

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

Dear all,

This is my last email to students and parents/carers of the term. This has been an extremely busy 13-week term for our students. I should therefore like to begin this week's message with some important messages connected to study skills and student wellbeing.

Study skills and student wellbeing update

Study skills

Students may find it helpful to look at our online interactive study skills module called [Time management and organisation](#). In completing this module, students will be able to break down work into manageable chunks; make a to-do-list with specific achievable goals; and make an efficient study/revision timetable.

How can you tell if you have really learned something? Have a look at this document on our Tutorial page to find out eight ways to check if you really know something. (A1 students click [here](#); A2 students click [here](#) – scroll down to 'How to check if you really know something'.)

Tutorial

In A1 Tutorial lessons we have been exploring 'Options at 18' and planning for the future, as well as revision strategies in preparation for the Progress Assessments. The A2 Tutorial lessons have been preparing students for the world ahead with a focus on 'Real World Understanding' with lessons on 'Truth & Lies', 'Democracy & Protest' and 'Climate Change'. A2 students are currently having their final one-to-one monitoring session with their Personal Tutor.

Wellbeing

Can I encourage all students to watch this five-minute video called [Top wellbeing tips for preparing for assessments](#). There are lots of practical strategies to help students in the run up to, and during, assessments.



There is a brand new MoodMaster course which we will be starting after the A1 Progress Assessments entitled 'Understanding Me'. Details are listed below and both A1 and A2 students are welcome to attend.

UNDERSTANDING ME

PERFECT FOR EXAM PREPARATION!

SELF ESTEEM BUILDING AND MANAGING ANXIETY COURSE

On this course, we will focus on enhancing self-insight and self-awareness, developing simple and positive strategies to help raise self-esteem and techniques to help manage anxiety.

This 3 week course will begin the week commencing Tuesday 3rd May.

All sessions will be delivered in C2 Learning Support.

Book your place on the MoodMaster Moodle page.

For more information, email:
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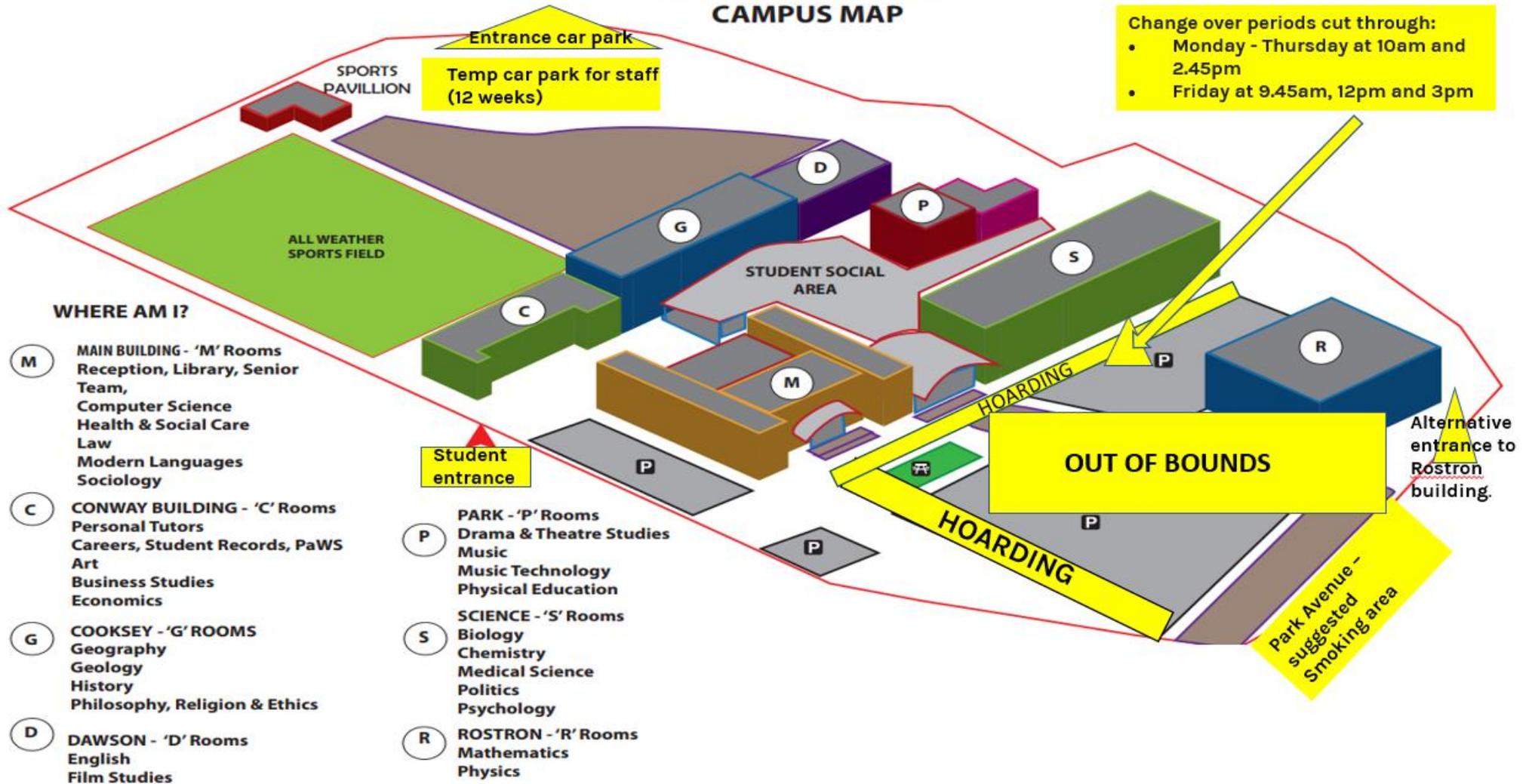
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Building work

