

Head of School

Friday 15th March 2024

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

What another incredible week we have had...

Today is Comic Relief / Red Nose Day and we held our annual non-uniform day at the school to support this charity. I am pleased to announce **we raised over £4,000 across the Trust**. I would like to thank everyone for their support with this worthwhile charity, please remember to visit our website and social media for photos of students from today.

On Wednesday, our Year 9 students have had 'Prison Me No Way' deliver a full day of engaging workshops and activities. Our Year 9 students had a valuable insight into what it would be like to go to prison, the penalties and consequences that would affect them for the rest of their life and most importantly, how to not make the wrong choices focusing on crime prevention. They provided a full day of engaging workshops and activities, which are led by retired Prison Officers, Youth Engagement Officers, ex-offenders and volunteers from charities and other organisations. All of these people were able to pass on their first-hand experiences and real-life knowledge so students know exactly what it is like. This forms part of our Personal, Social, Health and Education (PSHE) programme which is an integral part of our curriculum offer at Giles Academy.



On Thursday evening we held a performance, 'A Celebration of Music and Drama'. This is the first music and drama event since pre-covid times and it was absolutely amazing. The musicality and confidence of all performers deserves fantastic recognition as they donned the stage as professionals with polished performances. Congratulations to all performers and staff involved, I cannot wait until the next event!



The Year 8 football team travelled to Spalding Academy this week to compete in the South Lincolnshire Academies Trust Year 8 football tournament. We are extremely proud of the team's achievements as they were crowned overall tournament winners, bringing the SLAT trophy home! The team showed great determination and a terrific competitive spirit to be successful in the tournament and finish top of the table. Mr Dodd, Teacher of PE said *"I would like to commend the team on their success in the SLAT tournament, winning is a fantastic achievement and a testament to the students hard work and brilliant attitude. All of the team are a real credit to the school."*

Also, a special mention to the Year 7 netballers who have achieved amazing success this week by coming second in the South Lincolnshire District Tournament! Well done to all the team, this is an incredible achievement and the brilliant coaching from staff!

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to remind all Year 11 parents and carers about our Easter Revision Sessions we are holding with specialist subject teachers across the holiday period. These are valuable sessions to prepare for the examination period and to practice revision techniques. In addition to this, we are holding our Year 11 Exam Success Evening on Wednesday 27th March 2024 - this will be a fantastic evening for parents, carers and students to support their child in the preparation for exams.

Kindest regards,



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