

Head of School UPDATE

Friday 1st May 2026



Dear parents/carers and students,

It has been another fantastic week at Giles Academy, with students fully engaged in their learning and a really positive atmosphere across the school. Once again it has been an extremely successful week within the Sports Department too!

On Tuesday, our U13s boys football team delivered an outstanding performance to defeat Spalding Grammar School and lift the Superzone Football Final trophy, capping off a superb and hard-fought campaign. The final was played at Spalding United FC and proved to be a thrilling contest from start to finish. Mr Dodd recalled the final; Giles made a dream start, racing into a 2-0 lead through well-taken goals, putting early pressure on Spalding. Spalding responded strongly and scored twice, levelling the score and setting up a tense second half. Giles regained the lead at 3-2, only for Spalding Grammar to equalise in dramatic fashion in the last kick of the game, forcing the final into a penalty shootout, where Giles came out victorious! The win was a true team effort, showcasing resilience, composure under pressure and excellent character throughout both the match and the competition as a whole. Lifting the Superzone title is a fantastic achievement for the players and a fitting reward for their hard work, commitment and teamwork.



This week also saw our second Superzone Final in Netball take place, again on home soil, with our U15's team who took on University Academy Holbeach. Unfortunately, on this occasion, despite a well fought match with great determination, Giles lost 21-10 to an excellent opponent. The girls have performed exceptionally well all season and should be extremely proud of themselves for reaching the final.

Our examination season has now officially begun. Students who study IT have had their first written exam today whilst our students who study French have this week completed their speaking exam. Mrs Cairns, Director of Modern Foreign Languages for our Trust, praised all of our students for the way in which they prepared for this exam. We continue to support students with revision sessions, subject crammers and Head of Department briefings ahead of exams. While this will be a busy and sometimes tiring time, students have worked incredibly hard in preparation and we are confident they will do themselves proud. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our Year 11 students the very best as they continue through this important period. Their attitude towards their examinations has been outstanding, and they should be extremely proud of the commitment they have shown. We have reminded all students to be calm, considerate and quiet when moving around examination rooms, which demonstrates real team spirit in supporting our Year 11 cohort.

Enrichment remains a vital part of school life and an important way for students to broaden their experiences, develop confidence and build positive relationships. It is always great to see so many of our students engaging within clubs, such as sports clubs, Maths Club and our newly launched Agricultural Club, which has been very popular. We strongly encourage all students to take part in at least one enrichment activity, as these clubs play a key role in supporting wellbeing, friendships and personal development. At the end of this update, you will be able to see our extra-curricular and enrichment timetable for Term 5.

This week some of our more able Year 7 and 8 students took part in the UK Junior Maths Challenge. Students were required to answer a series of challenging questions designed to promote mathematical reasoning, precision of thought and fluency. We are very proud of the effort shown by all students involved and look forward to hearing whether any have achieved Bronze, Silver or Gold certificates in due course.

During the Easter holidays, our Year 7's have been designing and creating their Natural Disaster models as part of a Geography project/competition. The models ranged from volcanoes (one of which actually erupted!), tsunamis, earthquakes and avalanches (with model skiers too). The standard of the models created were outstanding and judging the winners proved extremely tricky. Well done to all those Year 7 students who put in such hard work and imagination within this project!



A reminder that Year 10 parents and carers should have received a booking link for the Parents' Evening on Thursday 14th May 2026. This is an important opportunity to meet remotely with your child's teachers to discuss progress, attendance and behaviour, as well as feedback from recent PPE examinations.

We are incredibly proud that our attendance remains above the national average. This week, we have been rewarding students who achieved 100% attendance last term with a reward breakfast, and we thank parents and carers for your continued support in promoting excellent attendance.

Listening to student voice remains an important part of our school culture. This year we have received many valuable suggestions from students, and where possible, these have helped shape developments across school, including extra-curricular opportunities and eco initiatives. We regularly feedback to students on their ideas, and the 'Students Say, We Listen' section of our website is where students can actively contribute to school life. Students can visit www.gilesacademy.co.uk/students-say-we-listen to provide feedback.

