



Head of School

Friday 14th November 2025

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

What a busy and rewarding week it has been! From supporting the Spalding Remembrance Parade to raising funds for Children in Need, our school values of Aspire, Challenge, and Achieve have truly shone through at Giles Academy.

Our students have been amazing representing our school over the past week! Mr Wright said "It was an honour to accompany our student ambassadors to the Boston Town Remembrance Service. Our students laid a wreath from all at Giles Academy and paid tribute to those who lost their lives in conflict". The students were invited to attend represented the school with great pride and were fantastic role models.



On Remembrance Day on 11th November at 11am, the whole school stopped during breaktime for a one-minute silence to mark the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the month, which was impeccably observed. Mr Wright, our Head Student, Senior Prefects, also accompanied by student representatives, uniformed cadets visited Old Leake Church Memorial and laid a wreath on behalf of all Giles Academy staff and students. Each year, we also give students that are part of a RAF, Army or Police Cadets, St John Ambulance or Scouts and Guides the opportunity to wear their uniform to school.

Throughout last week, students and staff have been getting involved in a variety of ways from selling poppies in aid of the Royal British Legion to incorporating Remembrance into subject lessons. Displayed in school was a fantastic mural of poppies which each student had created displayed as a centrepiece of the school to mark the occasion

As part of our ongoing commitment to student safety, we conducted a lockdown practice at school. This routine drill is designed to ensure that staff and students are familiar with the procedures in the unlikely event of an emergency. On Wednesday this week, the practice was carried out calmly and sensitively and all students were mature in their response to the lockdown measure. Please be assured that there is no cause for concern—this is simply a precautionary measure to help keep everyone safe.

A special mention to Noah Carpenter in Year who has received KS3 First Prize in the Lincolnshire Poetry Competition. A fantastic achievement for this student who has now been invited to a presentation evening for his superb entry!

This week marks the launch of our School Council applications! We're looking for one enthusiastic and committed representative from each form group. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to have their voices heard and help shape school life. The application link is available on Satchel One - please encourage students to apply and get involved.

In our House assemblies, we've been focusing on Anti-Bullying Week, with form groups creating and sharing positive messages to promote kindness and respect across our school community. It's been inspiring to see the creativity and thoughtfulness on display.

Looking ahead, we have a packed calendar of House events and competitions this term. These include Non-Fiction November a writing competition run by the English Department. Full details for all upcoming activities can be found on Satchel One, so please encourage students to take part.

Our House points leaderboard is below. Well done to Blue House who are in first place!

1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	5TH	6TH
Blue House	Yellow House	Red House	Green House	Orange House	Purple House
123,447 points	123,327 points	119,796 points	113,752 points	111,954 points	111,194 points

We remain committed to promoting the core British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect, and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs. These principles are embedded in our curriculum and daily life, helping students grow into responsible, respectful, and active members of society.

- Democracy: Students have a voice through school councils and feedback sessions.
- Rule of Law: We teach the importance of laws and fairness.
- Individual Liberty: Students are encouraged to make informed choices in a safe environment.
- Mutual Respect & Tolerance: We celebrate diversity and foster inclusion.

Finally, today we supported Children in Need through a non-uniform day. This incredible charity funds local projects that help remove barriers for children and young people, enabling them to thrive. Each year, Children in Need supports over 400,000 young people facing challenges such as poverty, disability, illness, distress, or trauma. As a Trust, we have raised over £4,000, and we thank everyone who contributed.

Thank you for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend!

Kindest regards,



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