

# Head of School

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

It has been another busy and productive week.

Year 11 students received their PPE results last week and following this we have now considered every individual performance to provide further support in a specific subject area until the examination period. Therefore, students will have been notified of a change of tutor as registration sessions have now evolved into subject interventions. This is a fantastic way of delivering additional bespoke support by subject specialists leading up until their final examinations.

This week, some of our Year 11 students started the National Tutoring Programme where individuals are assigned an online tutor to deliver revision materials to support and maximize their grade in English or Maths. All of the tutors are undergraduates that have undertaken a rigorous selection process to enable them to deliver lessons in their specialist subject area. The student feedback was very encouraging from their first session and we hope that this, along with other platforms such as GCSEPod, will support engaging students in a different way of learning and preparation skills for their examinations. We continue to encourage the students to be consistently using the GCSEPod and revision sessions that are being provided from their subject teachers.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme, led by Ms Cocks is very popular and there is a great team of Year 10 students who are currently learning valuable skills to enable them to complete their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award. This week, we have received and awarded Bronze certificates to three students in Year 11 who started the award in Year 10 and have now received their recognition for their hard work. Well done to Victor Aguiar, Brooke Lovett and Skaiste Kondratcikaite who demonstrated high levels of resilience, commitment and hardwork throughout this programme. The Bronze Award develops essential skills and attributes for life such as resilience, problem solving, teamwork and communication as well as benefiting the community with volunteering.



We have had fantastic success on the sporting front this week with our Year 7 netball team winning Cowley Academy 29-0! This was an outstanding result for a team with huge potential. We love a bit of Trust competition and well done to all involved. In addition to this, our Year 7 basketball players - Taylor Ainsworth, Tommy Rivett and Oliver Richardson WON the Boston District 3 v 3 Tournament which involved ten other teams. Amazing success for these students – congratulations!

The school would also like to wish Year 11 student Brooke Hudson good luck in her national Synchronized Skating competition at the weekend. She is competing in Scotland for the Trophy d’Ecosse. To be selected to compete at this level is a huge achievement and testament to the training and commitment that is required – good luck Brooke.



In an extra-curricular sports update, we have teamed up with Boston United Football Club to offer Giles students girls football coaching at Giles Academy. A fantastic first session was held after school on Thursday night where the students showed great energy, enthusiasm and a love of the game. If any more students would like to join us, please see Mrs Cooper for a permission letter. The sessions are available for girls in all years.



We are now well underway with rewarding students in Key Stage 3 with their Aspire Badges – our reward initiative that started this academic year. So far, in excess of 50 badges have been rewarded, with four students even gaining their GOLD badge already! On the photo below we see even more our our dedicated students gaining their Aspire Badges this week - Congratulations to all!



Year 10 students who study Performing Arts and/or Health and Social care have a very important examination time coming up as they have their first Pearson Set Assignment (PSA). During these assessment periods attendance is critical and, as important as the summer GCSE examinations in Year 11. The first PSA is taking place next week for our Performing Arts students. There will be an assembly for all Year 10 students who take a subject with a PSA subject on Monday to prepare those students with all the necessary information prior to the start of these next week. Parents of children who are taking PSA's will have already received a letter with further details explaining the process.

Following the communication to parents this week regarding school closure, I would like to re-iterate that school closures are very rare. However, if we were to close the school due to weather conditions ALL parents would receive an intouch message and our official website would be updated with information. Unfortunately, a hoax letter was created and received by a small minority via a social media platform. If you are unsure whether information you have received may be official please communicate with us via our enquiries email – [enquiries@gilesacademy.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@gilesacademy.co.uk).

Finally, thank you to all parents/carers who attended the Year 11 online Parents Evening last night. This was well attended and was a valuable last opportunity for an informative appointment prior to your child sitting their formal examinations.

I hope you all have a great weekend.

Kindest regards,



**Miss Katie Belcher**

Head of School, Giles Academy

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Tuesday 6th February • 5pm to 6.30pm

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Neville Avenue, Spalding, Lincolnshire PE11 2EJ

Thursday 8th February • 5pm to 6.30pm

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