

Head of School UPDATE

Friday 24th April 2026



Dear parents/carers and students,

Welcome to Term 5 - a shorter term than usual with only 24 school days in total. There was such a positive atmosphere in the school on return, students returned looking smart, proud and confident heading into Term 5.

I would like to thank both students and staff for their commitment to our Easter revision sessions. Attendance from our Year 11 students was outstanding, with many students commenting on how helpful and reassuring these sessions were in preparation for the upcoming examination season. We recognise that this is an anxious time for our Year 11 cohort, and please be reassured that we will continue to support them throughout this important journey.

Over the Easter break a small number of our Year 11 students who study French at GCSE joined Year 11 students from our other Trust schools on an unforgettable trip to Paris, where they fully immersed themselves in French culture and language. Throughout the visit, students communicated with Parisians in the target language, particularly when ordering food and drinks in French, putting their classroom learning into real-life practice and getting prepared for their speaking exam. A highlight for many was the opportunity to try traditional French delicacies, with several students bravely trying escargots (snails) and les cuisses de grenouille (frog legs). Their willingness to embrace new experiences was fantastic with some enjoying the dishes and saying they will absolutely be eating them in the near future! The group explored some of Paris's most iconic landmarks, including climbing to the top of the Eiffel Tower, admiring the Arc de Triomphe, Notre Dame and dancing to live music at the Sacre Coeur creating lasting memories while learning about the city's history. Overall, the trip was a fantastic success, both students and staff thoroughly enjoyed themselves and embraced French culture!



It is only the first week of term, but it has been an incredible week of sport within Girls PE!!

Our U14 Girls Netball Team delivered an unforgettable performance this week, defeating Bourne Grammar School 16-15 in an incredibly tense Superzone Netball Final. Both teams entered the fixture having won their respective leagues to see who will come out as the top team in the area. From the first whistle, the match was end to end, with momentum swinging constantly as both sides produced outstanding attacking play and fierce defensive pressure. Right up until the end, the girls showed remarkable composure and resilience, coming from behind and edging ahead, holding their nerve to secure a dramatic one goal victory and claim the Superzone title. A phenomenal achievement and a brilliant reflection of the team's growth, determination, and togetherness.



On Wednesday, our U14 Girls Football Team (consisting of Year 7-9 students) put in a brave and determined performance in the County Cup semi-final in Gainsborough, taking on a side who have reached the final three years running. Despite some excellent play and real resilience, Giles were narrowly beaten by a very strong opponent. Reaching the last four in the county is a fantastic achievement, and the girls should be incredibly proud of their run and the way they represented the school.



Finally in sports, our Giles Sports Leaders had the most wonderful day at the primary school cricket event! This event was in support of the upcoming ICC Women's T20 Cricket World Cup which starts in 50 days from now. Our students were incredible in the way they interacted with the primary students, they were wonderful as Giles Academy ambassadors. Our students led eight cricket drill stations developing bowling, batting, throwing, catching and team work activities. Then they ran, scored and umpired mini matches for the primary school students. Several primary school teachers commented on how positive our girls were and how wonderful it was to see them teaching other girls sport.



Parent Governors play a vital role in representing the views of parents and carers and in supporting school improvement. We currently have Parent Governor vacancies at Cowley Academy and warmly invite parents and carers of students currently attending the school to apply. As a Parent Governor, you will join the school's Local Advisory Board (LAB) and will be expected to attend three evening meetings per academic year. We are particularly keen to hear from those who can represent the diversity of our local community. The deadline for completing the online application form is Tuesday 5th May 2026.

Finally, the Lincolnshire Stay Safe Partnership are conducting a 'Keeping Safe Survey' for all students aged 11-18 in secondary schools. This is to be completed by your child and you can complete with them. As students know better than anyone else about what happens online, they would like to know about the apps they use, online harms they see or experience and what support actually helps. This survey is completely anonymous, quick to complete and can help make real change as their honest answers will help change education resources and support. Please visit www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/secondaryother to complete the survey (when selecting your school, note that 'Giles Academy' is listed as 'The Giles Academy').

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Kindest regards,



Mr Chris Wright

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