

Head of School UPDATE

Friday 13th February 2026



Dear parents/carers and students,

This term has flown by, and it is one I have certainly enjoyed as my first term as Head of School. I have been impressed by the ongoing dedication of our staff, the enthusiasm of our students, and the strong sense of community that defines Giles Academy.

On Tuesday, we held our first Young Carer Breakfast, which was an opportunity to share with students the support that is available. For example, from next term there will be a Young Carer club running at lunch time every Tuesday, within the Pastoral Suite. Further information on the support for Young Carers is available on the website (www.gilesacademy.co.uk/young-carers).

On Thursday this week, we celebrated the end of the Year 11 Prefect duties with a celebration Prefect Breakfast. They now hand over the baton to Year 10 students who have been selected for Temporary Prefect positions following successful applications. We have been able to award lots of students in Year 10 with temporary prefect status in this trial position prior to being awarded full prefect status. Congratulations to all Year 10 students who have been awarded this important role in the school.



On Wednesday, we were delighted to host a successful 'Get Into Teaching' event, welcoming prospective trainees interested in starting a career in education. Attendees were introduced to Lincolnshire ITT, learning about the course structure, the balance of in-school training and professional study, and the support available throughout the programme. The event concluded with an opportunity for attendees to speak directly with experienced staff, ask questions, and gain valuable advice. It was an informative and engaging session, giving aspiring teachers the clarity and confidence to take their next steps into teaching.

Regular school attendance is one of the most important factors in a student's academic success. When pupils attend consistently, they benefit from high quality teaching, maintain strong routines, and build positive relationships that support their wellbeing and progress. This is why we are incredibly proud to share that our school ranked in the top 25% of similar schools nationally for attendance during the Autumn term. This achievement reflects the commitment of our students, the support of our families, and the dedication of our staff in promoting good attendance from day to day.

In sports, our U15 Girls Netball Team produced an outstanding display on Monday, beating Haven High Academy 36-6 in this away fixture. Their teamwork, determination, and composure were excellent throughout and the team demonstrated excellent passing and shooting. Players Player of the Match was Lacey Bates and Coaches Player of the Match was Brooke Dobson. A huge congratulations to all the players involved as it was a fantastic Giles team effort.

Meanwhile, our inter house futsal competition has continued during lunchtimes, creating a fiercely competitive atmosphere that has still been played with superb sportsmanship from all involved.

As we approach the half-term break, I would like to remind parents and students about our safeguarding support available over the holiday period. If any student requires support for an out-of-school hours concern, we have a designated email address: worried@gilesacademy.co.uk. This account is monitored during the holiday by designated staff. While responses may not be immediate due to the holiday period, please be reassured that support and guidance will be provided as soon as possible. Additional external safeguarding support and helplines can be found on: www.gilesacademy.co.uk/safeguarding and wider wellbeing resources can be found on: www.gilesacademy.co.uk/student-wellbeing-charter

Term 4 has been an amazing term and we look forward to welcoming all students back to school on Monday 23rd February 2026.

I hope you and your families all have a fantastic half term break.

Kindest regards,



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