



Head of School

Friday 15th November 2024

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

Our students have been amazing representing the school over the past week!

It was an absolute honour last weekend to accompany our student ambassadors to the Boston Town Remembrance Service. Our student ambassadors laid a wreath from all at Giles Academy and stood alongside all our local Defences and Emergency Services representatives. Following this, they attended the town church service to pay tribute to those who lost their lives in conflict. It was a privilege to be involved in this important occasion and I was extremely proud of the confidence, respect and maturity the students displayed. In addition to this, on Monday 11th November 2024 we marked Remembrance Day with a one minute silence and a fantastic mural of poppies which each student had created displayed as a centrepiece of the school. Our Head Students, Connie Bunce and Daniel Murray, also accompanied by student representatives and uniformed cadets, accompanied Mr Wright to Old Leake Church Memorial and laid a wreath on behalf of all Giles Academy staff and students.



On Thursday, we held a Multi-Agency Day for our Year 8 students where we had over 20 external speakers delivering five safety sessions across the school day. These included Anti-social Behaviour, Fire Safety, Online Safety, Alcohol & Drug Awareness and Healthy Relationships. As usual, our speakers were very impressed with our students and their engagement in the active sessions. These days are very important for our curriculum delivery of PSHE.

Our Year 10 Geography students travelled to Lincoln this week to complete their Geography Field Trip which is part of their GCSE coursework. The students were commended for their exceptional behaviour on the trip which saw students enthusiastically gathering information and data to aid their GCSE exam.

Following on from the success of the Lincolnshire Poetry winners from the school last week, we now have a Lincolnshire Musician of the Year winner at the school. Bella Mustill, in Year 8, won 3rd place in the Senior Vocalist category at the weekend. Congratulations to Bella who continues to build a fantastic portfolio of success as a performer!

It was absolutely fantastic yesterday to see students represent their House for the Inter-House Rowing competition. Based in the superb Fitness Suite, the students participated along with a member of staff who acted as a team member. Mr Butler, Mrs Graves, Mr Jagger, Mr Mason, Mr Purdy and Miss Stones were as fiercely competitive as the students as they participated for the prestigious title of the 'House Winners'. Congratulations to Team Yellow who were our overall winners!

Today, we have helped to raise money for Children in Need by participating in a non-uniform day. Children in Need is such a worthwhile cause as they fund local charities and projects who help remove barriers that are facing children and young people, so that they can thrive. Each year, Children in Need support over 400,000 children and young people affected by a whole range of disadvantages such as poverty, disability, illness, distress or trauma. As a Trust we have raised over £4,000 and would like to thank everyone who donated.

Being a young person in a modern world is sometimes very difficult, particularly with the colossal amount of technology and the growing popularity of different social media platforms. Our young people are experts in operating different devices and applications and, often technology, is utilised in a helpful and positive way to support learning. However, often young people are exposed to content that enables them to take risks, to read and see material that is not age appropriate and to be exposed to harmful content. Lincolnshire Stay Safe Partnership are offering an online safety workshop for parents and carers on Tuesday 26th November 2024 from 6pm to 7.30pm, which we would recommend for anyone who would like some further information and support regarding keeping their child safe in an online world. Please visit www.tickettailor.com/events/staysafepartnership/1441969 to book your free tickets for this event.

In our Trust, we are committed to fostering an environment that upholds the core British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect, and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs. These values are integral to our curriculum and daily activities, ensuring that our students not only excel academically but also grow into responsible, respectful, and active members of society.

- **Democracy:** We encourage student participation in decision-making processes through school councils and regular feedback sessions, teaching them the importance of having a voice and making informed choices.
- **The Rule of Law:** Understanding and respecting laws is a key part of our education. We emphasise the reasons behind rules and the consequences of breaking them, helping students appreciate the role of laws in maintaining a safe and fair society.
- **Individual Liberty:** Our school promotes a safe environment where students can make choices and express themselves freely. We support them in understanding their rights and personal freedoms, balanced with a sense of responsibility.
- **Mutual Respect and Tolerance:** We celebrate diversity and encourage students to respect and understand different cultures, religions, and viewpoints. Through various activities and discussions, we aim to build a community where everyone feels valued and included. We ensure all British Values are integral in our curriculum content and school life.

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



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Giles Academy Wednesday 27th November • 5pm to 6.30pm
Bourne Academy Wednesday 4th December • 5pm to 6.30pm

I would like to give advance notice of our upcoming Year 9 Parents Evening which will be taking place virtually on Thursday 5th December 2024, from 4.30pm to 7.30pm. This is a very important evening for parents and carers as it provides important information regarding your child's progress.

Finally, we have updated our Extra-Curricular activities and interventions timetable at this end of this update, which outlines the wealth of clubs and activities which are running this term. Please take the time to share this with your child to discuss any particular interests or new activities they can get involved with.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Kindest regards,



Miss Katie Belcher

Head of School, Giles Academy

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



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
Food	Food Technology Intervention	Year 11	D07	Mr Jagger
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
FRIDAY AFTER-SCHOOL				
Sport	CNAT Sports Intervention	Years 10/11	A08	Mr Reed