

Head of School

Friday 9th May 2025

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

A shorter week this week, due to the bank holiday break, which I hope you all enjoyed.

On Thursday we celebrated the 80th anniversary of VE day with our whole school community. A one minute silence was held at 11am to support reflection on VE day, this was followed by students celebrating with British sweets during their breaktime. Our Year 7 students were flying the Union Jack this morning and all students were educated during registration time about the significance of VE day. Students demonstrated respect throughout the day as we marked this important occasion. There was fantastic spirit from our staff as well, as some staff also joined in with celebration by dressing in Red, White and Blue in line with the Union Jack.



The summer examinations have started this week for Year 11 with a fantastic start by our Health & Social Care students on Monday, then throughout the week we have continued with MFL speaking examinations. Our full Year 11 cohort examination starts next Monday with English Literature being the first of many next week. Year 11 students are conducting themselves professionally around school as they prepare and attend additional lunchtime and afterschool sessions in order to be as prepared as possible. Well done to all!

In addition to this, our May Revision sessions have been sent home to all Year 11 parents this week as our final pitstop for intervention prior to the last stage of exams following the half term break. Please do support your child in signing up for the extra sessions.

The South Lincolnshire Athletics trials took place this week with a selection of Giles Academy students taking part. Mr Dodd, Head of PE reports that "All students competed with great determination showing their fantastic athletic abilities". Some notable results were Lily Bell (Year 10) placing 3rd in the Inter Girls High Jump. Sawyer Cooper (Year 10) finishing 4th in the Inter Boys 100m and Albie Daniels (Year 7) finishing 9th in the Boys 800m race. Well done to all athletes involved.

On Wednesday, Years 7 to 10 took part in DEAR Time, which stands for 'Drop Everything And Read'. The spotlight on reading shone through as students were exposed to various reading materials across a wide breadth of subject areas during Period 3. It was particularly interesting to see students taking part in the 'Letter to a Veteran' national scheme during English lessons. All Key Stage 3 students had the opportunity to read a letter from a 100 year old veteran, discuss the content and write back a thank you letter to the veteran in gratitude for their service. Two selected responses from each class will be collated and mailed back to the veteran in return. I hope to be able to update you on this in the coming weeks.

We have a fantastic selection of items in our wonderful canteen which is run by Mrs Dodd, the canteen is hugely popular as is the Year 7 food pod for both break and lunchtime refreshments. Please can parents and carers check with their child about the top up for their canteen card as we are trying to minimise the food wastage which is happening daily due to hot meals being selected by students without the funds topped up on their card, which then cannot be returned for resell. Thank you for your cooperation on this matter.

Our attendance team supported Boston Police this week with Operation Absence. Schools in the locality, police and social teams join forces to detect students who are absence from school without the authorisation to be. This allows for early detection and support for those families in need and the heightened importance relayed to students who are missing from school without authorization. Miss Myers joined the team on Thursday who worked across the Boston area to support students returning to school as they patrolled the local town centre and carried out home visits. This collaborative approach resulted in a positive impact for all parties involved.

A final reminder that Year 10 Parents/Carers will have received a link this week to book for the Parents' Evening on Thursday 22nd May 2025. This is a very important opportunity to meet remotely with your child's Year 10 teachers regarding their progress, attendance and behaviour in school. Please take the time to read the information in the letter we have sent which contains further details on how to sign up for the evening.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Kindest regards,



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