

Head of School

Friday 14th June 2024

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

Another fantastic week at Giles Academy....

The highlights of last Friday evening were student trips to Wembley Stadium and Loughborough University to observe national sporting events. Our keen netball players watched Loughborough Lightning play against London Pulse and football enthusiasts travelled to Wembley Stadium to watch England vs Iceland. Both trips were a great opportunity for our students to watch high performance games, despite the England football team unfortunately not being triumphant on this occasion. The atmosphere at both events was incredible and the students enjoyed the trips even though it was a long day. The students behaviour was impeccable and staff reported that they were an absolute credit to the school. Thank you to all of the staff who gave up their Friday evening to ensure our students have these amazing experiences that they will always remember.



We have now held our final whole year group examination for Year 11 students this afternoon. I would like to congratulate all Year 11 students on their approach to the summer examination series. There have been many smiles following the exams with students feeling positive, relieved and content that their hard work and commitment to their revision has finally come to an end. I would like to wish all Year 11 students a safe, happy and healthy extended summer period and for those attending the Prom, I am looking forward to celebrating the end of an era with them.

Due to the final examinations now being completed we have been in a position to award Prefect status to our Year 10 students, who are now in pole position as our most senior students in the school. Successful students have now been awarded their Prefect tie and badge and have been carrying out their duties diligently. On Thursday, we held our first Prefect Breakfast where we rewarded the students with an extended breakfast from our canteen. A reminder to students in Year 10 that we are still accepting Prefect applications, they are most certainly an important part of our school community.



Next week we will be starting the important transition process for students to support minimising change in September. During assemblies your child's new Year Lead and year groups have been introduced to them ahead of the transition to their new year group. Their new Year Lead will start working in transition with the current Year Lead during this summer term. However, as from next Monday, students will be working with their new Year Lead in readiness for September. The following is a reminder to all parents and carers regarding the Year Leads:



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On Tuesday, you will have received a letter regarding our lockdown procedure in school. Yesterday, I held a series of student assemblies which informed students regarding the practice lockdown procedure. We reassured students that it is highly unlikely that we will need to use this procedure but it is designed to protect everyone in the school community. Thank you to parents and carers for your support on this matter.

Finally, a polite reminder, if your child uses the school canteen please can you check they have they canteen card. Please can I remind parents that additional cards can be purchased via ParentMail at a cost of £2, as we have some students currently without their card.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Kindest regards,



Miss Katie Belcher

Head of School, Giles Academy

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