to reporting on the outcome next week.

Not too far into the future, on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022, we will be hosting our Careers Fair, which is an all-day event but also an after-school event which parents, carers and students can visit. This is a brilliant day for all students to really engage in considering opportunities for their future destinations. If you have any contacts that would like to host a stall to promote a career or business please inform [lm Myers@gilesacademy.co.uk](mailto:lm Myers@gilesacademy.co.uk) who is our Careers Lead at the school.

Our school staff team supported the Macmillan Coffee Morning national event this morning however the coffee was replaced with cakes! We had an amazing selection of cakes provided by staff who have been busy baking during the week. Thank you to all the staff who provided, purchased or donated - the cakes were thoroughly enjoyed and most importantly we were able to support a fantastic cause from the monies raised!

I am very proud to say that we have many, many new starters weekly and I am happy to say that the school is filling up rapidly with students moving to the school. This is a reflection on how much the school has positively improved over the course of the last two years, the future ambition is to be able to report to you that we are oversubscribed in all years.

Finally, I hope you received your letter this week from Mrs Conley regarding the exciting development for transport costs. We understand for some families the cost to send your child to Giles Academy has to be considered when you require out of catchment area transport coupled with the rising household costs for all families. I am absolutely delighted to reinforce that we have been able to support families by offering a 50% subsidy to all students and a 100% subsidy for those entitled to Free School Meals from September 2023. This is fantastic news for all families in receipt of the subsidy and one which I hope will see many more families being able to consider Giles Academy as a viable option.

Thank you to all parents for your continued support with the school.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Kindest regards,



**Miss Katie Belcher**

Head of School, Giles Academy

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