

25 March 2022 – Update for GC students and parents/carers

Dear all,

I hope this week has gone well for all our students. Here are this week's messages:

Ofsted thank you

In appreciation of the exemplary way students behaved and conducted themselves during our recent inspection, we will shortly be issuing a voucher to claim either free wedges from the shop, or a small cone ice-cream and sauce or an ice-lolly from the Dixons ice-cream van.

First-year students can use the voucher on **Friday, 25 March**. Second years can use the voucher on **Friday, 1 April**. (For any second-year student unable to use the voucher on 1 April because of the start of Ramadan, they can use this to collect wedges on **Monday, 28 March** instead.)

University progression

Any student intending to progress to Higher Education may be interested in workshops running next week. The workshop '**Getting Settled and Staying Safe**' will be running on Tuesday, 29 March and Thursday, 31 March. The ALS team has prepared this poster giving further details:

OMG I'M GOING TO UNI!
HELPING YOU PREPARE FOR UNIVERSITY

ALS will be running 2 fun workshop sessions to help you prepare for university. We will focus on what student living is really like, freshers, meeting new people, staying safe, how you can prepare for your course, share our top tips to help you get settled and help put some of your worries at ease.

Come along to C2 Study Centre in Learning Support to join these workshop sessions:

- Moving out and Living with Others:**
Tuesday 22nd March 11:25 -12:35pm
Thursday 24th March Lunchtime
- Getting Settled and Staying Safe:**
Tuesday 29th March 11:25 -12:35pm
Thursday 31st March Lunchtime

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For more information,
email: mfewster@greenhead.ac.uk

Environmental action group

The College recently received a grant of over £1000 from the Tree Council to plant nine trees in Greenhead Park.

The students involved in this project were Michael Ahern, Malyka Choudry, Qasim Hameed, Rebekah Liddicott, Ben Martin, Holly Midgley, Murray Purkis, Grace Shinwell, Emily Spencer, Nikola Trojanowska, and Austin Wright.

The Mayor of Huddersfield and HM Deputy Lieutenant were also in attendance and helped plant the first tree which will be a great community resource.



COVID-19 update

Here are the latest figures for the week ending 25 March 2022:

- Number of students with confirmed COVID-19 120
- Number of staff with confirmed COVID-19 19

Once again, the number of students and staff testing positive with COVID-19 has increased. (Last week, the figures were 51 for students with confirmed COVID-19 and 9 for staff.)

Can I remind students and parents/carers that the public health advice is for people to stay at home for at least five days if testing positive and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received two negative test results on consecutive days.

Therefore, whilst testing remains available, I strongly urge all students to follow this guidance which will enable everyone in our College community to remain safe.

As ever, please use our absence line – absences@greenhead.ac.uk – to report a student absence. If you remain well enough to work from home, and you can, please contact your teacher to ensure you have access to live-streamed lessons on Microsoft Teams and/or a recording of the lesson.

Finally, here is a message for **first-year students** and their parents/carers regarding the upcoming Progress Assessments:

A1 Progress Assessments (First-year students ONLY)

The Progress Assessments are an important stage in supporting students' transition to their second year, with the results potentially helping to inform future grading decisions.

The schedule for these assessments will be as follows:

Date	9.00 – 10.30 am	11.30 – 1.00 pm	2.15pm – 3.45pm
Monday, 25 April	Law Music	English Language Physics Politics	Physical Education Sociology Spanish Statistics
Tuesday, 26 April	Economics Film Studies German Religious Studies	History (Medieval) History (Modern) Further Maths Medical Science (pre-release study)	Biology
Wednesday, 27 April	English Language/Literature English Literature Core Maths Health and Social Care	Classical Civilisation Computer Science Geography	Maths Drama
Thursday, 28 April	Business Business (CTEC) French Geology	Chemistry	Psychology Music Technology
Friday, 29 April	Departmental marking and moderation		

Please note the following arrangements:

- First-year students will be on study leave all week.
- The timetable has been devised to minimise clashes and balance student numbers across each session.
- One assessment will be issued per subject of up to 90 minutes duration (plus any additional time for those students who are eligible). Some subjects will have shorter assessments; teaching staff will confirm with students if this is the case.
- The large exam rooms will be used for these assessments; students must sit in allocated desks in candidate number order.
- Smaller rooms will be used for students with additional learning support needs.
- Students will be able to view their individual assessment timetables on Cedar, including the room and seat detail, by the end of next week. The Exams Office will notify students when these are available.
- Clash candidates will be managed in line with the same arrangements for external exams. The Exams Office will contact any students with an assessment clash.
- Coats, bags, phones, watches, etc. should not be brought to the exam room.
- Students may store their bags safely in a subject staffroom/allocated department classroom.

ALS (Additional Learning Support) students:

- Students with extra time, rest breaks and other forms of support will be accommodated in smaller rooms.
- Any queries from students should be passed to the Exams Office.
- Students using a computer will be scheduled to an appropriate room and logged in by Exams staff on the day.
- Students with a reader/scribe will be invigilated by the Additional Learning Support team.

Marking, release of results and A1 Subject Progress Monitoring:

- Friday, 29 April has been set aside for departmental marking and moderation.
- Progress Assessment grades will be released on Cedar on Wednesday, 11 May at 11.00 am.
- A1 Subject Progress Monitoring will take place Monday, 23 May (surnames A-K) and Tuesday, 24 May (surnames L-Z).

Best wishes,
Simon

STOP PRESS! You may recall a story I featured in my newsletter two weeks ago regarding Victoria Evans, a former Greenhead College student who is attempting to set a new record for the fastest female solo crossing of the Atlantic Ocean.

I'm thrilled to report that Victoria has been successful! Details can be found [here](#). Huge congratulations to Victoria – what an amazing achievement!!