

# Head of School

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022

## UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

We have finally reached the end of the second term and the end of the calendar year. We have continued school with 'business as usual' this week but also have been incredibly busy around lesson time too!

Firstly, well done to our Year 11 students who have completed their Pre-Public Examinations this week, after two weeks of structured mock examinations to prepare them for their summer exam series. The students have demonstrated excellent conduct throughout the exam process and although there were a few episodes of forgetting equipment at the start, this was narrowed down to only a minimal amount by the end of the exams. We have reminded all students that we will not be able to lend equipment for the 'real' summer exams. Therefore, all students need to be fully equipped and prepared.

It was great to see the Year 7 and 8 Netball Club well attended this week for their well-deserved Christmas party. I think the students were surprised to see Mr Cooper and myself marking each other in the student game of benchball, where we both demonstrated our competitive edge! Well done to all who attended, there was a great atmosphere at the party with a brilliant group of young people.

This week, we have also provided an extra special breakfast for our Year 8 Student Buddies. The buddies have been working hard throughout the year supporting school events and students in Year 7 who have been transitioning to secondary school. The breakfast was definitely enjoyed by all and a welcome reward for those students who have shown a little extra commitment to the school this academic year.



This afternoon, we have also been able to reward some high achieving Key Stage 3 students with a Reward Afternoon, whereby students who have been selected for our Super Prize Draw in Years 7, 8 and 9 were able to visit the 'Giles Cinema' where they could watch a Christmas film as a reward, with a treat and drink supplied. All students were superbly behaved and enjoyed the opportunity to be off timetable for the afternoon.

Finally, thank you to all the parents, carers and students who contributed to our Christmas Hamper Scheme. On Wednesday morning Mrs Pell and Mr Reed along with some student ambassadors delivered the hampers to The Minstrels Care Home in Wrangle. The staff were overwhelmed by the generosity of the school community and we know the residents will be so appreciative for the wonderful gifts received!



Giles Academy staff have also been contributing generously to the Just Giving Tree Scheme in school. Donations of presents have now been delivered to Boston and South Holland Children's Services to be delivered to families who are dealing with adversity. Thank you to all the staff who have donated to this, there were some fabulous donations received.

Finally, in light of the tragic accident in Solihull, we would like to ensure students and parents/carers are aware of how to stay safe around water in the winter months. Please visit the link below to download a free information booklet from The Royal Lifesaving Society UK (RLSS).

- [www.gilesacademy.co.uk/be-winter-smart-around-water](http://www.gilesacademy.co.uk/be-winter-smart-around-water)

I wish everyone a happy and healthy Christmas and look forward to seeing all students return to school again on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

Kindest regards,

**Miss Katie Belcher**  
Head of School, Giles Academy

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