



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

**Friday, 10 November 2023**



Dear all,

I hope all students are settling back in well after their half-term break. It has been great to see everyone in the new Hirst building, especially in the new study areas as well as in teaching rooms.

As with any new building, we are finding snags that will be put right in the coming days and weeks. Thanks for your patience with this. In particular, apologies for the inconvenience caused by the lack of wi-fi this week. This is currently being addressed and should be sorted for the beginning of next week.

Here are this week's messages:

### **Adverse weather**

As we are now about to enter the winter months, can I remind all students to look out for social media announcements and to regularly check their Teams messages regarding adverse weather conditions. Should poor weather mean we have to organise a later start to the day or cancel the day's lessons entirely, we will communicate this message to students on Teams by approximately **7.00 am** on the day in question.

Please note that no message means the College will be open as normal.

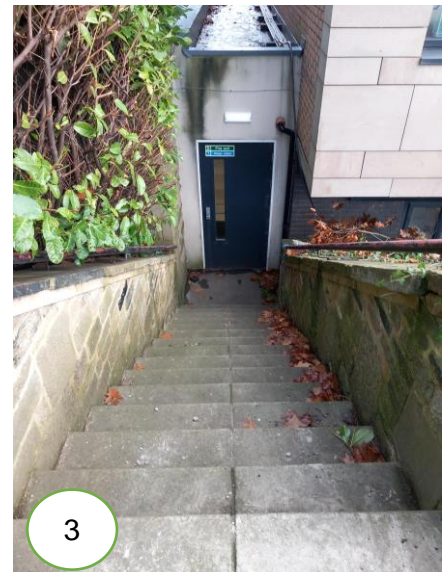
### **Prayer room facilities**

As mentioned in my video message on Tuesday, we have made available room H8 in the Hirst building as a prayer room facility during lunchtime periods, in addition to the room in our main building.

Please be aware that these are not segregated male and female facilities and are for all students.

## **Temporary changing rooms and showers**

Access to our temporary changing rooms and showers will be available from Monday:



1. The changing rooms can be accessed by the doors to G1 that are nearest the Dawson building.
2. You exit by the fire door near the rear Cooksey staircase, male toilets and entrance to Dawson.
3. Walk up the external steps.
4. The two changing rooms are in front of you. When you've got changed, the member of staff running the activity will then let you back into the building.

## **Academic Skills Weekly Top Tip**

Our top tip this week is to work on your growth mindset.

Students with a growth mindset see their failures as an opportunity to grow and they see challenges as a way to develop. If you have a growth mindset, you believe that, with effort, you can develop your natural qualities.

Students with a fixed mindset usually avoid challenges, believe they can or cannot do something and give up when they are frustrated. With a fixed mindset, a student will see feedback as personal criticism and will give up easily.



Your intelligence is not fixed and with new experiences can grow. Someone with a growth mindset will actively solve problems and by incorporating this approach you can improve your achievements. Try not to see a mistake or a challenge as a problem and instead, begin to learn from mistakes and not give up, then you can move forward.

For example, if you are unhappy with recent assessment grades, act! Consider what you will do to improve, how to implement strategies to respond to your teacher's advice and when you will do the work.

You might find the resources on Moodle for academic skills useful to support your action plan.

## MESSAGE FOR PARENTS/CARERS OF A2 STUDENTS

### Video parent/carer meetings for A2 students

Parents/carers of A2 students are invited to make appointments for forthcoming parent/carer and teacher meetings. These will be bookable online and then held by video meeting on **Thursday, 23 November** and **Tuesday, 28 November**.

To make your appointments please login at: <https://parents-booking.co.uk/greenhead>.

Booking will be open from 12:00 pm on Friday 17 November until 12:00 pm on the day of the parents' evening, i.e. 12:00 pm on 23 November and 12:00 pm on 28 November.

To login you will need to enter:

- Your first name and surname
- Your child's preferred name, surname and date of birth.

The details you enter must match those we have on record for you and your child. You can check what these are on your Cedar account.

Please ensure you select the correct parents' evening date, as both are listed when you go into the booking pages. After you have made your appointments, you can choose to print or receive an email confirmation. If a member of staff's name doesn't appear when you try and book a date, then you may have to try an appointment on the other date as there are limited bookings available.



Where parents/carers are in different places and both wish to attend, there is a way to book onto the same online meeting to save on appointment space. Instructions for this feature can be found here:

<https://www.greenhead.ac.uk/parents-evening-booking-instructions>

On the day of your appointments, you will need to log in at the website address shown in the second paragraph (above). You will be able to join the video meeting room 10 minutes before your appointments are due to begin, where you can wait for your appointments.

If you have a specific pastoral concern about your child that we are not already aware of and would like to speak to their Personal Tutor, please contact them via email and book an individual appointment. Please note this appointment will not be during parents' evening but at a mutually convenient time. (Email addresses use the Tutor's first initial followed by their surname e.g. John Brown would be [jbrown@greenhead.ac.uk](mailto:jbrown@greenhead.ac.uk).)

### **Internet browser compatibility:**

You must use one of the devices and internet browser combinations listed below for the video meeting technology to work:

- Apple iPhone/iPad (iOS 11+): Safari
- Android phone/tablet: Chrome or Firefox
- Linux computer: Chrome or Firefox
- Microsoft Surface: Chrome or Firefox
- Mac computer: Safari, Chrome or Firefox
- Windows computer: Chrome, Firefox or Edge (Chromium).

### **Troubleshooting tips:**

If you have problems logging in to make your appointments, please email our Systems Support team at [gc-systemssupport@greenhead.ac.uk](mailto:gc-systemssupport@greenhead.ac.uk).

If you experience technical issues and are unable to successfully attend any of the video meetings, please ask your child to communicate with the teacher and arrange a Teams meeting or phone call at an alternative, mutually convenient time. There will be no technical support available on the parents' evening itself.

Feedback from previous events is that parents/carers have found this technology easy to use, so we are not anticipating any problems.

Best wishes to you all,

Simon Lett,  
Principal