

Head of School

Friday 17th October 2025

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

It's been another busy and exciting week at Giles Academy, filled with opportunities for both students and families to engage with learning and personal development.

On Wednesday, we held our first-ever Reading Evening for Year 7 parents and carers. The event focused on our Reading and Communications Strategy, and it was fantastic to see many Year 7 Parents and Carers join us. Guests enjoyed a presentation in the library from our librarian, Mrs Clements, who introduced the Accelerated Reader programme. This was followed by an overview of the Bedrock platform from Miss Warelis, our Literacy Lead. The evening was a great success, and we're already looking forward to hosting it again next year.

Next week, we will be sending out more details of how families can attend our annual Careers Fair on Thursday 6th November 2025. After-school from 3.30pm to 4.30pm, the event will be open to families of all year groups to attend and speak to over 40 exhibitors who have given their time to speak our students and families.

At Giles Academy, careers education starts from Year 7. Through our weekly 'Job of the Week' sessions in tutor time, students explore different career paths, learning about required skills, routes to employment, salary expectations, and more. To find out more about this brilliant resource, please visit: www.gilesacademy.co.uk/careers-jobs-of-the-week

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our Year 11 student Manuelis Zembinskas (pictured opposite) who has been selected to represent the UK and the Traditional Karate-Do Federation of Great Britain at the European Championship in Serbia. We are very proud of Manuelis - what a fantastic achievement!

As part of our PSHE programme, all Year 10 students took part in valuable CPR workshops this week, learning essential life-saving skills. The engagement from our students was very impressive as their mature approach supported their learning of this essential skill.

This week in house assemblies, students have been learning about National Braille Week, exploring the importance of accessibility and inclusion for those with visual impairments.



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It's also been fantastic to see so many students already engaging with their Aspire Passports during tutor time. Well done to everyone who has started completing their challenges! I am looking forward to presenting the first students to complete their passport after half term.

We're excited to announce the launch of our latest House Competition, which celebrates Black History Month. The competition is open to all students, and we encourage as many entries as possible. Full details can be found on Satchel One. Remember: every competition entry earns points for your house!

We also announced the winner of our European Day of Languages Competition. A huge congratulations to Logan Burrell Year 10 in Red House for taking first place! Thank you to everyone who entered - there were some truly fantastic entries.

We will be holding a Virtual Parents' Evening for Year 7 parents and carers on Thursday 6th November 2025. This is an important opportunity to meet your child's form tutor and discuss how they have settled into life at Giles Academy. Further information including how to book your appointment online has been sent to parents/carers this week.

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude to our outstanding Year 11 Prefect Team. They continue to carry out their duties with maturity and dedication, supporting our school community every day. To recognise their hard work, we treated them to a special breakfast on Tuesday - a small token of our appreciation for everything they do.



Thank you for your continued support. It's been a week full of enrichment, learning, and collaboration, and I'm incredibly proud of what our students continue to achieve.

Kindest regards,

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

Miss Katie Belcher

Head of School, Giles Academy

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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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