

# **Head of School**

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2022

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

We have had a fantastic start to our Term 2. Our students have come back to school looking very smart and ready to learn.

This week over 120 Year 10 Geographers have been exploring Lincoln to be able to complete their fieldwork investigation for GCSE Geography. All students really engaged in their tasks and the behaviour was exemplary.

Throughout the week we have been rewarding students who achieved 100% attendance in Term 1. Students that achieved excellent attendance received a drink and snack on the yard during break time awarded by the Attendance Manager – Miss Venn. Attendance is one of our whole school priorities this academic year and I would like to thank all parents and carers for working so positively with us on this.

On Thursday evening the whole PE department (pictured below) attended the Lincolnshire Sport & Physical Activity Awards in Lincoln. Giles Academy were finalists for the 'Contribution to Children and Young People Award' for developing the opportunity for students to participate in Golf lessons. It was a fantastic evening of celebration for all. Unfortunately we were not the winners on this occasion but we were so pleased to be considered as finalists especially as we were the only secondary school in Lincolnshire to be nominated as a finalist for an award. We will be creating other opportunities for golf lessons at Boston West Golf Club throughout the academic year.







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Within the Head of School Update we will be promoting different clubs which are being introduced this term. This week I would like to inform you about Art Club for Years 7 to 9. This club is with Miss Curtis on Wednesday lunchtimes and Tuesday after school from 3.20pm to 4.20pm. I hope to see some students taking the opportunity to attend the club and develop their artistic skills.

Next Monday we will be having whole school photos. Our students always look incredibly smart in their uniform however we encourage that they do an extra check on Monday to ensure they are looking at their best for their school photo.

Remembrance Day will soon be upon us and from Monday we will being selling poppies in school for a minimum donation of 20p. We do encourage all students to be wearing a poppy on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022. Students who are part of a service uniform group such as cadets or scouts will also be allowed to wear their uniform for the day rather than school uniform and will form part of a student group who will lay a wreath at Old Leake Memorial.



Finally, thank you to all Year 7 parents and carers who attended Parents' Evening. I hope the evening was a useful introduction to how well your child has settled at secondary school. For all other parents please add the following Parents Evening dates to your diaries:

Year 8 Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023
Year 9 Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2022
Year 10 Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023
Year 11 Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2023

I have also included our academic calendar dates for 2023-24 for your information.

Kindest regards,

**Miss Katie Belcher** 

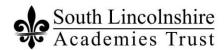
Head of School, Giles Academy

### For the latest news

You can follow Giles Academy on our official social media platforms as follows:

- www.instagram.com/GilesAcademySLAT
- www.facebook.com/GilesAcademy
- www.twitter.com/GilesSLAT

## Term Dates 2023/24



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Years 7, 10 & 11 return

#### All year groups return

#### **1ST TERM 2023**

Wednesday 6th September - Friday 20th October 2023

- Years 7, 10 & 11 return on Wednesday 6th September 2023
- All year groups return on Thursday 7th September 2023

HOLIDAY

Monday 23rd October - Monday 30th October 2023

#### **2ND TERM 2023**

Tuesday 31st October - Wednesday 20th December 2023

HOLIDAY

Thursday 21st December - Tuesday 2nd January 2024

#### **3RD TERM 2024**

Wednesday 3rd January - Friday 9th February 2024

HOLIDAY

Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February 2024

#### **4TH TERM 2024**

Monday 19th February - Thursday 28th March 2024

HOLIDAY

Friday 29th March - Monday 15th April 2024

#### **5TH TERM 2024**

Tuesday 16th April - Friday 24th May 2024

HOLIDAY

Monday 6th May 2024 (May Day)

Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May 2024

#### 6TH TERM 2024

Monday 3rd June - Friday 19th July 2024

**STAFF TRAINING DAYS** when your child will <u>not have to attend school</u> are allocated as follows: Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th September 2023

Monday 30th October 2023