

**5 November 2021 – Update for GC students and parents/carers**

Dear all,

I hope you managed to enjoy a peaceful and relaxing half-term break. The second half of the autumn term is always a very busy one, with A2 subject and tutor monitoring taking place, parents' evenings for A2 students, and open evenings for prospective students.

Please look out for our upcoming Charity Day (23 November), Mental and Physical Health Week (w/c 6 December), Drama Production (7-9 December), and Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols (14 December), and much more besides.

**Wellbeing messages**

There are still places available on the **MoodMaster 'Building Emotional Resilience'** course, which will begin on **Monday, 8 November**.

Available slots are:

- Tuesdays, 11:25 - 12:25 pm
- Wednesdays, 9:55 - 10:55 am
- Wednesdays, 11:25 - 12:25 pm
- Thursdays, 9:55 - 10:55 am
- Fridays, 11:05 - 12:05 pm

The MoodMaster Programme is an upbeat approach to developing students' wellbeing. It is for *anyone* who may be struggling with low mental health or well-being. It will teach students a number of simple techniques that can help them manage situations that cause worry or stress. Please click on [Moodle](#) for further details and to book a place.

Should students and/or parents/carers wish to speak to a member of our safeguarding team, they can be contacted at [safeguarding@greenhead.ac.uk](mailto:safeguarding@greenhead.ac.uk).

**Absence line**

Can I please remind students and parents/carers to report *all* absences to [absences@greenhead.ac.uk](mailto:absences@greenhead.ac.uk) by 11.00 am on the day of the absence. Please provide the student number, details of the absence, and expected return date in the email.

**Student behaviour and site security**

Once again, I am sorry to have to send this message to all students, as I am sure that what I am about to write applies only to a small number of individuals who are spoiling it for everybody else. Earlier this week I was contacted by one of our cleaners to say that the toilet facilities opposite room M1 had been left by students in an appalling condition.

This damage amounts to vandalism. Everyone has to use these facilities, including staff. Students should respect these amenities in the way they would at home. Moreover, if any student is identified as causing damage to College property, they may face disciplinary action which could potentially lead to their removal as a student at Greenhead College.

Can I also remind students to wear their student ID card and lanyard at all times when on the Greenhead College campus. This includes the external areas of the site too. Students should go to the Front Office and obtain a sticker if they don't have their lanyard with them.

### **Lunchtime rooms**

Can I remind students that we have made available some rooms in Rostron building to use at lunchtime, specifically **R1, R5 and R6**.

### **Armistice Day**

Thursday, 11 November is Armistice Day. It is a Greenhead College tradition that we play 'The Last Post' and observe a two-minute silence on this day in order to commemorate this important event. This will coincide with break-time and commence at eleven minutes past eleven.

Could I please ask that all students are respectful of the two-minute silence on Thursday.

### **CV writing workshop**

This is a reminder to all A1 students that they are going to be asked to write and upload their Curriculum Vitae to Moodle by 18 November (details will be given in Tutorial lessons). Should A1 students like some top tips for writing their CV, please attend one of the workshops being led by C&K Careers Advisors:

Available slots are:

- Tuesday, 9 November, 12.45 pm in D10
- Thursday, 11 November, 12.45 pm in M11
- There will also be drop-in help sessions on Friday, 12 November and Monday, 15 November at lunchtime in the Careers Library.

### **Wakefield 'Youth Takeover Event'**

On Friday, 22 October, a number of Greenhead College students participated in the climate-focused Wakefield 'Youth Takeover Event'. Our students posed very perceptive and challenging questions to Wakefield Council Leaders, and represented the College superbly well.

Those involved were Numaan Hussain, Iqra Qureshi, Lottie Ashmore, Ashleigh Jones, Naomi Simpson and Danyaal Malik. They are pictured overleaf participating in the event.

As previously mentioned, three Greenhead students have been selected as Yorkshire representatives of the [UK Schools Sustainability Network](#) for the COP26 conference in Glasgow. Danyaal Malik, Holly Randle and Ashleigh Jones will join fifty year 10-13 students from across the UK who will act as the collective voice of UK schools. While Holly and Ashleigh are participating remotely, Danyaal has travelled to Glasgow and will join a panel discussion on the Role of Young People in Climate Solutions, organised by the Departments for Environment and for Culture, Media and Sport, as part of Youth and Public Empowerment Day.



**Success for Greenhead College alumna**



As you'll be aware, I have occasionally used my weekly messages to inform you of the success of former Greenhead College students. This week, we heard from Annabel Scholey, who was a student at the College in 2000 and is currently appearing in the new series of 'Doctor Who' in the role of Claire (left).

Annabel said:

"Greenhead College gave me a springboard into the industry I love. A vital step before I went to drama school. A place where my passion for drama, singing and music were nurtured and started to flourish. I'll always remember being given the chance to play Sally Bowles in 'Cabaret.' Greenhead College gave me confidence and belief in myself."

**Creativity challenges for students**

A number of creativity challenges have been launched by Adobe and the Sixth Form Colleges Association (SFCA). Each challenge starts with an online tutorial and sets students a practical task to be completed and uploaded within two weeks. There are also prizes available.

Please click on [this link](#) to find out more and take part.

**COVID-19 updates**

Latest COVID-19 figures

Week ending 5 November 2021	Total
Number of students with confirmed COVID-19	22
Number of students self-isolating	26
Number of staff with confirmed COVID-19	3
Number of staff self-isolating	0

COVID-19 testing

Can I encourage students to continue to test twice-weekly at home over half of the term. Testing kits are still available in College.

Face coverings

Can I please remind students 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.

Finally, for those students who celebrated yesterday, Greenhead College wishes you and your family a very Happy Diwali.

Best wishes,

Simon