

# Head of School UPDATE

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026



Dear parents/carers and students,

We have had an incredibly busy and productive second week of Term 3, and I would like to start by thanking all parents and carers for their continued support with ensuring excellent student attendance. As you know, improving attendance remains a whole school priority. I am delighted to share that not only are we sustaining strong attendance figures, but we are now performing above the national average. This achievement reflects the collective efforts of our entire Giles community, and we are already seeing the positive impact across the school. Over this week and next week we are celebrating those students who achieved 100% attendance in Term 2 with a cookie and drink reward.

Last week, an incredible 330 students achieved a Perfect Week! This means they attended school every day, had no lates, and received no negative points. Please encourage your child to aim for a Perfect Week each week and help earn valuable points for their House.

Throughout the week, we have also reinforced our high expectations around school uniform. The way our students present themselves plays an important role in creating a smart and purposeful learning environment, while also demonstrating the pride we take in representing the school in the wider community.

From 'Chess Club' to the 'Live Lounge', this week I've thoroughly enjoyed seeing the incredible variety of extra-curricular activities taking place across the school. It's inspiring to witness so many students embracing the opportunities available beyond the classroom. The extra-curricular timetable for Term 3 is included at this end of this update.

Our current House competition 'Rowanuary' continues during lunchtimes, with students from all year groups aiming to row as far as they can within 5 minutes, which will add to the final total for their House. Well done to Green House, who are currently leading the race, but it's still all to play for. Even I gave this a go on Tuesday after school, and I can say it wasn't as easy as I thought!



A special congratulations to 33 students whose poems were selected to be published in 'I Have a Dream - Whispers Of Imagination', which will be published on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026. The students will receive their certificate within House assemblies later this month. This is an incredible achievement!

Next week, Year 11 students will receive their PPE (mock exam) results during an extended assembly on Thursday afternoon. This will replicate a real GCSE results day and provide students with a clear picture of their current strengths and the areas that require further focus in their revision as they work towards achieving the grades they deserve.

For Year 10 families, we are now beginning the process of recruiting our next cohort of school prefects. As Year 11 prefects transition their focus to revision and exam preparation, it is time for our Year 10 students to step forward. In next week's assembly, students will be given full details about the role and application process. We encourage parents and carers to discuss this opportunity with their child and support them in applying, particularly if they show the qualities of a strong role model and school ambassador.

I would like to remind Year 11 parents about the Online Parents' Evening on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2026. This will be the final parents' evening for Year 11, offering a crucial opportunity to receive guidance, subject feedback and progress updates ahead of the summer examinations. We encourage all parents to ensure availability and book appointments as soon as possible. Please contact the school if you have any questions regarding the event.



**Year 11 Parents Evening**  
**THURSDAY 29TH JANUARY 2026 • 4.30PM TO 7.30PM**

Book **online** appointments for the Year 11 Parents Evening

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Finally, I would like to remind families that detailed curriculum information can be found on our website ([www.gilesacademy.co.uk/curriculum](http://www.gilesacademy.co.uk/curriculum)). We are proud of the exceptional outcomes our students achieve across all subject areas: core, EBacc, technical and vocational, and of the well rounded, resilient and caring young people they become. The website provides clear information about what students learn throughout the year, helping parents see how current classroom work fits into the broader learning journey. Under the 'Academic' section, you will find each subject's Curriculum Intent and Student Road Maps (see example below), which offer a helpful overview of content, progression and expectations.



### Art & Design

Curriculum Intent

Student Road Map



### Business

Curriculum Intent

Student Road Map



### Computer Science

Curriculum Intent

Student Road Map (KS3)

Student Road Map (KS4)



### English

Curriculum Intent

Student Road Map (KS3)

Student Road Map (KS4)

Thank you, once again, for your ongoing support. It makes a meaningful difference to our school community and to the success of our students.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kindest regards,



**Mr Chris Wright**

Head of School, Giles Academy

## For the latest news

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- [www.gilesacademy.co.uk](http://www.gilesacademy.co.uk)
- [www.instagram.com/GilesAcademySLAT](https://www.instagram.com/GilesAcademySLAT)
- [www.facebook.com/GilesAcademy](https://www.facebook.com/GilesAcademy)
- [www.x.com/GilesSLAT](https://www.x.com/GilesSLAT)

