

Head of School

Friday 30th June 2023

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

Once again it has been another very busy week at Giles Academy. We will continue to ask students to bring in their full uniform for next week. We will continue to monitor the temperature in schools and allow students to remove their blazers and ties, if necessary. We will review this on a weekly basis to ensure we maintain our high uniform standard, whilst accommodating the warmer weather.

Over last weekend, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award students ventured out to complete their practical element of the award. The DofE is a fun programme of activities designed to build confidence and improve essential skills and attributes for life such as resilience, problem solving, teamwork and communication.

A fantastic group of Year 10 students from across South Lincolnshire Academies Trust completed their qualifying expedition last weekend for their Bronze Award. This two-day trip involved a 10 mile walk each day carrying everything they needed for their expedition. Throughout the weekend the students were assessed on their expedition skills. This included navigation using a map and compass as well as reading the land around them, camp craft skills and the safe use of a stove to cook their evening meals.

Miss Gemma Sanderson, The Duke of Edinburgh's Lead said *"The students all did exceptionally well in the warm conditions and should be very proud of themselves. All groups have successfully passed their expedition section after demonstrating some excellent navigation and camp craft skills."*

To achieve the Bronze Award, students have to complete four sections. Three of these are completed independently over a period of three or six months, then the fourth of which is the expedition section. The independent sections involve volunteering to support a local charity or organisation, learning a new skill and taking part in a physical activity.

For Year 9 students who are interested in The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, they will be given more information about signing up at the end of the school year. This is such a worthwhile experience for our students. I would thank all our staff who supported our students over the weekend.

On Tuesday our Key Stage 3 athletes were selected to participate at the South Lincolnshire Athletics Championships which was held at the Boston Athletics Track. Well done to all students that participated in this with Melita (Year 7), Lilly (Year 8), Oliver (Year 9), Heidi (Year 9) and Luciella (Year 9) all securing a first place in their respective races, in addition to Finlay (Year 9) who was placed first in both the 100m and 200m sprint. Congratulations to all who participated!



On Wednesday evening, we celebrated the end of the examination season with our Year 11 Celebration Prom at Boston United Football Club. From tractors to a steam engine, our students' modes of transport were spectacular, they really made a grand arrival. The students had their awards given out and danced the night away including a guest performance from Mr Cooper! I am so proud of all our students who attended, the atmosphere was fantastic and their behaviour was impeccable. I cannot wait to see all the photos and here is a teaser...!



Today, we had the pleasure of having 180 excited Year 6 students on our school site. The Year 6 students used our Transition Day opportunity to understand what life at Giles Academy is like, becoming familiar with our school site and making new friends along the way. We all had a successful day and the students left the school site very positive and looking forward to joining our school community in September 2023. We have launched our Year 6 transition video for parents/carers and students on our website. If you have any questions about transition please email transition@gilesacademy.co.uk to contact our transition team.

I hope you have a fantastic weekend

Kindest regards,

Miss Katie Belcher

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