

# Head of School

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

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

What a fantastic week for Giles Academy students.

This week has seen the first of our Inter-House School competitions with Year 8 students leading the way with Netball and Football tournaments on Thursday morning. There was a competitive atmosphere on the yards as students were competing for the much sought-after House points. Congratulations to everyone who participated!

Year 7 students this week have been offered the opportunity hold the responsibility of 'Junior Librarian'. This is an important voluntary role in the school, which offers support to Mrs Clements in the school library one day a week at lunchtime with various tasks to keep the library running smoothly. It has been a very popular position previously, therefore I am looking forward to meeting our successful applicants.

Earlier this month, we celebrated World Book Day and we are continuing to promote a love of reading at Giles Academy by launching 'The Great BIG BOOK Giveaway' this week, where we are giving away over 500 books across the Trust, via a raffle. The lucky winners from Years 7 and 8 were issued with a gift voucher and invited to visit the school library this week to choose from an amazing selection of books that include top titles aimed at Key Stage 3 readers. This initiative will further reinforce our high focus on the importance of reading as we are immensely proud to be 'a reading school'.

I would like to thank everyone who supported the non-uniform day last Friday. As a Trust we raised over £4,000 for Comic Relief / Red Nose Day.



This has been an important week for our Year 9 students as they have been focusing on their Key Stage 4 option choices. Over this past week, students have been using their time to watch a variety of subject videos to ascertain more detail of what the various courses consist of. Please can I remind parents/carers and students that the Options Form which you have been sent electronically must be completed by Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2025.

Year 11 students have started new subject interventions in both morning and afternoon registration time. This gives all our students the opportunity to 'top up' with revision strategies and interventions to support them achieving their target grades and beyond in readiness for the summer examinations.

Next week on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2025, we have our Exam Success Evening for Year 11 parents and students. This is the final opportunity of information, strategies, tips and techniques for exam success prior to the official start of the formal summer examinations. Thank you to those who have already booked in for the session, this is a final reminder for those wishing to attend.

Can I also take this opportunity to remind parents that Prom tickets for our Year 11 students are now available on ParentMail for all those Year 11 students invited to Prom. It has been fantastic to see so many outfits and plans being made for the Prom, but please do remember to purchase your ticket!

In addition to the Exam Success Evening next Wednesday, we also have the County Cup semi-final being held Wednesday afternoon at school. I cannot wait to cheer the team on to see if we can reserve a Giles place in the final of the County Cup! So far this year our Year 7 team has achieved incredible success and they all deserve to be proud of themselves – I am looking forward to reporting the score next week!

In other sporting news Mr Dodd, Head of PE, reports that it has been another successful year for the PE department. The Year 8 and Year 9 netball teams were crowned League Champions! The Year 7 netball team also continued their unbeaten run winning the SLAT tournament. And the list continues with the Year 7 and 8 football teams finishing a close second place in their respective leagues! Congratulations to all involved – we definitely need a larger trophy cabinet!

Please can I ask parents and carers to check if their child still has their physical canteen card – temporary cards are only for the timescale of a week to allow time for the new card to be ordered from ParentMail.

We have a fantastic programme of extra-curricular opportunities and this week I would like to promote our Pride Club, which is held on Wednesday lunchtimes. Pride Club creates a safe space for LGBTQ+ students and their allies to share what's on their mind, especially in regards to LGBTQ+ issues. Pride Club also talk about other topics, such as historic events and how that has impacted us, or even what is going on in politics. More recently, we have been designing some Pride Club bunting and our next task is to complete speaking and listening activities related to inspirational icons from the LGBTQ+ community.

Next week is our final week of Term 4 and we will be celebrating all students who have achieved an Aspire badge since September with a reward film, refreshments and an Easter egg. It has been brilliant to reward so many students that have gone above and beyond to complete their Aspire challenges. We have awarded over 320 Bronze badges, 100 Silver badges and 20 students have received the highest accolade of a Gold Aspire badge! All students will receive the well deserved film reward at the Giles Cinema in the school hall on Thursday next week.

Finally, we finish Term 4 next week on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 3.15pm. Please be reminded that our start of Term 5 is on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2025.

Kindest regards,



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

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**Tuesday 29th April 2025 • 5.30pm to 7.00pm**

If you are looking to **get into teaching** and work in a primary or secondary school then this information evening will help you take the next step to progressing your career. At this Get Into Teaching event, which will be held at Bourne Academy, you will discover how you can get into teaching and work in a primary or secondary school as a Teacher.

**Keystone Academy Trust** are one of the primary school lead partners with Lincolnshire ITT and **South Lincolnshire Academies Trust** are a secondary school lead partner with Lincolnshire ITT. Both can provide you with one-year school centred Initial Teacher Training.

If you have achieved a Level 6 undergraduate degree in any subject, or are in the final year of your degree then you could start the Initial Teacher Training programme from September 2025. We also can help advise the different routes available to get you into teaching.

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.

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



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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).**

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