

# Head of School

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

I cannot believe the end of the 2024/25 academic year is here!

It has been an incredible year of success. We are already oversubscribed for the next academic year, which highlights the success of the school within the local community.

We have had an incredible year, with so many great opportunities and events to celebrate. As there are too many great events to mention in one update, but here are some of our highlights of 2024/25:

- **Rewards:** Our third SLAT Upper School Awards held at Springfields, Aspire Winners Film Festival events!
- **Sporting Achievements:** Finalists at the Positive Experiences for Young People Awards for Sport and Physical Activity – Active Lincolnshire. Rounders Teams crowned SLAT Summer Games Winners. Our Year 7 football team in the County Cup Final!
- **Trips:** Geography field trips to Lincoln and Hunstanton, The Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze & Silver Expeditions
- **Creative:** Christmas Concert, Lincolnshire Poetry Competition winners!
- **House Competitions:** Bake Off, Christmas Hampers and so much more in addition to over 500 Aspire badges awarded!
- **Attendance:** National School Attendance Award
- **Events:** A very successful Year 11 Prom, World Book Day and a fantastic Sports Day!



The list above is limited to events and highlights across the course of the year however, the highlights for the school happen consistently on a daily basis where students are seen happy, thriving and making fantastic educational progress within the Giles Academy community.



Aspire • Challenge • Achieve

This week, students in Years 7 to 10 have had their 'Film Festival'. The students enjoyed popcorn, sweets and a drink whilst watching the film and had an ice cream at the interval, this was followed by a draw for students to win vouchers for £20, £15, £10 and £5. The atmosphere was fantastic and well done to all of the students who were involved.

We have also have held Sports Awards assemblies all week where the participation and success in sport just keeps on growing. Year 7 in particular, demonstrated a fantastic contribution to all that we have to offer for Sporting opportunities. In addition to the abundance of certificates awarded in Year 7, the 'Sportsperson of the Year' trophies go to Sienna Ward and Albie Daniels (pictured opposite) who have both shown excellence and outstanding commitment throughout the year.

Congratulations to Red House, led by Miss Rimmer for winning the overall House Points competition this academic year, and to 7 Blue who are the top-performing form group. We'd also like to give special recognition to 7 Green and 9 Orange, who completed the most Aspire challenges this year - an outstanding accomplishment! Miss Pearson Head of House, also reports that *"We've also seen fantastic progress through our School Council this year, they have really helped to shape positive change across the school community. As the Head of House Lead I cannot wait to see more competitions and achievements next academic year."*



I would like to draw your attention to our return to school in September 2025. Students will return to school as follows:

- **Thursday 4th September 2025** (Years 7, 10 and 11 only)
- **Friday 5th September 2025** (Years 8 and 9 will return - all students are expected to be in school)

At the end of the update, we have included the term dates for 2025/26. We would like to remind parents/carers, that students are not allowed to take holidays during term time as this can impact on their learning. The term dates are provided with advance notice to allow you to plan ahead and on our website ([www.gilesacademy.co.uk/term-dates](http://www.gilesacademy.co.uk/term-dates)) we have also published the term dates for 2026/27.

For our Year 11 students their GCSE & BTEC Results Day is:

- **Thursday 21st August 2025** (from 8am to 10.30am)

To ensure that all students return to school in September 2025 in the correct uniform and maintain the excellent standards, we have included the Uniform Policy for 2025/26 at the end of the update. As well as wearing the correct items of clothing, we would like to draw your attention to the policy for hairstyles, jewellery, make-up etc. Your support in ensuring the uniform policy is adhered to is always appreciated so students can focus on learning.

We have been preparing our students to be equipped with knowledge and support about keeping themselves safe as they arrive at the summer break. Over the last few weeks, we have been reminding students how to keep safe over the summer period. Parents and students can view safeguarding details on the school website. Please visit [www.gilesacademy.co.uk/feeling-worried-or-anxious](http://www.gilesacademy.co.uk/feeling-worried-or-anxious) or [www.gilesacademy.co.uk/safeguarding](http://www.gilesacademy.co.uk/safeguarding) should you or students need some support, advice or help during the summer period. This includes our worried email ([worried@gilesacademy.co.uk](mailto:worried@gilesacademy.co.uk)), which will be monitored over the summer break. If you have any immediate safeguarding concerns, please contact Childrens Services on 01522 782111 (Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm) or for out-of-hours emergencies, call 01522 782333.

Our Student Wellbeing Charter has been a fantastic addition to our support for students this year, this demonstrates our commitment to our students wellbeing and mental health. Student can visit [www.gilesacademy.co.uk/student-wellbeing-charter](http://www.gilesacademy.co.uk/student-wellbeing-charter) for the Student Wellbeing website.

