

Head of School

Friday 29th September 2023

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

We are racing through Term 1 - I can't quite believe we only have three weeks left!

This week, during assemblies, we have been introducing and reminding students about our school ethos, motto and student charter. Our motto - *Aspire, Challenge, Achieve* is really significant for all of our students to remind the students about our school values. The importance of the word *Achieve* being highlighted as our student charter which reflects the values of the Trust schools. This week I have challenged our Key Stage 3 students to try and remember what *Achieve* stands for and if they know when I ask they may be receiving a small treat!

Year 7 this week are already discussing careers and have received a careers presentation to allow them to understand the different pathways after school. Our very own member of staff, Mr James Clayton, presented his experience from being a student at Giles Academy to apprenticeship and now IT Technician. It is great for the students to hear and see real life examples of the career options.

It has also been fantastic to highlight our Top Point Scorers in assemblies this week, these students have been working exceptionally hard across the week and have earned top points. The photos below show the top point scorers for the last two weeks in Year 7 (yellow tie) and Year 8 (purple tie) and what a fantastic group of young people they are!



Year 11 this week have received a 'Young Passenger Awareness' presentation from an external speaker regarding safe travel. This is part of our PSHE programme and extremely important for this age group who, as they are getting older are more vulnerable to travelling with young drivers and being young drivers themselves.



Our Year 11 prefects have been very busy applying for the role of Head Student and I have to say I am extremely impressed with the quality of the applications, I think they are the best applications I have read! We have now shortlisted students for interview for next week and will be announcing who are Head Students are next week. Well done to all applicants - it has been a very close and difficult decision for the panel.

Staff at the school today have been supporting the Macmillan Coffee Morning by having a 'Bake A Cake' stall. Thank you to the staff that contributed to this event, and, as expected, I was a very happy Head of School trying the variety of cakes that have been baked or bought by staff whilst supporting a fantastic cause!

Today I have also sent all Year 10 parents and carers a letter to advertise our 'How to Succeed at GCSE' information evening. This is a very informative night led by Mr Hind, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, myself and Mrs Wesley regarding preparation, support and revision tips for Key Stage 4 and in the lead up to examinations. I am looking forward to seeing you all there.

Finally, I would like to thank all parents for their support in the preparation for the Open Evening next Thursday. Final preparations are well underway and we have received a fantastic response from students who want to support the school for the evening as tour guides and department helpers.

I hope you all enjoy your 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

Thursday 5th October 2023
5.30pm to 8.00pm

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