



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

**Friday, 15 December 2023**



Dear all,

Further to last week's **charity day**, I can now confirm that students and staff have raised an amazing **£2230**. This is an incredible achievement – huge thanks to everyone who kindly donated to **Project Youth Cancer**.

In addition, I have received a thank you letter from **The Welcome Centre** regarding your recent donations. (*I have included this on page 5.*) Many thanks for your support with this.

Here are this week's messages:

### **Online safety and reporting concerns**

Could all students exercise caution when thinking about joining social media platforms. Please remember your mobile number and personal details become accessible to every individual in the group, many of whom you are unlikely to know. This has the potential to put you at risk.

If you have concerns about your safety or the safety of another student, please continue to report this to the College safeguarding team to investigate.

### **Friday finish time**

College will close at **12.05 pm** on **Friday, 22 December 2023**. The new term will start on **Monday, 8 January 2024**.

### **Car parking**

Can I please remind students that they should not park in the main staff car park on Greenhead Road. We require every available space for staff, particularly as we have temporarily lost a number of spaces due to the ongoing building work.

### **Quiet study space**

We have made some changes to provide extra study space for students in R20, which is the large hall at the top of the Rostron building. Desks will be set out for silent study from **Monday, 8 January** (although the room will close for two exams on **Wednesday, 10 January** and **Monday, 15 January**).

This will provide up to 100 extra spaces for students to work when they have study periods, relieving the pressure on other spaces. As a reminder, there are also study spaces for students in the following locations:

- **G1** (quiet study)
- **Library** (silent study)
- **Hirst floors 1, 2 and 3 study areas** (quiet study).

All students are set at least two hours of directed independent study per week and are advised to do around four-to-five hours independent work per subject in total. We advise that they complete much of this during the working day in study periods using the quiet/silent study areas we have available.

### **Academic skills weekly top tip**

This week we are recommending **spacing**.

Spacing involves learning a little information regularly, rather than trying to learn a lot in a single revision session. Doing something little and often beats doing it all at once. We can learn more information and are less likely to become overwhelmed.

Spacing out your revision gives enough time for you to forget previously learnt information, meaning that when this information is revisited and relearnt it is more likely to be transferred to your long-term memory.

Recent research has found that the use of spacing resulted in a 10% to 30% difference in final test results compared to students who did lots of cramming. (*Source: Innerdrive*)

Research suggests there is an 'optimal gap' between revision sessions so you can retain the information. For example, if the test is in a month's time, you should review the information around once a week. To commit something to memory takes time and repetition:

<b>Time to test</b>	<b>Revision gap</b>
1 week	1-2 days
1 month	1 week
3 months	2 weeks
6 months	3 weeks
1 year	1 month

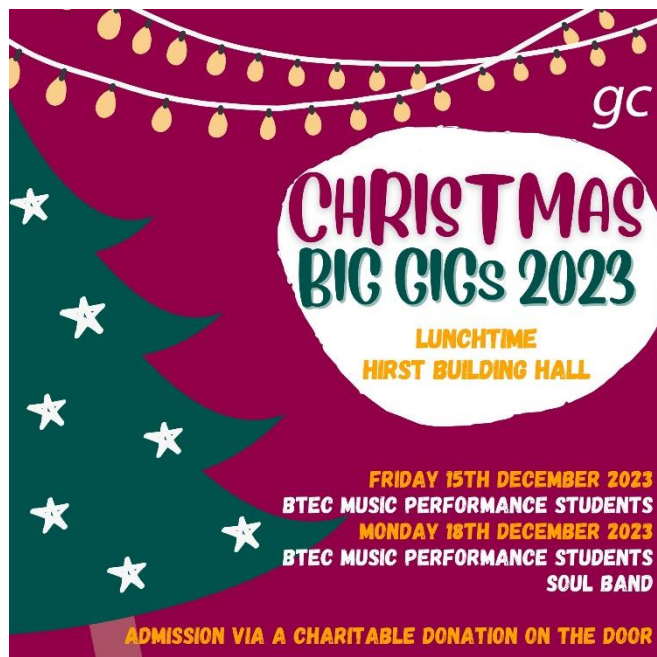
Think ahead and implement some spaced revision. **A1 progress assessment week** is in April so you could create a plan now using spacing to ensure you are ready. **A2 mock exam week** is in February, so with 10 weeks (about 2 and a half months) to go, you could create a spaced plan to prepare for these mocks.

