

Head of School

Friday 10th January 2025

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

Happy New Year! I hope you had a fantastic festive break and have been able to spend quality time with friends and family.

We have been in a very fortunate position this week remaining open for all students for the first full week back despite the flooding in some areas of Lincolnshire and within our local area. Thank you to all parents for your support on the return to school during this first week.

Students have adapted back into school routine very quickly and this week, we have been holding year group assemblies to remind students of the uniform and behaviour expectations. We have also been congratulating and rewarding students that have no strikes on their Strike Card and therefore, entered into the Strike Card Prize Draw. Well done to all students who had their card entered with the winners of the draw receiving £10 vouchers!

We are now on a countdown in Year 11 for the summer examination series, which is now fast approaching, with only around 15 school weeks left. The Pre-Public examinations were scheduled just before the Christmas break which allowed a well-deserved rest for our Year 11 students over the holiday period. However, students should have now started to consider constructing their revision timetable and organisation to support additional study – this may be lunchtime interventions, afterschool interventions, GCSEPod or independent revision. Students will receive their PPE results, in a mock GCSE results day on Thursday 23rd January 2025. Following this, our Year 11 online Parents Evening this term will take place on Thursday 30th January 2025. A letter outlining the details of the evening will be sent to all Year 11 parents and carers in due course.

Year 10 students one of the following subjects: Health and Social, IT and/or Performing Arts will also be taking part in a formal PSA (Pearson Set Assignment) examination sessions. Highlighting the importance of this - PSA's contribute 30% of the overall grade students receive at the end of Year 11. Students who study these subjects have now received a PSA timetable which identifies important dates for full attendance in school. Parents of these students are soon to receive a letter which outlines all details.

This week, in assemblies, we have been highlighting the change to our mobile phone policy – 'Not Seen and Not Heard' – students are to keep their mobile phone in their inside blazer pocket or in their school bag to ensure this policy change is being followed. In addition to this, I would like to remind students and parents that all students should carry a school bag to school daily – blazer pockets should not be used as a preference to a school bag.



Included at the end of the update this week are our Lunchtime Clubs and After School Interventions calendar for Term 3. It is fantastic to see so many students attending our diverse and inclusive extra-curricular programme at lunchtimes and after school.

This week, I would like to highlight our amazing fully equipped Fitness Suite (gym) which is a brilliant facility in the school supporting student physical, mental and social wellbeing. This is available after school for Years 9, 10 and 11 on Mondays and Wednesdays, Year 7 on Tuesdays and Year 8 on Thursday from 3.15pm to 4.30pm.



Finally, I am very excited to start another new year as Head of School at Giles Academy. I cannot praise the staff and students enough for their hard work, dedication and support. 2024 was an excellent year for the whole Giles community and we are planning to drive forwards with the success throughout 2025!

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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Extra-curricular activities

TERM 3 (Monday 6th January to Friday 14th February 2025)

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
Health & Social Care	Health & Social Care Intervention	Year 11	A06	Miss Harris
Maths	Maths Intervention	Year 10	C03	Mrs Vrstiak
Science	Science Surgery (Homework Club)	Years 7/8/9	C11	Mr Vrstiak
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	English Core Intervention	Year 11	E08	Mr Woods
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
English	Imaginary Worlds Creative Writing	Year 7	E010	Miss Spring
English	English Homework Club	Years 7/8/9	E09	Mrs Warelis
English	English Homework Support	Years 10/11	E04	Ms Kamsika
Maths	Maths Club	All Years	C08	Miss Wright
Maths	Maths Intervention	Year 11 (11B2)	C03	Mrs Vrstiak
Music	Samba Club	All Years	A09	Miss Cocks
Religious Studies	Religious Studies Intervention	Year 11	A08	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
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	Steps to Science Success	Year 11	D12	Miss Cassidy / Mrs Webb

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
Sport	Fitness Suite	Years 9/10/11	Fitness Suite	Miss Pearson / Miss Platt
Sport	Sports Leaders	Years 9/10	Gym	Miss Ward
History	History Intervention	Year 11	D01	Miss Whitelam
Science	Science Intervention (Higher)	Years 10/11	D12	Miss Cassidy
TUESDAY AFTER-SCHOOL				
Sport	Netball	Years 7/8	Sports Hall	Mrs Cooper / Miss Ward
Sport	Table Tennis	All Years	Gym	Mr Dodd
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	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
English	English Stretch & Challenge Intervention	Year 11	E02	Mrs Warelis / Ms Kamsika
Religious Studies	Religious Studies Intervention	Year 11	A08	Mrs Harker
FRIDAY AFTER-SCHOOL				
Sport	CNAT Sports Intervention	Years 10/11	A08	Mr Reed