

# Head of School

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

Welcome to Term 4 and what a great start to the term it has been.

Students have returned as eager as ever to get back into school routine, see their friends and participate in all that we have to offer.

Year 11 students have demonstrated an extremely high level of commitment to learning on return after half term. I have seen classrooms full to the brim with students dedicated to additional lunchtime revision sessions, excellent attitude to learning in the classroom and fantastic behaviour. Keep it up Year 11 as there is only 34 days to go until the first exam! With that in mind, we will be running a series of Easter Revision sessions for Year 11 students to sign up to across the course of the two weeks break. We have also launched our Year 11 Aspire Passport this week which rewards students for their efforts - the more they engage in all the school has to offer, the more money vouchers they will receive!

On Monday, our Year 7 and 8 students had the pleasure of taking part in a STEM sessions ran by the Education Programme at BAE Systems, Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force. The theme this year is 'Artificial Intelligence' and featured Lexi the co-bot who was a hit with students. This was a highly interactive show which explores what AI is and how we can use it. Students and staff were amazed by some of the 'capabilities of AI' demonstrations. The roadshow was organised by our Careers Team to help inspire students to take an interest in jobs relating to Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM).

This week, we have seen some fantastic performances from our sports teams. The highlight of the week was from our superb Year 7 boys football team who continued their impressive unbeaten start to the league season with a 6-0 victory against Cowley Academy. Mr Dodd, Head of PE reported that the players showed fantastic attacking link up play to secure the victory. Congratulations to Daylen Richardson for his direct dribbling which caused continual problems for the opposing defence securing him Player of the Match.



I would like to remind all Year 7 parents/carers that next Thursday (Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025) is World Book Day. To celebrate this event in school we have been informing all Year 7 students that they are invited to dress up as a character from their favourite book. We are holding an in-house competition for the best contribution to a World Book Day costume and will be celebrating the event across Year 7.

Earlier this week we sent a letter about our first aid support in school and across the Trust. I have summarised the standard points below, however, please see the letter for further details.

First Aid Treatments Provided:

- Being sick: Students will rest until they feel better or are collected.
- Fainting: Immediate care will be provided, and parents/carers notified.
- Nosebleed: Care will be given to stop the bleeding; persistent cases will involve contacting parents/carers.
- Burn or Graze: First Aid will be administered, and parents/carers informed.
- Emergency

The Trust have a full compliment of trained First Aid staff to support all students. For questions, please contact the school via [enquiries@gilesacademy.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@gilesacademy.co.uk) or call the main reception on 01205 870693.

In addition to the 'Get Into Teaching' event on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025, we will also be holding a 'Become a Teaching Assistant' event on the same day at Spalding Academy. Becoming a Teaching Assistant is a highly rewarding and valued job at our Trust. Due to expansion, we are looking to recruit even more Teaching Assistants to join our SEN team. At the end of the update you will find details about both events. We hope either you are interested or know someone else who is, and you can share with them.



**Become a Teaching Assistant**  
**INFORMATION EVENING**

Wednesday 12th March 2025 • 5.30pm to 7.00pm  
AT SPALDING ACADEMY

You are invited to discover how becoming a Teaching Assistant is a highly rewarding and valued role in the schools at our Trust.



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Finally, you may now have received the news regarding Mrs Conley's forthcoming retirement this December. Mrs Conley has driven the rapid improvement of Giles Academy to its highest standing in the community today, and this week, students and staff have started to reflect on the exceptional impact she has made on our whole school community. As a school, we congratulate Mrs Curson, Head of Bourne Academy, who will be taking over the reins as CEO in January 2026.

Kindest regards,



**Miss Katie Belcher**  
Head of School, Giles Academy

For the **latest news**

You can follow Giles Academy on our official social media platforms as follows:

- [www.instagram.com/GilesAcademySLAT](https://www.instagram.com/GilesAcademySLAT)
- [www.facebook.com/GilesAcademy](https://www.facebook.com/GilesAcademy)
- [www.x.com/GilesSLAT](https://www.x.com/GilesSLAT)



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Becoming a Teaching Assistant is a highly rewarding and valued job at South Lincolnshire Academies Trust. Due to expansion, we are looking to recruit even more Teaching Assistants to join our SEN team.

You can drop-in anytime between 5.30pm to 7.00pm for the opportunity to speak to our staff for more information about the role and how it can also further develop your career in our Trust. You can also find out more about the Teaching Assistant Responsibility allowance (TAR) which can be worth up to £2,000 for suitable candidates.

**This event is for those who are interested in working at ANY of our Trust schools (Bourne Academy, Spalding Academy, Giles Academy and Cowley Academy).**

To attend, please visit [www.slat.org.uk/vacancies](http://www.slat.org.uk/vacancies) to register in advance.

We also have vacancies advertised for Teaching Assistants on this website so you can even apply today.



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# Get Into Teaching

## OPEN EVENING

**Wednesday 12th March 2025 • 5.30pm to 7.00pm**

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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