

Head of School

Friday 7th June 2024

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

Welcome back to our final school term of this academic year. Our first week back to school has been as busy as always!

Students have returned to school looking even smarter than ever. As the weather starts to warm up, we will ensure students can remove their blazers during the school day. We will make this decision on a daily basis, so for now students must continue to wear their school blazers.

I am sure our Year 11 students appreciated the half term break as they have continued to sit their formal examinations over the course of this week. I would like to thank all Year 11 parents/carers for continuing to support their child arriving prepared and on time. The crammers and support from teaching staff is still available for students as per their exam timetable. In addition to this, I would like to remind parents/carers and students that all school resources are still available for students should they require to access them. For example, our safeguarding team and careers department if any further advice or support is needed.

One of the House competitions in the school calendar is our annual Sports Day on Friday 5th July 2024. As in previous years, if your child is chosen to represent their House for the Sports Day, you will receive a ParentMail with a proforma to complete and confirm you are happy for them to attend and represent their House team. In order to select participants for each House, students will be selected based on their scores/times achieved in PE lessons and the weekly after-school athletics club. I will provide further updates regarding the upcoming Sports Day in subsequent newsletters.

I must highlight in our sport news that our Girls Under 13 Cricket Team came third in the whole of Lincolnshire earlier this week. This is in addition to the team being crowned District Cricket Champions 2024. Our students were outstanding in how well they represented Giles Academy and it was great to see them return to school full of excitement whilst showing me their medals. Congratulations to all students who participated and thank you to the staff in our PE department who have developed girls sport in the school.



We have just received the news that Giles Academy have achieved national success with the use of GCSEPod for our Key Stage 4 students. Our students have been utilising the online revision tool to support their learning and revision throughout the year and, in particular, towards the upcoming summer examination season. We have been recognised nationally for our commitment to this, we are the Top Trust in the country for the usage of this and Giles Academy are the 8th highest user in the country - an amazing achievement!

This week in assemblies, we have been celebrating those students who achieved an excellent term 5, by having no strikes on their Strike Card or being entered into the Super Prize Draw by a combination of good and excellent attendance, AOL data and behaviour points. It has been fantastic to reward the students with vouchers for their commitment to school. Well done to all those who have received an award.



As the national General Election approaches, we are excited to announce a unique and educational opportunity for our students - a Trust-wide election! This initiative is designed to help our students understand the democratic process and the importance of civic engagement. Our Trust election will mirror the national election, allowing students to experience the excitement and responsibility of voting. Our Trust Sixth Form students have been allocated a political party where they will present and engage in discussions with our students. Our students will then cast their votes in a simulated election on Thursday 4th July 2024. This hands-on experience aims to foster a sense of citizenship and awareness of the democratic process. We encourage parents/carers to discuss the election process at home and share your voting experiences with your children. Your engagement will reinforce the lessons learned at school and show the importance of being an informed and active citizen.

Finally, we have two trips that have departed from school this afternoon to enjoy some fantastic enrichment opportunities. Twenty-two students are attending a high profile netball match at Loughborough University to watch Loughborough Lightning in the Super League televised on Sky TV and approximately 50 students have left school this afternoon to attend England v Iceland football match at Wembley. I hope they all have a wonderful time and look forward to welcoming the Wembley trip safely back to school at 1.30am!

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Katie Belcher'.

Miss Katie Belcher

Head of School, Giles Academy

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