

# Head of School

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

I cannot believe how quick this term has flown by and what a term it has been. In particular the Year 7 students have settled into the school very well and definitely feel part of our Giles Academy family.

Firstly, this week we have held a very successful 'How to Succeed Evening at GCSE' with Mr Hind, Mrs Wesley and myself for our Year 10 students. Thank you to all the parents and carers who supported the evening, we had over 100 people attend the event. It was a great success and hopefully it was informative to best support our children preparing for their examination years.

We held our annual Careers Fair yesterday which saw over 40 exhibitors arrive at the school to engage with our young people in their next steps and career journeys. It was fantastic to see so many students engaging in the different opportunities available to them at post-16. We even had two lorries and a tractor on site!

Visit [www.gilesacademy.co.uk/careers-fair-2022-inspires-students](http://www.gilesacademy.co.uk/careers-fair-2022-inspires-students) for more photos from the Careers Fair.



In sporting news, the South Lincolnshire Cross Country Championship was held last week where we had many students compete in the competition which requires determination and resilience. Congratulations to all students that competed and particularly well done to Jacob Cooper who came 7<sup>th</sup> and Melita Sablinskaite came 17<sup>th</sup> out of 100 runners in standout performances.

On Remembrance Day (Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022) students in the whole school will have a one-minute silence to show their respect. Poppies will be on sale in the lead up to this day and we are hopeful that many students will be purchasing poppies to wear on their uniform. The Last Post will be played on the cornet by Mr Lyons to signify the one-minute silence and all students will respect the silence in the yards around the school.

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022 it will be 'Children In Need' and we will be supporting this day by raising money by wearing non-uniform and asking for a small donation. We will also be holding a student bake sale so I'm hoping students will be thinking about their plans for this over the half term break.

Congratulations to our top point scorers from last week who were:

- Year 7 - Logan Burrell
- Year 8 - Emi-Mai Forman
- Year 9 - Liam Washford
- Year 10 - Keira Knight
- Year 11 - Evelina Ozola

Finally, thank you to all parents for supporting the school so well this term, I am pleased to say attendance has significantly improved across the school with Year 11 at 95% last week!

I hope you all have a fantastic half term.

We return back to school on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022.

Kindest regards,



**Miss Katie Belcher**

Head of School, Giles Academy



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