

Head of School

Friday 17th November 2023

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

It has been another fantastic week at Giles Academy!

Firstly, a huge thank you to the students who attended the Boston Town Remembrance Parade on Sunday. This follows on from the one-minute silence in school and laying a poppy wreath at Old Leake Church with school representatives on Friday. It was an honour to be a part of the town service for the first time in the local town and we were the only school represented from the local area. Two of our Head Students, Charlotte Donnelly and Ruby Morley laid a wreath on behalf of the school and younger students Darci Smith (Year 7), Messi Sulitanu (Year 7) and Logan Burrell (Year 8) represented Giles Academy as fantastic school ambassadors. I look forward to taking part in the parade and church service again next year.



This week, all Year 8 students have experienced a Stay Safe Day in school - this is exposure to presentations delivered by specialists that supports students understanding important life skills and knowledge in respect to keeping themselves safe. The five presentations delivered to students covered Anti-social behaviour, Fire Safety, Online Safety, Alcohol & Drug awareness and Healthy Relationships. All students were extremely respectful in these sessions and the school received excellent feedback regarding the students conduct and organisation of the sessions.

Following the success of our Careers Day last week, we have continued with our careers visits. This week we have been joined by the British Army who have delivered a practical workshop. Students involved gained skills to support problem solving and team work skills to aid them in future career opportunities. There were also opportunities to ask questions regarding specialist career opportunities within the Army.

As in previous Head of School updates, I have been thanking parents and carers for their support with maintaining excellent attendance for students and this week we have been thanking the students by awarding those with 100% attendance with a free drink and snack. Miss Venn (pictured opposite) who is our Attendance Manager has been rewarding these students on the yards at breaktimes and they have been very well received by all students.



We have some excellent prefects and Head Students in the school who are carrying out duties to support the school, peer mentoring responsibilities and overall, are fantastic role models to all. On Thursday this week, these students were rewarded for their commitment to the school with a Prefect Breakfast - this is a free breakfast and hot drink with time to speak to fellow prefects and senior staff prior to lessons. It was fantastic to speak to engage in conversation with the students this week about their career plans and their future destinations.

We are aware that many of our students are involved in clubs and activities outside of school and we are always pleased when they have achieved particular success in their respective fields. I always love to hear about any students interests outside of the classroom so we can discuss and celebrate their successes to inspire others in the school. This week we are celebrating the success of Bella Mustill in Year 7 who achieved the title of 'Lincolnshire Young Musician of the Year' in the Intermediate Vocalist category. Bella sang at our Open Evening in October this year before and after the presentations and has a remarkable talent. Well done Bella!

In addition to this, I have included with this update the Extra-curricular activities and interventions timetable which outlines the varied clubs and activities which are running this term. Please take the time to share this with you child to discuss any particular interest or new activities they can gain experience of in school.

I would like to make you aware of the COVID-19 vaccination programme that is available for young people as currently, there is low uptake in ages 5 to 17 within Lincolnshire. Eligibility is for all children in a clinical risk group, any child over 12 who is a household contact of someone with immuno-suppression and anyone over 16 who is a carer. Parents can book by calling 119, or on the national booking system. Certain geographical areas can also use the outreach services or call 01522 301940.

Thank you to everyone who has so far completed our Parents feedback survey. We appreciate and value all the feedback we receive from our parents/carers throughout the academic year. We would like to ask as many parents as possible, to complete our Trust feedback survey. We will use your stakeholder feedback, to ensure we continue to offer the best education that our young people deserve. If you have not yet completed, please visit <https://forms.office.com/e/W6W8Eq6FqU> to access the survey.

Finally, thank you to all parents and students who supported our charity non-uniform day for Children in Need. It was fantastic to see so many students supporting this event and some spectacular, spotty outfits from students and staff. I will be able to provide you with an update on the monies raised next week.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Katie Belcher'.

Miss Katie Belcher
Head of School, Giles Academy

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Extra-curricular activities

TERM 2 (Tuesday 31st October to Wednesday 20th December 2023)

Lunchtime extra-curricular activities

MONDAY LUNCHTIME				
DoE	The Duke of Edinburgh's Award (Bronze)	Year 10	A09	Ms Cocks
Maths	Mr Waring's Fun Club	All Years	C04	Mr Waring / Mr Castley
Maths	Year 10 Intervention	Year 10	C03 / C05	Miss Richardson / Mrs Smith
TUESDAY LUNCHTIME				
Sport	Basketball	All Years	Sports Hall	Mr Reed
English	Bedrock Homework	Years 7/8	E09	Mrs Warelis
Science	Science Surgery (Homework Support)	Years 7/8/9/10	D13	Mr Vradiak
WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME				
English	Year 10 Revision	Year 10	E09	Ms Kamsika / Mrs Maxted-May
Maths	Cypher Club	All Years	C03	Mrs Vradiak
Maths	MyMaths Maths Club	All Years	C08	Miss Richardson
Maths	Year 10 Intervention	Year 10	C04 / C06	Mr Waring / Miss Wright
Science	Year 10 Intervention	Year 10	D13	Mr Vradiak
THURSDAY LUNCHTIME				
Sport	Basketball	All Years	Sports Hall	Mr Dodd
Maths	Year 10 Intervention	Year 10	C01	Miss Wright
Music	Open Mic / Talent Club	All Years	A09	Ms Cocks
Science	Science Surgery (Homework Support)	Years 7/8/9/10	D13	Miss Ortan
Science	STEM Club	Years 7/8/9	D11	Mr Castley
FRIDAY LUNCHTIME				
Maths	Maths Challenge Club	All Years	C03	Mrs Vradiak / Miss Richardson
PSHE	LGBTQIA Club	All Years	E05	Subject Teachers

