

1 April 2022 – Update for GC students and parents/carers

Dear all,

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

Building work

GallifordTry (GT), the appointed contractor for our new building, will be starting work from next week. They will initially convert the area at the back of the College into a temporary car park, followed by a new, permanent car park on the site of the existing all-weather pitch. (We will obtain a new all-weather pitch at the rear of the College once the building work has been completed).

Work on the new four-storey block for Biology, Chemistry, Politics and Psychology will start in the Easter break on the site of the current main car park. As such, we will be issuing students and staff with important information about how to enter and exit the College, and movement around the campus, in next week's message. This will be in effect from when students and staff return on Monday, 25 April for the start of the Summer term.

Ramadan 2022

It will soon be the month of Ramadan and we are aware that this is an extremely important time for many of our students. Ramadan is due to commence from around Saturday, 2 April to Monday, 2 May.

For students fasting during the month of Ramadan, I would like to wish you all Ramadan Mubarak.

Public Sexual Health (PSH) Awareness Month

April is PSH awareness month and on Friday, 8 April, we are encouraging all students and staff to wear something red to show support for survivors of sexual harassment and to raise awareness. On the same day we will hold a bake sale in the hall to raise funds for the PSH charity 'Our Streets Now'.

Throughout the month we will have various PSH awareness raising activities and a stand displaying posters. We are continuing our dialogue with the local transport hubs to ensure that travel to and from College is safe and comfortable for everyone.

Boys' team reaches the AoC final

I am very pleased to report that our boys' hockey team has reached the National Association of Colleges' National League final. Although we were beaten in the mixed semi-final, we put up a good fight and received many commendations from umpires.

One umpire, who is regularly involved in the National League, said of the Captain of the mixed team, Georgie Westwood, that he had never seen such a positive example of

Captaincy in the last ten years. We are very proud of both Captains and indeed *all* the team members who are a real credit to Greenhead College.

Pictured are the boys' hockey team, back-row L-R: Luke Pearson, Rhys Hancock, Joe Minchella, Jono Perrott (Captain), Niran Tejura, Will Gascoine, Pieter Aben, James Rafferty, and front-row L-R: Matthew Pocock, Max Godley and Ghananshu Zalke.



Here is the full squad, which also includes back-row L-R: Izzy Hanam, Amelia Bizley, Lottie Turner, Georgie Westwood (Captain), Abi Hunter, and front-row L-R: Izzy Crowe, Sophie Oldroyd and Ashleigh Jones.



COVID-19 update

Firstly, here are the latest figures for the week ending 1 April 2022:

- Number of students with confirmed COVID-19 101
- Number of staff with confirmed COVID-19 7

Secondly, some further important updates to the COVID-19 guidance were published yesterday which I would like to make students and parents/carers aware of.

- i) Students who have a **high temperature** should **stay at home** and avoid contact with other people. They can return to College **when they no longer have a high temperature**, and they are **well enough to attend**. Students may work remotely in order to access lessons if they are well enough to do so.
- ii) Students aged 18 and under with a **positive COVID-19 test result** should **stay at home** and avoid contact with other people for **three days**. Students may work remotely in order to access lessons if they are well enough to do so. (Students aged 19 and over should **stay at home** and self-isolate for **five days**.)
- iii) Now that regular asymptomatic testing in mainstream education and childcare settings is no longer advised, the College will no longer be able to make available LFD tests to students.

We are expecting the Joint Council for Qualifications to issue further information shortly regarding what will happen should a student have COVID-19 during one of their external exams. I will issue this information to students and their parents/carers in due course.

Best wishes,

Simon