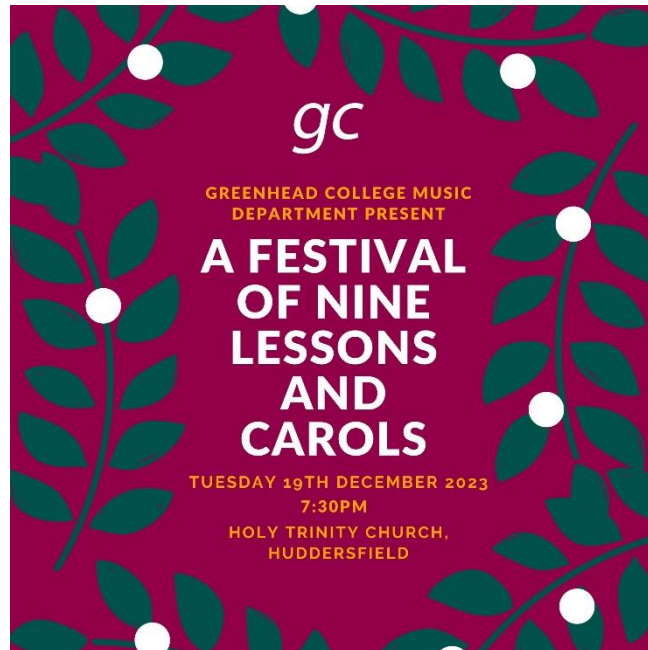
If you would like support with this, please book an academic skills appointment using the button on Moodle or using this QR code.



### **Music events next week**

Here's a reminder of next week's Music events. The second of our **Lunchtime Gigs** will take place in the main hall in Hirst building next Monday lunchtime, and our annual **Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols** will be at Holy Trinity Church next Tuesday at 7.30 pm.





### **Latest sporting fixtures**

Here is our latest enrichment scorecard. Many thanks to all those involved:

<b>GC Team</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Opposition</b>	<b>Score</b>
Netball First Team	<b>34</b>	Hartlepool Sixth Form College	<b>47</b>
Netball Second Team	<b>29</b>	Bishop Burton College	<b>43</b>
Netball Third Team	<b>7</b>	York College	<b>47</b>
Women's Football Team	<b>2</b>	Notre Dame Catholic Sixth Form College	<b>6</b>
Men's Football First Team	<b>4</b>	Huddersfield New College	<b>2</b>
Men's Football Second Team	<b>1</b>	Huddersfield New College	<b>0</b>
Men's Football Third Team	<b>2</b>	Calderdale College	<b>2</b>
Hockey Team	<b>5</b>	Hall Cross Academy, Doncaster	<b>7</b>
Basketball Team	<b>63</b>	New College Doncaster	<b>82</b>

Best wishes to you all,

Simon Lett,  
Principal



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Winter 2023

Dear students, teachers, parents and carers at Greenhead College

## **Warmest greetings and thanks this Christmas season!**

As we head into the Christmas season, a time of giving and kindness, we want to express our sincerest thanks for your incredible support of The Welcome Centre. Your generous collection of food and goods will truly make a difference to the lives of those we support.

As we approach the festive season, we find ourselves reflecting on the impact The Welcome Centre has had over the past year. In the last 12 months alone, we have supported 6,499 individuals including 2,636 children. The Christmas season, while filled with happiness for many, brings many added challenges for those in financial crisis. Increased costs of heating, food, and fuel alongside the cost of Christmas create additional strains, making your donation even more important.

Your generosity will help us provide not only the essentials needed for daily living but also a few extra Christmas treats in the packs we provide. We are incredibly grateful for your support. We wish you a restful and healthy Christmas.

To find out more please visit our website at [www.thewelcomecentre.org](http://www.thewelcomecentre.org) or on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.

Best wishes  
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