

# Head of School

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023

## UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

This week we have launched our new rewards programme for Years 7 to 9. I have led assemblies throughout the week to introduce the new Aspire Challenge Passport. The passport contains challenges in Bronze, Silver and Gold stages and it would be fantastic if you could take some time to look through the passport with you child as some are home challenges. I would like to remind you that photos of any cooked family meals are perfect, we do not need the actual meal being brought in. All students will be starting with the Bronze challenges where 15 out of the 20 challenges are completed in order to be rewarded with their Aspire badge, certificate and additional treats. I hope our students are already sharing this exciting initiative with you at home and I cannot wait to start awarding the students with their badges!



We held our first sporting fixtures of this academic year of this week for our football and netball teams.

Our Year 8 football team played Cowley Academy (who are one of the other schools in our Trust schools) on Wednesday after school and were victorious after winning 5-2! Well done to the whole team and congratulations to Jack Bradley for nominated as Player of the Match!

On Thursday, the Year 8 and Year 10 netball teams also travelled to Cowley Academy. It was a fantastic team effort from both teams with a fantastic win for the Year 10 students with Year 8 marginally missing out on a victory – well done to all!



It is fantastic to see so many of our students joining our clubs and extra-curricular activities in school. The Monday football club has been inundated with students and in particular Year 7 students. Well done to all students getting involved in Giles school life!

Year 11 Prefects have been informed this week about the opportunity to apply for the position of Head Student. Students have been given the application process this week and we are hoping that many prefects will be applying for Head Student status. The deadline for this is on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2023. I will be announcing our new Head Students over the next few weeks. There is still time to apply for Prefect status for those who wish to.

During these last two days all students have been practising the fire evacuation procedures in their House groups. All students undertook this important matter with a mature and sensible attitude respecting the safety protocols of the school.

I would like remind parents that we are a nut aware school. The most common allergens are peanuts, tree nuts, eggs, fish and shellfish, soy and wheat. The most common allergy in our school is nut allergies, which can cause life threatening anaphylactic reactions to some of our students. Some students have allergies so severe, that even touching contaminated surfaces, or breathing in airborne nut protein, may cause an anaphylactic reaction. In order to maintain the safety of all students, we strongly request that parents/carers of students help us to ensure that all food brought into school is nut free. Nut based products (e.g. Snickers or nut bars) are not allowed on the school site.

Finally, letters to recruit Tour Guides and Department Helpers have now been distributed for our Open Evening on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023. We are looking forward to the event and hoping that parents will support their child attending the event to positively represent the school.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Kindest regards,



**Miss Katie Belcher**

Head of School, Giles Academy

## Upcoming key dates



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

# Open Evening

SAVE  
THE  
DATE

**Thursday 5th October 2023**  
5.30pm to 8.00pm



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