

Head of School

Thursday 28th March 2024

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

I cannot believe we have finally reached the end of the term and we will be heading into the final large term, Terms 5 and 6, of the academic year!

On Wednesday, over 150 students who have achieved at least the Bronze Aspire Award attended our 'Giles Cinema' and were treated to our 'Film Festival reward' where students watched the new Wonka film, alongside receiving an Easter egg, popcorn and a drink. Well done to all of the students that have achieved a Bronze, Silver or Gold a remember to completed achieving the Aspire challenges.



This week Year 11 Geography and History students have received focused assemblies on subject matter and key information in preparation for their forthcoming GCSE exams. Students should now have opted in to the Easter Revision Sessions which take place at the school over the holiday period. The deadline for this has now passed, therefore all students should have now planned for the sessions they are attending and will have received their bespoke timetable.

In addition to this, I would like to encourage all Year 11 students to continue to use GCSEPod as support with revision over the Easter period, Giles Academy is the top of all the Trust schools for usage of GCSEPod, well done everyone – keep it up!

Thank you to all Year 11 parents, carers and friends who attended the GCSE Exam Success Evening on Wednesday. It was fantastic to see so many people investing time to support their child at this critical time of year leading up to the summer examinations.

As part of our PSHE programme, on Monday contraception workshops were delivered to all of our Year 9 students by an external guest speaker. The students were very mature about the topic and were given important information regarding making safe choices, sexual health and factual information regarding contraception.

In sporting news, I must take the opportunity to announce that, not only have we had great success in the SLAT tournaments for our netball and football teams this term, our Year 7 and Year 11 netball teams have won the district netball leagues – absolutely brilliant news. Well done to every member of the team for your commitment to training and dedication to the team.

A huge thank you to all parents and carers who continue to support their child attending school every day – our whole school attendance has been fantastic for the last few weeks of this term, a significant improvement with some year groups at 96% - this is amazing, now we are focussing on sustaining this!

As we approach the Easter break I would like to remind all parents and students that we have safeguarding support available throughout the Easter break for all students. We encourage all students to utilise the worried email tab worried@gilesacademy.co.uk if they require safeguarding support or advice over the holiday period. The email will be responded to by trained safeguarding staff within an appropriate timely period. We also direct parents and students to our safeguarding page on the school website where key contacts and specialist help and support is signposted.

Finally, please can I remind all students on return to school that any extreme hair colours or styles, false nails or fake eyelashes should be rectified for the return to school and please can parents ensure that their child is bringing a school bag not trying to house all equipment in the pockets of their blazer.

Thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support, it is most definitely valued and a polite reminder students are returning to school on Tuesday 16th April 2024. I hope you all have a wonderful Easter break with your family and friends.

Kindest regards,



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