

Head of School

Friday 26th May 2023

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

We have finished the last week of term with some glorious weather and some fantastic achievements to share.

Firstly, I would like to celebrate the success of our Year 10 Trust Duke of Edinburgh scheme, our students walked and walked.... and walked and having been part of the student feedback meeting they've decided they maybe will not pack as many items to carry on their backs next time! They all thoroughly enjoyed the event and it was reported back that all students approached the weekend with excellent positive attitude and resilience throughout. Thank you to all the parents that prepared these students for their adventure and thank you to the commitment of the staff who attended this event over the weekend period. We will be recruiting shortly from our current Year 9 students as they enter Year 10 for their Bronze D of E award.

Secondly, on the theme of Celebration, Reward and Praise we responded to the excellent attitude to learning and data around positive behaviour points to allow us to select our top Year 9 students who attended a rewards afternoon in the 'Giles Cinema'. Our top 75 students were able to watch a film with a drink and snack during Period 5 today. It was great to see the students enjoying the afternoon and socialising with their peers.

I would like to draw your attention to a safeguarding element we have added to our website to support our young people. We know that students can be drawn to and influenced by risky behaviours. NSPCC have created a reporting tool for any young person who has taken a 'nude' photograph which has been shared online. On www.gilesacademy.co.uk/safeguarding we have added a new Report Remove button, this will take you to a reporting form where support will be allocated to your case from the NSPCC team. We will be delivering this information to all students during assemblies on the first week of next term.



Nude image of you online?
We can help take it down.

Giles Academy athletes started the season with the combined events competition held at PRSA Boston, this week. Individual students competed for points in a range of track and field events against athletes from other schools across the area. Representing Giles across the two days were Abbie Murray, Heidi Laws, Connie Stones, Sawyer Cooper, Jesvin Kizhakkekudy Benoy, Finlay Pittam, Daniel Murray, Andrew Dlugosz, Adrians Caune, Max East and Victor Aguiar. Congratulations on their improvements, efforts and personal bests. There will be a lot more athletics events throughout the summer term to look forward to!



Throughout this academic year our Year 11 students have been absolutely fantastic – they are currently going through the official exam process and yesterday they were released from school for study leave. A celebration afternoon was planned to reflect on their time at Giles Academy with a final assembly, ice cream van and t-shirt signing opportunity. In addition to this it was also great for our students to celebrate the afternoon with Mrs Conley, Executive Headteacher, who shared how proud she is of all of our Year 11 students as she wished them well onto their next steps.



It doesn't feel that long ago since we were welcoming Year 11 students into school as they arrived in Year 7, they have been fantastic young people who we feel are well equipped for life after Giles. We know they are committed to their studies to aid their final exams with many of them signing up for the revision opportunities which run throughout the May Half Term period. We look forward to celebrating the end of their summer exam season at the Giles Prom on Wednesday 28th June 2023 and seeing all our Year 11 students return to school for Results Day on Thursday 24th August 2023.

Finally, we are looking forward to the final part of our Summer Term, this starts on Monday 5th June 2023 and we finish our academic year on Friday 21st July 2023 at 3.15pm.

I hope you all enjoy the half term break.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Katie Belcher', written in a cursive style.

Miss Katie Belcher

Head of School, Giles Academy

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