

# Head of School

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

Welcome to Term 5. This academic year has flown by with only two terms left before the summer holiday arrives. What great start to Term 5 we have had at Giles Academy!

I would like to thank students and staff for our Easter revision sessions. Our Year 11 students' attendance to these sessions was outstanding. The students have all spoken very highly of the sessions and how useful they were for their preparation for the upcoming examination season (10 days to go until their first written exam). We understand this time for our Year 11 students can be very worrying, we are always here to support our students, through this journey, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns.

Our Year 10 students have begun their PPE examinations this week. For one week, the students will sit the first of their three practice examination seasons. As you know, practice makes perfect and we hold this philosophy for our students when it comes to examinations. When entering an examination hall, we want our students to feel comfortable, relaxed and reassured so they can concentrate on giving their best answers. I would like to praise our Year 10 students on their fantastic start to their exams this week.

Next week will also be very important for our Year 9 students. The Year 9 students embark upon their GCSE/BTEC option choices journey this term. We realise that this is one of the most important decisions of their educational career, this is why we have dedicated a whole section on our school website to help students through the decision-making process in order to get it right. Students must choose their subjects by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024 and the Options Form will be sent via ParentMail w/c Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024. We will then confirm the subjects for each student during the month of June. In the week commencing Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024, students in Year 9 will not be set any subject homework. Instead, we are asking them to study the subject information that can be found via the links below and watching the subject videos.

I would like to remind parent of Year 11 students we have a Prom Shop in school which is fully stocked with all items which may be required for a Prom outfit. To support families items are available to hire at no cost to families on the understanding that these are returned following the Prom. There are some fantastic items available therefore, please encourage your child to come and have a look what is available. In addition to this Prom tickets are still available – if you have not already purchased your ticket please do so this week.



I would also like to congratulate students in Year 10 and Year 11 who have been using GCSEPod as a revision tool over the Easter holiday period in preparation for their exams. It is amazing that over 3,600 pods have been watched during the holiday break! This information determines that across the Trust schools Giles Academy has the highest number of pods watched overall and during the holiday period – this is fantastic! Please keep encouraging your child to use this tool to support their revision at home if in Year 10 and Year 11.

Attendance this week has once again been fantastic, as always, thank you to everyone for supporting your child attending school – with some year groups over 93% this week it has been a brilliant start to Term 5.

There are many, many lost property items in school that we are holding. If your child has lost any items during this year please can you contact your child's Year Lead, email [enquiries@gilesacademy.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@gilesacademy.co.uk) or call main reception on 01205 870693 with a description of the item so we can check to see if we can return it to the respective owner.

Finally, at the end of this update, you will find details of the extra-curricular, enrichment and Year 11 revision sessions that take place during lunchtimes and after-school. We encourage you to look at this as these provide fantastic opportunities for students and there is something for all year groups.

Kindest regards,



**Miss Katie Belcher**

Head of School, Giles Academy

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- [www.facebook.com/GilesAcademy](https://www.facebook.com/GilesAcademy)
- [www.twitter.com/GilesSLAT](https://www.twitter.com/GilesSLAT)



# Extra-curricular activities

**TERM 5** (Tuesday 16th April to Friday 24th May 2024)

## Lunchtime extra-curricular activities

MONDAY LUNCHTIME				
DoE	The Duke of Edinburgh's Award (Bronze)	Year 10	A09	Ms Cocks
Maths	Mr Waring's Fun Club	All Years	C04	Mr Waring / Mr Castley
Maths	Year 10 Intervention	Year 10	C08	Miss Richardson / Mrs Smith
TUESDAY LUNCHTIME				
Sport	Basketball	All Years	Sports Hall	Mr Reed
English	Bedrock Homework	Years 7/8	E09	Mrs Warelis
Music	Samba Band Club	All Years	A09	Ms Cocks
Science	Science Surgery (Homework Support)	Years 7/8/9/10	D13	Mr Vradiak
WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME				
English	Year 10 Revision	Year 10	E09	Ms Kamsika / Mrs Maxted-May
Geography	Geography Club	All Years	D04	Mrs Stones / Miss Pearson / Mr Wagstaff
Maths	Cypher Club	All Years	C03	Mrs Vradiak
Maths	MyMaths Maths Club	All Years	C08	Miss Richardson / Miss Woolley
Maths	Year 10 Intervention	Year 10	C04 / C06	Mr Waring / Miss Wright
Science	Year 10 Intervention	Year 10	D13	Mr Vradiak
THURSDAY LUNCHTIME				
Sport	Basketball	All Years	Sports Hall	Mr Dodd
Drama	Drama Club	All Years	Drama Studio	Miss Watts / Mrs Amos-Linley
Geography	Year 10 Intervention	Years 10	D03	Mrs Stones
Maths	Year 10 Intervention	Year 10	C06	Miss Wright
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				
Maths	Maths Challenge Club	All Years	C03	Mrs Vradiak / 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.

<b>MONDAY AFTER-SCHOOL</b>				
Sport	Boys Football	Years 7/8/9/10	Field	Mr Reed / Mr Dodd / Mr Cussons
Maths	Year 10 Intervention	Year 10	C06	Miss Wright
<b>TUESDAY AFTER-SCHOOL</b>				
Sport	Girls Netball	Years 7/8	Courts	Miss Ward / Mrs Cooper
Sport	Year CNAT Intervention	Year 10	Library	Mr Reed
<b>WEDNESDAY AFTER-SCHOOL</b>				
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
<b>THURSDAY AFTER-SCHOOL</b>				
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



# Year 11 Revision

**TERM 5** (Tuesday 16th April to Friday 24th May 2024)

## Lunchtime revision sessions (Year 11)

MONDAY LUNCHTIME				
Art	Year 11 Open Studios	Year 11	A07	Miss McDonald
Business	Year 11 PSA Intervention (until 29 <sup>th</sup> April)	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
Sport	CNAT Sport Intervention	Year 11	D010	Miss Ward
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
Sport	CNAT Sport Intervention	Year 11	D010	Miss Ward
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 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 (until 2 <sup>nd</sup> May)	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 (until 3 <sup>rd</sup> May)	Year 11	B01	Mr Cussons
Maths	Year 11 Intervention	Year 11	C01	Miss Woolley
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
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**TUESDAY AFTER-SCHOOL**

Sport	CNAT Sport Intervention	Years 11	D010	Mr Dodd
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**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 Intervention	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
Maths	Year 11 Intervention (Foundation)	Year 11	C01	Miss Woolley

**FRIDAY AFTER-SCHOOL**

Sport	CNAT Sport Intervention	Years 10/11	D010	Mr Reed
Maths	Year 11 Intervention	Year 11	C03	Mrs Vrstiak