

Head of School

Friday 21st April 2023

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

It has been a fantastic return to school for the Summer Term. There has been a really positive atmosphere around the school as students returned in good spirit, with smart presentation and ready to learn.

Over the next two weeks, all year groups will receive an assembly led by myself focused on our school ethos and core values – *Aspire, Challenge, Achieve*. I have already tasked our Year 7 students with remembering what our *Achieve* vision stands for – this is their additional homework this week and I hoping to be handing out a few prizes on the yards when I am walking around at break and lunchtimes for those who can remember it!

In addition to this, we have been informing all students in assembly this week about our new student voice system in school. This provides an avenue to ensure all students have the opportunity to raise suggestions, thoughts and improvements about the school. On our school website we now have a ‘Students Say, We Listen’ button that allows students to be able to make suggestions for the Senior Leadership Team to consider in order to make positive changes to the school. We are looking forward to supporting student ideas which will enhance our school community.

Our Year 7 students have particularly embraced the warmer weather on the yard this week and have enjoyed catching up with their friends as have all year groups. Mr Wright (pictured), who has joined Giles Academy as Pastoral Manager and Assistant Headteacher from Cowley Academy, has been getting to know all the students in preparation for being here full time in September.

Year 11 students have been continuing to focus all week on final preparations for their summer examinations. All students are continuing to work hard following excellent attendance at the revision sessions over the Easter holiday break. There are now only 13 school days until the first written examination and we are encouraging all students to maximise all opportunities in school and utilise GCSEPod and other revision methods to gain the grades they deserve at this final stage.



In addition to this, there is still time for Year 11 students to purchase a Prom ticket where we can celebrate the students' time at Giles Academy. The final day to order Leavers' Hoodies is 10pm on Sunday 23rd April 2023.

Year 10 students have been working hard on exam focused sessions, as those who study BTEC subjects are too, completing assignments that contribute towards their final grades. Excellent attendance and positive engagement are key to the success of these and we thank Year 10 parents for supporting their child with understanding the importance of this work.

All students are required to carry their own basic equipment in order for lessons to start promptly and to encourage student responsibility. Please can I ask parents and carers to support the school by checking that their child is equipped for school with the basic stationery requirements. We will always lend equipment where necessary however it is a student's responsibility to carry basic stationery such as pens, pencils, ruler etc.

As our Year 11 students approach their examination season, I wanted to say how incredibly hard they are all working. Also, I would like to clarify the use of study leave for students in the Trust. The Department for Education (DfE) issues guidelines for schools to use and state that 'study leave' should not be granted by default once the exam syllabus has been taught. The DfE clarified that you can only grant study leave once exams have started, by permission of the school. We know it is vital for students to attend their lessons, with their subject teachers prior to any examination. We re-timetable to ensure maximum coverage of learning and support for our students during this time. Additionally, we will continue to offer interventions, until all exams are finished. With our examination proven track record, we know our examination process is the best for our Year 11 students.

I have included in this weekly newsletter the Term 5 update to extra-curricular clubs, enrichment and Year 11 subject intervention sessions. As you will see there is a wide range of clubs on offer for all year groups and interests. We are looking forward to students embracing and enjoying a new club or activity this term.

Finally, you may be aware that the government is rolling out a national Emergency Alert System. At 3pm on Sunday 23rd April 2023 an alert will be sent to your mobile phone or tablet to rehearse the process of informing you of a potential emergency situation – this will be a loud 10 second sound. If you/someone you know/a parent you are working with has a second mobile phone which they use for safety reasons, please follow the instruction provided in a new video (<https://youtu.be/l2MBcHwmiv8>) from the specialist organisation Refuge. This explains how to disable the emergency alert in the setting app. This information has been sent by Lincolnshire Local Authority to be shared by schools with parents and carers.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Kindest regards,



Miss Katie Belcher

Head of School, Giles Academy

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



Extra-curricular activities

TERM 5 (Tuesday 18th April to Friday 26th May 2023)

Lunchtime extra-curricular activities

MONDAY LUNCHTIME				
Sport	CNAT	Years 10/11	D010	Mrs Cooper
Art / 3D / Textiles	Catch Up Drop In	All Years	A02 / A03	Miss McDonald / Miss Miller
IT	Catch Up Drop In	All Years	C11	Mrs Gomez
Religious Studies	Religious Studies	Years 10/11	A08	Mrs Chrysostomou
TUESDAY LUNCHTIME				
Sport	Basketball	All Years	Sports Hall	Mr Reed
Sport	CNAT	Years 10/11	D010	Mr Dodd
Art / 3D / Textiles	Catch Up Drop In	All Years	A01 / A03 / A07	Miss Curtis / Miss Miller / Miss McDonald
English	English	Years 10/11	E04	Ms Kamsika
Performing Arts	Performing Arts	Years 10/11	Library	Miss Cridland
WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME				
Sport	CNAT	Years 10/11	D010	Mr Reed
Art	Art Club	Years 7/8/9	A01	Miss Curtis
Art / 3D / Textiles	Catch Up Drop-in	All Years	A02 / A03	Miss McDonald / Miss Miller
Careers	Research Club	Year 11	C09	Miss Myers
DofE	DofE	Year 10	A09	Ms Cocks
English	Bedrock Catch Up	Years 7/8	E09	Mrs Warelis
History	Catch Up	Year 10	D05	Miss Whitelam
THURSDAY LUNCHTIME				
Sport	Basketball	All Years	Sports Hall	Mr Dodd
Sport	CNAT	Years 10/11	D010	Miss Ward
Art / 3D / Textiles	Catch Up Drop In	All Years	A01 / A02 / A03	Miss Curtis / Miss McDonald / Miss Miller
Business Studies	Enterprise Club	Years 7/8/9	B01	Mr Cussons
Business Studies	Home Learning Support	Years 10/11	B02	Mrs Dyer
IT	Catch Up	Years 10/11	C11	Mrs Gomez
Maths	Homework Club	All Years	C08	Subject Teachers
Music	Choir Club	All Years	A09	Ms Cocks / Miss Pearson

