



**Weekly message for
Greenhead College students
and parents/carers**

Friday, 10 February 2023

Dear all,

Today brings the first period of the Spring term to a close. I hope students find time to recharge their batteries next week ahead of what will be another very busy six-week period up to Easter. A reminder that College will reopen on **Monday, 20 February** and that mock exams for second-year students will commence on **Monday, 27 February**.

Here are this week's messages:

Bake sale

Firstly, can I say a big thank you to all those who contributed to the bake sale which took place yesterday in order to raise funds for the Turkey/Syria earthquake appeal. We raised a total of £860.00, which is a staggering achievement given this was an impromptu event!

A huge thank you to Kiran Ali (*pictured below, right*) and all her friends for organising this event, to all students and staff who donated cakes, and to everybody who donated so generously.



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£860.00



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Road safety

Can I remind all students to take extra care when walking to and from College, particularly around the areas of Greenhead Road, Park Avenue and Park Drive South. We have had concerns raised this week from some motorists that students are walking into the road, often in groups, and not looking where they are going.

Transport

Many students and parents/carers have mentioned to me the difficulty that rising transport costs are creating for attending College, especially in the context of current inflation.

The National Union of Students has launched a campaign called 'Move It', asking for free public transport for all students. As transport arrangements for young people vary by local authority and transport type, they're keeping the headline ask very simple at a national level. There is a petition students can sign [here](#) to build momentum for this important campaign.

LGBTQ+ History Month

This February marks LGBTQ+ History Month, an annual celebration of LGBTQ+ history. It is also an opportunity to reflect on the history of LGBTQ+ rights and related civil rights movements.

In support of this, on **Thursday, 23 February** we are encouraging as many students and staff as possible to come into College wearing their brightest coloured clothes and/or bright make up. Glitter/bright face paint are welcome too; be as creative as you like!

There will also be a rainbow themed bake sale on this day. Donations of baked goods are welcome but must be shop bought and sealed in their original packaging. All money raised will go towards The Brunswick Centre.


The College's Diversity and Inclusion Team will also be running a 'create your own pronoun badge' stall in the main hall at various times throughout the month.

Students can also visit the College Library to view their LGBTQ+ History display, which includes relevant books and resources.



Recent College lockdown

We have collated student and staff feedback concerning our recent College lockdown. Here is a summary of the main points:

Issue	College response
Locks are required in a number of classrooms.	In a small number of areas, staff fed back that their classroom needs an appropriate lock or is need of replacement. Our Premises team will address this in each of the rooms identified.
College gates were left open during the lockdown.	<p>The gates would only be locked in the event of a partial lockdown, e.g. report of a dangerous dog in the park. In the event of an intruder on site, i.e. a full lockdown, the priority would be to follow the 'Run, Hide, Tell' guidance:</p>  <p>The poster features the NPCC logo (National Police Chiefs' Council) at the top left. The main heading is 'IN THE RARE EVENT OF a firearms or weapons attack'. Below this, three rows of icons and text are provided: a running person icon next to 'RUN', a person hiding behind a door icon next to 'HIDE', and a telephone handset icon next to 'TELL'. To the right of these icons, detailed instructions are given for each action: 'RUN - to a place of safety. This is a better option than to surrender or negotiate. If there's nowhere to go, then...', 'HIDE - Remember to turn your phone to silent and turn off vibrate. Barricade yourself in if you can.', and 'TELL - the police by calling 999 when it is safe to do so.' At the bottom right of the poster is the website address 'www.npcc.police.uk/staysafe'.</p> <p>Our Student Area Supervisors would therefore attempt to keep themselves safe and would not close the gates.</p>
Inconsistency in alarm sound.	It was reported that there was an inconsistency in the volume of the lockdown alarm in different areas of the campus. We have contacted Protec, the company which services all our alarms, so that they can rectify this issue.
Pieces of card/paper in rooms.	A number of staff and students suggested it might be a good idea to ensure there is a plentiful supply of large pieces of card or paper in each classroom, which, if it was safe to do so, could be placed across windows to obscure the view from outside. We will look into this.
What would happen if there was a fire at same time as a lockdown?	The guidance is that a fire evacuation alarm should be ignored in the event of an actual lockdown, as this could have been set off by an intruder. However, if it became clear that there was an actual fire in an area of the campus, we would communicate with staff on computer screens via the network messaging alert system and give appropriate instructions.
If students and/or staff are not in a classroom, where would they go?	The advice is to follow the 'Run, Hide, Tell' guidance, as specified above. In the recent lockdown, we specified that students in the main hall should make their way to the sports hall if possible.

Enrichment scorecard

Finally, here's the latest scorecard showing our performance against a number of opposing teams. Congratulations to all those involved, particularly our players of the match.

GC Team	Score	Opposition	Score	POM
Football M1	8	Leeds City College	0	George Bottomley
Football M3	3	New College Doncaster	0	Ethan Wilson
Netball 1	53	Thomas Telford College	29	Bella Cook
Netball 2	47	York College 1	7	Ciera Southern
Netball 3	11	Barnsley 1	49	Emma Cheverton
Rugby	34	Leeds College of Building	0	Sol Kelly
Basketball	68	John Leggott College Scunthorpe	53	Marlow Eliot

I hope you enjoy a peaceful half-term.

Best wishes,

Simon