

Head of School

Friday 24th February 2023

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

It has been a great first week back. All students have returned back to school looking very refreshed and incredibly smart.

We have begun Term 4 with some fantastic competitive sports competitions. Our Year 8 football and netball teams participated in our Trust schools 'SLAT tournament'. Although they didn't win on this occasion there was a fantastic team spirit was demonstrated by all. A special mention to all the Year 7 students who were selected to play to represent the year above.

In addition to this, on Wednesday after school our Year 7 netball team (pictured below) challenged Haven High Academy to a match which resulted in an incredible win of 10-0! Superb play from all members of the team and in particular a special mention to Libby Atkin who was the Players Player of the Match and Lacey Allan who was the Coaches Players of the Match.



With only 43 days left for Year 11 students until their first examination we have been making preparations for the final stages of support available for all students. All Year 11 students have been reminded about the intervention sessions available to them and will be informing students and parents of the Easter Revision sessions planned over the two-week break very shortly.

Congratulations to all Year 10 prefects that have been awarded their Temporary Prefect badge this week. This is a trial period for those who have been selected to represent the school in a Prefect role. This week all Prefects have received training regarding their role in order to be able to support the school community from next week.

Year 8 parents will have today received a letter regarding the online Parents' Evening on Wednesday 8th March 2023. This is a very important opportunity to meet remotely with your child's Year 8 tutor regarding their progress, attendance and behaviour in school. Please take the time to read the information in the letter which will contain further details on how to sign up for the evening.

Thank you to all parents, carers and students who supported our Book Fair, we raised a fantastic £750, which is the highest amount we have ever raised! This event has also helped the school gain access to free books which will increase our range of books on offer and support our school reading agenda.

Next week is an exciting opportunity for students in Year 7 to participate in World Book Day. Whilst it isn't compulsory for students to take part, I would encourage as many Year 7 students to attend school on Thursday 2 March 2023 to be dressed as a character from a book of their choice. It would be helpful for students to bring a copy of the book they are dressed up as and students will be pleased to know that some exciting prizes will be on offer for the best costumes. I will share some photos of World Book Day in my newsletter next week.

Finally, this evening I will be visiting an Art Exhibition at Fydell House, Boston. This celebrates Giles Academy's contribution to an international arts-based project linking schools around the World through the study of rivers. Congratulations to all students involved - I am looking forward to viewing all artwork displayed.

I hope you all have a great weekend!

Kindest regards,



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