

Head of School

Friday 2nd February 2024

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

What a fantastic week we have had this week!

Firstly, today we were very pleased to have the Department of Education (DfE) visit Giles Academy. The Regional Schools Commissioners had a tour around the school to view our lessons and facilities plus meet some students too. The Commissioners were both so impressed with our students' in lessons and their positive attitudes to learning. Since joining the Trust, our school has changed and achieved so much so it was great to hear this incredible feedback from the Department of Education.

Following the Prime Ministers announcement about vaping, two of our Head Students, Charlotte Donnelly and Ruby Morley along with myself were interviewed on Monday by BBC Radio Lincolnshire for their views on the new Government agenda to ban disposable vapes to tackle the rise in youth vaping. Charlotte and Ruby gave some excellent views on teenage society and articulated the intervention, educational support and sanctions the school has put in place since lockdown to combat this. Well done to both student who were excellent in delivering their views on the matter. This was broadcasted on Monday's show and is available on BBC Sounds.

In last week's update, I congratulated Brooke Hudson (pictured opposite) for competing in the Trophy d'Ecosse in Synchronized Skating and I am excited to announce that Brooke brought home the GOLD medal. What an amazing achievement for our Year 11 student – for further details on the event please see our website and social media platforms.

On Thursday we ran our Year 7 and 8 DEAR Time sessions, which stands for 'Drop Everything And Read'. This is where the whole class take turns to read a text and they then discuss what they have read to highlight key vocabulary and share their thoughts on the issues raised in the material. Our students' feedback on the DEAR sessions and they are always so positive. I have spent time going into Year 7 and 8 forms, with students reading and being supported by their form tutors.

We have many applications for new temporary prefects in Year 10. Well done to all of the students that have applied. There is still time to apply therefore if you have a Year 10 child please encourage them to apply for this important position in the school.



Performing Arts students in Year 10 have had their first PSA (Pearson Set Assignment) this week which accounts for a percentage of their overall grade. Well done to all of these students, we had 100% attendance, excellent conduct and conscientious students who gave their all in this one day session. Thank you to all parents who supported their child with this.

Year 11 are now working towards their forthcoming examinations and it has been an extremely positive week for attending lunchtime interventions sessions with over 150 additional sessions attended! We continue to encourage completing GCSEPod revision and using the revision resources we have provided. To encourage Year 11 students further, we have launched a Loyalty Card which students are to get signed every time they attend a revision class. We are looking forward to being able to award plenty of prizes!

As we head in to our final week of Term 3, I would like to remind parents and carers that we finish at 3.15pm on Friday 9th February 2024 for our one week holiday break.

Finally, if you would like to work for our Trust (or know someone who may be interested), there are two SLAT Recruitment Roadshows next week at Giles Academy (Tuesday 6th February from 5pm to 6.30pm) and Spalding Academy (Thursday 8th February from 5pm to 6.30pm). Due to the Trust expanding in student numbers, facilities and curriculum, there are plenty of opportunities to join us. You can attend the roadshows if you want to work in any of the Trust schools and by attending one of these events, it can help you get a head start. To register to attend, please visit: www.slat.org.uk/recruitment-roadshow

I hope you all have a great weekend.

Kindest regards,



Miss Katie Belcher

Head of School, Giles Academy

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- 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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