

# Head of School

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

As we head into the final few weeks of term, the summer heat certainly made its presence known at the start of the week. With temperatures rising, our students and staff have shown great resilience, continuing to engage meaningfully in learning despite the warm conditions.

We've taken measures to keep everyone as comfortable as possible - hydration reminders, shaded outdoor spaces and adjustments to uniform and adjusted PE activities.

Today we have held our annual Sports Day and what a spectacular event it was! Students were seated in House teams eager to cheer on their fellow House members. All year groups from Years 7 to 10 participated as we continued with our Giles Academy tradition of the tug of war event and other track events. Today highlighted fantastic student conduct, inclusivity and community as our Giles family positively encouraged all participants to finish their race regardless of ability. It definitely is one of my favourite days of the year! I will be reporting next week on the winning House Team and outstanding performances.

Keeping to the topic of sport... our Year 7 Rounders team were brilliant last week at the District Rounders Tournament. With victories against Thomas Middlecott Academy (7.5 rounders to 2.5) and Haven High Academy (9 rounders to 2.5), we just lost to Boston High School by half a rounder on the very last bowl with the final score 5.5 rounders to 6. Mrs Cooper, Teacher of PE reported that the team "demonstrated some excellent batting skills allowing us to score some brilliant rounders." A huge congratulations to all members of the team - for some of whom this was their first time representing Giles Academy in a sporting event.



Sport at Giles Academy continues to go from strength to strength. We have a large uptake of students who participate in a wide range of sporting activities across the school which reinforces the importance we place on being active. Just this week we are Year 8 South Lincolnshire Superzone Champions, winners of the Year 7 SLAT tournament and to add to this Sports Hall of Fame, we have just heard the fantastic news that we have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2024/25 academic year!



Congratulations to all of the students who have earned their Bronze, Silver and Gold Aspire Awards. Your hard work, ambition and dedication continue to inspire us all. Next week will be the opportunity for the students who have achieved at least their bronze to be rewarded with watching a film, popcorn, drink and an ice cream. Well done to all of the student who have achieved their Aspire awards.

Next week in assemblies, we will be sharing the exciting news with our students about the upcoming whole school Film Festival event happening in the final week of term. We will be reminding everyone that this special reward is available to all, as a celebration of their hard work and dedication throughout the year. It's important to us that every student knows how much we appreciate their efforts.

At the same time, we will be reminding students that maintaining positive behaviour over the last two weeks is essential to fully enjoy this treat. We're really looking forward to seeing our students relax and have fun during their well-deserved in-school cinema experience!

As we approach the final stages of the academic year, we will be reinforcing our expectations to our current students, ready for the September start.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Kindest regards,



**Miss Katie Belcher**

Head of School, Giles Academy

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