

Head of School

Friday 7th November 2025

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

It has been another excellent week at school, with students fully engaged in their lessons and a fantastic atmosphere throughout the building.

As we approach Remembrance Day, we've begun to see poppies worn around school. We will be marking this important occasion on Tuesday 11th November 2025, and we encourage all students to purchase and wear a poppy throughout the week, especially on Tuesday, as a sign of respect.

As part of our opportunities beyond the classroom, please find attached **at the end of this update** our timetable of extra-curricular and enrichment activities for Term 2, with sessions available to students in all year groups.

Yesterday, we hosted a hugely successful Careers Fair, with support from an impressive selection of local and national employers and educators. All year groups had the opportunity to attend, with Years 9 to 11 following a structured timetable, and we were also delighted to welcome parents and carers at the end of the day. Our students were a credit to the Academy - they engaged confidently with exhibitors, asked thoughtful questions, and showed real enthusiasm. We received fantastic feedback from the organisations involved, who were impressed with the maturity and curiosity of our students.



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



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We are super proud of our amazing International Superstars (pictured below) who, over the half term break, displayed their talents on an international stage.


- **Austin Beecham** in Year 8 who was selected to compete in an international boxing competition in Sweden and came second!
- **Milana Rubina** and **Manuelis Zembinskas**, Year 11 students who were selected to represent the UK and the Traditional Karate-Do Federation of Great Britain at the European Championship in Serbia!
- **Bella Mustill** in Year 9, who performed on stage in Las Vegas - singing and performing a variety of numbers with her Performing Arts school and as a soloist!

Congratulations to all students - what fantastic achievements!




Next week, we will be celebrating students who achieved 100% attendance last term. We aim to increase the number of students receiving this recognition in the current term. As you know, good attendance has a significant impact on wellbeing and academic success. Students who miss between 10% and 20% of school (19-38 days per year) have only a 35% chance of achieving five or more good GCSEs, compared to 73% for those who miss fewer than 5% of school days. While 90% attendance may sound acceptable, it can still negatively affect progress.


Why **attendance** matters?




Persistent absence means students who miss more than **10% of school** every year. **EVERY DAY** in school will improve future earnings!




For each additional day of absence between Years 7 to 11, the typical student could **MISS OUT on an average of £750** in future lifetime earnings.




Persistent absent students in Years 10 and 11 could earn **£10,000 LESS per year** on average at age 28, compared to students with near perfect attendance.




This rises to almost **£20,000 LESS per year** at age 28 for students who are severely absent from school!



For **EMPLOYABILITY** over a sustained period, people age 28 were around:



60% LESS LIKELY to be employed when persistently absent



75% LESS LIKELY to be employed when severely absent

* compared to their peers with near perfect attendance

At our Trust, we are committed to preparing students for life beyond school—helping them to be happy, healthy, and safe. As part of the National Curriculum, all students receive lessons in PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education) and SMSC (Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural Education). These lessons cover a wide range of important topics and are regularly reviewed to reflect both local and national needs. Our PSHE and SMSC programme is a cornerstone of the Trust's ethos. It is taught weekly in Years 7 to 9, and through tutor time and fortnightly lessons in Years 9 to 11. In addition to our curriculum, we host PSHE events featuring talks and activities led by specialist external agencies such as PCSOs, Lincolnshire Fire & Rescue, Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership, and Prison Me No Way. For more details, please visit the PSHE section on this webpage: www.gilesacademy.co.uk/curriculum

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. 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. Please visit www.bourneacademy.org/sixthform for more information.



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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Finally, a reminder that Friday 14th November 2025 is our Children in Need non-uniform day. Students are invited to wear non-uniform in exchange for a £1 donation to support this fantastic charity. We always raise a significant amount on this day. For more details, please refer to the letter sent via ParentMail.



