

# Head of School UPDATE

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026



Dear parents/carers and students,

With only one more week before we finish for the Easter break we still continue to be as busy as ever.

Our Year 10 students have entered their PPE examinations this week. For one week, the students will sit the first of their three practice examination seasons. As you know, practice makes perfect and we hold this philosophy for our students when it comes to examinations. When entering an examination hall, we want our students to feel comfortable, relaxed and reassured so they can concentrate on giving their best answers. Well done to all Year 10 students who are adapting to the process of formal examinations - and thank you to parents as your continuous support with excellent attendance to school and particularly during these sessions is very much appreciated.

On Tuesday, 49 of our Year 8 students stepped into the wizarding world during their visit to the Harry Potter Studios. We started in the classroom, learning about the career opportunities within the film industry and we took a closer look at the props used. The tour then opened with the iconic Great Hall, where pupils stood exactly where the cast once filmed. Students then wandered through the shopfronts of Diagon Alley, stepped into the eerie atmosphere of the Forbidden Forest, posed for green-screen photos that placed them right inside a Quidditch game, and many enjoyed tasting the Butterbeer.



This has been an important week for our Year 9 students as they have been focusing on their Key Stage 4 option choices. Over this past week, students have been using their time to watch a variety of subject videos to ascertain more detail of what the various courses consist of. Please can I remind parents/carers and students that the Options Form which you have been sent electronically must be completed by Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026.

As our Year 11 get ever closer to their final exams, we continue to support our students and families. I am really pleased to see such high numbers of students sign up to our Easter revision sessions. In fact, some of our sessions are full! Our Year 11 are determined to succeed in their examination series, and are showing such determination and hard work to achieve their best. Keep this up Year 11. We continue to encourage our Year 11 to use the GCSEPod to help with their revision and proven to have a positive impact.

Can I also take this opportunity to remind parents that Prom tickets for our Year 11 students are now available on ParentMail for all those Year 11 students invited to Prom. It has been fantastic to see so many outfits and plans being made for the Prom, but please do remember to purchase your ticket!

In sports, there have been more sport achievements this week and some close matches too.

The Year 9 Netball Team were outstanding, taking a dominant 35-4 win over Boston High School. Fast passing, sharp shooting, and brilliant teamwork from start to finish. A superb performance from the whole squad.

The Year 7 Netball Team showed real heart in their 19-3 defeat. They kept battling, created good chances, and showed clear progress throughout the game. Lots of positives to build on.

The Year 8 Boys Football team put in a strong shift against Boston Grammar School, narrowly losing 3-2 after a last minute goal in what was a competitive, end to end match. Great attitude, great work rate, and plenty to be proud of.

Then, what a game of football on Wednesday! Our U14 Girls Football Team faced Skegness Grammar School in the County Cup quarter final on home turf - and in seriously windy conditions! Both teams showed huge determination, producing a tense, end-to-end match that had staff (including myself!) glued to the sidelines, cheering them on and helping the PE team coach the final stages. The girls dug deep, battled for every ball, and showed real composure when it mattered most. Their hard work paid off with a brilliant 3-2 victory, securing their place in the County Cup semi-finals! A fantastic performance and a huge achievement - well done, girls!



On Thursday, we held our Young Carers' breakfast - a chance for our students who are Young Carers to spend time together in a supportive community setting. They enjoyed breakfast, met new friends, and took a moment for themselves. Our Young Carers are supported by Mrs Emma Amos-Linley and Mrs Jo Whitehead, who will be continuing with the community club next term on Tuesday lunchtimes and our next breakfast session will be held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024. All Young Carers are warmly welcome to attend.

Next week we look forward to rewarding our students for achieving their Aspire badges with a Giles Academy 'cinema experience' - we are delighted that so many students embraced the Aspire reward programme which saw over 350+ students being rewarded for their above and beyond approach to school!

I hope you enjoy your weekend.

Kindest regards,



**Mr Chris Wright**

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