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

Friday, 27 January 2023

Dear all,

I hope everything has progressed smoothly this week. Can I start by saying a huge thank you to all our students for the exemplary behaviour they showed during our practice lockdown on Wednesday. This went very well indeed.

Earlier this week, I wrote to students and parents/carers about the forthcoming industrial action which is due to take place next week on **Wednesday, 1 February**. Students should speak to their Personal Tutor should they have any queries about this.

Here are some further messages:

National Apprenticeship Week

National Apprenticeship Week will be taking place during the week commencing **Monday, 6 February** and the Careers department will be offering a range of activities throughout this time. On **Tuesday, 7 February**, we will be inviting in companies who offer excellent degree/higher apprenticeship pathways for our students (*please see the attached flier*).

There are also various HE/Apprenticeship events running at this time of year. The attachment provides details of the forthcoming UK University and Apprenticeship Search Fair at the University of Sheffield on **Thursday, 23 March**. There are also a range of UCAS exhibitions around the UK and further details can be found [here](#).

These are free events which are designed to give students and parents/carers an initial insight into what is on offer and a chance to talk to staff from universities and industry. All events must be booked in advance.

Extended Project Qualification – poster showcase

Last week, second year students undertaking the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) presented posters of their work to teaching staff and their fellow students as part of our 'poster showcase' event (*please see images below*). It was great to see such a high standard of work covering such a wide variety of topics.

The EPQ is an excellent research-based qualification that is worth an AS Level and is recognised by many universities. First years will receive information about how they can enrol on this qualification shortly. Lessons will begin shortly after the Easter holiday and conclude in February 2024.



Young Musician of the Year Competition

We were thrilled to host our first Young Musician of the Year Competition at Slaithwaite Civic Hall last week. 14 students from Greenhead and our local partner schools took part and the standard of performance was exceptionally high.

Our eventual winner was Ben Baldwin who gave a dazzling performance on alto saxophone. Ben will now receive £200 in prize money towards his future musical study and the opportunity to perform a solo in a joint concert between The Holme Valley Orchestra and Greenhead College Big Band on **Sunday, 26 March** at Holmfirth Picturedrome.

Many thanks to all the students who took part, including their friends and family, and for making the evening such a memorable event.

Pictured left to right are: **Ben Baldwin** (winner of the competition), **Rowena Burton** (representing Huddersfield Choral), **Simon Jacobs** (Head of Music at Greenhead College) and **Murray Grieg** (Head of Wind and Percussion at The Royal Northern College of Music).



Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Last week at Huddersfield Town Hall, Greenhead College students were recognised by Kirklees Council for their successful completion of the Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award. Our students had to adapt to changing guidelines brought on by the pandemic and demonstrated great dedication and perseverance in achieving their goals.

We have been running the scheme for over 30 years with over 120 students signing up every year, with expeditions ranging from the South Pennines, the Lake District, the North York Moors, the Yorkshire Dales, to the Isle of Arran. We were therefore pleased to receive recognition of this with the 'Kirklees 100+ Fellowship Award' to add to our display cabinet!

Many thanks to our wonderful students and the DofE staff, admirably led by Barbara Farmer and her team, for all their efforts in gaining this recognition.



Enrichment scoreboard

Here is our latest enrichment scoreboard. Congratulations to all teams involved, particularly the players of the match.

| GC Team | Score | Opposition | Score | POM |
|----------------------|-------|------------------|-------|---------------------------|
| Football M1 Cup Game | 3 | Calderdale | 2 | Freddie Larder |
| Football M2 | 4 | Calderdale 3 | 1 | Jayveer Singh |
| Football M3 | 1 | Doncaster | 1 | Jack Firth |
| Netball 1 | 58 | QE | 28 | Bella Cook |
| Netball 2 | 25 | HNC 1 | 35 | Evelyn Dagger |
| Netball 3 | 17 | HNC 2 | 36 | Diana Nzelibe Akhimiemona |
| Ladies Hockey | 3 | Bradford Grammar | 0 | Bethan Dowson |

Greenhead College turns 50!



Finally, you may be aware that Greenhead College will 50 years old this year. The main building (*above*) used to be Huddersfield Girls' High School until it became Greenhead College in 1973. The first Principal of Greenhead College was Graham Cooksey (*pictured above, right*).

We are appealing for former students to send in photos and memories of their time at the College. If you attended or worked at Greenhead College and have your own photos and memories to share, or would like to be featured as part of our Alumni campaign, then please email alumni@greenhead.ac.uk.

Best wishes,
Simon