

# Head of School

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

We have had another fabulous week at Giles Academy!

This week, we have held one of our three Christmas Dinner days, it was fantastic to see the atmosphere in the canteen as students enjoyed the tasty, traditional Christmas Dinner. I would like to thank our catering team for all their efforts with the Christmas Dinner – the ambience was very festive as the students pulled their crackers and wore their Xmas hats! Additional opportunities for students will be on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2024.



A reminder that next week on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024 is 'Wear a Christmas Item Day' in aid of Save the Children. We are asking students to support the fundraising for Save the Children by wearing one Christmas item alongside their normal school uniform and make a small donation of £1. **Please note this not a non-uniform day**, and some examples of how the students can get involved:

- Wear a **Christmas Festive Jumper** on top of their usual school shirts and tie
- Wear **Christmas Socks, Christmas Tie** or **Christmas Headband** with their normal school uniform
- Wear a **Santa / Elf Hat** with their normal school uniform

This week we have also been presenting many Aspire badges for those students who have achieved their Bronze badges. Congratulations to all of these students who have gone above and beyond to complete wider curricular tasks in order to gain their certification and badge. This also allows students access to the Aspire Reward Film Festival taking place at the end of term. For students who are very near to completion there is the need for one final push before Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2024, which is the cut off point for this term to gain access to the Reward event.



This Thursday, students have also enjoyed our first SALAD Day. Our students in Years 7 to 10 spent their day concentrating on their learning on Speaking and Listening tasks which related to their curriculum learning. SALAD is an initiative to support students develop their literacy and communication skills.

We have also held our Year 9 Parents' Evening online on Thursday evening. It was fantastic for our teachers to engage with parents and carers online to offer important feedback to their child's progress in school. As I toured around the school it was fantastic to hear so many positive and supportive conversations taking place. Thank you to all Year 9 parents and carers, I hope the evening was informative and gave you an opportunity to ask any questions to support your child on their educational journey.

This week, Year 11 have been completing their first week of Pre-Public Examinations (PPE 2 exams). This is an opportunity for the students to apply their revision skills, examination techniques, and work within exam conditions. Students have been very focused and determined and the behaviour has been exemplary. Well done Year 11!

Finally, a huge congratulations to the Under 13 Girls Basketball team who won the South Lincolnshire Under 14 Basketball Tournament – this is an outstanding achievement! The girls won every game against four other local schools. The beat Thomas Middlecott Academy 14-0, Haven High Academy 12-2, Cowley Academy 18-8 and Boston High School 8-6. Well done to the team who are all incredible sports ambassadors of the school.

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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