

# Head of School

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2025

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

It has been another fantastic week full of exciting activities and events here at Giles Academy.

Our annual Open Evening is fast approaching and will take place on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2025. This is an important date in our school calendar as we welcome prospective students and families from the local community. Due to the popularity of the event, we are inviting students and Year 11 Prefects to act as tour guides. Students from other year groups are also being encouraged to support departments during the evening. If your child is interested in taking part, please save the date and return the permission slips that have already been handed out. We also ask for your help in promoting this event to any parents and children in Years 4 to 6 who may be interested in joining our fantastic school community.



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

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At Giles Academy, we are proud to be a Reading School. Reading is at the heart of our learning culture and plays a vital role in students' academic progress, vocabulary development, and overall wellbeing. We encourage all students to read regularly - both in school and at home - as a way to strengthen their knowledge, imagination, and communication skills. Across the year, students will have access to engaging reading initiatives, book recommendations, and opportunities to explore a wide range of genres. This includes Accelerated Reader and DEAR Time (Drop Everything And Read). Thank you for supporting our efforts to develop a lifelong love of reading in every student.



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Our new Year 7 students have settled in extremely well. We are impressed with their excellent uniform standards, enthusiastic approach to learning, and polite manners. A huge thank you to our transition team for supporting them with tailored activities, including:

- House competitions
- Safe travel to and from school
- Safeguarding awareness
- Show My Homework app launch

Well done to Year 7 for showing resilience and courage during their first few weeks with us!

Congratulations to our Year 11 students who recently received their BTEC results, which make up 30% of their final grade. Their hard work and commitment have certainly paid off! Students have now begun their second Pearson Set Assignments (PSAs) and have made a strong start.

Also, congratulations to the Under 14 Girls' Football Team who won their National Cup match this week. It was a huge success for the U14 football team winning an impressive 7-0 against Banovallum School. Goals were scored by Florence, Hollie, Miley, Bella and Amelia - it was an all-round team effort plus the defending was also outstanding. Well done to the entire team as Giles Academy are through to the next round of the cup!



Year 10 students have also had a fantastic start as they begin their new timetables with their chosen option subjects. To support them during this important stage of Key Stage 4, we will be holding an Exam Success Evening for Year 10 parents on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2025. More details will follow, but please save the date.

This week marked the first assemblies with our Heads of House, where students were introduced to this year's exciting competitions and academic goals. We're looking forward to seeing students proudly represent their House Teams throughout the year.

We work in partnership with Lincolnshire Safeguarding Childrens' Partnership to work together to support keeping children safe. This month Lincolnshire's Stay Safe team are hosting a series of free parent webinars to support you keeping your child safe with expertise and specialist knowledge on specific themes. The next online webinar is titled: 'Help my child has shared a nude? Next steps as a Parent' and this will take place on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2025 from 6.00pm to 7.00pm. It will discuss what you might experience as a parent/carer if your child has shared a nude and how to guide your child and get the support services that can help. For more information and to register, please visit: [www.tickettailor.com/events/staysafepartnership/1816396](http://www.tickettailor.com/events/staysafepartnership/1816396)

Our students have returned looking incredibly smart - thank you for your continued support in upholding our uniform standards. As we move into the colder months, please remember:

- A black v-neck jumper may be worn under the blazer (optional)
- No socks to be worn under tights

We are delighted to have launched our extra-curricular programme for the year, offering a varied menu of clubs and activities! This year, we've added even more exciting opportunities. We encourage all students to get involved and make the most of what is on offer.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Kindest regards,



**Miss Katie Belcher**  
Head of School, Giles Academy

## Upcoming key dates



**Careers Fair 2025**  
Thursday 6th November 2025

DISCOVER A WIDE VARIETY OF CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

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**GILES ACADEMY**

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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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**BOURNE ACADEMY**

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- [www.facebook.com/GilesAcademy](https://www.facebook.com/GilesAcademy)
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