

Head of School

Friday 28th April 2023

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

It has been yet again another busy week at Giles Academy.

We have now concluded all year group assemblies regarding the Giles ethos and core values. The students were informed about our school motto **Aspire, Challenge, Achieve** and tasked with the challenge of remembering the key words from the acronym Achieve. Well done to the three students who were first to find me to recite the Achieve values, these were all Year 7 students – congratulations to Logan Burrell, Blessing Chikukwa and Brody McCombie.



- At the end of the update, you will find more about our school ethos.

Year 10 assembly this week received a presentation from a representative from the DeafBlind charity group. This was very informative and informed our students what it may be like to live with a disability and some of the myths surrounding this. This was a really valuable insight into living with a disability and gave our students ‘food for thought’.

For our Year 9 students this has been an important week as they have been gathering information regarding their Key Stage 4 Option choices. There has been wealth of information offered to the Year 9 students and time allowed to be able to investigate subject choices. Please can I remind parents/carers and students that the Options Form which you have been sent via ParentMail must be completed by Friday 5th May 2023.

We have continued to support our Year 11 students who have sat a variety of practical exams. This week, Photography, 3D Art students, Textiles and Home Language have sat their respective exams and the feedback has been very positive. Our formal written exams for Year 11 are fast approaching and I know students have been working hard in their revision preparation. Next week, our Year 11 students will be receiving a series of assemblies led by different Heads of Departments which will further support our students in their final revision and intervention.

Our House Dodgeball competition started this week which always proves to be very popular. I was encouraged to take part in this but avoided the invite due to being fairly accident prone! I look forward to announcing the winning House!



Please can I remind all parents/carers and students that each student must wear their House badge as part of their uniform. Missing or lost House badges can be purchased for £1 from our main reception.

We have an extensive range of lost property which has not been claimed. Please can you contact main reception if your child has any missing property so we can try to locate these items back to their owners.

As promised, we will always communicate to parents and carers when there are any developments regarding any strike action. In the first instance this will be communicated via Intouch or ParentMail. Yesterday we opened to all students in all year groups and on Tuesday 5th May 2023 we will also remain fully open.

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

At **Giles Academy** we encourage you to aspire, embrace challenge and retain the knowledge, understanding and skills to **ACHIEVE**.

In doing so to be resilient, lifelong learners, responsible citizens and prepared for the future.



Academic

We will offer you a very wide range of subjects that are challenging, accessible and inclusive for all. This will be balanced with a variety of enrichment and extra-curricular opportunities. A key aspect of this will be the promotion of reading and writing to make sure you have essential life skills.



Choice

The abilities of all our students are diverse and you all have many talents. It is extremely important that we enable you to have wide-ranging positive learning experiences to maximise your future opportunities. This will include exploring and researching the jobs and industries that you are interested in and supporting you in developing your knowledge of careers required to be a success.



High Standards

We will provide you with ambitious courses to ensure that you achieve your full potential in national exams so that you can aspire to the best future education, employment or training possible. We will also support you in your understanding of how to get there and to believe in your own ability... you can do it!



Intelligent Assessment

We will provide you with assessments that allow you to understand how you are performing in school, as well as enabling your teachers to plan your learning so that you can do your best, including 'forensic' marking by your teachers to support your learning and lots of support, with many planned intervention sessions.



Equipped

We will offer you a strong programme of personal, health, social, careers and economic education that ensures you are exposed to the experiences and opportunities needed to succeed in life and so that you can lead a positive and healthy lifestyle in the wider community and in society.



Values

We promote and expect high levels of behaviour, both in and out of lessons, so that you can do your best. We encourage you to value equality and diversity and demonstrate mutual respect to your peers and all adults, regardless of cultures, faiths or beliefs. All young people deserve to have an education free from bullying and prejudice.



Esteem

We believe in working with all our young people to build your well-being so that you can develop as a confident, resilient and independent learner who can be proud of their achievements. We will teach you to be organised and independent, take pride in your work and develop your appreciation of culture and society beyond your own experience. We will work with you to understand how to maintain healthy relationships with others and how to look after your mental health.