

Head of School

Friday 23rd May 2025

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

We have finally reached the end of Term 5, with one term to go I can't actually believe we will shortly be arriving at the end of this academic year!

Thank you to all Year 10 parents and carers for attending the Year 10 Parents Evening last night. The evening was well attended and hopefully, informative following the receipt of the PPE results and AOL data sent to parents earlier in the week.

Yesterday, parents and carers of Year 7 students will have received details of an extra Year 7 Parents Evening for this academic year that will take place online on Thursday 12th June 2025. This will be different to the first Parents Evening, which was with your child's form tutor as meetings will now be with your child's subject tutors. Please book timeslots early as they are available on a first come, first served basis.

Year 11 are now at mid-point of the exam stage and have been coping incredibly well with the pressure of exams, their independent revision and their own personal organisation. Thank you to all parents and carers for continuing with the positive encouragement that is happening at home. We have many students signed up for the May Revision Sessions which are taking place next week in the holiday period which are led by subject specialists – this is the final hurdle prior to the last set of exams. Well done to all Year 11 students – we are very proud of them all!

This term has seen many fantastic achievements across our House competitions. In particular, congratulations to Red House, led by Miss Rimmer, who continue to lead as our overall points champions – an impressive effort from everyone involved!

This week, we hosted our Inter-House Skipping Competition, which brought great energy and enthusiasm. Each team was made up of a representative from every form, a staff member and a Head of House. Congratulations to Purple House, who skipped their way to victory and are now our official skipping champions! Every competitor had 60 seconds to complete as many skips as possible, with individual scores contributing to the team's total. A special mention goes to Darci Smith (Year 8 in Blue House), who recorded the highest individual score overall – a superb achievement!





A special mention this week goes to Year 10 student Milan Haile. Milan is a talented songwriter who composes lyrical raps to perform. Milan's song writing skills have been captured by the National Association for Fostering who visited Giles Academy this week to recognise his amazing skill and present him with a small donation as a way of congratulating him for his courage, performance and talent. Milan's raps will now be performed as part of the Foster Care Association Achievement Day which Milan himself has been invited to as special guest! Pictured opposite is Milan performing at our Winter Showcase last December.

I am pleased to announce that Giles Academy is now the current holder of the SLAT rounders tournament for Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9! This week Year 9 secured the victory bringing home the trophy after excellent teamwork, batting, bowling, fielding and tactics – a fantastic team effort Mrs Cooper reports.

It was fantastic this week to see so many students entered into the Super Prize Draw. Students are entered based on their data which includes attendance, AOL data and behaviour points. Congratulations to all who have been entered into the draw and we have been celebrating the winners this week, who were given a voucher in recognition to their commitment to school.

Cowley Academy, one of our Trust schools was visited by Ofsted this week. This is their first inspection since Cowley Academy joined South Lincolnshire Academies Trust. We will of course inform all of our parents and carers of the feedback when it is available to do so.



Finally, please remember parents/carers and our students have access to our 'Feeling worried or anxious' section on our website (www.gilesacademy.co.uk/feeling-worried-or-anxious) where they can also email worried@gilesacademy.co.uk during half term. This is monitored over the holiday period and we will respond to your email. Additionally, as per last week's letter we have now launched our Student Wellbeing Charter which also outlines all the support available for young people should they have a concern. We have informed students that if they feel there is an emergency safeguarding concern, not to wait for an email response from the school - please always dial 999. We also have a wealth of wellbeing support on our school website for students to access during the holiday period in our new Student Wellbeing Charter which we launched last week and was introduced in last week's update.

Please can I remind parents we return to school on Monday 2nd June 2025.

Kindest regards,

Miss Katie Belcher, Head of School, Giles Academy

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