# GILES ACADEMY

## Extra-curricular activities

**TERM 3** (Monday 5th January to Friday 13th February 2026)



### Lunchtime extra-curricular activities

MONDAY				
Drama	<a href="#">Dance Club</a>	All Years	Drama Studio	Miss Bunce
MFL	<a href="#">KS3 MFL Games Club</a>	Years 7/8/9	B06	Ms Platt
Science	<a href="#">Science Intervention (Higher Tier)</a>	Years 10/11	D12	Miss Cassidy
Science	<a href="#">Science Intervention (Foundation Tier)</a>	Years 10/11	D15	Mrs Webb
Sport	<a href="#">Basketball Shooting Practice</a>	All Years	Sports Hall	Mr Dodd
Sport	<a href="#">CNAT Sports Intervention</a>	Year 10	A07	Mr Reed
TUESDAY				
Geography	<a href="#">Geography Intervention</a>	Years 10/11	D03	Mrs Stones
History	<a href="#">History Homework Club</a>	All Years	D05	Miss Brader
History	<a href="#">History Explorers Club</a>	Years 7/8/9	D02	Miss Clayforth-Scott
Maths	<a href="#">Maths Challenge Club</a>	Years 7/8	C04	Mrs Macleod
Music	<a href="#">Live Lounge</a>	All Years	A09	Miss Cocks
Sport	<a href="#">CNAT Intervention</a>	Year 10	A07	Miss Ward
WEDNESDAY				
Art	<a href="#">KS3 Art Club</a>	Years 7/8/9	A03	Miss Salisbury
DofE	<a href="#">The Duke of Edinburgh's Award</a>	Year 10	A09	Miss Cocks
English	<a href="#">Creative Writing Club</a>	Year 7	E01	Miss Spring
English	<a href="#">Debate Club</a>	All Years	E06	Mr Kelly
History	<a href="#">History Intervention</a>	Years 10/11	D01/D02/D05	Miss Brader
Science	<a href="#">STEM Club</a>	Years 7/8/9	D13	Miss Holland / Mr Castley
THURSDAY				
Art	<a href="#">Intervention GCSE Open Studio</a>	Year 10	A03	Miss Salisbury
Drama	<a href="#">Drama Club</a>	All Years	Drama Studio	Mr Robinson
Crochet Club	<a href="#">Crochet Club</a>	All Years	Careers Area	Mrs Whitehead
Maths	<a href="#">Maths Club</a>	All Years	C08	Miss Wright
Sport	<a href="#">CNAT Sports Intervention</a>	Year 10	A07	Mrs Cooper
FRIDAY				
Chess	<a href="#">Chess Club</a>	All Years	D06	Mr Taylor
Health & Social Care	<a href="#">Health &amp; Social Care Intervention</a>	Year 10	A06	Miss Harris
PSHE	<a href="#">LGBTQ+ Club</a>	All Years	Careers	Mr Kelly/Mrs Whitehead
Religious Studies	<a href="#">Religious Studies Intervention</a>	Year 10	A08	Mrs Harker
Science	<a href="#">Steps to Success</a>	Years 10/11	D12	Miss Cassidy/Mrs Webb
Sport	<a href="#">CNAT Sports Intervention</a>	Year 10	A07	Mr Dodd

## After school extra-curricular activities

MONDAY				
Sport	CNAT Sports Intervention	Years 10/11	A07	Mr Reed
Sport	Football	All Years	Sports Hall	Mr Dodd
Sport	Sports Leaders	Year 9	Sports Hall	Miss Ward
TUESDAY				
Sport	Netball	Years 7/8	Sports Hall	Miss Ward / Mrs Cooper
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
Sport	Badminton	All Years	Sports Hall	Mrs Cooper
THURSDAY				
Sport	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

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## Year 11 Revision sessions

**TERM 3** (Monday 5th January to Friday 13th February 2026)



### Lunchtime Year 11 revision sessions

MONDAY				
Business	Business Exam Intervention	Year 11	B01	Mrs Pell
Science	Science Intervention (Higher Tier)	Year 11	D12	Miss Cassidy
Science	Science Intervention (Foundation Tier)	Year 11	D15	Mrs Webb
TUESDAY				
Geography	Geography Intervention	Year 11	D03	Mrs Stones
Maths	Maths Intervention (Foundation A Half)	Year 11	C07	Mr Smith
MFL	Intervention – Speaking Sessions	Year 11	B06	Miss Platt
WEDNESDAY				
Business	Business Exam Intervention	Year 11	B01	Mr Kay
English	English Intervention – Target grade 4+	Year 11	E05	Mrs Jones
Geography	KS4 Geography Intervention	Year 11	D06	Miss Pearson
History	History Intervention	Year 11	D01/D02/D05	Miss Brader
MFL	Intervention – Speaking Sessions	Year 11	B06	Miss Platt
THURSDAY				
English	English Intervention with TA Support	Year 11	E08	Mr Woods
English	English Intervention – Target grade 7+	Year 11	E04	Miss Kamsika
MFL	French Intervention – Speaking Sessions	Year 11	B06	Miss Platt
FRIDAY				
Maths	Maths Intervention (Foundation B Half)	Year 11	C04	Miss Woolley
Maths	Maths Intervention (Higher Tier 11MA1)	Year 11	C03	Mrs Vrstiak
Science	Steps to Success	Year 11	D12	Miss Cassidy / Mrs Webb

### After school Year 11 revision sessions

MONDAY				
Health & Social Care	Health & Social Care Intervention	Year 11	A06	Miss Harris
Sport	CNAT Sports Intervention	Year 11	A07	Mr Reed
TUESDAY				
Sport	CNAT Sports Intervention	Year 11	A07	Mr Dodd
WEDNESDAY				
Art	Art Intervention Open Studio	Year 11	A02	Miss McDonald
Food	Food Technology Intervention	Year 11	D07	Mr Jagger

**THURSDAY**

English	English Intervention	Year 11	E05	Mrs Jones
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

**FRIDAY**

Sport	CNAT Sports Intervention	Year 11	A07	Mr Dodd
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