

Head of School

Friday 4th October 2024

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

We have had another great week at Giles Academy. Although the weather and roadworks have been a challenge for the us all, we have still had another week full of events and successes.

Yesterday evening, we held our annual Open Evening which is always an exciting date in our diary. The Open Evening allows us to showcase the many great things Giles Academy has to offer. We had over 1,200 prospective parents/carers and students who attended the talk from Mrs Conley (Chief Executive Officer) and myself, as well as to see the school in action. I am so proud of our school community and it was amazing to see how many students who were willing to support throughout the evening - whether to support a teacher in a department, to be a student tour guide, or even to assist in the car park! My thanks go to all students and staff who once again showed how special Giles Academy is. I would like to give a special mention to our student speakers, who carried out three talks in front of a full school hall. Annabelle, Darci and Clay presented clearly, calmly and did a better job at selling the school than me! Thank you also to our Year 11 performers Millie Hyam and Millie Pucill who did an absolutely amazing job at entertaining our visitors with their fantastic vocal renditions. We are rewarding all our volunteer student with a free breakfast treat next week. Please look out for full details and photos from the Open Evening on our website and social media.



As we transition into the wetter months, we want to ensure that all students remain comfortable and healthy while at school. With the forecast predicting more rainy days ahead, it is important for students to come to school prepared for the weather. We kindly request that you ensure your child wears a suitable coat to school each day. A waterproof coat will help keep them dry and warm during outdoor activities and while traveling to and from school. We appreciate your cooperation in helping us maintain a safe and comfortable environment for all our students.

On Thursday, it was National Poetry Day. As part of the day, all of the lessons started with a poem related to the subject they are studying. This provided the opportunity for discussions and activities in relation to the poems. In addition to this, there is the opportunity to enter the Lincolnshire Schools Poetry Competition which has been promoted through the form tutors and house system.

In relation to this, I have some FANTASTIC NEWS to share. Darci Smith in Year 8 (pictured opposite) created Black History Month Poem for a national competition, which she entered this time last year and her poem has made publication! Congratulations to Darci who now a published author in the Saluting Our Sisters: An anthology: Poems Dedicated to Celebrating Black Women!



Have you ordered your school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for free delivery back to school is Thursday 10th October 2024. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk - If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

Congratulations to our Under 15 footballers who produced an outstanding performance against William Lovell Academy with a 9-0 victory – a superb score line for the team! I must highlight Lucas Taylor with his superb contribution to the overall score of four goals.

Finally, I would like to remind you that our annual Careers Fair will be held on Thursday 31st October 2024. We are inviting students to return with their families between 3.30pm and 4.30pm where exhibitors will have information on their own job opportunities as well as being able to discuss careers in more detail and offer advice to students and parents. The list of local and national businesses who are supporting us has been amazing.

With only two weeks left of this academic year we are certainly racing through Term 1!

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Kindest regards,

Miss Katie Belcher
Head of School, Giles Academy

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