

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

Dear all

Can I begin by saying many thanks to all our students for their patience with the new arrangements for navigating the campus whilst our building work is taking place.

Additionally, I hope the Progress Assessments have gone smoothly for our A1 students this week.

Here are this week's messages:

Eid

I trust students observing Ramadan are looking forward to their Eid celebrations this weekend or early next week.

For those students who plan on celebrating Eid on **Tuesday, 3 May** could they please email absences@greenhead.ac.uk to notify the College of their absence by **11.00 am** on this day. This will then be recorded as an authorised absence.

May I take this opportunity to wish all our students and their families Eid Mubarak.

AoC sporting success

The Association of Colleges Sport National Championships took place in Nottingham last week, with Greenhead College representing the Yorkshire and Humber region. Our Mixed Hockey Captains, Jono Perrot and Georgie Westwood, *pictured below*, were invited to be flag bearers for the region.



Greenhead students competed in Cross Country, Netball, Tennis, Badminton, Table Tennis and Mixed Hockey.

I am thrilled to report that we had medal success in the following sports:

Badminton - Lucy Walker, Louise Hutchinson and Gemah Fletcher achieved a team Bronze.

Table Tennis - Kamran Amin won individual and team Bronze

Mixed Hockey – The team, *pictured below*, had fixtures against all opposing regions, winning every match except one which was a draw. Going into the final game against Richard Huish College, both colleges needed a win to be champions. Greenhead won 2-0 against a team that had not let in any goals!

In terms of skill, sportsmanship and teamwork, our College was exceptional. At the end of the tournament, we were commended by the officials with regard to our students' attitude and team ethos. All our students performed magnificently and were a credit to Greenhead College and the region.



Higher Education Evening (parents/carers of A1 students ONLY)

Our annual Higher Education Evening for parents and carers of A1 students will be taking place on **Thursday, 12 May**, starting at **6.00 pm**. This will include a segment from the University of Lancaster on student finance, as well as the opportunity to ask questions throughout.

This will be a live event on Teams which will last for approximately one hour. We will issue the link for this shortly.

Upcoming assemblies (A2 students ONLY)

End-of-year assemblies for A2 students will be held shortly on the following dates:

Monday, 9 May: 11.25-12.35 and 13.35-14.35

Tuesday, 10 May: 12.35-13.35 and 13.35-14.35

Wednesday 11 May: 08.45-09.45

Friday 13 May: 09.45-10.45, 1.05-1.55 and 1.55-2.55.

The assemblies will be held in R20 and last for about 30 minutes. Attendance is compulsory. Students should opt for one of the above slots but ensure they do not miss any of their lessons. Should students be unable to attend for any reason, they should email Leah Linden (llinden@greenhead.ac.uk).

A2 exams (A2 students and parents/carers ONLY)

As students and parents/carers will be aware, external examinations will be running as normal this Summer and A Level grades will not be derived by internal means, excluding components of non-examined assessment and science practical endorsements.

Some important updates to the COVID-19 guidance were published at the beginning of the month which I would like to remind students and parents/carers 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**.)

In light of these recent changes to the COVID-19 guidance, the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) has introduced a key change this year relating to **special consideration**. Students who have to miss one exam in a subject due to COVID-19 illness will likely be eligible for special consideration under this new rule, so should still be able to obtain a mark for the missed exam, which will contribute to an overall grade. Note that following an application for special consideration, the decision to award a mark lies with the examination board rather than the school or college.

A further feature of the new JCQ guidance is that schools and colleges may also take the decision to refuse a student into the exam setting if, in their reasonable judgement, they are exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms such as a high temperature and continuous cough, and it is therefore necessary to protect other students and staff from possible infection.

Best wishes,

Simon