FRIDAY LUNCHTIME

Art / 3D / Textiles	Catch Up Drop In	All Years	A01 / A02 / A03	Miss Curtis / Miss McDonald / Miss Miller
English	Debate Club	Year 7	E08	Mr Woods
Health & Social Care	Health & Social Care	Years 10/11	D011	Mrs Dyer
IT	Catch Up	Years 10/11	C11	Mrs Gomez
PSHE	LGBTQIA Club	All Years	E05	Subject Teachers

After school extra-curricular activities

Unless otherwise arranged by the organiser, all after-school activities will run for one hour. All after-school sports run from 3.15pm to 4.30pm.

MONDAY AFTER-SCHOOL

Sport	Basketball	All Years	Sports Hall	Mr Reed
Sport	Football	Year 7	Field	Mr Cussons
Sport	CNAT	Years 10/11	D010	Mr Dodd

TUESDAY AFTER-SCHOOL

Sport	Boys Cricket Club	All Years	Field	Mr Dodd
Sport	Rounders	Years 7/8	Field	Miss Ward / Mrs Cooper
Art	Art Club	Years 7/8/9	A01	Miss Miller

WEDNESDAY AFTER-SCHOOL

Sport	Girls Cricket Club	All Years	Field	Mrs Cooper / Mr Dodd
Sport	CNAT	Years 10	D010	Miss Ward
Art / 3D / Textiles	Art Catch Up	All Years	A07	Miss McDonald

THURSDAY AFTER-SCHOOL

Sport	Basketball	Years 7/8	Sports Hall	Mr Reed
Sport	Rounders	Years 9/10/11	Gym	Miss Ward / Mrs Cooper

FRIDAY AFTER-SCHOOL

Sport	PE / CNAT	All Years	D010	Mr Reed
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Year 11 Revision

TERM 5 (Tuesday 18th April to Friday 26th May 2023)

Lunchtime revision sessions (Year 11)

MONDAY LUNCHTIME			
Art / 3D / Textiles	Year 11 Intervention	A03	Miss Miller
History	Year 11 Intervention	D05	Miss Whitelam
IT	Year 11 Intervention	C11	Mrs Gomez
Maths	Year 11 Revision (Foundation)	C03 / C05	Mrs Vrastiak / Mrs Smith
Maths	Year 11 Revision (Higher)	C01	Miss Woolley
TUESDAY LUNCHTIME			
Art / 3D / Textiles	Year 11 Intervention	A01 / A03	Miss Curtis / Miss Miller
Art / 3D / Textiles	Year 11 Intervention	A07	Miss McDonald
English	Year 11 Intervention	E04	Ms Kamsika
Food	Year 11 Intervention	D7	Mr Jagger
Geography	Year 11 Intervention	D03	Miss Stones
Maths	Year 11 Revision (Foundation)	C06	Miss Wright
Science	Year 11 Extra Revision	D12	Miss Cassidy
WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME			
Art / 3D / Textiles	Year 11 Intervention	A03	Miss Miller
Food	Year 11 Intervention	D7	Mr Jagger
French	Year 11 Intervention (French Speaking)	B06	Mrs Tebbutt
Maths	Year 11 Revision (Foundation)	C02	Mr Castley
THURSDAY LUNCHTIME			
Art / 3D / Textiles	Year 11 Intervention	A01 / A03	Miss Curtis / Miss Miller
French	Year 11 Intervention (French Speaking)	B06	Mrs Tebbutt
IT	Year 11 Intervention	C11	Mrs Gomez
FRIDAY LUNCHTIME			
Art / 3D / Textiles	Year 11 Intervention	A01 / A03	Miss Curtis / Miss Miller
IT	Year 11 Intervention	C11	Mrs Gomez
Maths	Year 11 Revision (Higher)	C07	Mr Smith

After school revision sessions (Year 11)

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MONDAY AFTER-SCHOOL			
Maths	Year 11 Revision (Foundation)	C03 / C05	Mrs Vrastiak / Mrs Smith
Maths	Year 11 Revision (Higher)	C07	Mr Smith
TUESDAY AFTER-SCHOOL			
Maths	Year 11 Revision (Foundation)	C06	Miss Wright
WEDNESDAY AFTER-SCHOOL			
Art / 3D / Textiles	Year 11 Intervention	A01 / A03	Subject Teachers
Science	Year 11 Intervention (alternating between Chemistry & Physics initially)	D12	Miss Cassidy / Mrs Webb
THURSDAY AFTER-SCHOOL			
Art / 3D / Textiles	Year 11 Intervention	A01 / A03	Miss Curtis / Miss Miller
English	Year 11 Intervention	E04	Ms Kamsika / Mrs Chandler
French	Year 11 Intervention	B06	Mrs Tebbutt
Maths	Year 11 Revision (Foundation)	C02	Mr Castley
Maths	Year 11 Revision (Higher)	C01	Miss Woolley