

Head of School

Friday 26th September 2025

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

It's been another action-packed week at Giles Academy!

We are gearing up for our much-anticipated Open Evening next Thursday! Students from all years will be supporting departments and we have some excellent tour guides to be leading the way around the school. If your child is involved, please ensure permission slips are returned. We also encourage you to spread the word to families with children in Years 4–6 who may be considering joining our wonderful school.



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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Last weekend, 24 students and three staff had an unforgettable weekend of netball and adventures at PGL Boreatton Park. Our three teams showed fantastic progress, with the Year 9 squad getting through to the final - this squad also included Year 8 players. Beyond the netball courts, students embraced a wide range of exciting adventure and leisure activities including zip lining, trapeze, rifle shooting, giant swing, abseiling, rock climbing, a silent disco and sports day-style games. A huge well done to all involved!

Today, staff supported Macmillan Cancer Support with a delicious bake sale. Thank you to everyone who contributed. This year we are dividing the proceeds between Macmillan and Marie Curie – and yes, the Head of School thoroughly enjoyed sampling the treats!

A reminder to parents/carers and students that we are a nut-aware school. Due to severe allergies, we ask all families to ensure food brought into school is nut-free. Products containing nuts (e.g. Snickers) are strictly prohibited to keep all students safe.



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We've officially launched our 2025/26 extra-curricular programme, offering over 60 exciting clubs and activities. From sports and arts to STEM and Crochet, there is something for everyone! We have also started our sports fixtures against other local schools in Netball and Football fixtures and we look forward to reporting some excellent results again this academic year.

The competition is heating up in this year's House points race! With just a few hundred points separating the top contenders, every single point truly counts. Here's how the leaderboard currently stands:

1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	5TH	6TH
Yellow House	Blue House	Red House	Orange House	Purple House	Green House
43,313 points	42,149 points	40,959 points	40,534 points	39,606 points	37,841 points

Students have many opportunities to earn positive points each week. One simple way is by arriving at school each morning with full equipment - this earns a green stamp worth 5 points. At the end of the week, students who have had a perfect week - attending every day, no lates, and no negative points - will receive a tutor stamp worth 15 points for their house.

Miss Pearson, Head of House Lead reports: 'this week, it has been wonderful to see Year 7 and 8 students enjoying their new reading books, while Year 9 and 10 students have been engaging with e-safety learning each afternoon. Meanwhile, Year 11 have been focusing on mental health, taking time to reflect and build strategies for wellbeing during this important year'.

We have also taken the time through assembly time to promote to students the school student safeguarding email: worried@gilesacademy.co.uk where students can access support and signposting from our school Safeguarding Team out of school time.

It has been fantastic this week to celebrate our Top Point scorers which have been announced in year group assemblies this week. The highest Top 5 Point scorers are announced weekly and they receive a sweet treat in recognition for their hard work, attendance, presentation and commitment to learning. Congratulations, in particular, to our Year 7 students who have achieved Top Point scorer status in the first few weeks of secondary school!



On Thursday it was European Day of Languages with activities taking place during form time and their Modern Foreign Language lesson. Thank you to the staff and students - it was fantastic to see the diversity and inclusivity of all European Languages taught and spoken in our school.

Our curriculum reflects the Trust's vision for excellence in a non-selective setting. Key Stage 3 builds strong foundations, while Key Stage 4 offers a unique blend of academic, technical, and vocational subjects. Visit our website (www.gilesacademy.co.uk/curriculum) to explore Curriculum Intent documents and Learning Journeys for each subject and what your child will be studying.

Thank you for your continued support - we're proud of everything our students and staff are achieving together.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Katie Belcher'.

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

The banner features a central image of a person's feet in white sneakers standing on a grey surface with several colorful arrows pointing in different directions. The background is a mix of blue and green.



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

The banner features a photograph of two students, a girl and a boy, sitting at a desk and looking at microscopes. The background is a mix of dark blue and brown.

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