

Head of School

Friday 11th July 2025

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Dear parents/carers and students,

What a week full of activities it has been at Giles Academy, students have embraced every opportunity this week even with temperatures climbing throughout the week.

The start of the week saw the 'Student Bake Off' and what a great competition it was in our own 'Bake Off' kitchen! This House competition saw students from all year groups and staff to compete for the 'Bake Off Champion' title. With temperatures soaring in the kitchen, the Battenburg cake was challenging, particularly the creation of the marzipan. Nevertheless, we had some amazing cakes created. The judging panel awarded Annabelle Booth and Sophia Cruz (Yellow House) with Best Tasting, and Hannah Barrington's creation (Green House) as Best Presented.



In another superb House competition this week we held the prestigious 'Rocket Launch' competition. Each tutor group designed a rocket from an empty two litre bottle which was launched into the air by Mr Castley and his rocket launching machine! This is a very popular competition throughout the whole school community. The winner of the Key Stage 3 competition was Year 8 Red House with Mr Butler's tutor group. It was a fantastic effort from all students in Red 8!



These two competitions are fantastic examples of the wide range of inclusive activities which are designed to create healthy competition amongst students in our House system. This week we have reflected on participation in our House system across the academic year and we have been rewarding students for their above and beyond approach to school and the wider community in their House assemblies. It has been such a privilege to end this week rewarding so many students with certificates in recognition of their hard work throughout the year! Congratulations to all involved!

This week we have also held our Head Student interviews, there was some very tough competition, however I am pleased to announce that Head Student for the 2025/26 academic year is Emi-Mai Forman. Emi-Mai will be supported by four Senior Prefects who will have dedicated roles to lead throughout the school community.

On Monday, Year 10 students took part in a vital Knife Crime Awareness Workshop delivered by Lincolnshire Police. This important session provided valuable insights and education on staying safe and making responsible choices. We are incredibly proud of our PSHE provision as we prepare our young people for life beyond school.

Finally, congratulations to all of the students who have earned their Bronze, Silver and Gold Aspire Awards this academic year. 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 award to be rewarded with watching a film, popcorn, drink and an ice cream. Well done to all of the students who have achieved their ASPIRE awards.

As we head into the final week of the academic year, we are looking forward to a Film Extravaganza in the Giles Academy Cinema, which is available to all students!

Thank you all for your continued support.

Kindest regards,



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