

Head of School

Friday 16th June 2023

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

What a wonderful week of glorious weather! Students have been enjoying the weather when out and about at school, as you will know all students were able to leave their blazers at home this week.

As the weather looks more settled next week we would like students to return to school with their blazers following our normal uniform policy. We will be monitoring the temperature and if there are any changes to this we will allow students to remove their blazers if necessary.

Following the results for our You Say, We Listen student survey we responded to the students who raised that they would like to use the field in good weather and we arranged for each year group this week to be on our school field during lunchtime where they could enjoy sitting in the shade on the field or taking part in a game of football with their peers.

Our Year 10 Geographers have enjoyed visiting sunny Mablethorpe to complete their first field trip (as pictured below). Well done to all of the Geography students on the trip they were able to gain valuable data required to complete this part of their Geography course and their behaviour and conduct was exemplary.



This week, our highest performing students in Year 10 have received recognition and reward based on their AOL data point. They were congratulated by senior members of the school and received a treat! Not only are these students our highest performing, they also have excellent attitude to learning grades. Well done to all students involved.

Congratulations also, to our Year 10 Girls Rounders Team who this week who came runners-up in the Boston District Tournament. Our players were all very competitive and beat our sister school in the Trust - Cowley Academy although coming second to Boston High School who deservedly won the tournament. Congratulations to all team members, you have done the school proud!

It has been our final whole Year 11 exam this morning, which saw many students finishing their exam season at lunchtime today and others finishing this afternoon with their Geography exam. Our Year 11 students have been absolutely fantastic during this period and I would like to thank all parents for their support to the school and to their child during this time. I know this time in particular can be very daunting for our students and I also know that every one of our students will have tried their best and that is all that we can ask. I am really looking forward to seeing all students that are attending Prom later this month and those who are still attending Food Technology and Home Languages exams next week.

Our Year 7 and Transition Lead, Mrs Simons has been very busy visiting 180 Year 6 students over the last few weeks at their primary schools. It is an exciting time for the school when we get to meet the different personalities and characters that will be enrolled into our Giles family in September. We look forward to meeting all students for our Transition Day on Friday 30th June 2023.

We are thrilled that Spalding, Bourne and Cowley Academy staff and students have been shortlisted for five categories in the 2023 Lincolnshire Free Press and Spalding Guardian Education Awards. Across the three schools in the Trust, we have a total of ten nominations across five categories, unfortunately Giles Academy are not eligible due to the location of the newspaper, however we are delighted that the talents, dedication and hard work of students and staff in our Trust are recognised so we can celebrate their achievements.

Finally, I have some 'hot off the press' news to report. Mrs Cooper, Teacher of PE has been leading a cricket initiative in school with a project called 'Chance to Shine'. This has involved engaging girls in cricket with a leadership programme, staff CPD and specialists supporting PE lessons. Due to the excellence, enthusiasm and commitment of our students and staff delivering this project we have been invited to attend the Women's Ashes at Trent Bridge next Thursday 22nd June 2023. This is absolutely fantastic news! Our students have also been invited to showcase their leadership skills by actively supporting coaches on the pitch during the lunch interval with a group of 'All Stars' primary school pupils, which Sky Sports have confirmed. I look forward to reporting on this event in next week's update.

Kindest regards,



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