

Head of School UPDATE

Friday 13th March 2026



Dear parents/carers and students,

We have had another busy and successful week this week at Giles Academy.

On Tuesday, our Year 9 students had 'Prison Me No Way' deliver a full day of engaging workshops and activities. Our Year 9 students had a valuable insight into what it would be like to go to prison, the penalties and consequences that would affect them for the rest of their life and most importantly, how to not make the wrong choices focusing on crime prevention. They provided a full day of engaging workshops and activities, which are led by retired Prison Officers, Youth Engagement Officers and volunteers from charities and other organisations. All of these people were able to pass on their first-hand experiences and real-life knowledge so students know exactly what it is like. This forms part of our Personal, Social, Health and Education (PSHE) programme which is an integral part of our curriculum offer at Giles Academy.



We have been celebrating International Women's Day, which will be celebrated across the world on Sunday 8th March 2026. In school we have focused on this topic during assemblies and it was part of our SMSC sessions (Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural education). By educating our students on the history and global issues around women's rights, we can help empower the next generation and also change attitudes around misogyny as we work towards a world with gender equality.

It has been another fantastic week of sporting achievement at Giles Academy! On Tuesday, our Year 8 girls' netball team delivered an outstanding performance, finishing runners up out of 10 schools in the district netball tournament. The team scored an impressive 48 goals while conceding only 11, showcasing incredible teamwork, determination and skill.

On Wednesday, our Year 7 students took part in their first SLAT Games in both football and netball. The boys' football team claimed victory, earning their first SLAT trophy and the girls' netball team placed a very respectable 4th, with several closely contested matches. All students represented Giles Academy with pride, resilience, and excellent sportsmanship. Congratulations to every participant, we are incredibly proud of your achievements and dedication.

On Thursday, we took two Year 9 girls 5-a-side football teams to the Boston United Jakemans Stadium for an exciting day of football and exploration of post-16 opportunities in sport. The event gave students the chance to learn more about careers and pathways within the sporting industry while enjoying high quality coaching and activities such as going behind the scenes of the club. The girls fully embraced the experience, showing great enthusiasm, teamwork, and a willingness to learn throughout the day. To top it off, one of our teams went on to win the entire tournament, making the trip even more memorable!



Next Wednesday evening on Wednesday 18th March 2026, there are two events taking place at Bourne Academy for those who are interested in becoming a Teacher or a Teaching Assistant. Students who are aged 16+ and studying at Sixth Form or College are also invited to find out about the career opportunities and pathways available to them before they start university or higher education. These events are also popular with those who want to change career and get into education and enjoy a highly rewarding career. If you know anyone else who may be interested, please share this information with them. Visit www.slat.org.uk/vacancies for more information and to register in advance.

Our Year 8 Parents Evening will be taking place online on Thursday 19th March 2026 from 4.30pm to 7.30pm and parents are required to book online appointments in advance. We encourage all parents to participate so they can speak to subject teachers about student progress, the interventions that could benefit them and how parents can support students.

I would like to remind parents/carers that on Friday 20th March 2026, it is Comic Relief / Red Nose Day and we will traditionally hold a non-uniform day at the school. A letter has been sent to parents/carers about the non-uniform clothing that can be worn on this day. This year we would like students and staff to wear something red to support the event.

Finally, I am giving prior notice to our Year 11 parent/carers that we have our Exam Success Evening for Year 11 students along with their parents/carers on Wednesday 25th March 2026. This evening provides students along with their parents/carers guidance on a variety of revision techniques, as well as looking at ways in which we can all work together to support our students in these vital weeks in the lead up to the formal exam season. Remaining with examinations, I would like to remind parents and carers that we will be hosting our Easter Revision sessions during the Easter break for our Year 11 students. The holiday sessions form an additional mechanism of support and I encourage all students to sign up to these extra sessions.

I hope you all have a fantastic weekend.

Kindest regards,



Mr Chris Wright

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