

12 November 2021 – Update for GC students and parents/carers

Dear all,

I hope you and your families are safe and well. Can I start by thanking our second-year students for their participation in the two subject monitoring days which took place recently. This process now feeds into monitoring with the Personal Tutor and the upcoming parents' evenings. (I have sent parents and carers a separate message about this.)

As ever, should students and/or parents/carers require wellbeing-related support, please get in touch with the Personal Tutor in the first instance. Safeguarding concerns can also be raised via our separate email address (safeguarding@greenhead.ac.uk).

Here are this week's messages:

COP26 conference

It's been a busy time for second-year student Danyaal Malik and Chemistry teacher Stuart Strathdee, who have been representing Greenhead College at the COP26 conference. The four-day visit with the UK Schools Sustainability Network to Glasgow was action-packed and productive. Danyaal met Nadhim Zahawi, the Secretary of State for Education, and took part in a high-profile livestreamed panel discussion in the UK pavilion at the launch of the Climate Leaders Award and National Education Nature Park initiatives. He also talked with Alok Sharma, the COP26 President, with youth delegates from Nigeria and Nepal, and met representatives from a wide range of UK and overseas organisations that were exhibiting in the conference's public engagement zone at the Glasgow Science Centre.

Returning from Glasgow, Danyaal has reported on his activities to the online Transform Our World Youth Climate Summit, while Stuart attended the Yorkshire and Humber Climate Summit in Leeds to give a talk on Climate Education. The Yorkshire and Humber summit saw the launch of the regional Climate Action Plan, which Stuart has been helping to develop since March.



'Step Into' updates

'Step into Your Future' week: 13-17 June 2022 (A1 students only): in their Tutorial lessons, our first-year students are currently finding out more about employability skills, including focusing on CV writing, and thinking about possible future careers. Next June, all our first-year students will be taking part in a week dedicated to finding out more about specific careers and the next steps needed to be taken to help achieve future plans. Students will either participate in College-organised activities, working with employers, universities and apprenticeship providers, or carry out their own organised work placements. Students have received information about this in their recent Tutorial lesson and must complete the Moodle application form and upload their CV by **Thursday, 18 November**.

'Step Into' webinars (all students): following our very successful webinar programme over the last academic year, we are pleased to be able to offer *all* students the chance to engage in new career-focused webinars, run via Teams. Sessions coming up in November and December include talks on careers in Geology, Business and Finance, Biology, Early Years, the Charity sector and Digital Forensic Investigations. Details on how to register to attend a webinar have been emailed separately to all students. Can I also remind students that they also have access to over 140 recordings of previously held webinars and would encourage them to make use of this fabulous resource.

COVID-19 updates

Latest COVID-19 figures

Week ending 12 November 2021	Total
Number of students with confirmed COVID-19	17
Number of students self-isolating	18
Number of staff with confirmed COVID-19	0
Number of staff self-isolating	0

COVID-19 testing

Just a further reminder that students should continue to test twice-weekly at home over the rest of the term. Testing kits are still available in College.

Face coverings

Finally, a reminder that it is our strong recommendation that face coverings should be worn in enclosed spaces. This will be especially important as more students are likely to remain inside during break and lunch-time.

Best wishes to you all,

Simon