

Head of School

Friday 10th October 2025

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

We have had another fantastic week here at Giles Academy.

Our Year 7 students have now completed their official transition into secondary school, and I must commend how exceptionally well they have settled in. This success is a testament to the teamwork of our dedicated staff, supportive parents, and enthusiastic students.

The transition programme, which included Show My Homework, wellbeing sessions, and introductory PSHE and careers lessons has been a great success. Students have embraced their new environment with confidence and energy. We are delighted to see our Year 7 cohort already demonstrating impressive academic performance. Their curiosity, engagement, and positive attitude have been clear in lessons across all subjects, laying an excellent foundation for their continued success. In assembly today we were able to celebrate this success with an achievement assembly for all our Year 7 students. It was fantastic to see so many students being rewarded for their excellent transition to secondary school!

This week also saw the launch of our new Aspire Passport for students in Years 7 to 10. During a special assembly, students received their passports and we began working towards the challenges within them. These challenges provide exciting opportunities to earn bronze, silver or gold awards. Many students have already started completing the bronze-level tasks, some of which can be signed off by parents or carers. I am looking forward to celebrating the achievements and new skills our students gain through this initiative. On our website (www.gilesacademy.co.uk/behaviour-and-rewards), you can view the challenges on the Aspire passports.

A heartfelt thank you to all parents and carers who attended our How to Succeed at GCSE evening. The event was a great success, offering valuable insights into revision planning, home support strategies, and useful online tools. Feedback from attendees was overwhelmingly positive, and it has been wonderful to see our Year 10 students already putting plans into practice and utilising some of the strategies in school.

Also please be reminded that we offer piano, violin, drums and singing lessons at the school with specialist peripatetic teachers. If you would like some more details, please contact Ms Cocks, Music Lead by emailing: dcocks@gilesacademy.co.uk



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Earlier this week, we announced that we are holding a **'Get Into Teaching'** event on Wednesday 5th November 2025 at Spalding Academy to inspire future teachers. This is an fantastic opportunity for anyone who wants to work as a teacher at any of the schools in our Trust or in other secondary schools in Lincolnshire, Rutland and Peterborough. Our Trust are now one of the Lead Partners for Lincolnshire ITT and in September 2025, we opened a brand new Teaching School Hub at Spalding and already have 26 trainee teachers gaining their recognised teaching qualification with us.

In addition to this, we will also be holding a **'Become a Teaching Assistant'** event on the same day at Spalding Academy. Becoming a Teaching Assistant is a highly rewarding and valued job at our Trust. Due to expansion, we are looking to recruit even more Teaching Assistants to join our SEN team. Working as a Teaching Assistant is a great way to work into education and progress your career.

At the end of the update you will find details about both events. We hope either you are interested or know someone else who is, and you can share with them. To attend, visit www.slat.org.uk/vacancies to register in advance.

Following the CEO's update earlier this week, I would like to inform parents about the upcoming leadership transition after the Christmas period. Mr Chris Wright, Senior Trust Education Director, and I will be working closely together to ensure a smooth transition. As you know, Mr Wright will take the role of Head of School at Giles Academy, while I will be moving to the Head of School position at Bourne Academy, one of our sister schools in the South Lincolnshire Academies Trust.

While I am excited about this new role, I am genuinely saddened to leave the wonderful Giles Academy community after many years. I am extremely confident that Mr Wright, with his excellent understanding of our school, students, and their families, will continue to maintain the success of Giles Academy and beyond.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Kindest regards,



Miss Katie Belcher

Head of School, Giles Academy

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

Upcoming key dates



Careers Fair 2025

Thursday 6th November 2025

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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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Get Into Teaching

OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 5th November 2025 • 5.30pm to 7.00pm

South Lincolnshire Academies Trust (SLAT) are now one of the **Lead Partners for Lincolnshire ITT** and can talk to you about starting your teaching journey with us. At this 'Get Into Teaching' event, which will be held at Spalding Academy, you will discover how you can gain a recognised teaching qualification with our one-year school centred Initial Teacher Training.

If any of the following applies to you, you will benefit from attending:

- Currently studying A-levels or Level 3 BTECs and wanting to get into teaching
- Currently studying a Level 6 undergraduate degree (e.g. BA, BSc, BEd, BEng) in any subject
- Recently gained a Level 6 undergraduate degree (e.g. BA, BSc, BEd, BEng) in any subject
- Wanting to change career and become a teacher
- Working in a non-teaching role within a school or college environment and wanting to get into teaching

You could train either at the schools in our highly successful Trust (Bourne Academy, Spalding Academy, Giles Academy and Cowley Academy) or at a variety of other secondary schools in the Lincolnshire, Rutland and Peterborough areas.

This event starts at 5.30pm where there will be a presentation then the opportunity to speak to staff informally. You will learn about the different training pathways, entry requirements and details about student finances. We will cover school placements, the course content, support available plus timescales. We can also provide help so you can successfully apply.

To attend, please visit www.slat.org.uk/vacancies to register in advance.



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Becoming a Teaching Assistant is a highly rewarding and valued job at South Lincolnshire Academies Trust. Due to expansion, we are looking to recruit even more Teaching Assistants to join our SEN team.

You can drop-in anytime between 5.30pm to 7.00pm for the opportunity to speak to our staff for more information about the role and how it can also further develop your career in our Trust. You can also find out more about the Teaching Assistant Responsibility allowance (TAR) which can be worth up to £2,000 for suitable candidates.

This event is for those who are interested in working at **ANY of our Trust schools (Bourne Academy, Spalding Academy, Giles Academy and Cowley Academy).**

To attend, please visit www.slat.org.uk/vacancies to register in advance. We also have vacancies advertised for Teaching Assistants on our website so you can even apply today.



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