

Head of School

Friday 12th January 2024

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

It has been a very busy first full week back, Christmas feels like a distant memory!

This week, we have been rewarding students in Key Stage 3 with achieving their Bronze Aspire Badges. Ten students collected their Aspire Rewards pack in their House Assembly this week, which is brilliant! A special mention to Riona Jomon in Year 8, who has been rewarded with her Silver Aspire Badge. Please encourage your child to engage with the Aspire Passport. I am looking forward to rewarding many more students this term.



I have been extremely impressed with the high standard of Year 7 homework. This week I have been shown some particularly amazing projects where students have taken the time to create various models to demonstrate cell structure in Science. Since September the effort of Year 7 homework has been exceptional! Due to this we have been rewarding many achievement points in recognition of this excellent commitment to homework - keep up the great work Year 7!

At the end of this update, I have included our extra-curricular, intervention and revision timetables for Term 3. You will see from the provision that there are a variety of activities on offer for our students to experience. I would encourage you to look through our extensive programme and discuss these additional opportunities for your child to widen their experience of school life.

Since Year 11 students have returned from the Christmas break many have recognised that there are not many teaching days left until their first examination. Attendance to lunchtime and after school interventions has rapidly increased with students opting to independently revise or work together in small teams to create revision cards and resources at lunchtime. Dedication to their studies has been impressive for the large majority of students. However, I must remind Year 11 students that structure to their revision plan, which includes time for themselves and time away from revision is as important as the revision. A balanced revision plan and a healthy sleep pattern is always advised to enable students' exam performance to be most effective.

Our Year 11 Parents' Evening will be taking place online on Thursday 25th January 2024 from 4.30pm to 7.30pm and parents are required to book their online appointments in advance. Year 11 is the most crucial year with GCSE examinations and coursework to be completed. This Parents' Evening is the most important of all as it will focus on discussing the progress with grades and bespoke guidance and advice as to where each individual needs to prioritise their learning to attain the results they not only deserve, but to enable them to move onto their next steps. Year 11 parents will be sent all information regarding booking appointments and I encourage you to sign up for all appointments as soon as they are available as timeslots are available on a first come first served basis.

Year 11 students will also be receiving a mock exam results day next Thursday during afternoon registration. This enables students to receive their results in assembly to celebrate success or to utilise the results as a guide to target key areas before the summer examinations. Our intervention programme is in place to support students at lunchtime and after school. All students have access to GCSEPod which is proven to support students with revision.

Finally, in my update last week, I informed you about our upcoming SLAT Recruitment Roadshows taking place in February (see last page of the update for more information). In addition to these events, there are a variety of new posts advertised on our Trust vacancies website - www.slat.org.uk/vacancies. These range from part-time/seasonal jobs such as Exam Invigilators to new full-time teaching and support roles with start dates ranging from now to September 2024. Below is a summary of the jobs currently advertised across all schools in the Trust.

- Exam Invigilators (all schools)
- Teaching Assistants (all schools)
- Head of School (Bourne Academy)
- Premises Assistant (Giles Academy)
- SRU Manager (Spalding Academy)
- Librarian (Cowley Academy)
- Medical First Aider or School Nurse (Bourne Academy)
- Classroom Technician: Art/Food (Giles Academy)
- Teachers: English, Food Technology, Geography, Health & Social Care, ICT, Mathematics, Modern Foreign Languages and Science (various schools)
- Head of Geography (Bourne Academy)

If you are (or know someone who is) interested to find out more information and apply for any of these roles, please visit www.slat.org.uk/vacancies

I hope you all have an enjoyable weekend.

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

99%
of teachers are proud to be a member of our Trust

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



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Extra-curricular activities

TERM 3 (Wednesday 3rd January to Friday 9th February 2024)

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 Vrstiak
WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME				
English	Year 10 Revision	Year 10	E09	Ms Kamsika / Mrs Maxted-May
Maths	Cypher Club	All Years	C03	Mrs Vrstiak
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 Vrstiak
THURSDAY LUNCHTIME				
Sport	Basketball	All Years	Sports Hall	Mr Dodd
Geography	Year 10 Intervention	Years 10	D03	Mrs Stones
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 Vrstiak / 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
Music	Samba Band Club	All Years	A09	Ms Cocks
TUESDAY AFTER-SCHOOL				
Sport	Girls Netball	Years 7/8	Courts	Miss Ward / Mrs Cooper
Sport	Year CNAT Intervention	Year 10	Library	Mr Reed
WEDNESDAY AFTER-SCHOOL				
Sport	Boys Basketball	All Years	Sports Hall	Mr Reed
Sport	Year CNAT Intervention	Year 10	Library	Mrs Cooper
Maths	Year 10 Intervention	Year 10	C06	Miss Wright
THURSDAY AFTER-SCHOOL				
Sport	Girls Netball	Years 7/8	Courts	Miss Ward / Mrs Cooper
Sport	Girls Football (with Boston United FC)	All Years	Field	Mrs Cooper



Year 11 Revision

TERM 3 (Wednesday 3rd January to Friday 9th February 2024)

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
History	Year 11 Intervention	Year 11	D02	Miss Whitelam / Mr Butler / Miss Clayforth-Scott
Maths	Year 11 Intervention	Year 11	C03	Mrs Vrstiak
Maths	Year 11 Statistics Intervention	Year 11	C02	Mr Castley
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 Warelis / Mrs Maxted-May
French	Year 11 Speaking Intervention	Year 11	B06	Ms Platt
History	Year 11 Intervention	Year 11	E07	Miss Brader
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
French	Year 11 Speaking Intervention	Year 11	B06	Ms Platt
Geography	Year 11 Intervention	Year 11	D03	Mrs Stones
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
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TUESDAY AFTER-SCHOOL

Sport	CNAT Sport Intervention	Years 11	D010	Mr Dodd
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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	Ms 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
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FRIDAY AFTER-SCHOOL

Sport	CNAT Sport Intervention	Years 10/11	D010	Mr Reed
Maths	Year 11 Intervention	Year 11	C03	Mrs Vrstiak