

Head of School

Friday 24th January 2025

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

We started the week with a fantastic celebration for 88 of our Year 7 students who have been awarded for maintaining 100% attendance last term! What an achievement for an amazing number of students – congratulations to all who were rewarded!

In Year 11 this week, some students were involved in an English Masterclass led by an external visitor, Mr Sammons from Bedrock Learning. The session featured a focus on both English Language and English Literature papers in readiness for their final examination period. The engagement of all students was fantastic and student feedback was extremely positive. Mr Sammons stated that “the students were amazing, there was excellent behaviour and a real learning ‘buzz’ in the room!”. This was a brilliant opportunity for these students led by Head of Teaching and Learning at Bedrock – an award-winning Literacy education platform.



Intervention at Giles Academy plays a crucial part in our ambition for all students to **Aspire, Challenge and Achieve** and in doing so to be resilient, lifelong learners, responsible citizens and prepared for the future. Intervention can take many different forms. Our Rapid Plus reading scheme which takes place at lunchtime provides invited students with the opportunity to improve their reading skills. We have many varied afternoon registration sessions such as Literacy, Numeracy and Lexonik which students mainly in Years 7 and 8 identified as requiring this additional support are invited to attend.

In addition as we approach the critical months of Year 11, we are committed to providing every student with the tools and support they need to achieve their best in their GCSE examinations. To that end, we implement a range of intervention strategies designed to target areas where students may need additional guidance or encouragement. These include lunchtime and after school revision sessions with specialist teachers, the option for students to engage with GCSEPod, subject specific afternoon registration sessions and support in assemblies on how best to organise their revision. Once again this year we will be offering subject specific sessions during the Easter and May half term breaks. Year 11 parents should look out for further information regarding these opportunities. We ask for parental support in encouraging your children to make the most of the intervention and support on offer to them.



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It is that time of year when our Year 11 students receive their PPE results and their AOL2 data set. This set of PPE results will have given our students a realistic picture of what they may receive in the Summer. Students during our practice result sessions were very happy or had a little reality check about what they now need to concentrate on for the summer examination season. Our Year 11 Parents' Evening will be taking place online on Thursday 30th January 2025 from 4.30pm to 7.30pm and parents are required to book their online appointments in advance. Year 11 is a crucial year with GCSE exams and coursework to be completed so this Parents' Evening will focus on discussing the progress with grades and where students need to prioritise their learning to get the best results in the summer.

Year 10 students have all now had the opportunity to apply to be a prefect in school. During assembly on Wednesday students were advised how to make an application and that attendance, behaviour and commitment to school will all be key parts of the criteria to make a judgement on awarding Prefect status. I am looking forward to reading many applications from our Year 10 students.

On Wednesday I was able to spectate the last 10 minutes of a hugely talented team of footballers who were participating in the County Cup. The team demonstrated all of the skills that contribute to really great sportspersons. Commitment, team work, talent and of course, a hunger to win were all evident throughout the game. I am really looking forward to celebrating the success of this team as they move through the school. The final score was 6-2 to Giles Academy! Well done to all of the team.



If your child is a representative of any of the school sports' teams or attend a sports' club your child could have their very own, personalised sports' hoodie. These can be worn both during sporting fixtures and in PE lessons. Hoodies can be ordered through ParentMail.

As part of our Rewards Programme is our Top 5 Point Scorers! Every week we reward our Top 5 achievers in assembly with a small treat and recognition to all of their fantastic points across the course of the week. Well done to our Year 8 Top Point Scorers this week (pictured opposite).

Earlier this week, we announced that we are holding a 'Get Into Teaching' event on Wednesday 12th March 2025 at Spalding Academy to inspire future teachers. This is an fantastic opportunity for anyone who wants to work as a teacher at any of the schools in our Trust or in other secondary schools in Lincolnshire, Rutland and Peterborough. To attend, please visit www.slat.org.uk/vacancies to register in advance.



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I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Kindest regards,



Miss Katie Belcher

Head of School, Giles Academy

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South Lincolnshire Academies Trust (SLAT) are now one of the **Lead Partners for Lincolnshire ITT** and can talk to you about starting your teaching journey with us. At this 'Get Into Teaching' event, which will be held at Spalding Academy, you will discover how you can gain a recognised teaching qualification with our one-year school centred Initial Teacher Training.

If any of the following applies to you, you will benefit from attending:

- Recently gained a Level 6 undergraduate degree (e.g. BA, BSc, BEd, BEng) in any subject
- Currently studying a Level 6 undergraduate degree (e.g. BA, BSc, BEd, BEng) in any subject
- Currently studying A-levels or Level 3 BTECs and wanting to get into teaching
- Wanting to change career and become a teacher
- Working in a non-teaching role within a school or college environment and wanting to get into teaching

You could train either at the schools in our highly successful Trust (Bourne Academy, Spalding Academy, Giles Academy and Cowley Academy) or at a variety of other secondary schools in the Lincolnshire, Rutland and Peterborough areas.

This event starts at 5.30pm where there will be a presentation then the opportunity to speak to staff informally. You will learn about the different training pathways, entry requirements and details about student finances. We will cover school placements, the course content, support available plus timescales. We can also provide help so you can successfully apply.

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