

Head of School

Friday 23rd February 2024

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

We have welcomed the students back for Term 4 and what a busy week it has been...

Firstly, thank you to all parents for supporting their child with excellent attendance on return. This week are well beyond 90% attendance which we are focused as a school on maintaining and aiming even higher so we can be the top school for attendance in the Trust.

I am extremely excited by the development of our new Fitness Suite as are students and staff. To be able to create a new gym area with new equipment, fantastic new sound system and space for floor work for PE is incredible. Students in Year 11 were invited to have a look whilst the equipment was being installed on Wednesday. Students and staff will have an induction over the next few weeks. Students will be able to use the facility at lunchtime and after school, which will be supervised by staff.

This week we were visited by a Great Britain representative from the sport of American Football. Sam Ger promoted American Football and the organization Lincolnshire Bombers who are looking to recruit new members to their organization. Visit www.lincolnshirebombers.co.uk for more information.



On Wednesday, our Year 7 and Year 8 students had the pleasure of taking part in a STEM session run by BAE Systems. The theme this year is 'Electricity'. This was a highly interactive show which explores what electricity is and how we generate it. Students and staff were amazed by some of the 'shocking' demonstrations. It was another great opportunity for our students at Giles Academy.



Year 11 Food students this week have been completing their mock practical examination and I must say the standard has been once again incredibly high. The brief this year is 'International Breakfast' when I have been missing in action in the school I have been located in the Food room offering feedback on the delicious menus! Well done to Mr Jagger and all Year 11 Food students who never fail to amaze me with their standards of quality and presentation for this practice examination.



Once again we have been rewarding students with the Strike Card Draw this week. Recipients entering the draw have received no strikes for a whole term. Highlighted this week are our students in Year 8. Congratulations to Titas Jokobauskas, Victoria Zonnenburg and Bonnie Davis who all deserved to win a Love2Shop reward voucher!

In September, we launched our new reward Aspire Passports for KS3 students in Years 7 to 9. Every student received a booklet packed full of challenges they can choose to complete over the academic year in order to receive recognition and rewards at school. There are three awards for students to achieve – Bronze, Silver and Gold, these awards get more challenging as they complete the different levels.

Due to the commitment from our students on this new initiative we feel we can reward our students even further! From this term, in addition to their badges and certificates, students will receive:

- **Rewards points** for Bronze (100 points), Silver (250 points) and Gold (500 points)
- Access to an **exclusive end of term reward**, including a Film Festival and treats for all students who have achieved an award and badge
- **Love2Shop vouchers** for students who achieve Gold (£10 voucher) and Silver (£5 voucher) - students who have already achieved these awards during Terms 1 to 3 will receive a voucher too!

As a Trust, we have awarded over 500 badges. This equates to over two thousand challenges completed by our students. I would like to thank parents for supporting students with their home challenges, including baking cakes! We feel these additional rewards are necessary as students have worked really hard to achieve their awards. We also hope this will encourage more students to take part in our Aspire Passport reward scheme.

I would like to remind all Year 8 parents/carers about the Parents Evening that is taking place on Wednesday 6th March 2024. This is a very important meeting and the first feedback from subject teachers since your child joined the school. Details will follow on how to sign up for the evening in due course.

Finally, included in the update this week is our extra-curricular and Year 11 intervention classes for Term 4. Please share this with you child. Hopefully students will look to try something new and for our Key Stage 3 students this will be another task completed for their Aspire Passport.

What a fantastic start to the new term we have had!

Kindest regards,



Miss Katie Belcher

Head of School, Giles Academy

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- www.twitter.com/GilesSLAT



Extra-curricular activities

TERM 4 (Monday 19th February to Thursday 28th March 2024)

Lunchtime extra-curricular activities

MONDAY LUNCHTIME				
DoE	The Duke of Edinburgh's Award (Bronze)	Year 10	A09	Ms Cocks
Health & Social Care	Year 10 PSA Intervention	Year 10	D011	Mrs Abraham
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
Health & Social Care	Year 10 PSA Intervention	Year 10	D011	Mrs Abraham
Science	Science Surgery (Homework Support)	Years 7/8/9/10	D13	Mr Vrastiak
WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME				
English	Year 10 Revision	Year 10	E09	Ms Kamsika / Mrs Maxted-May
Maths	Cypher Club	All Years	C03	Mrs Vrastiak
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 Vrastiak
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	Samba Band 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				
Health & Social Care	Year 10 PSA Intervention	Year 10	D011	Mrs Abraham
Maths	Maths Challenge Club	All Years	C03	Mrs Vrastiak / 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
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
English	Year 10 Intervention	Year 10	E09	Ms Kamsika
FRIDAY AFTER-SCHOOL				
Health & Social Care	Year 10 PSA Intervention	Year 10	D011	Mrs Abraham



Year 11 Revision

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Lunchtime revision sessions (Year 11)

MONDAY LUNCHTIME				
Art	Year 11 Open Studios	Year 11	A07	Miss McDonald
Business	Year 11 PSA Intervention	Year 11	B01	Mrs Pell
French	Year 11 Speaking Intervention	Year 11	B06	Ms Platt
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
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				
English	Year 11 Compulsory Intervention	Year 11	E09	Ms Kamsika
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
Health & Social Care	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	Year 11 PSA Intervention	Year 11	B01	Mr Cussons
Maths	Year 11 Intervention	Year 11	C01	Miss Wright
Science	Year 11 Revision (Higher)	Year 11	D15	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
TUESDAY AFTER-SCHOOL				
Sport	CNAT Sport Intervention	Years 11	D010	Mr Dodd
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
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
English	Year 11 Intervention	Year 11	E09	Ms Kamsika
FRIDAY AFTER-SCHOOL				
Sport	CNAT Sport Intervention	Years 10/11	D010	Mr Reed
Maths	Year 11 Intervention	Year 11	C03	Mrs Vrstiak