

Head of School

Friday 13th June 2025

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

As we head into the final week of our GCSE examination season, I would like to thank students, parents and staff for their hard work and dedication to our very successful examination season. Our students have had examinations for five solid weeks now, and they certainly deserve a long rest and some relaxation time as they nearing the end of this journey.

As we finish Year 11 exams we move onto the focus of our Year 10 students. Year 10 students will be sitting their Maths PPE (mock exam) next Thursday 19th June 2025. It is important that we continue to have excellent attendance at school next Thursday so all Year 10 students can attain the experience of a real GCSE examination environment.

In addition to awarding Prefects status this week, we have also advertised to Year 7 students, the role of Buddy status. Being a Buddy is very important role to support students in the school where additional help and support is needed and in particular, for those new 180 students who will be transitioning to secondary school in September. During this month we have our Transition Day when we look forward to welcoming and introducing our new 7 students to the school from their primary school and the 'Buddies' are key to ensuring the students are welcomed and supported throughout the day. Our new Buddies have been announced and awarded their 'Buddy badges'.

This term, Mrs Simons (Year 7 Lead) works closely with our local primary schools to ensure our new Year 7 students are ready and excited to join Giles Academy in September 2025. Due to this, our Year 7 students have been introduced to their new Year Lead, Mrs Lovelace. For all Year 7 parents and carers, Mrs Lovelace can be contacted on the following email: llovelace@gilesacademy.co.uk. I am really looking forward to meeting all of new students on our Year 6 Induction Day on Friday 27th June 2025.

As we start to make preparations for next academic year, those students who currently pay for a Giles school bus (BUS A,B,D and E) have been sent a letter outlining payment information for next academic year. This information has been sent to all parents earlier this week, students who travel to school on these designated buses have received a copy of this letter also, to bring home. Please can all parents of students who travel on Bus A, B, D and E read the information carefully and note the deadline which is stipulated on the letter.

Today, we held another SALAD Day – our focused speaking and listening lessons which are planned across all subject areas. I was very impressed to see the many different activities that were taking place during SALAD time enabling the students to grow in confidence with their speaking and listening skills.



Please can I remind parents of the following areas:

- Students are not permitted to wear socks over, or under tights
- Students are not permitted to wear any fake eyelashes, acrylic or gel nails or any facial piercings
- Students should not wear fashion sunglasses in school

Thank you for your support on this matter as we move into the final 5 weeks of the school year.

Finally, I would like to celebrate with our PE department that our Year 8 and Year 9 Rounders teams are both, District Champions! This is a fantastic achievement and another one to add to the many sporting successes we have had this academic year. Well done to all students involved in this, we are very proud!

I hope you have a great weekend.

Kindest regards,



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