

Head of School

Friday 5th January 2024

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

Happy New Year! I hope you had a fantastic festive break and have been able to spend quality time with friends and family, I cannot believe we are half way through the academic year already!

Students have returned back to school looking very smart and eager to learn. I have been visiting lessons throughout the week and there has definitely been a positive atmosphere in and around the school, with students looking very smart and eager to learn.

Students have adapted back into school routine very quickly and this week we have been holding year group assemblies to remind students of the uniform and behaviour expectations. We have also been congratulating and rewarding students that have no strikes on their strike card and therefore, entered into the Strike Card Prize draw. Well done to all students who had their card entered with the winners of the draw receiving £10 vouchers!

Our current Year 11 summer examination is now fast approaching, with only around 15 school weeks left. Students should have started their revision in an evening, on a daily basis now. The students will receive their PPE grades, during a practice results day on Thursday 18th January 2024. We will have our Year 11 online ParentsEvening this term on Thursday 25th January 2024. Please look out for a letter from us, explaining how to log in and book appointments.

It has been very encouraging to know that many Key Stage 3 students have taken the time over the Festive break to consider and complete their next tasks on their Aspire Challenge Passport. I am looking forward to rewarding students this term who have completed their Bronze, Silver and Gold passports with their Rewards packs including Aspire Badge!

Thank you to all parents that continue to discuss and support the importance of attendance to school however, on return to school this term it has been a little lower than expected. If students are not able to attend school due to a medical reason please can this be reported via our student absence email tab – studentabsence@gilesacademy.co.uk. If your child is absent due to illness on consecutive days please communicate with the school daily. If there is no reason for absence and we cannot make contact at home, home visits will be actioned to ensure we following safeguarding procedures.

I would also like to bring to your attention, details of our SLAT Recruitment Roadshows that will be taking place in February 2024. If you are interested in working for our Trust in a teaching or support role, we would like to see you at one of our events. By attending, you will have the chance to make a positive



impression and get a head start in working for our highly successful Trust to progress your career. Details of the events are included at the end of this update and you can register here: www.slat.org.uk/vacancies

Finally, I am very excited to start another new year, 2024, as Head of School at Giles Academy. I cannot praise the school and students enough for their hard work, dedication and support.

2023 was an excellent year for the students at Giles Academy and we are planning to drive forwards with the success throughout 2024!

Kindest regards,



Miss Katie Belcher

Head of School, Giles Academy

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



South Lincolnshire Academies Trust

RECRUITMENT ROADSHOWS



If you are interested in discovering the opportunities available at **South Lincolnshire Academies Trust**, we would like to meet you at one of our Recruitment Roadshow events.

Due to an increase in student numbers and the rapid growth of our Trust, we will require more teaching and support staff this academic year and in September.

By attending, you will have the chance to make a positive impression and get a head start in working for our highly successful Trust to progress your career.

These events are for those who are interested in working at **ANY** of our Trust schools (Bourne Academy, Spalding Academy, Giles Academy and Cowley Academy).

Giles Academy

Church Road, Old Leake, Boston, Lincolnshire PE22 9LD

Tuesday 6th February • 5pm to 6.30pm

Spalding Academy

Neville Avenue, Spalding, Lincolnshire PE11 2EJ

Thursday 8th February • 5pm to 6.30pm

You can drop-in anytime between 5.00pm to 6.30pm for the opportunity to speak to our staff about the many teaching and support job vacancies that will be available. There is free parking on the school site and free refreshments will be served from 5.00pm.

To attend, you must register in advance - please visit: www.slat.org.uk/vacancies

