

# Head of School

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2024

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

It has been a fantastic week as we have settled into our first full week of lessons. I continue to be very impressed by the return of all students and, in particular, how well our Year 7 students have settled into school displaying a superb positive attitude! It has been brilliant to meet so many Year 7 students this week, they have all dealt with the transition to secondary school so maturely - my challenge is to learn all 180 names by October half term!

Last night, we held our third SLAT Trust Upper School Awards Evening at Springfields Events & Conference Centre. It was an honour to hand out trophies and certificates to our prize winners. This event allowed us to congratulate, not only our Giles Academy Year 11, but also for the other three schools within the Trust. We had over 350 students and guests join us on the evening. Please visit our website and social media platforms for photos and details of the ceremony and the winners.

- [www.gilesacademy.co.uk/upper-school-awards-evening-2024](http://www.gilesacademy.co.uk/upper-school-awards-evening-2024)



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Our Open Evening is nearly upon us, this year being held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024. It is an important evening in the Giles Academy calendar as we prepare for a large amount of visitors from the local community... last year we saw a record breaking number of over 700 people visit the site! Due to the popularity of this event we are reaching out for Year 7 and Year 8 students including Year 11 Prefects to be tour guides for the event. Please save the date in your calendars if your child is hoping to be a tour guide or support one of our departments – letters with permission slips will follow next week. In addition to this, parents - please can you promote this event to any parent and child in Years 4-6 that may be interested in joining our fantastic school!



Prospective students in **years 4 to 6** and their parents/carers are invited to our

# Open Evening

**Thursday 3rd October 2024**  
5.30pm to 8.00pm

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This week some Year 11 students have received results for their BTEC courses which equate to 30% of their overall final grade. There were many students celebrating as their hard work and commitment to their studies had paid off in their first stage of securing part of their overall grade! Congratulations to all!

Year 10 have also had a fantastic start to school as they start their journey on their new timetable of their chosen option subjects – including Maths, English and Science. To support the success in their first of their two important Key Stage 4 years we are holding an Exam Success Evening for all Year 10 parents on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2024 – please save the date, further details to follow.

Our students look incredibly smart and well presented on return to school – thank you to all parents in supporting our uniform code. Uniform reminder: as the summer is coming to an end and we head into the winter months please can I remind students that a black v-neck jumper is available to wear under the blazer as an optional item of uniform. The round neck sweater is a PE item of uniform and must only be worn for PE.

Next week we have our whole school individual photos – this is taking place on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2024. Students will be well supported whilst they have their photo taken. All of the students have returned in impeccable uniform however please can you check that your child is in full uniform on this day.

Finally, an amazing celebration once again for our PE department who have been shortlisted for the category Positive Experiences for Children and Young People Award in the Sports and Physical Activity Awards in Lincolnshire! This is based on the positive experiences our students have received through the cricket leadership coaching that we have been providing in conjunction with Lincolnshire Cricket.

I hope you all have a fantastic weekend.

Kindest regards,



**Miss Katie Belcher**  
Head of School, Giles Academy

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