

Head of School

Friday 8th September 2023

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

It has been an absolute pleasure to welcome all of our students to Giles Academy this week following the summer break! And what a summer break it was for the Giles Academy - firstly the Art department attended the unveiling of some student artwork at Skegness Railway Station, then we had some excellent Key Stage 4 results to open with all of our Year 11 students. BBC Radio Lincolnshire joined us at the school and we were live on air for the whole morning to celebrate the success of the for the Key Stage 4 results and the positive achievements of the school throughout the last academic year.

I trust you and your family enjoyed the holiday period and it is great to see how refreshed our students are looking following the summer holiday.

On Wednesday this week, 180 new Year 7 students walked through the doors at Giles Academy. It has been an absolute pleasure to welcome them to the school, they look incredibly smart and confident as they joined their new secondary school.



I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge well done to all the Year 7 students who survived their first few days at their new school. I understand how worrying it may be to start secondary school, to take the school bus and meet new people but they have all done incredibly well. Well done to all the adults at home to of Year 7 students, who I know have been nervous for their children but they have been absolutely brilliant and I look forward to seeing them all on Monday to enjoy their first full week!



Thank you to all of the Year 8 buddies who also supported the Year 7 students on their first day. The buddies volunteered their time to assist the Year 7 students during their first day and made them feel very welcome.

It was also great to welcome our Year 8 and 9 students back to school on Thursday. The staggered return over the two days aided the transition of the entire student body returning following the summer break. Assemblies were conducted with all year groups this week to ensure they remained familiar with our high expectations and standards.

It has genuinely been a very positive start to this academic year and I am looking forward to working with staff and students to continue building upon the successes of last academic year. I will continue to write to parents/carers each Friday to provide an update of the week and to signpost other key dates or events.

Can I take this opportunity to remind all parents and students that we are not allowing scissors or pencil sharpeners to be brought to school. This equipment, if needed to support the lesson, will be available from the class teacher.

Finally, can I also remind parents/carers that if you need your child to leave site for an appointment, we need to have confirmation from you. We cannot accept handwritten notes for safety reasons. Please use our studentabsence@gilesacademy.co.uk with full details of the student name, reason for leaving school and who will be collecting them (only contacts recorded on our system).

Kindest regards,



Miss Katie Belcher

Head of School, Giles Academy

For the latest news

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- www.instagram.com/GilesAcademySLAT
- www.facebook.com/GilesAcademy
- www.twitter.com/GilesSLAT

Upcoming key dates



Prospective students in **years 4 to 6** and their parents/carers are invited to our

Open Evening

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Thursday 5th October 2023
5.30pm to 8.00pm



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For students in years 10 and 11 who are considering their post-16 options, Bourne Academy Sixth Form will also have a separate Open Evening in November 2023.



Years 10 & 11 from all schools in the local area are welcome to our

SIXTH FORM Open Evening

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Thursday 9th November 2023
6.00pm to 8.00pm



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