

Head of School

Friday 19th July 2024

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

We have finally reached the end of the academic year 2023/24 and what a year it has been at Giles Academy! In reflection here are some of the highlights...

- Rishi Sunak, former Prime Minister visited Giles Academy
- Awarded Chance to Shine Secondary School of the Year for Girls Cricket
- Year 8 District Cricket Champions
- Year 8 Superzone Rounders Champions
- Year 7 Netball District League and SLAT Tournament Winners
- Winning the Faraday Challenge (STEM project in the Trust)
- An Celebration of Music and Drama event
- Successful launch of the Trust Aspire Passport with over 400 badges rewarded to KS3 students
- Canteen pod in Year 7 yard successfully open and utilised
- Fitness Suite opened (our own in-house state of the art gym)

We have announced our new Head Students for the next academic year. As always it was a difficult decision, we had eight strong candidates who were interviewed for the role, so it was very competitive. All those interviewed represented themselves very well and we are hoping to appoint some of them as Senior Prefects from September 2024. Our newly appointed Head Students are Daniel Murray and Connie Bunce.

Reward has been a key initiative this year, and across the year we have had so many opportunities to reward students for their hard work and commitment to the school. This week in particular has been a week full of rewards!

On Monday, all students received treats in recognition of the student response to our lockdown process where all students conducted themselves respectfully within this important process. This was a significant day following the celebration of England's appearance in the Euro Championship finals.



This week we held our first Sports Awards. This was a fantastic opportunity to present numerous awards to students who have been committed to the subject area. With high participation, commitment and enthusiasm comes success, and this year the PE department have achieved overwhelming success. Amongst the many, many certificates presented in the awards, the 'Sports Personality of the Year' awards were presented to:

- Year 7 Florence Mackay and Albert Holderness
- Year 8 Amber Jagger and Brendan Daniels
- Year 9 Sawyer Cooper and Lilly Bell
- Year 10 Andrew Dlugosz and Luciella Crowfoot



At the start of the week we also rewarded our Key Stage 3 students who achieved an Aspire Badge this year. Students were able to enter the 'Giles Cinema' with free popcorn, drink and ice cream! Our Silver and Gold winners were also presented with gift vouchers. This Aspire passport has been a great success.

Also this week, I was treated to a fabulous mini-showcase of our singing students performances. These students performed in a small lunchtime concert. It was great to be a member of the audience to some very talented performances - well done to all. A stand-out student performance that must be highlighted is the performance of our very own rapper - Milan Haile in Year 9.

Throughout the week we have been holding Year Group 'Film Festivals'. The invitation-only event was a brilliant way to end the academic year. Students were treated to a film, popcorn, drink and ice pole. Following the film students received a 1 in 10 chance to receive a £5 voucher plus there was a £10 and £15 voucher. It was fantastic to see so many students in this event and receiving a reward!

In addition to this, following Giles Academy being in the top 5 nationally for GCSEPod usage, the company had selected our school to film students and staff in order to promote the product to other schools and colleges. Well done to all students involved in the filming, however particular students to highlight are Milly Stow and Lennon Rogan in Year 10 who were among the top users in the school. Both were interviewed by GCSEPod and we are looking forward to viewing the footage and will share this with parents and staff when it becomes available.

I would like to draw your attention to our return to school in September 2024. Students will return to school as follows:

- **Wednesday 4th September 2024**
 - Years 7, 10 and 11 only
- **Thursday 5th September 2024**
 - Years 8 and 9 will return (all students are expected to be in school)

The term times for 2024/25 are included at the end of this update.

For our Year 11 students their examinations results day is:

- **Year 11 GCSE & BTEC Results Day**
 - Thursday 22nd August 2024 (from 8am to 10.30am)

Our school website will be updated with the information students will need for their results day.

A reminder from last week's update on our important safeguarding details on the school website. Visit www.gilesacademy.co.uk/feeling-worried-or-anxious and www.gilesacademy.co.uk/safeguarding should you or students need some support, advice or help during the summer period. This includes our worried email (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, 8am to 6pm) or for out-of-hours emergencies, call 01522 782333.

Finally, I would like to say an extended thank you to all parents, students, staff and governors for your continued support and commitment to the school which is invaluable.

I would like to wish you all a restful and safe summer and hope you all have some valuable time with your friends and family.

Kindest regards,



Miss Katie Belcher

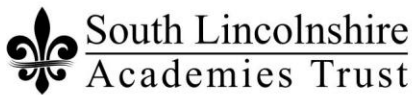
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- www.facebook.com/GilesAcademy
- www.twitter.com/GilesSLAT

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