GILES ACADEMY

Headteacher UPDATE

Friday 13th November 2026

Dear parents/carers and students,

What a busy and rewarding week it has been! From supporting the Boston Remembrance Parade to raising funds for Children in Need on Friday, our school values of Aspire, Challenge, and Achieve have truly shone through at Giles Academy.



On Remembrance Sunday, Mrs Pell and I had the privilege of joining our Senior Prefects and some Year 8 Buddies to represent Giles Academy in the Boston Town Parade and memorial service. They laid a poppy wreath with great respect and dignity, alongside representatives from local Defence and Emergency Services. The parade and service were deeply poignant and it was lovely to see so many Giles students representing their Cadet, Scout and Guide groups.

Throughout last week, students and staff have been getting involved in a variety of ways from selling poppies in aid of the Royal British Legion to incorporating Remembrance into subject lessons. Through our House Competitions, there were some incredible poppies draw, Remembrance posters and thoughtful letters that came together to create a stunning display in reception.





On Remembrance Day on 11th November at 11am, the whole school stopped during breaktime for a two-minute silence to mark the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the month, which was impeccably observed. Each year, we also give students that are part of a RAF, Army or Police Cadets, Coast Guard or Scouts and Guides the opportunity to wear their uniform in school. All the students looked incredibly smart and following the two minute silence in school, marched to Old Leake Church with our Senior Prefects to lay a wreath on behalf of Giles Academy.

It's been another busy week within sports. On Saturday 7th November 2026, our U14 girls Netball team (pictured) competed within the County Schools Netball finals! This was a huge step up for the girls in their first experience of a county finals day and such an achievement to qualify to be there. All the girls were outstanding and demonstrated a first class attitude towards sport, competing against the very best whilst doing themselves, and the school proud. Mrs Cooper was extremely pleased with the team, who she said were an absolute pleasure to coach.



Last Friday our U15s Girls football team won 8-1 at home against Louth Academy in the National Cup! The team produced some excellent attacking football throughout the match, creating numerous chances and showing great confidence going forward. Florence was in outstanding form, scoring five goals and leading the team brilliantly from the front. Hollie added two goals, while Emily completed the scoring with one goal.

Our U14 Girls football team played Banovallum School in the County Cup on Tuesday. Although the result ended in a 4-2 defeat, the girls demonstrated outstanding resilience, determination and teamwork throughout the entire match. They continued to work hard, support one another and never gave up despite conceding goals. Their attitude and commitment were a real credit to themselves and to the school. For several of the girls, this was their first experience representing the school in a football fixture. Simply stepping onto the pitch and competing at this level is a significant achievement, and they should be incredibly proud of what they have accomplished. Providing these opportunities for students to challenge themselves, develop their confidence and represent the school is invaluable.

Today we supported Children in Need through a non-uniform day. This incredible charity funds local projects that help remove barriers for children and young people, enabling them to thrive. Each year, Children in Need supports over 400,000 young people facing challenges such as poverty, disability, illness, distress, or trauma. Across the Trust, we have raised over £4,000, and we would like to thank everyone who contributed and showed their support for this important cause.



We have some students who are very close to completing their Aspire Passport Bronze Award. We look forward to being able to hand out their badges within assemblies during the next couple of weeks and for those students to then enjoy the special Christmas rewards film during the last week of term.

A reminder that there are also two recruitment events being held at Spalding Academy on Wednesday 18th November 2026. To inspire future teachers, there is a **'Get Into Teaching'** event - this is an fantastic opportunity for anyone who wants to work as a teacher at any of the schools in our Trust or in other secondary schools in Lincolnshire, Rutland and Peterborough. We are also holding a **'Become a Teaching Assistant'** event as we are looking to recruit even more Teaching Assistants to join our SEN team. Working as a Teaching Assistant is a great way to work into education and progress your career. To register to attend these events, please visit www.slat.org.uk/vacancies





On Wednesday 18th November 2026, we will be holding our termly Young Carers get together. The session will include hot chocolate and cookies, fun games, and an opportunity to socialise with other students who share similar experiences. All Young Carers are encouraged to attend, including those who may not yet be known to staff as a Young Carer. Our Young Carers are a remarkable group of students who undertake additional responsibilities at home, helping to care for family members and supporting them with their day-to-day needs. If you would like to find out more or would like to attend, please speak to Mrs Amos-Linley or Miss Brader.

Finally, with colder weather now approaching, please ensure that your child comes to school with a suitable coat each day so they are able to stay warm and comfortable while at school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kindest regards,

Mr Chris Wright
Headteacher, Giles Academy

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