

# Head of School

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

It has been a fantastic week with students engaging with their learning. There has been a really positive atmosphere around the school.

This week our Year 11 Art students have completed their final ten-hour exam, spanning over two days. It has been a pleasure to see some of the amazing work that has been produced, we certainly have some very talented artists. We are continuing to support our students during this period with crammers and Head of Department briefings prior to the exam. Our students have worked incredibly hard with their revision and exam preparation and although this will be a somewhat busy and tiring time for our students, we know they will do themselves very proud!

Our Year 10 students have continued with their PPE exams this week and I have been very impressed with the way in which our students have organised themselves in this first round of practice for formal exams. Our Exam Invigilators have reported how impressed they have been with how well the students have conducted themselves.

I would like to remind parents/carers that we have our Year 10 Online Parents evening on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025. This event is for all Year 10 parents to receive important information about their child's progress in school. A link will be sent out next week in order for you to make your appointments.

As part of our PSHE programme, this week our Year 9 students experienced a very important lesson on Sexual Harassment delivered by external specialists from the Crime Prevention and Safer Lincolnshire Partnership. The students addressed the workshop with maturity and engagement as they learned about how to recognize the signs and how to respond to harassment.

Congratulations to our Year 8 and 9 netball teams who both played in the Superzone final this week. It is a huge achievement to get to the Superzone final with both teams respectively having had superb netball seasons. Both teams were challenged in the finals and although did not succeed to win, demonstrated fantastic spirit and deserve to celebrate their amazing seasons and reaching the Superzone final!

At the end of this update are details of our extra-curricular and enrichment activities for Term 5. There are activities and sessions that take place during lunchtime and after-school that include subject interventions, revision and homework sessions. The aim of this programme is not only to develop academic skills, but improve self-confidence, life-skills and leadership experiences as well as being enjoyable. For Year 11, there are additional intervention sessions that are designed to help students achieve the best GCSE grades possible in the lead up to their summer exams.



I would like to congratulate our Year 7 students on their fantastic contribution to their Geography hazard research projects. This year has seen our most impressive Volcanoes and Earthquakes models yet, from Volcano cakes to 3D printed models! The time and effort taken to create the outstanding projects has been amazing! Well done to all students for their contributions.



We value our students' voice at Giles Academy and to this end we have opportunities for students to make a positive contribution and make suggestions. This could either be by being a member of the Student Council, or by making a suggestion on the "Students Say We Listen" tab on our website via [www.gilesacademy.co.uk/students-say-we-listen](http://www.gilesacademy.co.uk/students-say-we-listen).

Finally, we are pleased to inform you that Giles Academy will be joining in the celebration of VE Day 80 on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025. This significant day marks the end of World War II in Europe and is a time for us to remember and honour the sacrifices made by so many. As part of our commemoration, we will be observing a minute of silence, at 11.00am. Please note that this timing has been adjusted from the national schedule, to accommodate our external examination timetable. In addition to the minute of silence, we will be sharing some traditional British sweet treats on the students' yard, to help them appreciate and celebrate this important day in our history. We believe our planned activities in lessons and tutor time, will provide our students with a deeper understanding of the historical significance of VE Day, and support our fundamental British Values in school.

Due to the Bank Holiday weekend, all students are back in school on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

Have a fantastic bank holiday weekend and I hope the weather stays fine.

Kindest regards,

**Miss Katie Belcher**

Head of School, Giles Academy

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- [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)



# Extra-curricular activities

**TERM 5** (Wednesday 23rd April to Friday 23rd May 2025)

## Lunchtime extra-curricular activities

MONDAY LUNCHTIME				
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
Geography	KS3 Geography Club	Years 7/8/9	D04	Mr Wagstaff
Health & Social Care	Health & Social Care Intervention	Year 11	A06	Miss Harris
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 Intervention (Grade 4)	Year 11	E08	Mr Woods
English	English Intervention (Grade 5+)	Year 11	E04	Ms Kamsika
Geography	Geography Intervention	Year 11	D03	Mrs Stones
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	E01	Miss Spring
English	English Homework Club	Years 7/8/9	E09	Mrs Warelis
English	KS4 Maths Intervention	Years 10/11	E04	Subject Teachers
Geography	KS4 Geography Intervention	Years 10/11	D06	Miss Pearson
History	History Intervention	Year 11	D05	Miss Brader
Maths	Maths Club	All Years	C08	Miss Wright
Maths	Maths Intervention (11B2)	Year 11	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	CNAT Sports Intervention	Years 10/11	A07	Mrs Cooper
Art	Art Intervention Open Studio	Years 10/11	A03	Miss Salisbury
Geography	Geography Intervention	Year 11	D06	Miss Pearson
Maths	Maths Intervention (Foundation)	Year 11	C07	Mr Smith

FRIDAY LUNCHTIME				
Sport	CNAT Sports Intervention	Years 10/11	A07	Mr Dodd
History	History Intervention	Year 11	D01	Mr Butler
Maths	Maths Intervention (Foundation)	Year 11	C01	Miss Woolley
Maths	Maths Intervention (Higher)	Year 11	C06	Miss Wright
PSHE	LGBTQ+ Club	All Years	E06	Mr Kelly / Mrs Whitehead
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 Cricket	All Years	Field	Mr Dodd
Sport	Girls Rugby	Year 7	Field	Mrs Cooper
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	Rounders	All Years	Field	Mrs Cooper / Miss Ward
Sport	Table Tennis	All Years	Gym	Mr Purdy
Sport	Fitness Suite	Year 7	Sports Hall	Miss Rimmer
WEDNESDAY AFTER-SCHOOL				
Sport	Girls Cricket Club	All Years	Field	Mrs Cooper
Sport	Basketball	All Years	Sports Hall	Mr Reed
Sport	Fitness Suite	Years 9/10/11	Fitness Suite	Mr Mason
Sport	CNAT Sports Intervention	Years 10/11	A07	Mr Dodd
Art	Art Intervention Open Studio	Years 10/11	A07	Miss McDonald
Food	Food Technology Intervention	Year 11	D07	Mr Jagger
THURSDAY AFTER-SCHOOL				
Sport	Athletics	All Years	Field	Miss Ward
Sport	Fitness Suite	Year 8	Fitness Suite	Mr Butler
Sport	CNAT Sports Intervention	Years 11	A07	Mrs Cooper
Art	Art Intervention Open Studio	Years 10/11	A03	Miss Salisbury
English	English Intervention (Grade 7+)	Year 11	E02	Mrs Warelis / Ms Kamsika
Maths	Maths Drop-In	Year 11	C01	Miss Woolley
Religious Studies	Religious Studies Intervention	Year 11	A08	Mrs Harker
Science	Online Science Revision (5pm to 6pm)	Years 10/11	TEAMS	Mr Castley
FRIDAY AFTER-SCHOOL				
Sport	CNAT Sports Intervention	Years 11	A08	Mr Reed