

Head of School

Friday 3rd October 2025

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

We have had another great week at Giles Academy.

Yesterday, we held our annual Open Evening which is always an exciting date in our diary. The Open Evening allows us to showcase the many great things Giles Academy has to offer. We had over 1,200 prospective parents/carers and students who attended the talk from Mrs Curson (Chief Executive Officer from January 2026) and myself, as well as to see the school in action. I am so proud of our school community, with over 250 student helpers it was amazing to see how proud the students are of their school. My thanks go to all students and staff who once again showed how special Giles Academy is. I would like to give a special mention to our student speakers, who carried out three talks in front of a full school hall. Eden Blakey and Freya Dobson presented clearly, calmly and did a superb job at presenting school life as a Year 7 student. Thank you also to our performers Bella Mustill Year 9 and Tia Moore in Year 7 who did an absolutely amazing job at entertaining our visitors with their musical talent. Please look out for full details and photos from the Open Evening on our website and social media.



Last weekend, over fifty students from across the four schools in our trust completed their The Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award expedition in Rutland. All students worked really well together, navigating the routes and carrying everything they needed, including tents, cookers, food, sleeping bags etc. On Sunday, the rain made things more challenging, but everyone pushed through and kept up their spirits. By the end, there were some very tired but proud students - everyone was successful, finishing the expedition with a real sense of achievement. Thank you to all staff that gave up their weekend to accompany this expedition.

On Thursday, we celebrated National Poetry Day. Every lesson began with a poem linked to the subject being studied, sparking thoughtful discussions and creative activities around the poem's choice, context, and meaning. It was a wonderful opportunity to explore poetry in a cross-curricular way. We are currently running two literacy competitions this term including the 'Lincolnshire Schools Poetry Competition' and 'Young Writers National Poetry Competition' - students should see Show My Homework or their librarians for further details.

Congratulations to our Under 14 girl footballers who produced an outstanding performance against Louth Academy with a 7-1 victory. Amelia scored four outstanding goals, followed by two from Hollie and one from Florence. A superb score line for the team which takes them through to the next round of the National Cup!



In our Trust, we are committed to fostering an environment that upholds the core Fundamental British Values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect, and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs. These values are integral to our curriculum and daily activities, ensuring that our students not only excel academically but also grow into responsible, respectful, and active members of society.

- **Democracy:** We encourage student participation in decision-making processes through school councils and regular feedback sessions, teaching them the importance of having a voice and making informed choices.
- **The Rule of Law:** Understanding and respecting laws is a key part of our education. We emphasise the reasons behind rules and the consequences of breaking them, helping students appreciate the role of laws in maintaining a safe and fair society.
- **Individual Liberty:** Our school promotes a safe environment where students can make choices and express themselves freely. We support them in understanding their rights and personal freedoms, balanced with a sense of responsibility.
- **Mutual Respect and Tolerance:** We celebrate diversity and encourage students to respect and understand different cultures, religions, and viewpoints. Through various activities and discussions, we aim to build a community where everyone feels valued and included. We ensure all British Values are integral in our curriculum content and school life.

This week, in our House teams, our Heads of House had the pleasure of judging the annual tutor board competition, and they were truly impressed by the creativity, effort, and enthusiasm shown across the school. The standard was incredibly high, making the judging process a real challenge!

The results were:

- 1st Place – 8 Yellow
- 2nd Place – 8 Red
- 3rd Place – 9 Blue

A special mention also goes to our shortlisted entries: 9Y, 9O, and 8O – fantastic work all round! Thank you to everyone who took part and helped make our tutor boards such a vibrant celebration of student life and learning

Finally, I would like to promote two future events in our school calendar. We have our 'How to Succeed in GCSE' evening for our Year 10 parents on Wednesday 8th October 2025 and our annual Careers Fair, which will be held on Thursday 6th November 2025. For the Careers Fair, we will invite students to return with their families between 3.30pm to 4.30pm where exhibitors will have information regarding job opportunities as well as being able to discuss careers in more detail and offer advice to students and parents. The list of local and national businesses who are supporting us is endless!



Careers Fair 2025

Thursday 6th November 2025

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With only three weeks to go of this term we are certainly racing through the start of the year!

Kindest regards,



Miss Katie Belcher

Head of School, Giles Academy

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

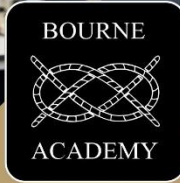
Upcoming key dates



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

SLAT SIXTH FORM Open Evening

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Thursday 13th November 2025
6.00pm to 8.00pm

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