

Executive Headteacher

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UPDATE

Dear parents/carers, students and staff

Please see this communication regarding our recent Ofsted inspection on 10th and 11th May 2023.

We are pleased to share with all parents, students and staff that the Ofsted report for Giles Academy has been published.

[Click here for the Giles Academy Ofsted report](#)

The report received about our school is extremely positive and we feel reflects the school well. This was a graded inspection, and we can confirm that Giles Academy has been graded as a **Good school with Outstanding leadership**, with the detail of the grading outcomes as follows:

Overall effectiveness:	Good
The quality of education:	Good
Behaviour and attitudes:	Good
Personal development:	Good
Leadership and management:	Outstanding

The report has been written in such a way that it is accessible to parents and summarises what it is like to be a student at the school and what the schools does well and could do better.

You will see that all of the comments in the report are very positive, including details of the school ethos in the first section of the report. For example, the report refers to Giles Academy being a school where staff want the best for all students, where school leaders have a clear vision for the school and have high aspirations for their students. Our promotion of the school's values of 'Aspire, Challenge and Achieve' is recognised, as is the fact that school leaders are determined that students will succeed.

The report also positively refers to the positive relationships between staff and students and that all staff care about students' education and well-being. It is very important to us that the report recognises that students know that the school has high expectations of their learning and conduct, that students benefit from strong pastoral care and that they are happy and feel safe at school.

It is the number of positive comments about the students at Giles Academy that we are all most proud of... after all it is their school! These include that students are respectful, well-mannered and polite, that they behave well in and around school, as well as behaving well in lessons. The inspection team make note that during lesson changeover times and at breaktimes, the school is calm and orderly.

Another positive, which we know our parents, staff and students will be pleased to see reflected in the report, includes the ambitious curriculum which we have introduced. This has been recognised for our inclusive approach, including for EAL and SEND students and that our high focus is on doing what is right for students, including the prioritisation of students' personal development. During the time that South Lincolnshire Academies Trust has been leading the school, I am pleased it is recognised that that leadership has an accurate view of the school's strengths and development areas and that the Trust has provided effective support. This includes that teachers benefit from high-quality training, subject networks and coaching and that staff well-being and workload is valued. Staff are extremely proud to work at Giles Academy.

The safeguarding of our young people was considered to be exemplary, with the arrangements for safeguarding effective and the recognition that the school has a strong culture of safeguarding and welfare, with staff having a strong moral purpose to do the best that they can to keep students safe and ready to learn.

Unusually, there are only two areas for improvement (AFIs), which is the target Ofsted put forward for us to consider to support continued improvement. The AFI for Giles Academy will include for us to improve the teachers' use of formative assessment so that we fully identify gaps in students' knowledge and to improve on students that are persistently absent, as these are missing education and are at risk of falling behind their peers.

The Giles Academy has been on an incredible transformation journey since the last Ofsted inspection in November 2019, when it was graded as inadequate prior to transferring to South Lincolnshire Academies Trust in September 2020. This is something we can all be very proud of and we encourage you to read the full Ofsted report at your leisure and to share the details with your child. This is a great outcome for the school, which we are very pleased with and feel reflects the hard work of our students, staff and Governors.

Kindest regards,



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