BBC CHILDREN IN NEED

Non Uniform Day

Friday 14th November 2025

£1
MINIMUM DONATION

GILES ACADEMY

Be **spotacular** to help raise money for charity

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Thank you 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

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Extra-curricular activities

TERM 2 (Monday 3rd November to Friday 19th December 2025)



Lunchtime extra-curricular activities

MONDAY				
Business	Business Exam Intervention	Year 11	B01	Mrs Pell
Science	Science Intervention (Higher Tier)	Years 10/11	D12	Miss Cassidy
Science	Science Intervention (Foundation Tier)	Years 10/11	D15	Mrs Webb
Sport	Basketball Shooting Practice	All Years	Sports Hall	Mr Dodd
Sport	CNAT Sports Intervention	Year 10	A07	Mr Reed
TUESDAY				
Geography	Geography Intervention	Years 10/11	D03	Mrs Stones
History	History Homework Club	All years	D05	Miss Brader
History	History Explorers Club	Years 7/8/9	D02	Miss Clayforth-Scott
Maths	Maths Intervention (Foundation A Half)	Year 11	C07	Mr Smith
MFL	Intervention – Speaking Sessions	Year 11	B06	Miss Platt
Music	Live Lounge	All Years	A09	Miss Cocks
WEDNESDAY				
Art	KS3 Art Club	Years 7/8/9	A03	Miss Salisbury
Business	Business Exam Intervention	Year 11	B01	Mr Kay
DofE	The Duke of Edinburgh's Award	Year 10	A09	Miss Cocks
English	Creative Writing Club	Year 7	E01	Miss Spring
English	Debate Club	All Years	E06	Mr Kelly
Geography	KS4 Geography Intervention	Year 11	D06	Miss Pearson
History	History Intervention	Years 10/11	D01/D02/D05	Miss Brader
MFL	Intervention – Speaking Sessions	Year 11	B06	Miss Platt
Science	STEM Club	Years 7/8/9	D08	Miss Holland/Mr Castley
THURSDAY				
Art	Intervention GCSE Open Studio	Year 10	A03	Miss Salisbury
English	English Intervention	Year 11	E05	Mrs Jones
Maths	Maths Club	All Years	C08	Miss Wright
MFL	French Intervention – Speaking Sessions	Year 11	B06	Miss Platt
Sport	CNAT Sports Intervention	Year 10	A07	Mrs Cooper
FRIDAY				
Health & Social Care	Health & Social Care Intervention	Year 10	A06	Miss Harris
Maths	Maths Intervention (Foundation B Half)	Year 11	C04	Miss Woolley
Maths	Maths Intervention (Higher Tier 11MA1)	Year 11	C03	Mrs Vrstiak
PSHE	LGBTQ+ Club	All Years	Careers	Mr Kelly/Mrs Whitehead
Religious Studies	Religious Studies Intervention	Year 10	A08	Mrs Harker
Science	Steps to Success	Years 10/11	D12	Miss Cassidy/Mrs Webb
Sport	CNAT Sports Intervention	Year 10	A07	Mr Dodd

After school extra-curricular activities

MONDAY				
Sport	CNAT Sports Intervention	Years 10/11	A07	Mr Reed
TUESDAY				
Sports	Netball	Years 7/8	Sports Hall	Miss Ward/Mrs Cooper
Sport	Fitness Suite	Year 8	Fitness Suite	Mrs Amos-Linley/Mrs Overton
Sport	CNAT Sports Intervention	Years 10/11	A07	Mr Dodd
WEDNESDAY				
Art	Art Intervention Open Studio	Years 10/11	A02	Miss McDonald
Food	Food Technology Intervention	Years 10/11	D07	Mr Jagger
Sport	Basketball	All Years	Sports Hall	Mr Reed
Sport	Fitness Suite	Years 9/10/11	Fitness Suite	Miss Williams
THURSDAY				
English	English Intervention	Year 11	E05	Mrs Jones
Health & Social Care	Health & Social Care Intervention	Year 11	A06	Miss Harris
Maths	Individual Maths Support	Year 11	Library	Miss Woolley
MFL	French Intervention – Exam Revision	Year 11	B06	Miss Platt
Science	Science Exam Intervention	Year 11	D12	Miss Cassidy
Sports	Netball	Years 9/10/11	Sports Hall	Mrs Cooper
Sport	Fitness Suite	Years 7/9/10	Fitness Suite	Mr Butler
FRIDAY				
Sport	CNAT Sports Intervention	Years 10/11	A07	Mr Dodd