

Head of School

Friday 7th October 2022

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

This week has been an action-packed week with numerous activities happening throughout the week.

Firstly, on Thursday it was National Poetry Day, it was fantastic to see so many varied poems in lessons and many relating to the subject area. On visiting the classrooms students were engaged in the poetry and enjoying reading the poems aloud.

We also have a wide selection of different extra-curricular clubs during the lunchtime and after-school. Our sports clubs are full to the brim particularly football for both boys and girls. Our LGBT+ community club happens on a Friday lunch and we also have Giles Choir led by Ms Cocks and Miss Pearson starting next week, I am sure to be popping in to join them as this is a particular favourite of mine!

Last night, we held our school Open Evening and all I can say is WOW! We were overwhelmed by the amount of people in the school which brought in around 600 new visitors. The commitment from our current students was overwhelming, we were inundated with students wanting to help and support the school – they did an absolutely superb job! A particular thank you to Olivia and Logan in Year 7 who were very brave and were our student speakers at the event – they were both fantastic role models of the school! I went home feeling very proud to be Head of School at Giles Academy.



During the week we have also been able to appoint our Head Students. I am very happy to announce that our Head Students this academic year are Esme Parker, Finan Spring and Gabriella Bedford (pictured below). These three students not only did exceedingly well in the interview process, during their time at the school so far, they have been fantastic school ambassadors and really deserve the recognition of Head Student. Thank you to all students that applied, the competition was really tough as we have some outstanding students in Year 11. We are looking forward to involving our three students in the development of the school and allowing them to enjoy their new roles and responsibilities.



Finally, a future date for your diaries is Thursday 20th October is our Careers Fair. **We are inviting students to return with their families between 3.30pm and 5.00pm** where exhibitors will have information regarding potential job opportunities in their specialist fields as well as being able to discuss careers in more detail and offer advice to students and parents. The list of local and national businesses who are supporting us is growing by the day.

I hope you all have a wonderful and restful weekend.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Katie Belcher'.

Miss Katie Belcher

Head of School, Giles Academy

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