

Head of School UPDATE

Friday 27th February 2026



Dear parents/carers and students,

Welcome back to Term 4! I hope everyone enjoyed a well deserved half term break. It's lovely to return to school in the Spring Term, as the mornings and evenings grow lighter and the weather begins to improve.

Our Year 9 students have had a busy week this week. As part of our PSHE provision, we continue to provide opportunities for external providers to deliver a variety of workshops alongside our robust curriculum. On Wednesday, Year 9 had a one hour assembly with Lincolnshire Police on Anti Knife Crime and on Thursday, Year 9 took part in a Sexual Harassment Awareness workshop delivered by Lincolnshire Police. The session involved identifying behaviours that constitute sexual harassment and developing student's understanding of the legal definitions of consent and factors that affect the ability to consent. The workshop also included improving knowledge about the laws that protect victim-survivors of sexual harassment and assault, and how to report a crime. Also on Thursday Year 9 had a careers assembly delivered by Bakkavor Apprenticeships, giving our students the opportunity to find out about the options available to them in post 16 as part of our careers provision.

We continue to promote and encourage Year 11 students to complete as much revision as possible to maximise the time left at school, remember the more loyalty cards completed the more prizes that can be won by attending the intervention sessions! We have also launched our Year 11 Aspire Passport this week, which rewards our students for all their efforts during Year 11. The higher up the passport they go, the more vouchers they will get! We are very proud of their conscious efforts to their studies and excellent attendance in school so far this term.

At the end of this update we also have included details of all of the extra-curricular clubs and enrichment activities for Term 4, including revision and intervention sessions for Year 11 students to help them achieve the best GCSE grades possible in the lead up to their summer exams. The aim of this programme is not only to develop academic skills, but improve self-confidence, life-skills and leadership experiences as well as being enjoyable.

We are continuing to see lots of students completing their Aspire passport and collecting their badges. A reminder that some of the Aspire challenges can be completed at home, such as make and cook a family meal or complete one task to help out at home for seven days. This week in assemblies we have also been encouraging students to Go for Silver! For those students who have achieved a Bronze Aspire badge in previous terms, now is the time to aim to achieve the Silver Award! Also, for those students who have not quite met all challenges for the Bronze award - there is still time! It would be absolutely fantastic to see all students in each year wearing either a Bronze, Silver or Gold badge by the end of this academic year.

I would like to remind all Key Stage 3 (Years 7-9) parents/carers that next Thursday (Thursday 5th March 2026) is World Book Day. To celebrate this event in school we have been informing all of Key Stage 3 students that they are invited to dress up as a character from their favourite book. We are holding an in-house competition for the best contribution to a World Book Day costume and will be celebrating the event across the school.


Our Year 7 boys' football team enjoyed a strong return to action on Tuesday, securing a 2-0 home win against Cowley Academy in a tightly contested match. The game was competitive throughout, but the boys showed real composure, discipline, and teamwork to take control and earn a well deserved victory. There were several standout performances across the pitch, and the team clearly relished the chance to represent the school again.



Our Year 7/8 girls' football team also took part in a tournament at Haven High Academy on Wednesday, finishing 8th out of 11 teams in a fast paced round robin format. It was a fantastic opportunity for the girls to test themselves against strong opposition, and they all played with real determination and teamwork throughout.




If you are interested in teaching or know someone else who is interested, we are holding a **'Get Into Teaching'** event on Wednesday 18th March 2026 at Bourne Academy to inspire future teachers. This is an fantastic opportunity for anyone who wants to work as a teacher at any of the schools in our Trust or in other secondary schools in Lincolnshire, Rutland and Peterborough. Our Trust are one of the Lead Partners for Lincolnshire ITT and in September 2025, we opened a Teaching School Hub based at Spalding Academy where we have a full cohort of trainee teachers gaining their recognised teaching qualification with us.




Get Into Teaching OPEN EVENING


Wednesday 18th March 2026 • 5.30pm to 7.00pm
AT BOURNE ACADEMY



Discover how you can 'Get Into Teaching' and gain a recognised teaching qualification with our one-year school centred Initial Teacher Training.




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In addition to this, we will also be holding a **'Become a Teaching Assistant'** event on the same day at Bourne Academy. Becoming a Teaching Assistant is a highly rewarding and valued job at our Trust. Due to expansion, we are looking to recruit even more Teaching Assistants to join our SEN team. The role of Teaching Assistants is to provide additional support in the classroom for SEN students. They have the opportunity to be involved in extra-curricular activities at the school plus there is a Teaching Assistant Responsibility allowance (TAR) which can be worth up to £3,500 for suitable candidates. Working as a Teaching Assistant is a great way to work into education and progress your career.




