

# Head of School

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

I cannot believe we have arrived at the last week of term already and next term is Term 4!

This week we have been celebrating reading with our annual Book Fair event. Students have been very enthusiastic about viewing the books and an amazing amount have been purchased, which will also help earn free books for the school. During the Book Fair students were entered into a prize draw and selected students were rewarded with a 'Golden Ticket' which entitled them to a free book! Thank you to all parents and carers who were able to support this event.



On Tuesday, representatives from our House Teams participated in an Inter-House Bake Off! There was a brilliant atmosphere in the Food Technology classroom where students were competing to bake the best Hummingbird Cake. Heads of House and additional staff were very keen to be involved supporting their house teams to win the title of House Bake Off winner! Mrs Pell was a very worthy judge who tasted all cakes and chose Amber Jagger's Year 7 cake from Newton House as the winner. Well done to all students involved, there was some fabulous team work with students from different year groups working together to support their house.



Attendance is a whole school priority and during the last few weeks of term we have seen some tutor groups hit 100% attendance and some year groups at 96%. This is absolutely brilliant and it has really been a remarkable positive difference! Thank you to all parents and carers for supporting improving and/or maintaining good and excellent attendance.

Coursework catch-up work for those students in Year 10 and Year 11 has been issued. Please can parents of these students support their child in completing any outstanding work over the half term period – the deadline for all work to be completed is Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023. In addition to this please can parents of Year 11 students be aware that there will be Easter Revision Sessions held during the Easter holiday period in the lead up to their final examinations – there will be further information released nearer to the time.



Our Under 16 Netball Team competed in an Inter-Trust netball tournament this week at Spalding Academy. PE teachers Mrs Cooper and Miss Ward were extremely impressed with the success of the team and reported that the whole team were incredible with excellent scoring, centre court play and defence. We are very proud of the entire team! The team won games against Cowley Academy and Spalding Academy however, they narrowly missed out on success against Bourne Academy and came in second place overall in the tournament. We are very impressed with the level of play and commitment from all team players – well done!

I would like to remind all parents and students that we have a [worried@gilesacademy.co.uk](mailto:worried@gilesacademy.co.uk) email address. This is available for students who have any concerns of a safeguarding matter both in or out of school and would like some advice or support – the availability of this is extended into the holiday period where we will be able to respond as soon as we can to signpost support or offer appropriate advice to any student who feels they wish to contact the safeguarding team for any matter of concern.

Finally, as a Trust, across all our schools, we will be responding to and supporting the Syria/Turkey Earthquake Appeal. Due to the timing of half term, we will be responding after half term and will share plans very soon.

I hope you are able to enjoy your half term period with friends and family, please be reminded we return on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023 for the start of Term 4.

Kindest regards,

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

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