



Dear all,

I hope this message finds you well. It continues to be a busy term, but it's been a real pleasure to see how well our new and returning students are settling in and embracing sixth form life.

Here are a number of updates:

COVID-19 absence guidelines

Please be aware that we are implementing the current NHS guidance on COVID-19 self-isolation, which is as follows:

If you are feeling unwell but cannot do a test for COVID-19:

- Stay at home
- Notify us of your absence (absences@greenhead.ac.uk)
- Come back to College when you feel well enough to do so, unless you have a high temperature.

If you test positive for COVID-19 and are **under 18**:

- Stay off for **3 days** from the day after you've done the test
- Notify us of your absence (absences@greenhead.ac.uk)
- If you test negative before the 3 days are up, please do not return to College
- Come back after 3 days if you feel well enough to do so, unless you have a high temperature
- If you're still unwell after 3 days, continue to stay off College and notify us of your absence.

If you test positive for COVID-19 and are **over 18**:

- Stay off for **5 days** from the day after you've done the test
- Notify us of your absence (absences@greenhead.ac.uk)
- If you test negative before the 5 days are up, please do not return to College
- Come back after 5 days if you feel well enough to do so, unless you have a high temperature
- If you're still unwell after 5 days, continue to stay off College and notify us of your absence.

Working from home during illness

Teaching staff have reported that they are receiving requests from students who are too ill to come to lessons but are asking for work to be sent to complete at home. As a general rule, we feel that if a student is too ill to attend College, they should be recovering at home and not doing College work.

However, can I please ask that students raise any concerns they have about this with their Personal Tutor and we will look at this on an individual basis.

Train strike (Wednesday, 5 October) and remote learning

The College will be open as normal next Wednesday. We will facilitate remote learning on Teams for those students who are unable to attend College because their train service is not running due to industrial action. Students should notify their teacher(s) of this to obtain further details. All other students should attend College.

Recent parents' information evening

It was a great to be able to run an 'in person' information evening for parents/carers of A1 students on Tuesday, our first for three years. Many thanks for the positive feedback on this event. For those parents/carers unable to attend, the slides are attached to this message.

Future parents' evenings

Please note that future parents' evenings will take place on the following dates to discuss the progress of individual students:

A2 students

- Surnames A-K – online from 5.30 pm on **Tuesday, 22 November 2022**
- Surnames L-Z – online from 5.30 pm on **Thursday, 1 December 2022.**

A1 students

- Surnames A-K – online from 5.30 pm on **Tuesday, 24 January 2023**
- Surnames L-Z – online from 5.30 pm on **Thursday, 2 February 2023.**

Joining instructions for these events will be issued nearer the time.

Litter near College

We have received a number of complaints from members of the public about litter in the areas near the campus. Can I please remind all students to tidy away any litter when on site and especially when using Greenhead Park and the grass area adjacent to Park Avenue.

'Believe & Achieve' – upcoming event

Our 'Believe & Achieve' programme is designed to maximise opportunities for students to succeed and progress in their chosen career. A1 students will shortly have a one-to-one meeting with their Personal Tutor who will inform them if they meet the 'widening participation' criteria to apply for preferential schemes at universities and employment providers.

The purpose of these schemes is to support students' development of academic and personable skills, and to prepare them for undergraduate study with summer schools. Successful completion of a scheme could mean a student receives a lower university offer.

On **Thursday, 20 October** we will be hosting a 'Believe & Achieve Widening Participation Event' for all **eligible** students and have a number of universities coming into College to discuss these schemes. Can I please ask for parents/carers' support in encouraging their child to attend this event.

Disturbance on Penistone train

Finally, can I take this opportunity thank those students using this train for their calm and practical behaviour in alerting British Transport Police to an incident which took place on this service last Friday afternoon. These students were a credit to themselves and the College. The train conductor was extremely grateful for their support.

Best wishes,

Simon