

Head of School UPDATE

Friday 22nd May 2026



Dear parents/carers and students,

We have finally reached the end of Term 5, with one term to go I can't actually believe we will shortly be arriving at the end of this academic year!

Year 11 are now at mid-point of the exam stage and have been coping incredibly well with the pressure of exams, their independent revision and their own personal organization. Thank you to all parents and carers for continuing with the positive encouragement that is happening at home. Year 11 enjoyed their 'Leavers Day' on Tuesday afternoon as they start study leave, now attending school for exams and optional subject crammers. The students took part in an assembly, with lots of memories and gave thanks to all staff who have helped them through their school journey at Giles Academy. The afternoon was topped off with shirt signing and ice cream. Well done to all Year 11 students - we are very proud of them all!



On Wednesday, our budding Performing Arts and Music students had an unforgettable trip to Nottingham as they joined the audience for the vibrant, high energy touring production of Legally Blonde. From the moment the curtain lifted, they were swept up in the colour, comedy, and incredible talent on stage. The show's sharp choreography, powerful vocals, and feel good message had our students buzzing with excitement and brimming with new creative ideas. It was a brilliant chance for them to see professional theatre in full swing, deepen their passion for the arts, and return to school inspired, motivated, and ready to take their own performances to the next level. Several theatre workers and other audience members commented on how polite and well behaved our students were, all of which were a credit to the school.



During half term, please remember parents/carers and our students have access to our 'Feeling worried or anxious' section on our website (www.gilesacademy.co.uk/feeling-worried-or-anxious) where they can also email worried@gilesacademy.co.uk during half term. This is monitored over the holiday period and we will respond to your email. Please also use our Student Wellbeing Charter which also outlines all the support available for young people should they have a concern. We have informed students that if they feel there is an emergency safeguarding concern, not to wait for an email response from the school - please always dial 999. We also have a wealth of wellbeing support on our school website for students to access during the holiday period in our Student Wellbeing Charter.

Finally, we currently have a variety of non-teaching and specialist teaching vacancies across the Trust. Some of these are brand new vacancies as we are expanding the SEN and inclusion staff in our schools to offer even more support to students. All positions are required to start in September 2026 and the closing date all for the following vacancies is 8am on Friday 12th June 2026. If you are interested in finding out more or applying online, please visit: www.slat.org.uk/vacancies. Alternatively, if you know someone else who may be interested, please forward them details.

Vacancy	Schools required at
Pastoral Lead (SEND Focus)	Bourne Academy, Spalding Academy, Giles Academy and Cowley Academy
Specialist Teacher - Access to Learning	Bourne Academy, Spalding Academy, Giles Academy and Cowley Academy
Inclusion Learning Mentor	Bourne Academy, Spalding Academy, Giles Academy and Cowley Academy
Classroom Cover Instructors	Bourne Academy, Spalding Academy and Giles Academy
SEN Administrator	Spalding Academy and Cowley Academy
Careers & Student Advisor	Giles Academy
Examination Administrator	Spalding Academy
Art Technician (Maternity Cover)	Bourne Academy

I hope you all have a lovely half term break and I look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 1st June 2026.

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend and enjoy the warm weather!

Kindest regards,



Mr Chris Wright

Head of School, Giles Academy

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