

Head of School

Friday 25th April 2025

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

Welcome to Term 5 – a shorter term than usual with only 19 school days left until the next half term.

There was a fantastic positive atmosphere in the school on return, students returned looking smart, proud and confident heading into Term 5. Thank you to all parents/carers for your support with this.

On the first morning of return we held important assemblies for every year group to update them with the fantastic site developments that have taken place over the Easter break. We are part way through a large scale investment to refurbish the toilet facilities in the school. The students had previously highlighted this as something which required some attention on our 'Students Say We Listen' feedback form, and as a Trust we took action to support the students and address this rapidly. I have received very positive feedback from the students regarding the significant changes made and the project is due to be finished next month.

I would like to thank students and staff for the support with our Easter revision sessions. Students' behaviour and engagement with these sessions was outstanding. The students have all spoken very highly of the sessions and how useful they were for their preparation for the upcoming examination season. We understand this time for our Year 11 students can be very worrying, we are always here to support our students, through this journey.

Our Year 10 students have entered their PPE examinations this week. For one week, the students will sit the first of their three practice examination seasons. As you know, practice makes perfect and we hold this philosophy for our students when it comes to examinations. When entering an examination hall, we want our students to feel comfortable, relaxed and reassured so they can concentrate on giving their best answers. Can I please take this opportunity to remind parents to check with their child that they have all the equipment needed to complete their exams, this includes a mathematical calculator. If you are unsure what to purchase for your child - recommended calculators for school are: Sharpe Write View display EL-W531TL, Aurora True view display AX-595 or Casio FX83GT-CW. Please do call or email the school if any family requires further support with this.

Year 11 students have started the final countdown to their final examinations. They started this week with the Textiles exam and moves into next week with the Art, Photography and Performing Arts exams. I would like to commend the Year 11 students with the continued conscientious commitment to their studies to gain the grades they deserve – they have been fantastic!





Please can I remind Year 11 parents and carers that there is still time to purchase a Prom ticket and a Leaver's Hoodie to celebrate the students' time at Giles Academy.

We continue to reward students for their outstanding conduct in school and those with a clean Strike Card for Term 4 were entered into the Strike Card Draw this week in assembly. Congratulations to all students who entered the Strike Card Draw and, indeed, the winners who received their gift voucher this week!

Finally, I would like to mention a very special team of students – our Year 7 football team. They gained a place in the County Cup Final played at Sleaford against Robert Pattinson Academy this week. It is an achievement in itself to get to the County Cup Final and we are extremely proud of every student in the team. Unfortunately, we did not win this one and were worthy runners up. The positive spirit, teamwork and camaraderie is exceptional – well done to all involved!



Thank you for your continued support.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be 'Katie Belcher', written in a cursive style.

Miss Katie Belcher

Head of School, Giles Academy

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PRIMARY & SECONDARY Get Into Teaching

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 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).

To attend, please visit 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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