

Head of School

Friday 22nd November 2024

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

Winter is finally upon us and I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents to remind their children to bring a coat to school. In addition to wearing a coat when outdoors I would like to remind you that you can purchase a plain black v-neck jumper to be worn underneath the blazer if you wish. These can be purchased from Nationwide School Uniform Shop on the following link:

- www.nationwideschooluniforms.co.uk/school-uniform/secondary-school/giles-academy

This week in House Assemblies, the Heads of House have promoted our Christmas Hampers activity. This is a fantastic tutor group activity to spread some festive cheer, where we ask for donations from students to create a hamper for an elderly member of the community. The non-perishable items are to be brought into school by Friday 13th December 2024. The hampers are decorated by students from the tutor groups and delivered to The Minstrels Care Home in Wrangle. The residents are always overwhelmed by their special hamper gift which are delivered in time for Christmas. Thank you in advance for the donations that will certainly make an elderly person very happy this Christmas time.

Also on the theme of charity, I would just like to thank everyone for contributing to our recent Children in Need 2024 appeal. I am delighted to inform you that as a school, our non-uniform day raised nearly £900 for this worthy cause and across the Trust we raised over £4,400!



This week, there has been outstanding inter-trust school netball success. Our Year 7 team played Cowley Academy and recorded a convincing victory by winning an impressive 24-2. Mr Dodd reported that *“There was an incredible demonstration of some outstanding shooting, tight defending and dominating center court play.”* Well done to Daisy Brighton who was the Players’ Player and Sienna Ward and Louisa Martin who were the Coaches Players.

On Tuesday, the Year 8 basketball team maintained their unbeaten start to their season beating Boston Grammar School 26-17. The game was close until the final quarter where Giles accelerated to victory with some great attacking play. Well done to Peter McKinnon who was the Player’s Player.



Well done to our Year 11 students who have been conscientiously preparing for their upcoming Pre Public examinations (mocks) which commence in the first week of December. Many students have been taking full advantage of the lunchtime and afterschool intervention opportunities in order to best prepare for this trial run of the summer examination series. All students have now received their PPE timetable and revision guides – we are hoping that all Year 11 students will share their timetable with you at home. Please support excellent attendance throughout this exam period, any periods of absence will need to be supported by a medical note.

A reminder to Year 9 parents and carers that on Thursday 5th December 2024 from 4.30pm to 7.30pm is online parents evening. We encourage all parents to participate so they can speak to subject teachers about student progress, the interventions that could benefit them and how parents can support students. This is an important time in your child’s studies as they will soon be choosing their Key Stage 4 (GCSE) options. Further information has been sent out on how to book your online appointments in advance.

Over the next couple of weeks, we are holding two SLAT Recruitment Roadshows on Wednesday 27th November 2024 at Giles Academy and Wednesday 4th December 2024 at Bourne Academy. These events are for anyone who is interested in working at any of the schools in our Trust in teaching or support roles. They are a great way to get a head start and find out how you can progress your career. For further information and to register to attend, please visit: www.slat.org.uk/recruitment-roadshow



South Lincolnshire Academies Trust

RECRUITMENT ROADSHOWS



Are you interested in progressing your career by **working for our Trust?**

Register to attend one of our Recruitment Roadshows to discover more about the **teaching and support roles** we have.

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

In addition to the Recruitment Roadshows, we are currently advertising for new teaching positions across the Trust. The subjects currently advertised for are: Art & Design, Drama, ICT, Mathematics, Physical Education, Religious Education and Science. If you are interested or know someone else who is looking to work at our Trust, please visit: www.slat.org.uk/latest-vacancies

Finally, we are excited to announce that South Lincolnshire Academies Trust are a new Lead Partner with Lincolnshire ITT to provide Initial Teaching Training in secondary schools across Lincolnshire. This means we will continue to offer teacher training opportunities at the four schools in our Trust as well as now offering teaching placements at other secondary schools in Lincolnshire. It will open up even more opportunities for recent graduates and career changers to gain a recognised teaching qualification and start a rewarding career in teaching. For further information about Initial Teacher Training, please visit: www.slat.org.uk/teacher-training

I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Kindest regards,



Miss Katie Belcher

Head of School, Giles Academy

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