

# Head of School

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2024

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

It has been an extremely busy week for the South Lincolnshire Academies Trust schools as this week there have been two Open Evenings – the first at Cowley Academy and last night at Bourne Academy. Both of these events were inundated with visitors from the respective areas with Cowley Academy receiving over 800 visitors and Bourne Academy over 1,400 visitors.

I would like to thank you all for your parental support in advance of the Giles Academy Open Evening next Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024. We now have in excess of over 150 student helpers, who will all be fantastic role models for the evening. We are still advertising for more helpers therefore, if your child is keen to be a part of the evening please ask them to collect a permission letter from the school library.



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

## Open Evening

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024**  
5.30pm to 8.00pm

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Staff at the school today have been supporting the Macmillan Coffee Morning by having a 'Bake A Cake' stall. Thank you to the staff that contributed to this event, and, as expected, I was a very happy Head of School trying the variety of cakes that have been baked or bought by staff whilst supporting a fantastic cause!

On Thursday, it was 'European Day of Languages' with activities taking place during form time and their Modern Foreign Language lesson. I was witness to many greetings in different languages and in particular a Year 7 form answering the register in Greek. Thank you to all the staff and students.

As part of our literacy and reading agenda, I have been impressed with the engagement of Years 7, 8 and 9 during form time reading. Students have been focused and excellent atmosphere across all form classes. Well done to the students that have already completed Accelerated Reader Quizzes.

I would like to remind parents and students about our school Fitness Suite. This facility, new last year, is a superb gym free, fully supervised for our students to use in school and afterschool. Please see our afterschool timetable below for students to gain access at the end of the school day between 3.30pm to 4.30pm. If students are wishing to attend the Giles Fitness Suite please can they collect a letter from Mr Dodd (Head of PE) to confirm their attendance.

### Fitness Suite Timetable

- Monday Years 9, 10 and 11
- Tuesday Year 7
- Wednesday Years 9, 10 and 11
- Thursday Year 8



The Year 7 boys played their first game for Giles Academy on Wednesday night. In a hard fought game against Boston Grammar School, the boys displayed exceptional talent and resilience to come away with an excellent 4-1 victory. What a fantastic way to start their sporting careers at Giles Academy!



I would like remind parents that we are a nut aware school. The most common allergens are peanuts, tree nuts, eggs, fish and shellfish, soy and wheat. The most common allergy in our school is nut allergies, which can cause life threatening anaphylactic reactions to some of our students. Some students have allergies so severe, that even touching contaminated surfaces, or breathing in airborne nut protein, may cause an anaphylactic reaction. In order to maintain the safety of all students, we strongly request that parents/carers of students help us to ensure that all food brought into school is nut free. Nut based products (e.g. Snickers or nut bars) are not allowed on the school site.

For Year 10 students we have a fantastic evening upcoming in the school calendar for all Year 10 parents. The evening is to best prepare students for their examination years entitled 'How to Succeed at GCSE Evening' for parents/carers. All Year 10 parents will have received a letter this week – it will be fantastic to see so many parents attend as in previous years it has been an overwhelming success.

Finally, on Thursday we rewarded our Year 7 students who achieved 100% attendance - what an absolutely incredible effort from students and parents/carers to ensure every single child in Year 7 attended! A fantastic achievement in this year group and this was recognised with a sweet treat at the end of the day!

I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Kindest regards,



**Miss Katie Belcher**

Head of School, Giles Academy

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