

Head of School

Friday 24th October 2025

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

As we reach the end of Term 1, it's hard to believe how quickly the weeks have flown by! It has been a fantastic start to the academic year, and we are incredibly proud of all our students for their hard work and achievements so far.

A special mention must go to our wonderful Year 7 students who have completed their very first term with us. They have settled in exceptionally well and made a brilliant start to their secondary school journey - well done!

It was an absolute pleasure this week to see our Year 7 students singing their hearts out in our SLAT Super Choir, where all students showcased the singing skills they have been perfecting over the term in their Music lessons. We mastered our live performance in one take for the recording which will feature in a SLAT choir project. I was so impressed with our Year 7 students, who performed as if they were stars on the stage giving it everything they have with actions and expression to support their singing - just wonderful!



A polite reminder that we have Year 7 Tutor Parents Evening next term on Thursday 6th November 2025. Please can you ensure that Year 7 parents book a meeting with your child's tutor if you have not done so already - all details have been previously sent however, if you require any further information please email Year7@gilesacademy.co.uk

A reminder that Year 10 and 11 students are invited to the SLAT Sixth Form Open Evening at Bourne Academy on Thursday 13th November 2025, from 6pm to 8pm. There are some students at Giles Academy for who this may be an option as there is bus transport to Bourne from the Spalding area. This is a great opportunity to explore the post-16 pathways available, meet the staff, and learn more about the subjects and outstanding outcomes achieved by Sixth Form students. For more information and to **register in advance** for fast track entry, please visit: www.bourneacademy.org/sixthform



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

SAVE THE DATE

BOURNE ACADEMY

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Also after half term, there are two recruitment events being held at Spalding Academy on Wednesday 5th November 2025. To inspire future teachers, there is a **'Get Into Teaching'** event - 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. We are also holding a **'Become a Teaching Assistant'** event as 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. To attend, please visit www.slat.org.uk/vacancies to register in advance.



Get Into Teaching OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 5th November 2025 • 5.30pm to 7pm
AT SPALDING ACADEMY

Discover how you can 'Get Into Teaching' and gain a recognised teaching qualification with our one-year school centred Initial Teacher Training.

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South Lincolnshire Academies Trust



Become a Teaching Assistant INFORMATION EVENING

Wednesday 5th November 2025 • 5.30pm to 7pm
AT SPALDING ACADEMY

You are invited to discover how becoming a Teaching Assistant is a highly rewarding and valued role in the schools at our Trust.

South Lincolnshire Academies Trust



On Wednesday, we were delighted to host the BBC Bitesize Careers Roadshow, an inspirational event. The session provided valuable insights into a wide range of career opportunities and included a Q&A with guest speakers. We are incredibly grateful to our Careers Team for organising such a successful event, which links perfectly with our school motto: Aspire, Challenge, Achieve.

Our students continue to take part in a wide range of sporting activities and competitions. A highlight this term included the Under 15 Girls' Cricket team and their fantastic win in the first round of the ECB Indoor Cricket Tournament which we hosted at school. We are proud of the teamwork, effort, and sportsmanship shown by all students representing the school in sport.

After half term, we will be holding our annual Careers Fair on Thursday 6th November 2025. Families have been invited to attend after school from 3.30pm to 4.30pm. If you are able to attend, please complete the booking form sent to you via ParentMail.



As we approach our annual Remembrance event on Sunday 9th November 2025, we are honoured to support the Royal British Legion's 2025 Poppy Appeal. Poppies will be available to purchase via our Head Students, who will be visiting form groups at the start of next term. All donations are gratefully received.

Finally, if you think your child has lost property at school during Term 1 (such as: clothing, PE kit, coat or any other item), please contact main reception on 01205 870693 or email enquiries@gilesacademy.co.uk by 4.00pm on Friday 7th November 2025. After this time, we will be looking to re-house items to support those in need for any items not collected.

Thank you for your continued support throughout this busy and successful term. We wish you all a restful and enjoyable half-term break, and we look forward to welcoming students back for Term 2 on Monday 3rd November 2025.

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