

## **Head of School**

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

We have nearly reached the end of term and what a jam-packed term this one has been!

Firstly, thank you to all Year 9 parents and carers who attended our remote Parents' Evening this week. I hope the evening was very informative and gave you an opportunity to ask any questions that you may have in order to support your child further on their educational journey.

We had another successful evening for the Year 7 Netball team this week as they travelled away to Thomas Middlecott Academy for their second league Netball fixture. The team showed confidence throughout and from taking the lead they never went behind. The final score was a 6-5 victory for Giles. Players Player was Lacey Bates and Coaches Player was Olivia Hilton. Well done to all involved!

In assemblies this week, House teams have been enjoying a Celebration Assembly where they have been able to reward many members of their respective houses. There were many certificates and prizes handed out for categories such as Top Point Scorer, Outstanding Contribution to the House System and a variety of other awards.

Following on from this we held our Super Prize Draw last week where students gain a point score based on their attendance and attitude to learning. In the photo below are the Year 9 Super Prize Draw winners with the top prize of £45 going to Amber Desmond (far right) and other prize draw winners (from left to right) are Lola Panton, Katelyn Needham, Janis Balodis.





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Last week in the Head of School letter I reminded parents and carers regarding students missing the school bus and the many opportunities to catch another bus to Giles Academy from the local bus station. In addition to this, we understand that some children may need a medical appointment during the school day. However, if there is opportunity to book this after 12.15pm or ideally after school this would be highly advisable as this then does not affect your child's registration mark and their school attendance percentage is not affected. I understand and appreciate that this is not always possible however, I wanted to highlight this as a matter of importance.

Yesterday you will have received a letter regarding the communication from the Lincolnshire Health Protection Team for all schools, in relation to the increased reported cases of Scarlet Fever and / or STREP A. The school will continue to work closely with the Health Protection Team and disseminate any additional information for parents/carers to be aware of.

Finally, our Christmas dinner in the school canteen continues this week on Wednesday at the cost of £3 for a traditional meal, dessert and cracker! I have to say it was absolutely delicious and was very popular with our students.

Next Friday we finish for the Christmas break at the normal finish time of 3:15pm.

Kindest regards,

Miss Katie Belcher

Head of School, Giles Academy

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