

**27 May 2022 – Update for GC students and parents/carers**

Dear all,

This week we have been undertaking subject monitoring as well as general teaching with our first-years. Students will be meeting their Personal Tutor for one-to-one support over the next two weeks to discuss their wellbeing, progress made so far, progression plans, and support needs.

Our A2s are, of course, on study leave and undertaking their formal examinations, several of which have taken place this week. We wish them all well.

Counselling services will continue until the end of the academic year for *both* year-groups.

Here are this week's messages:

**Feedback from recent GCSA meeting**

Here is a summary of feedback from last week's meeting of the Greenhead College Student Association:

**Issue raised**

**College response**

Students requested the passage between Rostron building and Science building be opened 15 minutes before exams, allowing students to quickly pass through to get to their exam venue. In addition, students requested the gate near the back of Rostron to remain open.

We have requested that Galliford Try, the building contractors, open this passage at 8.30 am and 1.15 pm to facilitate easier access from Rostron to the rest of the campus. The back gate which opens onto Park Drive South is now open on a permanent basis throughout the College day and will be patrolled by a Student Area Supervisor. We ask that students enter through here on Park Drive South and *not* the car park entrance.

A concern was raised regarding whether students would know how to use disposable ear defenders properly in their exam.

Instructions on how to use disposable ear defenders were emailed to A2 students on 20 May. To repeat a point made in recent communication with A2 students and parents/carers, we are mindful that some students are more sensitive to noise than others. They are there for students should they need them and can be requested from an invigilator.

A room should be allocated for students to place their valuable items in a safe place prior to their exams.

All departments will make available a room for students in which to place their valuables. Details will be communicated by each department prior to the exam.

## Lunch with the life coach

Lesley Tait, our new life coach, will be hosting an informal group session for students at 12.35 pm in room M11 on Tuesday, 28 June. The theme will be 'Doing Your Best or Being The Best', and will explore how social comparisons can have both a positive and negative effect on us.



## A1 student's art exhibition

One of our first-year students, Yoyo Xia, will be exhibiting some of her art work at [Brighthouse Assembly Rooms](#) on Saturday, 4 June in support of 'Save the Children'. Xia will also be exhibiting more of her work at [The Greek School of Leeds](#) on 11-12 June.

## A2 student's scholarship success

The pastoral team of the 'Reading List Foundation' has awarded a scholarship to Kelsi Parsons, one of our second-year students, in recognition of her commitment to her studies, academic achievements, and the resilience she has shown throughout her time with

us. She wins an e-book voucher for £250 which was presented to her last week (see below):



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of Ian Kennedy*

Finally, could I wish all students and their families a happy and peaceful half-term break.

With best wishes,

Simon