

Head of School

Friday 8th November 2024

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

It has been another excellent week, with students engaged in lessons and there is an excellent atmosphere around the school.

This week we have been selling Poppies in school as part of the annual Remembrance Day which we will be paying our respect to in school on Monday 11th November 2024. We are encouraging all students to buy a poppy to wear throughout the week and in particular on Monday. Please may I remind students who belong to a cadet group, or scouting or guide group, that they may bring their uniform to school to wear throughout the day on Monday. In addition to this, a small group of student ambassadors will pay their respects to those who fought for our country, laying a wreath at Old Leake War Memorial.

Year 11 Assembly this week has focused on their recent AOL data and promoting the intervention that is on during lunchtime and after school. The intervention programme is an important aspect to supporting the students with their academic studies. Students should also be accessing GCSEPod to support their studies, which all students have the opportunity to use. It is proven to improve student attainment with regular use of the resource.

We aim as a Trust to prepare our students for life beyond school, to equip them to be happy, healthy and safe. As part of the National Curriculum, all students have lessons in PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education) and SMSC (Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural) which cover a variety of important topics. The programme is consistently reviewed and amended to local and national needs. PSHE prepares our students for life and work, and teaches them how to lead their lives independently and with confidence. The Trust has embedded an outstanding PSHE and SMSC programme that is central to the Trust's ethos. The programme is taught once a week in Years 7 to 9, and through tutor time to Years 9 to 11, including an hour lesson every fortnight. Alongside our robust curriculum, we hold PSHE events, with a range of talks and activities arranged by specialist outside agencies, including PSCO's, Lincolnshire Fire & Rescue, Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership and Prison Me No Way are some of the external providers. Please visit www.gilesacademy.co.uk/curriculum for the PSHE/SMSC curriculum intent on our website if you would like more information.

On Thursday 7th November 2024, our Year 10 students received an external presentation from the charity 'Stand Against Violence' on Anti Violence and Knife Crime. This presentation forms part of our on-going and extensive PSHE programme. Unfortunately, we are living in a world where we need to educate and heighten awareness of violence, the law and the sanctions for carrying weapons. Our Year 10 students responded maturely to this very important topic which has increased awareness for all.



There have been some amazing individual school achievements. A special mention for the following students pictured opposite who have received special recognition for their entry into the Lincolnshire Poetry Competition. I am very proud to announce that Daniel Joseph (Year 8) won 1st prize with Samuel Muthukattil (Year 7) receiving a special mention for our Key Stage 3 winners and Cristina Radu (Year 11) won 2nd Prize in the Key Stage 4 competition. A fantastic achievement for these students!



This week we have been celebrating students 100% school attendance for last term. We want to increase the number of students who get rewarded for this during this term. As we all know, good attendance to school can have a huge positive impact on students' wellbeing and achievements.

When poor attendance starts, young people fall into a pattern that are likely to underachieve at secondary school. Students who miss between 10% and 20% of school (that's 19 to 38 days per year) stand only a 35% chance of achieving five or more good GCSEs, compared to 73% of those who miss fewer than 5% of school days. Although 90% attendance sounds like a solid attendance figure, this will have an impact on students' progress. Next week, over 350 students will be receiving a reward refreshment and sweet treat on the yard and a celebratory reward postcard home for their termly 100% attendance success!



Congratulations for everyone involved in the PE department – including all students to the superb PE staff, support staff and beyond. Last night our PE department was recognised out of 400 nominations as a finalist for the Active Lincolnshire Awards and nominated for the 'Positive Experiences for Children and Young People Award'. We are bursting with pride that Giles Academy has once again been recognised for its fantastic contribution and support for students in the local area and, despite not being the winners on this occasion, to be shortlisted for the final is fantastic! Well done to all involved.

Please find included at the end of this update our extra-curricular, intervention and revision timetables for Term 2. You will see from the provision that there are a variety of activities on offer for our students to partake in. We would encourage you to look through our extensive programme and discuss these additional opportunities for your child to widen their experience of school life.

I would like to remind you about our 'Children in Need' non-uniform day on Friday 15th November 2024. To support this amazing charity, we will be asking that students make a donation of £1 to wear their non-uniform for the day. We normally raise a huge amount for this charity during this day. For further information please see the separate letter which was sent out last week.

Finally, if you or someone you know is interested in working at any of the schools in our Trust, we are holding two SLAT Recruitment Roadshows on Wednesday 27th November 2024 at Giles Academy and Wednesday 4th December 2024 at Bourne Academy. Further information and details of how to register to attend is on this link: www.slat.org.uk/vacancies

I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Katie Belcher'.

Miss Katie Belcher
Head of School, Giles Academy

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- www.instagram.com/GilesAcademySLAT
- www.facebook.com/GilesAcademy
- www.twitter.com/GilesSLAT



South Lincolnshire Academies Trust **RECRUITMENT ROADSHOWS**

99%

of teachers are
proud to be a
member of
our Trust

If you are interested in discovering the opportunities available at **South Lincolnshire Academies Trust**, we would like to meet you at one of our Recruitment Roadshow events.

Due to an increase in student numbers and the rapid growth of our Trust, we will require more teaching and support staff this academic year and in September.

For those who want to get into teaching, South Lincolnshire Academies Trust are now one of the **Lead Partners** for the Lincolnshire SCITT and can talk to you about starting your teaching journey with us.



By attending, you will have the chance to make a positive impression and get a head start in working for our highly successful Trust to progress your career.

These events are for those who are interested in working at **ANY** of our Trust schools (Bourne Academy, Spalding Academy, Giles Academy and Cowley Academy).

