

Head of School

Friday 26th April 2024

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

Another busy week for students and staff at Giles Academy...

On Thursday, a group of STEM students took part in a collaborative STEM challenge called the 'Faraday Challenge', which is run by the Institution of Engineering & Technology (IET). Bourne Academy kindly hosted the event where all four schools in our Trust took part. The challenge was based on a practical problem-solving activity that required the students to work in small teams and then present their prototypes. This gave the students the opportunity to research, design and solve genuinely tough engineering problems. We are delighted that the team from Giles Academy were the winners!



Year 10 students have now completed their PPE examinations and I must commend all Year 10 students on their positive attitude to their first mock examination period. I am very aware of how hard students were revising during the Easter holiday period, with the sharp increase in the engagement of GCSEPod, the revision resources witnessed and the conscientious attitude applied to the examination period. We are looking forward to sharing their results which will be informative guidance to the progress they have made towards their GCSE's qualifications.



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All parents of Year 11 students will have been sent a reminder this week regarding the Leavers Hoodies. This week is the last reminder for parents to confirm their order for this fantastic momento of their child's time at Giles Academy.

It is that time of year where our Year 9 students need to select their KS4 Options choices in readiness for Year 10. Throughout the week students have been watching introductory subject videos to support them in making decisions about their choices. There is a wealth of information available for students and parents on the school website to support this process. Please can all Year 9 parents support their child with discussing and making their preferred choices. If you would like any further advice or help with this process please contact Miss Perry via vperry@gilesacademy.co.uk in the first instance.

Following the success of our Girls Cricket leadership programme, where we were received the title of Secondary School of the Year, our girls cricket leadership programme has made a fantastic start this week for our Year 8 students. The ability to work with the County Cricket Coach is an incredible opportunity and this has been a popular choice of extra-curricular activity.

I wanted to take the time to bring to attention the concerns that have been raised to the parking outside of school when dropping off and collecting students from the school site. Please can I urge parents and families to pay attention to the marked 'no parking' zones as a matter of safety for everybody. We will be reminding all students who walk or travel by car to take special care and consideration regarding road safety in assemblies next week.

Our whole school agenda of improving attendance has made some significant improvement and I thank all students and parents for recognising the importance of this. We are also very pleased to be working once again with the Truancy Patrol Scheme in Boston and the surrounding areas. Local schools supported by the policing team will be out and about in the local area addressing young people who are not attending school. This is a fantastic community scheme supporting, not only school attendance, but the safety and welfare of our young people.

Finally, as we prepare for the final stage of supporting our Year 11 students with their final examinations we are also preparing for our new intake of 180 students from September 2024. I just wanted to inform all parents that we are absolutely thrilled to be full on first choices for September. This is amazing news and an absolute credit to all the staff and students at the school. There is now a waiting list for students wishing to join Giles Academy and an appeal process for those wishing to join. It is incredible news to add to the journey of Giles Academy.

I hope you all have a fantastic weekend.

Kindest regards,



Miss Katie Belcher

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