



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

**Friday, 17 November 2023**



Dear all,

This week saw our third and final open evening take place for prospective students hoping to enrol at Greenhead College next September. This was also our first opportunity to showcase the new Hirst building and feedback from the young people who attended the open event was extremely positive.

I hope everything has gone well for our students this week. Here are some further messages:

### **Hirst building**

Over the last week it has been great to see our students occupying the new Hirst building. As our central main hall is out of use until the end of the building project in April 2025, the study and social spaces in Hirst building are now the central hub of the College.

However, can I remind students that G1 (in between Conway and Dawson buildings) is still available for quiet study. We are also working to provide more seating in the Hirst building and will be in touch with further details about this shortly.

Additionally, the study spaces on each of the floors of Hirst building are available for all students to use. These close at 4.30 pm every day for cleaning.

### **Academic Skills Weekly Top Tip**

A 'study buddy' is a partner you work with to help you learn. There are lots of benefits to working with a study partner; it can improve your motivation, give you the incentive to revise and help you stay focused.

Studying can be isolating, so having a study partner or small study group can be a way of making friends and it can also be a fun way to learn.

Try a range of activities:

- Discuss topics covered in class to check and deepen understanding
- Share your strengths by teaching each other the topics you are confident with
- Help each other to set targets and prioritise tasks
- Write questions to test each other and share the workload
- Build in a healthy competitive element; for example, a quiz
- Mark each other's practice paper answers and discuss how you could improve
- Read work aloud to each other to spot errors or identify where work can be refined.

Support your 'study buddy':

- Make a plan and have resources ready
- Vary your study methods so you stay engaged and motivated
- Choose an environment you both like working in
- Listen to each other, be positive and respectful
- Be open to constructive criticism and supportive advice about ways to improve
- Remind each other of key dates for tests or deadlines for coursework.

You can choose a 'study buddy' who shares similar goals and has the same course knowledge, or someone you feel comfortable working with who helps you stay on track. Asking someone (or a small group of students) if they would like to study with you could be a great thing for you and for them, so give it a try!

## MESSAGE FOR PARENTS/CARERS OF A2 STUDENTS

### Video parent/carers meetings for A2 students

A reminder that parents/carers of A2 students can now make appointments for forthcoming parent/carers 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>.

Best wishes to you all,

Simon Lett,  
Principal