

Head of School

Friday 28th June 2024

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

We have had another great week at Giles Academy. We will continue to ask students to attend school in their full uniform for next week. We will continue to monitor the temperature in schools and allow students to remove their blazers and ties, if necessary. We will review this on a weekly basis to ensure we maintain our high uniform standard, whilst accommodating the warmer weather.

On Tuesday evening, our annual school prom event held at Boston United Stadium was a magical evening filled with elegance and excitement. Students and staff arrived in glamorous attire, creating an atmosphere of sophistication. The Prom room was beautifully decorated, setting the perfect backdrop for memorable photos. The evening began with the spectacular parade of prom transport which saw horses, a fleet of military vehicles and the most amazing selection of executive cars. The students danced the night away as a whole collective, it was great to see such a wonderful year group of friends celebrating. The evening concluded with students reflecting on their school journey and celebrating their achievements together.



On Tuesday, we launched our Trust election campaign to further enhance our students' understanding of the national election and the process. We held an election 'husting' by holding an assembly for each year group, with our Trust Sixth Form students representing each party. It was a fantastic opportunity for our Giles students to meet the Sixth Form students from Bourne Academy, the students were professionally polished in their presentations and represented each party well. We are looking forward to our 'mock' Trust election on Thursday 4th July 2024.

South Lincolnshire Schools Rounders Finals Night was an incredible night for Giles Academy! We had three age group teams through to the finals night, which was a huge success but to win the Under 13 age group was absolutely outstanding as they beat Spalding Academy 9.5 rounders to 7.5. Outstanding fielding and batting skills and a superb understanding of the Player of the Match selected by the opposition was Darci Smith who played 2nd post. The Under 12 team had a wonderful game but eventually lost to Spalding High School with Poppy Roberts as our Player of the Match. Our Under 15 team played fantastic but also lost to Spalding High School and the Player of the Match was Luciella Crowfoot. A huge congratulations to all the students involved - this was a wonderful evening of girls sport!



This week we held our annual House Competition 'Bake Off'. It was fantastic to see the competition underway and the results produced as students were tasked with making a Sunshine Cake. Mr Wright and Mrs Pell reported that the entries did not disappoint as they were the chief tasters and adjudicators for the event.

Congratulations to the following category winners:

Best Presentation

- Nicola Haile and Harriet Morris

Best Taste

- Millie Hardwick and Megan Carritt

Overall Winners:

- Lily Rose Green and Louisa Etherington in Year 9 for their fantastic masterchef entry for Marshall House



Over last weekend, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award students ventured out to complete their practical element of the award. The DofE is a fun programme of activities designed to build confidence and improve essential skills and attributes for life such as resilience, problem solving, teamwork and communication. A fantastic group of Year 10 students from across South Lincolnshire Academies Trust completed their qualifying expedition last weekend for their Bronze Award. This two-day trip involved a 10 mile walk each day carrying everything they needed for their expedition. Throughout the weekend the students were assessed on their expedition skills. This included navigation using a map and compass as well as reading the land around them, camp craft skills and the safe use of a stove to cook their evening meals. To achieve the Bronze Award, students have to complete four sections. Three of these are completed independently over a period of three or six months, then the fourth of which is the expedition section. The independent sections involve volunteering to support a local charity or organisation, learning a new skill and taking part in a physical activity.



I would like to again thank parents, carers and students for your continued support with our whole school drive on the importance of attendance. This week we have seen our attendance figures over 90% with 94% attendance whole school on Thursday and Year 8 students pipping the post to over 95% during the week. This is an amazing effort from all – thank you!

And to finish off our busy week, we had the pleasure of having 180 excited Year 6 students on our school site. Year 6 transition day to secondary school was an informative and exciting experience for the students. The day began with a welcome from myself and the Year 7 team. Students participated in a variety of activities, including team-building exercises, taster lessons in subjects including Science, Maths and Geography, and a tour of the school. They had the opportunity to meet their future classes and teachers, easing any anxieties about the transition. We all had a successful day and the students left the school site very positive and looking forward to joining our school community in September 2024. We have launched our Year 6 transition video for parents/carers and students on our website. If you have any questions about transition please visit: www.gilesacademy.co.uk/transition-2024

I hope you have a lovely 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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