

Head of School

Friday 1st November 2024

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

We have had a fantastic start to our Term 2. Our students have come back to school looking incredibly smart and with excellent attendance!

Yesterday, we held our hugely successful Careers Fair. The support and effort from our local and national businesses was incredible with over 35 exhibitors. All students had the opportunity to visit the Careers Fair with Years 9 to 11 having specific timed slots. We were also pleased to be able to offer parents/carers the opportunity to visit at the end of the day. All students were exceptionally well behaved, approaching companies and educators with confidence and asking questions with aspirational interest. The feedback we received from exhibitors on the day was amazing and really celebrated how well the students investigated and explore the varied career pathways available.

Visit www.gilesacademy.co.uk/careers-fair-2024-inspires-students for more information and photos from the Careers Fair.



Rewarding students is always a great way to start the term and as part of our rewards system, each year group have had their Strike Card prize draw this week in their assemblies. We always celebrate students for carrying out what we expect from our students on a daily basis. Each student with a clean Strike Card was entered to the prize draw to win Love2Shop gift vouchers. I was really pleased to see an increase in the number of Strike Cards entered into the prize draw! Students have all been given a new Strike Card again this term so if they missed out this time they have another opportunity. Pictured opposite are our fantastic Year 7 and 8 winners.



On Wednesday we held an important PSHE session for our Year 10 students. All students attended an Anti-Gambling Workshop which explored the different types of gambling and provided education regarding how companies use marketing skills to make gambling attractive and the adverse effects including addiction and the increase of mental health issues. Students were incredibly mature and engaged with the topic, asking and answering questions confidently.

We have made an excellent start this term with our whole school attendance – with some year groups between 98% and 100% this week – amazing! To celebrate the fantastic efforts with last term's attendance we will be delivering over 400 cookies and drinks to those students who have achieved 100% attendance last term. We pride ourselves on recognising everyday achievements and we believe all students who achieve 100% attendance deserve a little treat!

Extra-curricular achievements to highlight from the very end of last term included our cross country athletes who participated in the South Lincolnshire Cross Country Championships which took place at Boston Rugby Club on Friday 18th October 2024. All students showed great determination and resilience to compete in their races and we are proud of all who participated. A special mention to the following students who were placed in the top ten for their age group: Melita Sablinskaite - 5th, Albie Daniels - 6th, Jacob Cooper - 8th and Florence Mackay - 9th.

On Monday 11th November 2024, we are holding our annual Remembrance event. To mark the importance of this occasion the Royal British Legion have visited the school to bring us Poppies to sell to our students for a small donation. Our Head Students will be visiting form groups throughout next week and all donations are welcome for the 2024 Poppy Appeal. On Sunday 10th November 2024, Giles Academy will have a small team of student ambassadors will also be paying their respects at the Boston Remembrance Parade.

I hope you all have a fantastic weekend.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Katie Belcher', written in a cursive style.

Miss Katie Belcher

Head of School, Giles Academy

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