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These events are for those who want to work at any school in our Trust. For more information about either of these events or to register that you would like to attend, please visit: www.slat.org.uk/vacancies

Have a lovely weekend.

Kindest regards,



Mr Chris Wright
Head of School, Giles Academy

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Extra-curricular activities

TERM 4 (Monday 23rd February to Thursday 2nd April 2026)



Lunchtime extra-curricular activities

MONDAY				
Drama	Dance Club	All Years	Drama Studio	Miss Bunce
Games & Pastimes	Chess Club (Beginners)	All Years	B05	Mr Taylor
MFL	KS3 MFL Games Club	Years 7/8/9	B06	Ms Platt
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				
Games & Pastimes	Chess Club (Beginners)	All Years	B05	Mr Taylor
Geography	Geography Intervention	Years 10/11	D03	Mrs Stones
History	History Explorers Club	Years 7/8/9	D02	Miss Clayforth-Scott
History	History Intervention	Years 10/11	D05	Miss Brader
Maths	Maths Challenge Club	Years 7/8	C04	Mrs Macleod
Music	Live Lounge	All Years	A09	Miss Cocks
Science	STEM Club	Years 7/8/9	D08	Miss Holland / Mr Castley
Sport	Futsal Club	Years 7/8	Sports Hall	Mr Dodd
Sport	CNAT Intervention	Year 10	A07	Miss Ward
Young Carers	Young Carers Club	All Years	Pastoral Suite	Mrs Whitehead
WEDNESDAY				
Art	KS3 Art Club	Years 7/8/9	A01	Miss Austin
Art	KS4 Intervention/Open Studio	Years 10/11	A02	Miss McDonald
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
Games & Pastimes	Chess Club (Beginners)	All Years	B05	Mr Taylor
THURSDAY				
Art	Intervention GCSE Open Studio	Year 10	A03	Miss Salisbury
Drama	Drama Club	All Years	Drama Studio	Mr Robinson
Games & Pastimes	Chess Club (Beginners)	All Years	B05	Mr Taylor
Games & Pastimes	Crochet Club	All Years	Pastoral Suite	Mrs Whitehead
Maths	Maths Club	All Years	C08	Miss Wright
Sport	CNAT Sports Intervention	Year 10	A07	Mrs Cooper
FRIDAY				
Games & Pastimes	Chess Club	All Years	B05	Mr Taylor
Health & Social Care	Health & Social Care Intervention	Year 10	A06	Miss Harris
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	Boys Football	All Years	Sports Hall	Mr Dodd
Sport	Girls Football Club	All Years	Sports Hall	Mrs Cooper
Sport	Sports Leaders	Year 9	Sports Hall	Miss Ward
Sport	CNAT Sports Intervention	Years 10/11	A07	Mr Reed
TUESDAY				
Games & Pastimes	Chess Club (all abilities)	All Years	B05	Mr Taylor
Health & Social Care	Health & Social Care Intervention	Years 10/11	A06	Miss Harris
History	History Intervention	Years 10/11	D05	Miss Brader / Mr Butler
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
THURSDAY				
Sport	Netball	Years 9/10/11	Sports Hall	Mrs Cooper
Sport	Fitness Suite	Years 7/9/10	Fitness Suite	Mr Butler
FRIDAY				
Food	Food Technology Intervention - EAL	Years 10/11	D07	Mr Jagger / Mrs Stankeva
Sport	CNAT Sports Intervention	Years 10/11	A07	Mr Dodd

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Year 11 Revision sessions

TERM 4 (Monday 23rd February to Thursday 2nd April 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
History	History Intervention	Year 11	D05	Miss Brader
Maths	Maths Intervention (Foundation A Half)	Year 11	C07	Mr Smith
MFL	French Intervention – Speaking Sessions	Year 11	B06	Ms Platt
WEDNESDAY				
Art	KS4 Intervention/Open Studio	Year 11	A02	Miss McDonald
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	D05	Miss Brader
MFL	French Intervention – Speaking Sessions	Year 11	B06	Ms 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	Ms Platt
FRIDAY				
Geography	KS4 Geography Intervention	Year 11	D06	Miss Pearson
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				
Health & Social Care	Health & Social Care Intervention	Year 11	A06	Miss Harris
History	History Intervention	Year 11	D05	Miss Brader / Mr Butler
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	Ms Platt
Science	Science Exam Intervention	Year 11	D12	Miss Cassidy
FRIDAY				
Food	Food Technology Intervention – EAL	Year 11	D07	Mr Jagger / Mrs Stankeva
Sport	CNAT Sports Intervention	Year 11	A07	Mr Dodd