

Head of School

Friday 11th October 2024

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

I cannot believe we only have one week left of this term! As usual, we have had another successful week at Giles Academy.

Our Year 7 students have now come to the end of their 'official transition to secondary school'. I must compliment how remarkably well the students have settled in, thanks to the collaborative efforts of our dedicated staff, supportive parents, and enthusiastic students. The transition program, which included Show My Homework, wellbeing, and introductory PSHE and careers sessions, has been a great success. Students have adapted to their new environment with confidence and enthusiasm. We are thrilled to report that our Year 7 students have shown exceptional academic performance. Their curiosity and eagerness to learn have been evident in their participation and achievements across various subjects. Teachers have noted the students' positive attitudes and willingness to engage in classroom activities, setting a strong foundation for their future studies. As you know, we will now re-timetable our groupings based on the CATs scores for Monday 14th October 2024 – therefore your child in Year 7 will be receiving a new timetable. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all parents and carers for your continued support and involvement. Your engagement in school activities, and home support has been invaluable in helping your children thrive during this transition period.

This week, we have launched our second year of the Aspire Passports for students in Years 7 to 10. I carried out assemblies all week to inform students of the process and to give them their passports. The Aspire Rewards Passport are designed to recognise and celebrate the achievements and positive behaviours of all our students. This innovative initiative aims to motivate and inspire students to strive for excellence in all aspects of their school life, not just academic. The Aspire passports should come home for parents to see, as some of the challenges requires your support and signature. We encourage parents and carers to support their children in this programme by discussing their goals and celebrating their achievements at home. Your involvement and encouragement will be key to the success of the Aspire Passport. I am looking forward to the students completing their passport and wearing their badges with pride.

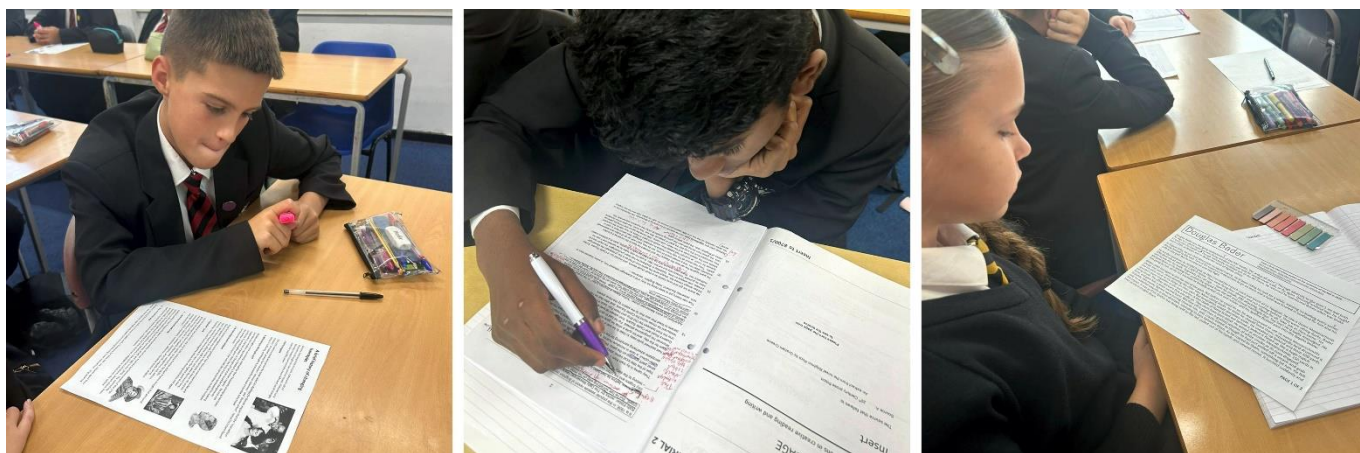


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On Wednesday, a group of Year 10 STEM students attended the Sir Isaac Newton Lecture at Skegness Academy. This year's theme was AeroDiscover to inspire students into the fields of aviation and aerospace. The students enjoyed presentations about projects to remove debris from retired man-made satellites, real life examples of RAF members who became a military officer and deployed humanitarian missions after deadly hurricanes, or a positive chemist who developed pyro biodiesel for aviation fuel right at home in his garage! They were shown examples of what AI contribute currently in the aviation, as well as its limitations. The event also had female inspirational speakers to illustrate and aspire our female students into a STEM careers. The students went away with the inspiring message that they can be British future Engineers, Scientists, and Computer Scientists!

We have held some fantastic House competitions this term including 'Challenge Miss Belcher to a Netball Shoot Out'! I am proud that I was able to score 6 goals in 30 seconds however, some fantastic netball shooters beat this score with the winning score being 9 hoops in 30 seconds – well done to Lilly Bell (Year 10), Rachel Moore (Year 9), Darci Smith (Year 8) all with 9 hoops and Alessia Nicholson (Year 7) with 8 hoops. I will keep practising ahead of the challenge next year!

Also, this week we have held DEAR Time (Drop Everything and Read) in Years 7 to 10. There were some fantastic examples of DEAR Time across all subjects, I saw many students enjoying reading material related to their subject and reading with confidence to the rest of the class. Well done to all!



We are looking forward to our annual Career Fair 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 is growing by the day. Our Careers team have done an amazing job in getting in a wide range of employers, from McDonalds to the NHS. Please come and see what our Careers Fair has to offer our students.

Careers Fair 2024

Thursday 31st October 2024

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Finally, thank you to all of the parents and carers that attended the 'How to Succeed at GCSE' evening on Wednesday. It was a fantastic evening that provided invaluable information such as revision tips and timetabling, supportive techniques in the home and external websites and apps for additional practice. The feedback from the evening was excellent and we have already seen our Year 10 students utilising the information and techniques over these last two days.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Kindest regards,



Miss Katie Belcher

Head of School, Giles Academy

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