

Head of School

Friday 20th October 2023

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

I cannot believe we have arrived at the last day of Term 1, it has flown by!

We have had a fantastic first term and, in particular, congratulations to all of our fantastic Year 7 students who have completed their first term with us - they have been absolutely brilliant and have settled in very well indeed!

We started this week with the 'Chance to Shine' project visiting our school to film our Year 10 Girls Cricket Leadership Team in preparation for an awards ceremony where Giles Academy have been nominated for Secondary School of the Year! We have been shortlisted as one of three schools out of three hundred schools to be selected for this amazing award and title. The presentation is being held at the prestigious Lord's Cricket ground on Thursday 22nd November 2023. I look forward to informing you all of the final result, we are so excited that we have got this far as our young cricketers have been amazing!

Thank you to all of the parents and carers that attended the 'How to Succeed at GCSE' evening. It was a fantastic evening that provided invaluable information such as revision tips and timetabling, supportive techniques in the home and external websites and app for additional practice. The feedback from the evening was excellent and we have already seen our Year 10 students utilising the information and techniques over these last two days of term.

During the school day we offer a selection of 1:1 music lessons, singing, guitar, drums and piano with specialist instrumental and singing visiting teachers. We have spaces in all of these instrumental lessons currently. If you are interested in starting individual music lessons in Term 2 please contact fshaw@gilesacademy.co.uk for further information. In addition to this, I wanted to promote a fantastic new club starting after the half term break - Samba Band Club this will be taking place on Mondays after-school from 3.15pm to 4.30pm in room A09. All students with any musical ability are welcome as there is something for everyone!

Our Year 11 Football and Netball teams participated in the respective SLAT tournaments at Spalding Academy this week. Well done to all team members that played in these matches. I am delighted with the overall scores which saw our Year 11 Netball team that finished 3rd in the tournament and the Year 11 Football team that finished 4th overall - congratulations in particular to Coaches' Player, Max East. We have had a variety of sports fixtures this week, and well done to everyone that has represented the school.



On return to school, following the half term break, we have a very important date in the school diary as the Regional Schools Commissioner from the Department for Education (DfE) will be visiting the school on the first Friday back (Friday 3rd November 2023). There will be a tour of the school to see the amazing progress the school has made and more importantly meet some of our wonderful students!

Please be reminded that we return back to school for the start of Term 2 on **Tuesday 31st October 2023** as Monday is a staff training day.

See details of other key dates below.

I hope you all have a wonderful half term break with your families and friends.

Kindest regards,



Miss Katie Belcher

Head of School, Giles Academy

Upcoming key dates

Dates for your diaries for Term 2:

- Wednesday 1st November 2023 Year 7 Tutor Parents Evening
- Thursday 9th November 2023 Careers Fair
- Friday 17th November 2023 Children in Need Non-uniform Day (see letter sent home)
- Thursday 7th December 2023 Year 9 Remote Parents Evening

For the latest news

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