The Lincolnshire Stay Safe Partnership are running three different Online Safety Webinars this month. They are all free to attend and you will need to register in advance to get the link to join the presentation. Further information about each of the webinars is available on the links below:

Online Safety Webinar for Parents of Teens

- Wednesday 6th May 2026, 6.00pm to 7.30pm
- Learn about the apps teens use, key online risks, and how to keep them safe plus tips for confident conversations and a live Q&A.
- www.tickettailor.com/events/staysafepartnership/2160049

Online Safety webinar for Professionals

- Thursday 14th May 2026, 1.00pm to 2.40pm
- A free session covering the latest online trends, risks and tools to support children and young people. Suitable for professional working in the Police, Education, Early Help, Social Care, Mental Health and anyone working with children and young people.
- www.tickettailor.com/events/staysafepartnership/2160051

Online Safety Webinar for Primary Aged Parents

- Wednesday 20th May 2026, 6.00pm to 7.30pm
- Learn about apps, games, social media and online risks plus practical ways to keep your child safe.
- www.tickettailor.com/events/staysafepartnership/2160048

Finally, a date for your diaries - our Art Department are showcasing some fantastic student work at The Sessions House in Spalding on Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th May 2026. This will be a celebration of the super talented artists work across the school which has been selected for exhibition!

Due to the Bank Holiday, all students will return to school on Tuesday 5th May 2026.

I would like to wish you all a fantastic Bank Holiday weekend.

Kindest regards,



Mr Chris Wright
Head of School, Giles Academy



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- www.gilesacademy.co.uk
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GILES ACADEMY

Extra-curricular activities

TERM 5 (Monday 20th April to Friday 22nd May 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
Religious Studies	Philosophers Society	All Years	A08	Mrs Harker / Mr Lewandowski
Science	Agricultural Club	All Years	D14	Mrs White
Science	Science Intervention (Higher Tier)	Years 10/11	D12	Miss Cassidy
Science	Science Intervention (Foundation Tier)	Years 10/11	D15	Mrs Webb
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	D01	Mr Butler
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	CNAT Intervention	Year 10	A07	Miss Ward
Young Carers/LAC	Cooking Club	All Years	D07	Miss Brader
WEDNESDAY				
Art	KS3 Art Club	Years 7/8/9	A01	Miss Austin
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				
Drama	Drama Club	All Years	Drama Studio	Mr Robinson
Games & Pastimes	Chess Club (Beginners)	All Years	B05	Mr Taylor
Maths	Maths Club	All Years	C08	Miss Wright
Sport	CNAT Sports Intervention	Year 10	A07	Mrs Cooper
FRIDAY				
Games & Pastimes	Chess Club (Beginners)	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	Higher Tier intervention	Year 10	D11	Mrs Graves
Science	Foundation Intervention	Year 10	D12	Miss Cassidy
Sport	CNAT Sports Intervention	Years 10/11	A07	Mr Dodd

After school extra-curricular activities

MONDAY				
Sport	Girls Cricket	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
Sport	Rounders	Years 7/8	Sports Hall	Mrs Cooper / Miss Ward
Sport	Cricket	All Years	Sports Hall	Mr Dodd
WEDNESDAY				
Art	Art Intervention Open Studio	Years 10/11	A02	Mrs Dent
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
Sport	KS4 CNAT Sport Intervention	Years 10/11	A07	Miss Ward
THURSDAY				
Sport	Rounders	Years 9/10	Sports Hall	Mrs Cooper
Sport	Athletics	All Years	Sports Hall	Miss Ward
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 5 (Monday 20th April to Friday 22nd May 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
Sport	CNAT Sports Intervention	Years 10/11	A07	Mr Dodd
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	Art Intervention Open Studio	Year 11	A02	Mrs Dent
Business	Business Exam Intervention	Year 11	B01	Mr Kay
English	English Intervention (Target grade 4+)	Year 11	E05	Mrs Jones
MFL	French Intervention – Speaking Sessions	Year 11	B06	Ms Platt
THURSDAY				
Art	Art Intervention Open Studio	Year 11	A03	Miss Salisbury
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	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 Vradiak
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	Years 10/11	A07	Mr Reed
TUESDAY				
Geography	Geography Revision	Year 11	D03	Mrs Stones
History	History Intervention	Years 10/11	D05	Miss Brader
Health & Social Care	Health & Social Care Intervention	Years 10/11	A06	Miss Harris
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
THURSDAY				
Art	Art Intervention Open Studio	Year 11	A03	Miss Salisbury
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	Years 10/11	D07	Mr Jagger / Mrs Stankeva
Sport	CNAT Sports Intervention	Years 10/11	A07	Mr Dodd