

Head of School

Friday 3rd May 2024

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

It has been a fantastic week with students engaged with their learning. There has been a really positive atmosphere around the school.

Well done to all of our students that took part in the World Earth Day quiz as part of our House Competition. Over 150 quizzes were completed. This is one of many House Competitions which takes place during the academic year with points for completion adding to the healthy competition between our four house teams.

Fantastic news to report in our sporting news again this week. Giles Academy are the U13 Girls District Cricket Champions! Yesterday, the team travelled to Skegness Cricket Club and succeeded to be the winners. The team will now go through to the County Final at Nettleham which is excellent news. Well done to all involved, what an achievement.



In addition to cricket success on the field, we were bowled over to receive a generous donation of a brand-new hard ball cricket bag packed full of equipment. Lincolnshire Cricket in partnership with The Cricket Society kindly secured funding to provide the kit bags which have been supplied by Hunts County Bats.

We continue with our rewards programme and I am delighted to be able to continuing rewarding students in assembly for their hard work and commitment to the school. Well done to all Year 7 students who were our Top Point scorers this week, they certainly deserve extra recognition in the year group this week.



To support students, we believe it is important to listen to the views of all students as we value our students' voice at our school. So far this year, we have had over 60 suggestions from our student body. In assemblies next week, I will feedback on our student ideas and where we can implement many of their ideas, including extra-curricular ideas and eco initiatives. The 'Students Say, We Listen' tab is on our website via: www.gilesacademy.co.uk/students-say-we-listen. This is one of the many ways we enable students to play an active part in contributing to the school.

Please can I remind Year 10 parents/carers will have received a link this week to book for the Online Parents Evening on Thursday 16th May 2024.

Some Year 11 exams have started all ready and a huge well done to all students In Year 11 who are really applying themselves in school to their lessons, interventions and revision. Exams will be supported by crammers and Head of Department briefings prior to the exam which really prepares and prompts the student just before heading into the exam. Year 11 IT students were very focused and hard at work in the crammer led by Dr Chrysostomou, prior to heading into their final exam this week – well done!

I would also like to wish all of our Year 11 students the very best as the first formal written exam begins next week. Our students have worked incredibly hard with their revision and exam preparation and although this will be a somewhat busy and tiring time for our students, we know they will do themselves very proud!

Finally, we are delighted that the schools in our Trust are ranked the 12th top performing Trust in the whole of England out of 213 Multi Academy Trusts. Our highly successful Trust are also the number 1 ranked Multi Academy Trust in the East Midlands area. Please find further information on the school website via: www.gilesacademy.co.uk/slat-one-of-the-top-trusts

Due to the extra Bank Holiday weekend, all students are back in school on Tuesday 7th May 2024.

I hope everyone has a lovely bank holiday weekend.

Kindest regards,

Miss Katie Belcher
Head of School, Giles Academy

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