After school extra-curricular activities

Unless otherwise arranged by the organiser, all after-school activities will run for one hour. All after-school sports run from 3.15pm to 4.30pm.

MONDAY AFTER-SCHOOL				
Sport	Boys Football	Years 7/8/9/10	Field	Mr Reed / Mr Dodd / Mr Cussons
Sport	Girls Cricket Club	All Years	Field	Mrs Cooper
Music	Samba Band Club	All Years	A09	Ms Cocks
TUESDAY AFTER-SCHOOL				
Sport	Girls Netball	Years 7/8	Courts	Miss Ward / Mrs Cooper
WEDNESDAY AFTER-SCHOOL				
Sport	Boys Basketball	All Years	Sports Hall	Mr Reed
Maths	Year 10 Intervention	Year 10	C06	Miss Wright
THURSDAY AFTER-SCHOOL				
Sport	Girls Netball	Years 7/8	Courts	Miss Ward / Mrs Cooper
Sport	Golf	All Years	Field	Miss Ward / Mrs Cooper



Year 11 Revision

TERM 2 (Tuesday 31st October to Wednesday 20th December 2023)

Lunchtime revision sessions (Year 11)

MONDAY LUNCHTIME				
Art	Year 11 Open Studios	Year 11	A07	Miss McDonald
Business / Health & Social Care / IT	Year 11 PSA Intervention	Year 11	B01	Mrs Pell
Maths	Year 11 Intervention	Year 11	C07 / C05	Mr Smith / Mrs Smith
Science	Year 11 Revision (Higher)	Year 11	D12	Miss Cassidy
Science	Year 11 Revision (Foundation)	Year 11	D11	Mr Castley
TUESDAY LUNCHTIME				
Art	Year 11 Open Studios	Year 11	A01	Miss Curtis
Business / Health & Social Care / IT	Year 11 PSA Intervention	Year 11	D011	Mrs Abraham
Maths	Year 11 Intervention	Year 11	C03	Mrs Vrstiak
Maths	Year 11 Statistics Intervention	Year 11	C02	Mr Castley
History	Year 11 Intervention	Year 11	D02	Miss Whitelam / Mr Butler / Miss Clayforth-Scott
WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME				
Business / Health & Social Care / IT	Year 11 PSA Intervention	Year 11	B01	Mr Cussons
English	Year 11 Revision	Year 11	E09	Ms Kamsika / Mrs Maxted-May
Maths	Year 11 Intervention	Year 11	C04 / C06	Mr Waring / Miss Wright
Maths	Year 11 Statistics Intervention	Year 11	C02	Mr Castley
Religious Education	Year 11 Intervention	Year 11	A08	Mrs Chrysostomou
Science	Year 11 Revision (Foundation)	Year 11	D14	Miss Ortan
THURSDAY LUNCHTIME				
Art	Year 11 Open Studios	Year 11	A03	Miss Miller
Business / Health & Social Care / IT	Year 11 PSA Intervention	Year 11	D011	Mrs Pell
Maths	Year 11 Intervention	Year 11	C03 / C04	Mrs Vrstiak / Mr Waring
FRIDAY LUNCHTIME				
Business / Health & Social Care / IT	Year 11 PSA Intervention	Year 11	C11	Mr Chrysostomou
Maths	Year 11 Intervention	Year 11	C01	Miss Wright
Science	Year 11 Revision (Higher)	Year 11	D14	Mrs Webb

After school revision sessions (Year 11)

Unless otherwise arranged by the organiser, all after-school activities will run for one hour.

MONDAY AFTER-SCHOOL				
Maths	Year 11 Intervention	Year 11	C07	Mr Smith
WEDNESDAY AFTER-SCHOOL				
Art	Year 11 Photography Open Studios	Year 11	A07	Miss McDonald
Food	Year 11 Intervention	Year 11	D07	Mr Jagger
French	Year 11 Intervention	Year 11	B06	Mrs Platt
Maths	Year 11 Intervention	Year 11	C06	Miss Wright
Science	Year 11 Intervention	Year 11	D12	Miss Cassidy / Mrs Webb
Sport	CNAT Sport	Year 11	D010	Miss Ward
THURSDAY AFTER-SCHOOL				
Art	Year 11 Open Studios	Year 11	A01 / A03	Miss Miller / Miss Curtis
FRIDAY AFTER-SCHOOL				
Sport	CNAT Sport Intervention	Years 10/11	D010	Mr Reed