

Head of School

Friday 12th September 2025

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

Our second week of the academic year has certainly been a busy and successful one!

On Wednesday evening, we proudly hosted our very first **SLAT House Celebration Evening**, followed by the **SLAT Upper School Awards Evening** on Thursday at the Springfields Events & Conference Centre in Spalding. It was a real honour to present trophies and certificates to our prize winners. These events allowed us to celebrate the accomplishments of students from across all the different Year groups at Giles Academy, alongside those from the other schools in the Trust. With over 300 attendees at each event, the atmosphere was truly inspiring. You will be able to find photos and full coverage of both evenings on our website and social media platforms by the end of today.



All of our students have now completed their first full week of the new academic year. I would like to say a huge thank you for your continued support in maintaining our high standards - particularly with uniform. It is fantastic to see our students looking so smart and wearing the correct uniform every day.



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A quick reminder that students must be on the school site by 8.35am. Arrivals after this time will result in a late sanction (except for those arriving on school buses). As Head of School, I have been visiting lessons regularly to ensure we continue to uphold our high standards of teaching and learning. It has been a pleasure to see students fully engaged and enthusiastic in their learning.

I'm also pleased to share the date for our annual Open Evening, which will take place on **Thursday 2nd October 2025**, from 5.30pm to 8.00pm. This event is aimed at families with children currently in Years 4 to 6 and offers a great opportunity to find out more about what Giles Academy has to offer. Our school will be brought to life by our incredible student ambassadors, who will share their experiences and guide families around the site. If you know any families with children in Years 4 to 6, please help us spread the word about this important evening. Departments will soon be inviting students to volunteer as ambassadors and tour guides to support this event. If your child would like to take part, please make a note of the date - we will send a letter next week requesting your permission.



The banner features a photograph of a young boy in a school uniform sitting at a computer. To the right, the text reads: 'Prospective students in **years 4 to 6** and their parents/carers are invited to our **Open Evening** Thursday 2nd October 2025 5.30pm to 8.00pm'. A white starburst contains the text 'SAVE THE DATE'. The Giles Academy logo is in the bottom left, and the motto 'Aspire • Challenge • Achieve' is written in a curved banner at the bottom right.

As always, we want to remind students and families that support is available outside of school hours. If a student is feeling anxious or needs help, they can contact our Safeguarding Team via worried@gilesacademy.co.uk or use the 'Feeling worried or anxious?' link on our school website homepage - www.gilesacademy.co.uk/feeling-worried-or-anxious.

Next week, on Tuesday 16th September 2025 we have individual whole school photographs, these will take place throughout the day. Please ensure your child is looking as smart as always for these.

Finally, we cannot overstate the importance of excellent attendance. Being in school every day makes a huge difference - not only to academic success, especially at GCSE level, but also to personal growth and social development. Please continue to encourage your child to attend regularly.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and have a lovely weekend.

Kindest regards,



Miss Katie Belcher
Head of School, Giles Academy

Upcoming key dates



Years 10 & 11 from all schools in the local area are welcome to our

SLAT SIXTH FORM Open Evening

Thursday 13th November 2025
6.00pm to 8.00pm

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- www.facebook.com/GilesAcademy
- www.x.com/GilesSLAT