

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

Dear all,

As we head towards the Summer break, I hope that students find the time and space to relax and focus on their wellbeing. During M&P week this week, students will hopefully have had the opportunity to experience and reflect on what helps our wellbeing. Art, music, the natural world, pets, etc. can all help us to experience enhanced wellbeing and I hope that the forthcoming break will give students the time to find what works for them.

Although the College will be closed, students may make use of the resources on our newly-updated [Moodle wellbeing page](#). We are not able to offer our usual safeguarding provision whilst the College is closed, but please do use external support and emergency services if required. Parents/carers may also like to be aware that Northorpe Hall is currently running the [following courses](#) to help support young people with their anxiety.

Here are this week's messages:

Eid

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our students celebrating Eid this weekend, Eid Mubarak to you and your families, and hope that you have an enjoyable celebration.

Pride week

Last week, the College raised £110.04 for the Brunswick Centre, a Huddersfield-based charity which supports young LGBTQ+ people in the community.

During the week, Marc Tomlinson, our Lead Counsellor, kindly ran a workshop about LGBTQ+ music over the decades and the political climate towards the LGBTQ+ community during these times.

Can I say a big thank you to all students and staff who organised and took part in activities during the week. Here are some images from our bake sale, which took place last Friday:



Music concert

Our 'Summer Concert' took place last Thursday at Slaithwaite Civic Hall. My sincere thanks to all students who took part in this and the Music department for organising this event. A [recording](#) of the concert is available on YouTube.

'Pop Maths' quiz

On Wednesday, 21 teams of Year 8 and Year 9 pupils from 11 different local schools participated in this year's 'Pop Maths' quiz at the College. They worked enthusiastically on a range of maths problems, showing impressive problem-solving and teamwork skills.

Joint winners were teams from King James's School and Salendine Nook High School Academy, with runners up from Holmfirth High School.

Key dates

A reminder that students' A Level results will be issued on Cedar at **8.30 am** on **Thursday, 18 August**. Listed below are some key dates for the first few weeks of term which our **new second-year students** and their parents/carers should note. (Our full calendar for 2022-23 will shortly be published on our website.)

- **Thursday, 1 September** – Cambridge assessment registration opens (closes on 30/9/22 at 6.00 pm)
- **Friday, 9 September** – lessons begin for A2 students (Drama production meeting at lunchtime, room tbc)
- **Monday, 12 September** – students can enrol for enrichment activities (deadline is 16/9/22; enrichment starts on 19/9/22)
- **Friday, 16 September** – 'The Big Gig' (lunchtime, in the main hall)
- **Tuesday, 20 September** – university stands in the main hall (also on 23/9/22, 27/9/22, 30/9/22, 4/10/22, 7/10/22, 11/10/22, 14/10/22 and 18/10/22)
- **Thursday, 22 September** – UCAT registration deadline
- **Wednesday, 28 September** – AOC sport regional tournament, University of Hull
- **Friday, 30 September** – internal deadline for submission of Oxbridge, medical, dental and veterinary applications to Tutors (plus lunchtime meeting, room tbc)
- **Friday, 7 October** – 'Live Lunch' music concert (in G17)
- **Tuesday, 11 October** – HE+ talk (rooms and times tbc)
- **Wednesday, 12 October** – College day starts at 9.45 am
- **Friday, 14 October** – UCAS early entry application deadline
- **Tuesday, 18 October** – assessment date for BMAT and TMUA
- **Wednesday, 19 October** – assessment date for University of Cambridge pre-interview assessments
- **Thursday, 20 October** – GCSA meeting (lunchtime, room tbc)
- **Friday, 21 October** – College INSET day.

Finally, could I wish everybody a happy, safe and restful summer. I look forward to welcoming our new cohort of second-year students back to College on Friday, 9 September.

Best wishes, Simon