

Executive Headteacher

Tuesday 12th May 2023

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

For this week, I thought it appropriate to write the Giles Academy weekly update to parents and carers myself, as I am sure you will all be aware by now that I received a phone call from Ofsted on Tuesday 9th May 2023. This phone call notified us of an Ofsted inspection at Giles Academy on Wednesday 10th May and Thursday 11th May 2023 this week, with the educationally reflective phone call with Ofsted taking place over several hours on Tuesday afternoon.

I cannot share the final outcome judgement of this inspection process, due to this information being confidential until the final report for the school has been through the Ofsted rigorous internal quality assurance processes. This process can take a number of weeks, after which time we will write to parents and carers to share the full report.

However, I can share that the inspection process was robust and that it went very well. I am extremely happy with the outcome of the inspection and feel that things could certainly not have gone any better.

Our students in particular were incredible, as they are every single day and we tell them often how proud we are of them all.

It was a challenging two days, but the SLAT Trust staff, school staff, Governors and our fantastic students were all relentless in their drive to show how great this school is and this morning I have thanked the school staff and the Trust staff for their hard work over the three days of this process and have seen the significant number of students involved in any of the Ofsted meetings to thank them too.

I would also like to take the time to thank all parents and carers who completed the parent survey, the feedback from you was extremely positive and inciteful and your ongoing support for Giles Academy is appreciated and highly valued.

I look forward to sharing the final report with you as soon as it is published.

Below is other news this week from Miss Katie Belcher, Head of School:

Our Year 10 Parents Evening will be taking place online on Thursday 18th May 2023 from 4.30pm to 7.30pm and parents are required to book their online appointments in advance. We encourage all parents to participate so they can speak to teachers about student progress, the interventions that could benefit them and how parents can support students. The online appointments will be 5 minutes long and parents will be meeting with their child's subject tutors. Details of how to do this has been sent to parents so please book early as timeslots are available on a first come, first served basis.

Literacy and our communications agenda is always an integral part of our curriculum. On Wednesday 10th May 2023, DEAR Time (Drop Everything And Read) took place once again to enrich our students understanding of the wider world around them, as well as crucially developing reading skills and vocabulary acquisition. It was a joy to see our students immersed in their reading in this very important initiative.

Also, on Wednesday 10th May 2023, we saw the exciting first session of the Giles Academy working with Katie Falkner who is the Lincolnshire Cricket Development Officer. This group has been selected from students in Year 9 or Year 10 who have shown a particularly strong interest in extra-curricular activities and who are talented sports players themselves. They are being challenged to become a sports leader and learn how to coach and deliver sports activities to younger students. Congratulations to everyone involved, it was lovely to see these students taking the next step in their sporting development.



Finally, all of the staff at Giles Academy would like to wish all of our Year 11 students the very best as the first formal written exam begins this coming Tuesday 16th May 2023. Our students have worked incredibly hard with their revision, intervention sessions and exam preparation and although this will be a somewhat busy and tiring time for our students, we know they will do themselves very proud!

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Lucy Conley

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