Have a fantastic summer holiday period with your family and friends,

Kindest regards,



**Miss Katie Belcher**

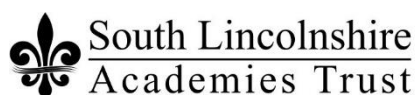
Head of School, Giles Academy

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You can follow Giles Academy on our official social media platforms as follows:

- [www.instagram.com/GilesAcademySLAT](https://www.instagram.com/GilesAcademySLAT)
- [www.facebook.com/GilesAcademy](https://www.facebook.com/GilesAcademy)
- [www.x.com/GilesSLAT](https://www.x.com/GilesSLAT)

# Term Dates 2025/26



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■ School Holiday    
 ■ Bank / Public Holiday    
 ■ Staff Training Day    
 ■ Years 7, 10 & 11 return    
 ■ All year groups return

## 1ST TERM 2025

Thursday 4th September - Friday 24th October 2025

- Years 7, 10, 11 & 12 return on Thursday 4th September 2025
- All year groups return on Friday 5th September 2025

### HOLIDAY

Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October 2025

## 2ND TERM 2025

Monday 3rd November - Friday 19th December 2025

### HOLIDAY

Monday 22nd December 2025 - Friday 2nd January 2026

## 3RD TERM 2026

Monday 5th January - Friday 13th February 2026

### HOLIDAY

Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February 2026

## 4TH TERM 2026

Monday 23rd February - Thursday 2nd April 2026

### HOLIDAY

Friday 3rd April - Friday 17th April 2026

## 5TH TERM 2026

Monday 20th April - Friday 22nd May 2026

### HOLIDAY

Monday 4th May 2026 (May Day)

Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May 2026

## 6TH TERM 2026

Monday 1st June - Friday 17th July 2026

**STAFF TRAINING DAYS** when your child will not have to attend school are allocated as follows:

Tuesday 2nd September 2025

Wednesday 3rd September 2025

# Uniform Policy for Years 7 to 11

The way that students dress is important to create a smart, disciplined and purposeful academic environment, and as role models to promote the public image of Giles Academy in the wider community.

At the start of every term, students are issued with a 'Strike Card' to ensure our uniform standards are maintained. Any uniform infringements may result in detention or isolation depending on the infringement.

PLEASE NOTE THAT IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT FOR ALL ITEMS OF UNIFORM TO BE LABELLED.

## Black blazer with Academy badge

- Available ONLY from Nationwide School Uniforms.
- To be worn at all times on the school site unless specific permission has been given by a member of staff.

## Plain black V-neck jumper

- This must be plain black and V-neck. A jumper is in addition to the blazer, not instead of a blazer. No cardigans, sweatshirts or hoodies.

## Academy Year group tie

- Available ONLY from Nationwide School Uniforms.
- Students keep the same colour tie in each year at school.

## Black skirt with SLAT Trust emblem

- Available ONLY from Nationwide School Uniforms.
- Must be no shorter than 5cm above the knee and no longer than 10cm above the ankle.
- Skirts must NOT be rolled over at the waist.
- Black trousers with SLAT Trust emblem can be worn instead of a black skirt.

## Black trousers with SLAT Trust emblem

- Available ONLY from Nationwide School Uniforms.
- To be worn off the ground and level with shoes.

## White shirt

- Long or short sleeved, worn tucked in and all buttons fastened. No reverse or button-down collars.

## Black leather effect school shoes

- No trainers/pumps. No high heels. No sport makes.
- Black leather effect flat boots may be worn with trousers only.

## Socks

- Plain black only. No stripes, colours or white sport socks. No sports logos.
- No trainer socks and no knee high socks, or over the knee (socks must be visible above shoes).

## Tights

- Flesh coloured or black.
- No socks to be worn over tights.

## Coat

- Coat in dark colours preferred (not to be worn inside).

## PE KIT (GILES ACADEMY)

- **Jade polo shirt**  
(available ONLY from Nationwide School Uniforms)
- **Rugby / Multisport top**  
(available ONLY from Nationwide School Uniforms)
- **Plain black shorts** (no stripes, colours or cycling shorts)
- **Trainers** (with laces and non marking soles)
- **Football boots**
- **Black football socks**
- **White sports socks** (trainer socks are NOT permitted)
- **Shin pads**
- **Mouthguard**

## Optional items to be worn ONLY for PE

- **Plain black sweatshirt** (round-neck with no hood)
- **Plain black tracksuit bottoms** (no stripes or colours)
- **Plain black Skort**  
(available ONLY from Nationwide School Uniforms)
- **Plain black leggings** (must be worn under shorts/skort only)
- **Plain black base layer** (must be worn under tops or shorts only)

## HAIR STYLE

- No extreme hairstyles (i.e. no unnatural colours or contrast colourings are permitted and no shaven lines in hair).
- Discreet hair accessories only (dark colours only).
- The school has discretion in these matters. Please contact the school if any of the above needs clarifying.

## JEWELLERY/OTHER

- A single small stud or small sleeper may be worn in each ear lobe.
- One ring on each hand is allowed but must be discreet.
- One bracelet or charity bracelet is allowed but must be discreet.
- No facial/alternative body piercing jewellery is acceptable.
- One plain necklace may be worn (not to be seen).
- No gel nails, acrylic or nail varnish (even natural colours).
- No make-up (including fake tan) in Year 7 and 8. Year 9, 10 and 11 subtle make-up only.
- No false eyelashes, eyebrows or lash extensions. No lines/slits in eyebrows.
- No fashion belts.
- Any religious head covering should be plain in either black or white.