

Head of School

Friday 15th September 2023

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

We are already at the end of our first full week and it has simply flown by!

Last night all the Trust schools celebrated their fantastic exam results for Year 11 with an Upper School Awards Evening held at Springfields Events & Conference Centre in Spalding. This was a prestigious event which celebrated our top performers from the summer exams. It was a privilege to be there as Head of School to celebrate the evening with our Giles Academy students and families. This event allowed us to celebrate not only with our Giles Academy Year 11 students and families, but also for the other three schools within the Trust.



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I would like to commend our Year 7 students, they have been absolutely fantastic! They have settled in to the school as if they have always been a Giles Academy student. This week we have started our Year 7 transition programme to accelerate their transition to school. The assembly, led by myself as Designated Safeguarding Lead has supported all students understanding how to keep safe in and out of school and to identify who are the members of the Safeguarding team.

There have been a huge amount of positive points issued for Year 7 students and Trust Leads who have visited the school have all remarked how incredibly smart they look all in correct uniform! Well done to all Year 7 students!

Thank you to all parents and carers supporting our key focus on attendance. Already this term we have seen a marked improvement in attendance on return to school. Fantastic attendance is celebrated not only in year groups but also in House teams where excellent and improved attendance is rewarded. Please can I remind parents and carers that in the event of your child being absent from school please email the following: studentabsence@gilesacademy.co.uk.

On Thursday 5th October 2023 we will be holding our annual Open Evening. The evening is an open event aimed at Years to 6 students. As you are aware we are a very popular choice for secondary school and we are expecting this to be a very busy evening. We will be sending letters out very shortly to recruit student ambassadors requesting student help for the evening to lead school tours and help in departments. We are looking forward to being able to showcase and celebrate Giles Academy to the local community.

Our Key Stage 4 students have settled back into school with a mature and conscientious attitude. Year 10 have embraced their new option subjects and are adjusting to having double lessons. On visiting all Year 11 classrooms daily in school it is very clear to see the students have returned to school showing a conscientious attitude to their learning and studies in their final year, well done to all!

Next week we will be sending our extra-curricular and enrichment programme out with this letter so students can select additional activities to attend at lunchtime and afterschool. In assemblies I will also be launching our exciting new ASPIRE rewards programme for Key Stage 3 students.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Kindest regards,



Miss Katie Belcher

Head of School, Giles Academy

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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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