

Head of School

Friday 24th November 2023

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

Last week, I informed you that Giles Academy had been shortlisted for the title of 'Secondary School of the Year' from Chance to Shine for our Girls' Cricket Leadership programme, and this week, I share the incredible news that WE WON! I am so incredibly proud of all of the students and staff that have been involved in this project, which has enabled the students involved to develop leadership skills, not only within cricket, but confidence as student ambassadors. Mrs Coles (Trust PE Lead), Mrs Cooper and Mr Dodd travelled with two student representatives to Lord's Cricket Ground for the Awards Evening. Out of over 300 schools, Giles Academy was selected as the overall 'Secondary School of the Year' winner, and what a fantastic evening the staff and students shared in recognition of their hardwork and participation in this programme. There is a fantastic buzz around the school following the celebrations which have been continuing for the school throughout this year... what an amazing year so far!



In other news, this week we have had many events and trips. Firstly, our Year 10 Geographers participated in their first field trip of the academic year. Mrs Stones, Head of Geography reported that the student were remarkable in their conduct and their engagement in the subject activities which aid and support their overall grade for their Geography GCSE, well done to all involved.

Also this week, the Art department have been engaging in activities over the last few weeks to create lanterns designed as fish for the Illuminate Parade in Boston last night. The inspired fish creations of the lanterns were incredible and certainly shone out in the Parade. It was fantastic to once again be invited to take part in this community event, thank you to all the staff, students and families who attended.

As you are aware the Festive Season is fast approaching and at Giles Academy we would like to support others in our local community, by putting together some Christmas hampers, something we create every year. Each form will be wrapping and filling a box ready to be donated at the end of term. We are asking you to donate items to help fill the hampers. All donations need to be bought into school by Wednesday 6th December 2023. This year, the hampers will be delivered to The Minstrels Nursing Home in Wrangle where we know they will be very much appreciated. In addition to this, this year we will also be taking carol singers to bring a festive cheer to the residents.

Our Year 11 students have received their PPE examination timetable and an exam assembly this week in preparation for the start of their exams on Tuesday 5th December 2023. We host a variety of intervention sessions during lunchtime and after school to support our students through this important time of year. We expect excellent attendance for our Year 11 students during their PPE season. Any absences from the examination season must be followed up with a medical note and the missed examination will be completed in the last week of the term.

We would like to promote and support the current 'Big Ambition' campaign which is a national campaign for parents and students. I have provided the link so you can complete the survey here: www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition. We feel it is really important that our community at Giles Academy can participate in 'The Big Ambition survey' and have their say on a range of issues.

Finally, I am always proud to be Head of School but, heading into the weekend this week, I feel so positively overwhelmed with pride, from the various BBC Radio Lincolnshire shows we have been invited on this year, to being oversubscribed, outperforming all schools locally for the summer results, the Prime Minister visiting and now Secondary School of the Year for our PE department – what will be next for Giles Academy!

I do hope you have a great weekend and are starting to embrace the run up to Christmas with your families and friends.

Kindest regards,



Miss Katie Belcher

Head of School, Giles Academy

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