



Dear all,

I'd like to start my first weekly message of 2023 by wishing all our students and their parents/carers a Happy New Year. I hope the coming year is a rewarding, happy and peaceful one for you all.

I am conscious that these early weeks of term can be difficult for students. It won't be long before it starts to get lighter and milder but, in the meantime, students should not hesitate to get in touch with us should they have any academic or welfare-related concerns. Students and parents/carers should speak to the Personal Tutor in the first instance. There is also our safeguarding email address, which is safeguarding@greenhead.ac.uk.

Here are this week's messages:

High levels of flu, COVID-19

I am aware that there is currently a high level of flu and COVID-19 across our student and staff community. Firstly, can I express my wish for anyone who is currently ill to make a speedy recovery.

Can I remind students not to come to College if they have a temperature. Also, can I stress the importance of good hand hygiene with soap and warm water. Catching coughs and sneezes in tissues then binning them is another simple way to help stop illness from spreading.

Subject monitoring

A reminder that subject monitoring for A1 students (surnames A-K) will be on **Thursday, 12 January**. Work will be set for all other students. Subject monitoring for A1 students (surnames L-Z) will be on **Tuesday, 17 January**.

Student Mental Health and Wellbeing – Want to have your say?

We are looking for more people to join our Student Mental Health and Wellbeing Group and would like to hear from a diverse mix of students from different backgrounds, and with different experiences, about how best to support student mental health and wellbeing at Greenhead College. Being part of the group will offer students the chance to have their say and to have an influence.

Please email Sarah Holbrook: mhlead@greenhead.ac.uk. The next meeting will be on **Wednesday, 11 January** at **12.45 pm** in room **D10**.

Rail

A reminder to students that Trans Pennine and Northern Rail both publish the train cancellations for the following day at **10.00 pm**. This means that students who travel from some stations can see in advance that they will need to get an earlier train to get to college on time.

Volunteering Fair: Tuesday, 10 January



A reminder that our **Volunteering Fair** will be held on **Tuesday, 10 January** from **12.00-2.00 pm** in our **main hall**.

Students are encouraged to come along and meet a wide range of local organisations offering volunteering opportunities. Many of our students carry out volunteering as an enrichment activity and this is a great way to support the local community whilst developing valuable employability skills.

Best wishes,
Simon