Giles Academy

Church Road, Old Leake, Boston, Lincolnshire PE22 9LD

Wednesday 27th November • 5pm to 6.30pm

Bourne Academy


Edinburgh Crescent, Bourne, Lincolnshire PE10 9DT

Wednesday 4th December • 5pm to 6.30pm

You can drop-in anytime between 5.00pm to 6.30pm for the opportunity to speak to our staff about the many teaching and support job vacancies that will be available. There is free parking on the school site and free refreshments will be served from 5.00pm.

To attend, you must register in advance - please visit: www.slat.org.uk/vacancies



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Extra-curricular activities

TERM 2 (Monday 28th October to Thursday 19th December 2024)

Lunchtime extra-curricular activities

MONDAY LUNCHTIME				
Sport	Fitness Suite	Year 11	Fitness Suite	Miss Ward
Sport	CNAT Sports Intervention	Years 10/11	A07	Mr Reed
Business	Business Intervention	Year 11	B01	Mrs Pell
DofE	The Duke of Edinburgh's Award	Years 10/11	A09	Miss Cocks
Maths	Maths Intervention	Year 10	C03	Mrs Vrsiak
Science	Science Surgery (Homework Club)	Years 7/8/9	C11	Mr Vrsiak
Science	Combined Science Revision	Year 11	D08	Mr Castley
TUESDAY LUNCHTIME				
Sport	CNAT Sports Intervention	Years 10/11	A07	Miss Ward
Art	Intervention GCSE Open Studio	Years 10/11	A07	Miss McDonald
English	Intervention & Homework Support	Year 10	E04	Miss Kamsika
Geography	Geography Intervention	Year 11	D03	Mrs Stones
History	History Intervention	Year 11	D01	Subject Teachers
Science	Science Intervention (Foundation)	Year 10	D14	Miss Ortan
WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME				
Art	KS3 Art Club	Years 7/8/9	A03	Miss Salisbury
Business	Business Intervention	Year 11	B01	Mrs Pell
Drama	Drama Club	All Years	E010	Miss Watts
English	Imaginary Worlds Creative Writing	Year 7	E010	Miss Spring / Mrs Chester
English	English Homework Club	Years 7/8/9	E09	Mrs Warelis / Mr Woods
Maths	Maths Club	All Years	C08	Miss Wright
Maths	Maths Intervention	Year 11 (11B2)	C03	Mrs Vrsiak
Music	Samba Club	All Years	A09	Miss Cocks
Religious Studies	Religious Studies Intervention	Year 11	A09	Mrs Harker
Science	STEM Club	Years 7/8/9	D13	Mr Castley / Mrs Holland
Science	Science Intervention (Higher)	Year 10	D11	Mrs Graves
Science	Science Intervention	Years 10/11	D15	Mrs Webb
THURSDAY LUNCHTIME				
Sport	Basketball Shooting	All Years	Sports Hall	Mr Dodd
Sport	CNAT Sports Intervention	Years 10/11	A07	Mrs Cooper
Art	Art Intervention Open Studio	Years 10/11	A01 / A03	Miss Salisbury / Mrs Dent
English	English Language Intervention	Year 11	E05	Mrs Maxsted-May
Geography	Geography Intervention	Year 11	D06	Miss Pearson
Maths	Maths Intervention	Year 11 (11A2)	C01	Miss Woolley

FRIDAY LUNCHTIME				
Sport	CNAT Sports Intervention	Years 10/11	A07	Mr Dodd
Maths	Maths Homework Intervention	All Years	C08	Miss Woolley
Maths	Maths Intervention	Year 11	C06	Miss Wright
PSHE	LGBTQ+ Club	All Years	E06	Mr Kelly
Science	Speed to Science Success	Year 11	D12	Miss Cassidy

After school extra-curricular activities

Unless otherwise arranged by the organiser, all after-school activities will run for one hour. All after-school sports run from 3.15pm to 4.30pm.

MONDAY AFTER-SCHOOL				
Sport	Boys Football	All Years	Sports Hall	Mr Dodd / Mr Reid / Mr Cussons
Sport	Golf	All Years	Sports Hall	Mrs Cooper
Sport	Fitness Suite	Years 9/10/11	Fitness Suite	Miss Pearson / Miss Platt
History	History Intervention	Year 11	D01	Miss Whitelam
Science	Science Intervention (Higher)	Years 10/11	D12	Miss Cassidy
TUESDAY AFTER-SCHOOL				
Sport	Dodgeball	All Years	Sports Hall	Mr Dodd
Sport	Netball	Years 7/8	Sports Hall	Mrs Cooper / Miss Ward
Sport	Fitness Suite	Year 7	Sports Hall	Miss Williams / Miss Amos-Linley
WEDNESDAY AFTER-SCHOOL				
Sport	Basketball	All Years	Sports Hall	Mr Reed
Sport	Fitness Suite	Years 9/10/11	Fitness Suite	Mr Mason
Art	Art Intervention Open Studio	Years 10/11	A07	Miss McDonald
THURSDAY AFTER-SCHOOL				
Sport	Girls Football – FA Coaching	All Years	Sports Hall	Mrs Cooper
Sport	Netball	Years 9/10/11	Sports Hall	Miss Ward
Sport	Fitness Suite	Year 8	Fitness Suite	Mr Butler
Sport	CNAT Sports Intervention	Years 10/11	A07	Mr Dodd
Art	Art Intervention Open Studio	Years 10/11	A01 / A03	Miss Salisbury / Mrs Dent
Food	Food Technology Intervention	Year 11	D07	Mr Jagger
FRIDAY AFTER-SCHOOL				
Sport	CNAT Sports Intervention	Years 10/11	A08	Mr Reed