



Weekly message for Greenhead College students and parents/carers

Friday, 27 October 2023



Dear all,

As we approach the half-term break, I should like to thank students and parents/carers for a very successful first half-term. It has been great to see our students putting real effort into their studies. The behaviour and commitment of both year groups have supported the values of Greenhead College, and I have no doubt they will continue to thrive in the coming weeks and months.

Here are this week's messages:

First week back after half-term

The College will be acquiring a brand new four-storey building from the Department for Education next Friday. Due to the largescale move that's involved with this, can I remind students of the modified arrangements for lessons for the first week back after half-term. These are as follows:

Monday, 6 November	College closed to all students. Subject lessons and tutorials will be live-streamed on Teams, except for Biology, Chemistry, Medical Science, Politics and Psychology, which will stream pre-recorded lessons on Teams.
Tuesday, 7 November	
Wednesday, 8 November	College open as normal to all students.
Thursday, 9 November	All students must attend College.
Friday, 10 November	Biology, Chemistry, Medical Science will continue to stream pre-recorded lessons on Teams.

For those students accessing live-streamed lessons on Teams on **Monday, 6** and **Tuesday, 7 November**, please read our [Teams Code of Conduct](#). All teaching will return to normal **w/c Monday, 13 November**.

Here are some pictures (*below*) of the new building, which will be named after Professor Judith Hirst, a former Greenhead student who went on to become a pioneering scientist at the University of Cambridge.

We are very excited to be moving into this fabulous new resource, which will have labs and classrooms for Biology, Chemistry, Politics and Psychology, as well as social and study space for all students.



Academic Skills Weekly Top Tip

As we have come to the end of the first half-term at College, now would be a great time to reflect on how things have gone over the last few weeks. Being a reflective learner involves spending time considering what has worked well and what could be improved, then implementing changes.

Reflection can help you identify strengths, and this can be a rewarding and positive experience – celebrate what has gone well! Reflection can also help you to identify areas that need addressing, rather than just carrying on doing things as you always have and repeating the same mistakes. You could reflect on:

- **How engaged you are in your subjects** – have you done any wider reading, visits or research to support your enthusiasm and motivation for each A Level?
- **How well you have managed your time** – do you have a good plan in place to manage your workload? If not, you could make a weekly plan and a revision plan to use after the half-term break.
- **Your organisation** – do you have systems in place to store your work? You could spend some time organising notes and study packs before you return to College in November.
- **Your notes** – do you need to spend some time going over topics, making or finishing notes?
- **Your knowledge and understanding of topics** – could you watch a video, use an app, listen to a podcast, or read a book to help consolidate learning?
- **Your revision methods** – did you do the right amount of revision for assessments, and did you use effective strategies? If you know you could improve, look at the information on Moodle about revising and checking that you really know something, then implement some new strategies for next half-term.

Greenhead Volunteering Scheme (GVS)

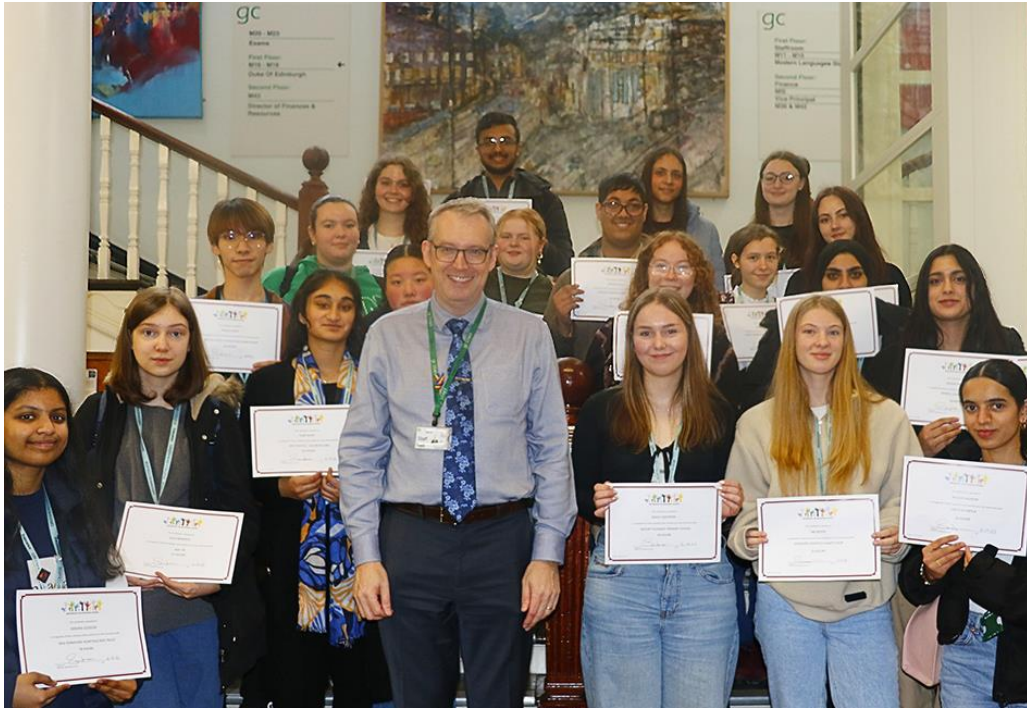


Over the last academic year, 250 of our students registered their volunteering activity as part of our Greenhead Volunteering Scheme. Between them, they carried out over 4700 volunteering hours, supporting a wide range of sectors in our local community, including charity shops, schools, hospitals, care homes, guiding and scouting groups, sports coaching, food banks and libraries.

As well as supporting others, the students have also been able to gain valuable employability skills. This is a fantastic achievement and we are proud of all the students who have taken part.

We hope many of our new A1s will choose to volunteer whilst at College. Don't forget to look at the [latest volunteering opportunities](#) on our GVS Moodle page or call into the Volunteering Office to speak with Claire or Sophie for further support.

Pictured *overleaf* are some of our current A2 students who received their volunteering certificates from me this week.



New Parent Governors

I am very pleased to report that our new Parent Governors are **Darinder Shokar** and **Samim Mitha**. Well done to them both and many thanks to all those parents/carers who put themselves forward for election for this important role.

I hope you have a lovely half-term.

Best wishes to you all,

Simon Lett,
Principal