

Head of School

Friday 22nd March 2024

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

Yet another week of success for students and staff at Giles Academy.

Firstly, what an incredible journey for our Year 7 netball team, they are obliterating any competition that stands in their way! League matches with incredible victories, second in the district tournament and now winners of the SLAT Sports Tournament. To add to this, they played Haven High Academy on Tuesday evening and again, they won with a superb scoreline of 25-1. Well done also to the Year 8 netball team who won their Haven High Academy game with an amazing score of 16-0!



This week, we have also enabled our Year 11 students to enjoy the new Fitness Suite during their lunchtimes. It has been great to see the students enjoying the new facility and positively supporting their wellbeing amongst their busy period of study and revision.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind all Year 11 parents of the Exam Success Evening, which is being held on Wednesday 27th March 2024. This is an important evening for parents and carers as it outlines additional support and revision techniques that can be offered during this last stage prior to the real examinations – now 20 school days until the first written examination!

Annually we take part in the Boston Rotary Child of Courage awards and this year Giles Academy nominated Year 9 student Olivia Warrant to receive this prestigious award. Olivia was nominated due to her amazing spirit and determination to succeed whilst dealing with adversity. Well done to Olivia, her resilience is incredible and her smile infectious!

Two of our Year 11 students this week started their The Duke of Edinburgh's Silver Award. This weekend, Abbie Murray and Victor Aguiar travelled with students to Derbyshire dales from other Trust schools to complete their Silver expedition. I am hoping they return to school on Monday following a successful weekend.



Key Stage 3 students who have received an Aspire badge, Bronze, Silver or Gold will be invited to our Film Festival where students will be watching the new Wonka film. Just like being at the cinema, students will be given a goody bag in addition to Silver and Gold recipients receiving a money gift voucher. If your child is involved in this event, parents/carers will have received a letter.

This week you will have received a separate letter to inform you about a positive change with our tutor group structure. Due to the growth of the school and the benefits of this change we are moving to year group tutor groups rather than the current vertical groups. In the letter, it outlines the reasons for the change for example - to improve transition for Year 7 students rather than having a mix of Year 7 and 8 students in one group. Due to the success and growth of the school we will be having six House teams rather than the current four. In addition to the collective and ethos of belonging to a team, it will enable continued positive and healthy competition amongst our young students!

Finally, I would like to remind all parents and carers that next week we finish Term 4 on Thursday 28th March 2024 at 3.15pm. This completes the Spring Term and we return to school again for the Summer Term on Tuesday 16th April 2024.

I hope you all have a good weekend.

Kindest regards,



Miss Katie Belcher

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