

Headteacher UPDATE

Friday 2nd October 2026



Dear parents/carers and students,

We have had another great week at Giles Academy.

On Tuesday, we held our annual Open Evening which allows us to showcase the many great things Giles Academy has to offer. We had over 850 prospective parents/carers and students who attended the talk from Mrs Curson and myself, as well as seeing the school in action. I was impressed by our school community, with over 230 student helpers it was amazing to see how proud they are of their school. There was a real buzz during the evening, with so many positive comments from visitors enjoying a taste of what our school can offer. My thanks go to all students and staff who once again showed how great our school is. I would like to give a special mention to our Year 7 student speakers (Maria, Pippa, Darla, Robin and Zak), who were all incredible talking in a full school hall! They presented clearly, confidently and did a superb job at presenting school life as a Year 7 student. Thank you also to our performers Bella and Tia, who did an absolutely amazing job at entertaining our visitors with their musical talent.



The **Headteacher Award** badge at Giles Academy is a brand new recognition introduced this year, created to celebrate students who have achieved something truly exceptional either within school or out in the wider community. It is awarded to those who have gone above and beyond - showing remarkable kindness, leadership, resilience, creativity, or making a meaningful difference to others.

In addition to this new honour, we also have a series of achievement badges that recognise excellence across key areas of school life:

- **Academic** achievement for outstanding progress or performance
- **Athletic** achievement through sport
- **Artistic** achievement across drama, music, art and textiles

Together, these badges form a vibrant celebration of the diverse talents and accomplishments of our students, shining a spotlight on everything that makes them exceptional. Staff members are able to nominate students for these prestigious awards, with recipients receiving their award within school assemblies, giving each student a proud moment of recognition in front of their peers and the wider school community.



On Thursday, we celebrated National Poetry Day. Every lesson began with a poem linked to the subject being studied, sparking thoughtful discussions and creative activities around the poem's choice, context, and meaning. It was a wonderful opportunity to explore poetry in a cross-curricular way. We are currently running two literacy competitions this term including the 'Lincolnshire Schools Poetry Competition' and 'Young Writers National Poetry Competition' - students should see Show My Homework or their librarians for further details.

Also on Thursday, Year 8 students took part in a one-hour CSE session as part of our PSHE curriculum, helping to develop their understanding of personal safety, healthy relationships, and how to recognise and respond to potential risks.



Finally, we have had a variety of sporting fixtures this week. Well done to all of our sports team, especially our Year 9 boys football team who won 3-2 against Cowley and in Netball Year 9 won an impressive 42-1 with Players Player selected as Louisa and Coaches Player Ruby. Year 11 also had a victory winning 31-17 with Players Player Brooke and Coaches Player being Darci. All players showed high levels of fair play, team work and enthusiasm - a real love for the game!

Have a lovely weekend.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Wright', is written over a white background.

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