The return from our two-week break will mark the formal start of our new building project. The first phase of the project includes levelling the existing car park to prepare for the structural building work to commence. This means there will be some temporary changes to the movements students can make.

The changes can be viewed on this map:

GREENHEAD COLLEGE CAMPUS MAP



Changes for students include:

- There will no longer be a smoking area in the College grounds. Instead, we ask students to relocate to outside the College premises. We suggest that students do this on Park Avenue away from the residential area whilst being respectful to members of the public. Please do not congregate in large groups.
- For safety, there will be a 2m hoarding to secure the old car park preventing access to it.
- During morning and afternoon changeover periods, students going to Rostron will be able to cross over the building line at the Greenhead Park end of the car park, near the science block. The times will be as follows: Monday to Thursday at 10.00 am and 2.45 pm, and Friday at 9.45 am, 12.00 pm and 3.00 pm.
- If students need to access the Rostron building, the only access to this (outside the times stated above) will be via a gate on Park Avenue, directly opposite the back of Rostron. This will be built during the Easter holidays and will only allow access to Rostron, and not the main building.
- The *only* pedestrian entrance into College will be by the top car park (where the vehicle entrance is currently).

All students should be aware of moving vehicles in the top car park and should not walk on the road outside College if the paths are narrow.

Changes for parents/carers include:

- Please drop your child *outside* College.

During the first few days, we will ensure there is a staff presence, along with our site security team, to ensure that students are able to get used to the new system and find their way round.

Additionally, students and parents/carers may wish to click on this link to keep up-to-date with progress of our [new build](#) which will be completed in October 2023.

Library opening during the holiday period

Our library will be open to students from 9.00 am to 4.00 pm on **Wednesday, 20 April** and **Thursday, 21 April**.

Students will be required to wear their lanyard and bring their own food and drink, which they will be allowed to eat on the mezzanine of the main hall. Please enter by the main College entrance. Available toilets will be those between the library and the main hall.

Adobe creative challenge

The latest monthly [Adobe online challenge](#) for students is now live for April. The theme provokes some thinking about the plight of Ukrainians and teaches students new presentational skills.

The deadline for this is Monday, 25 April and there are prizes available.

Music concerts

Last week our Music department performed at Holy Trinity Church and Holmfirth Picturedrome. The former event showcased a range of ensembles, whilst the latter combined the Greenhead College Big Band with an orchestra.

Both events were a huge success, raising over £1000 for 'Eden's Fight Against Cancer', which you may recall we have raised funds for recently. (Further details can be found [here](#).)

Students participating in both events showed a dazzling display of musicianship and it was evident to all those who saw the shows that they thoroughly enjoyed being able to play in front of a live audience again.

The Greenhead College Big Band is pictured below, performing at Holy Trinity Church, conducted by Nick Dolling, Assistant Principal of Musica Kirklees (*photograph courtesy of Ian Kennedy*).



Well done to all involved, and to the staff in our Music department for organising both events.

COVID-19 update

Here are the latest figures for the week ending 8 April 2022:

- Number of students with confirmed COVID-19 41
- Number of staff with confirmed COVID-19 7

You may recall that I said we would review the weekly publication of these numbers at the end of this term. I can confirm that from next term onwards, we will no longer be publishing these weekly figures. We will, of course, keep the COVID situation under continual review at the College and provide students, staff and parents/carers with any updates if and when these are received.

Finally, could I wish all students and their families a happy and peaceful holiday.

With best wishes,

Simon