

# Head of School

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2024

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

On Tuesday evening we held our House Celebration Evening. This was an opportunity for students to be recognised within the House System. We had over 130 people in attendance. It was an absolute privilege to see so many of our students recognised for outstanding achievement across the school and in addition to this so many parents, families and friends supporting the event. Thank you to all who attended, including staff and governors who were in attendance too.



As a Trust, we believe in the importance of celebrating all our student achievements. As our House Celebration evening grows each year, we have decided from September 2025, we will host a Trust House Celebration evening at Springfield's Events & Conference Centre in Spalding. Our students' achievements are so vast and outstanding, we feel an external celebration event is deserved. Also, this means we can increase our prize winners too!

This week our singing students have also achieved amazing success. The students who had entered for their London College of Music examinations gained outstanding results by achieving merits or distinctions. Congratulations go to Amelia Rose, Phoebe Coupland, Eliza Rumba, Lexi Rowett, Ellie English, Ruby Morley and Millie Hyam. If students wish to start singing lessons with Mrs Beeson in September please email to school school via [enquiries@gilesacademy.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@gilesacademy.co.uk)

Following our Sports Day last week I must highlight a particular achievement for Year 8 student George Skipworth (pictured opposite with Mr Dodd, Head of PE). George competed in the 800 metre event and beat a 25 year old record at Giles Academy previously held by N Stone since 1999. He beat the record by one second with an amazing time of 2 minutes 36 seconds. Well done George!

Well done to all students who completed in our Year 10 SLAT Rounders and Cricket. This great competition was held across the Trust schools with our rounders team coming second and our cricket team coming fourth. Well done to all competitors for their dedication and commitment to our extra-curricular sports programme.

On Tuesday, six of our students visited Old Leake Primary Academy as they were winners in the 'Read Your Way' competition where they won the chance to read their stories to younger children. The Year One children were incredibly receptive to this and loved the visit from our students and enjoyed the creative tales that our students had crafted. The visit was a resounding success and we will definitely be looking to do more reading work with local primaries in the future. Congratulations to our winners: Anamaria Boboaca, Rioma Jomon, Eloise Caborn, Darci-lee Smith, Anna Smirnow-Bull and Isla Kirkham.



This week, as part of our PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic) provision, we have been delivering Stay Safe Days in school for Year 7 and Year 8 who received a variety of workshops delivered by their classroom teachers. These sessions included Rail Safety, Budgeting, Relationships and Fire Safety, which will support them to being well equipped for any support required for the future.

One of the events in school this week has been to undertake the Trust Lockdown Procedure, which took place in all four schools in the Trust. This short lockdown, that took around 15 to 20 minutes was exceptional, with the maturity of the students being a stand out factor of the procedures success. I would like to thank all of the students and the staff for your professionalism in supporting the lockdown procedure. We will undertake this procedure three times in the next academic year, so it becomes common practice for us all.

Regarding the lockdown procedure, we would like to reward the students in Years 7 to 10 for all their support in the lockdown practices that took place this week as these were a great success. We have organised some sweets and treats for everyone that will be handed out on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2024. These treats will also coincide with knowing the result of the Euro 2024 Final on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2024, which many of our students are very excited about with England in the final. This will bring a bit of fun in the last week of term, as we can celebrate either a win on Sunday or coming runners-up - of course, we are confident to see a win from this match.

We have been preparing our students to be equipped with knowledge and support about keeping themselves safe as they arrive at the six week summer break. Next week in assemblies we will be reminding students how to keep safe over the summer period and signposting them to important safeguarding details on the school website [www.gilesacademy.co.uk/feeling-worried-or-anxious](http://www.gilesacademy.co.uk/feeling-worried-or-anxious) and [www.gilesacademy.co.uk/safeguarding](http://www.gilesacademy.co.uk/safeguarding) should they need some support, advice or help during the summer period, this includes our worried email ([worried@gilesacademy.co.uk](mailto:worried@gilesacademy.co.uk)), which will be monitored over the summer break. If you have any immediate safeguarding concerns, please contact Children Services on 01522 782111 (Monday to Friday, 8.00am to 6.00pm) or for out-of-hours emergencies, call 01522 782333.

At the end of the update, we have included the term dates for 2024/25. Please note that there has been one amendment from the previously published term dates as Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025 (the day after Easter Monday) will be a staff training day, rather than a student school day, this is because of an amendment via the Local Authority. Please note students will not be expected to attend school on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025, as previously published.

We would also like to remind parents/carers, that students are not allowed to take holidays during term time as this can impact on their learning. The term dates are provided with advance notice to allow you to plan ahead and we will also publish the term dates for the 2025/26 academic year in September 2024.

A reminder our last day this academic year is **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024**.

We hope you have a great weekend.

Kindest regards,



**Miss Katie Belcher**

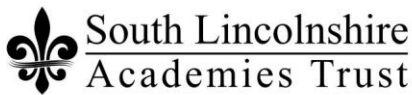
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- [www.twitter.com/GilesSLAT](https://www.twitter.com/GilesSLAT)

# Term Dates 2024/25



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■ School Holiday    
 ■ Bank / Public Holiday    
 ■ Staff Training Day    
 ■ Years 7, 10 & 11 return    
 ■ All year groups return

**1ST TERM 2024**

Wednesday 4th September - Friday 18th October 2024

- Years 7, 10 & 11 return on Wednesday 4th September 2024
- All year groups return on Thursday 5th September 2024

**HOLIDAY**

Monday 21st October - Friday 25th October 2024

**2ND TERM 2024**

Monday 28th October - Thursday 19th December 2024

**HOLIDAY**

Friday 20th December 2024 - Friday 3rd January 2025

**3RD TERM 2025**

Monday 6th January - Friday 14th February 2025

**HOLIDAY**

Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February 2025

**4TH TERM 2025**

Monday 24th February - Friday 4th April 2025

**HOLIDAY**

Monday 7th April - Tuesday 22nd April 2025

**5TH TERM 2025**

Wednesday 23rd April - Friday 23rd May 2025

**HOLIDAY**

Monday 5th May 2025 (May Day)

Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May 2025

**6TH TERM 2025**

Monday 2nd June - Friday 18th July 2025

**STAFF TRAINING DAYS** when your child will not have to attend school are allocated as follows:

Monday 2nd September 2024  
 Tuesday 3rd September 2024  
 Tuesday 22nd April 2025