

Head of School

Friday 12th December 2025

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

As we approach the end of Term 2, we have certainly been busy with our usual achievements and supporting our local community at a time of year, when a little extra is always needed and appreciated.

As we all know, Christmas is a time of joy and happiness - our second day of Christmas dinners was very popular and tasty as ever. It was great to see all of the students enjoying their dinner together.

We recognise as a school, we must support others in our local community who may need an extra kind hand at this time of year. All of our form groups have been busy collecting Christmas food hampers to donate to those in need at the Haven Domestic Abuse Service and The Minstrels Care Home in Wrangle. Thank you to our students and their families have gone above and beyond for our local communities.

Staff have also shown remarkable community spirit this Christmas, collecting and donating more than 75 gifts and toys for young patients at Pilgrim Hospital in Boston. The donations, thoughtfully chosen for children aged 3 to 14, were personally delivered by Giles Academy staff members Mrs Pell and Miss Myers. Their initiative was driven by a desire to bring joy and festive cheer to children spending the holiday season away from home. Staff on the children's ward expressed heartfelt gratitude for the generosity. This act of kindness highlights our commitment to supporting its wider community and ensuring that even in difficult circumstances, children can experience the magic of Christmas.



This week, Year 11 have been completing their PPE 2 Examinations. This is an opportunity for the students to develop their examination techniques, and working within exam conditions. Students have been very focused and determined. Well done Year 11!

We also held our Year 9 Parents' Evening online on Thursday evening. It was lovely to hear so many positive progress conversations happening with our teachers, students and parents/carers. I hope the evening was very informative and gave you an opportunity to ask any questions that you may have in order to support your child further on their educational journey.

We are delighted to share the final numbers for students who have achieved their Aspire Badge to gain entry into our Christmas Film Festival. At Giles Academy - over 320 students proudly completed their badge, which is an incredible achievement. Congratulations to each and every one of you!

A special congratulations goes to Blue House, who remain in the lead for this year's House Point race. They also had the highest number of Aspire Badge completions, with 64 students earning their badge. Well done, Blue House!

Don't forget: if students would like to enter this year's Christmas Creative Competition to design a bauble for the Christmas tree in main reception - the deadline is Tuesday 16th December 2026. Full details are available on Satchel One.

This week I have really enjoyed watching our Christmas Showcase rehearsals - it has been brilliant to see music and drama students practice their performances for their spot in the showcase. I am really looking forward to watching the event on Wednesday evening next week.

A polite reminder that next week on Friday 19th December 2025 is 'Wear a Christmas Item Day' in aid of Save the Children. We are asking students to support the fundraising for Save the Children by wearing one Christmas item alongside their normal school uniform and make a voluntary donation. Some examples of how the students can get involved are below:

- Wear a Christmas Festive Jumper on top of their usual school shirts and tie
- Wear Christmas Socks, Christmas Tie or Christmas Headband with their normal school uniform
- Wear a Santa / Elf Hat with their normal school uniform

Please note this not a non-uniform day.

It is incredibly important as we head towards the end of term to maintain high attendance. As we say to all of our students that every lesson counts as we continue to deliver our curriculum.

Finally, as I head into my final week at the school I wanted to say a heartfelt thank you to all the parents and carers for your support over the many years I have been at the school. Giles Academy will always hold a very special place in my heart and I will truly miss all the students and staff. I am going to enjoy every part of my last week in school spending time with the students as we head into the Christmas break at 3.15pm on Friday 19th December 2025.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend with family and friends.

Kindest regards,



Miss Katie Belcher

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