



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

**Friday, 8 March 2024**



Dear all,

We have been interviewing prospective students from our local schools recently. As ever, I have been impressed with the calibre of young people who wish to join the Greenhead community and I wish them well for their forthcoming mock exams and GCSEs.

I continue to be amazed by the high aspirations and interest shown in the wider world by our current and future students, and this point has been borne out in both the recent interviews for next year's students and in the fundraising work that has been taking place in College this week.

Here are this week's messages:

### **'Peace and Humanity' initiative – Gaza fundraising**

Recently, I was contacted by the student Executive Officers who are keen that in the light of world events and the number of escalating crises, we should further promote our core principles of being a safe space which cherishes human values of compassion and understanding.

This week, the Greenhead College Student Association (GCSA) embarked on its support for a range of charitable good causes around the themes of 'Peace and Humanity'. These will continue over the years and evolve across multiple year groups of students.

It is envisaged that these activities will focus on support for worthy causes, for example: humanitarian aid, the climate crisis, mental health awareness and public sexual harassment.

The first of these activities took place on Tuesday. Students raised funds from a bake sale for PIMA (Palestinian International Medical Aid), a UK registered charity which aims to support Palestinian refugees in Gaza and Lebanon (*pictures I-r, below, are Abdul Raffey, Aamir Shafi and Marjan Khatib*).



Students were also invited to add their signature to a letter, calling for peace, that will be sent to local MPs. (A total of 390 signatures were collected.)

I am very pleased to report that students raised a total of **£2000** for PIMA, which is a superb achievement. Many thanks to all those who donated and to those who contributed baked goods.

Through this and future events, covering a range of causes around the themes of 'Peace and Humanity', students are playing their part in calling for a better world.

### **Women's History Month and International Women's Day**



This March is **Women's History Month**. To support this, we have been collecting donations of toiletries and sanitary products to go to our local Women's Centre.

You will see donation boxes situated outside the Library and to the entrances of Hirst and Rostron. Any donations (unused) will be gratefully received.

Today is also **International Women's Day**. During lunchtime the following organisations were in the main hall to provide valuable information, support and advice:

- West Yorkshire Police
- The Women's Centre
- Pennine Domestic Abuse Partnership
- Kirklees, Calderdale and Wakefield Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre.

This [documentary](#) is available on Teams which is about the power of women all over the world.



## Mock exam results and subject monitoring

Can I remind **A2 students** that mock exam results will be released at **11.00 am** on **Thursday, 14 March**. I hope you have achieved some really good results. However, if the results aren't quite what you were expecting, there'll still be time for you to turn things round and put things right.

The recent mocks were a stepping stone to your actual exams, so see them as progress on your flight path to big results this summer. The most important thing is to stay positive - you may not see the effects of this straight away, but it will make a real difference if you take time to reflect on what you next need to work on.

Following release of the mock results, subject monitoring for A2 students (surnames A-K) will be taking place in College on **Friday, 15 March**. This particular monitoring session will be crucial for A2s, as teachers will be focusing on the results of the mocks with you and planning ahead for this summer's final exams.

Please note that all other students will be set work on this day.

**Parents/carers of A2 students:** you can access your child's mock exam results as follows:

**gc**

Username:   
Password:   
**LOGIN**

Log onto **Cedar** using your email address and password

Welcome Parent / Guardian

Attendance

100%

This is your overall attendance percentage.

View Attendance Summary

Click on the **Curriculum and Achievement** section in the green menu bar

Find

- My Home
- My Details
- Current Timetable
- ★ Curriculum and Achievement
- ★ Prior Achievements
- Progress Reports
- ▶ College Assessment Points (CAPS)
- Presence

Then click on the **College Assessment Points (CAPS)** link

College Assessment Points

- [College Assessment Point \(April 2022\)](#)
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- [College Assessment Point \(November 2021\)](#)
- [College Assessment Point \(July 2021\)](#)
- [College Assessment Point \(May 2021\)](#)
- [College Assessment Point \(January 2021\)](#)

And finally, click on the hyperlink to the relevant **College Assessment Point** to view the subject grades

**25ABIO - BIOLOGY (A LEVEL)**

Target Grade:	A*/A
CAP Grade:	A
Teacher: Wilson, Jo	
Effort Grade:	5
Attendance:	100%

**25ACHE - CHEMISTRY (A LEVEL)**

Target Grade:	A*/A
CAP Grade:	B
Teacher: Carter, WJ	
Effort Grade:	5
Attendance:	99%

**25AMAT - MATHEMATICS (A LEVEL)**

Target Grade:	A*/A
CAP Grade:	A*
Teacher: Croftland, Rebecca	
Effort Grade:	5
Attendance:	99%



## **Careers appointments**

Careers appointments are available Monday-to-Friday at various times to suit you. Please book via [Greenhead College VLE](#) and click on 'Book A Careers Appointment'.

Each adviser has different days/times for you to book a 30-minute slot.

## **Academic skills weekly top tip**

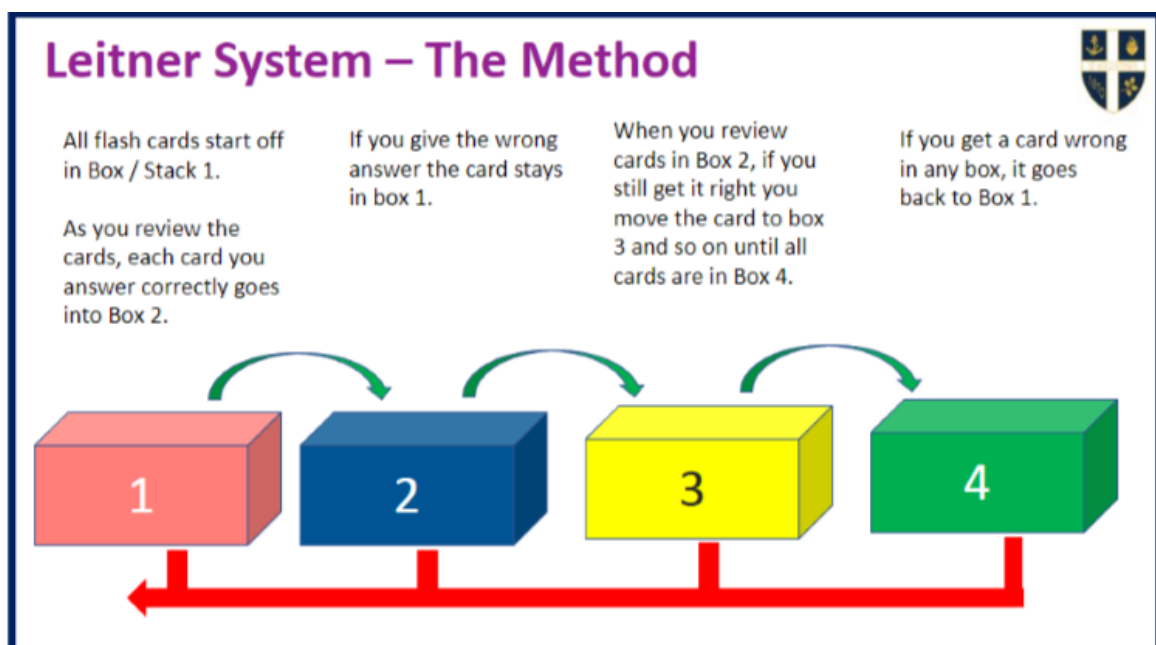
According to Oakes & Griffin (2019), research into how students learn shows there is one quality that differentiates top-performing students from others: the courage and determination to spend time focusing on weaknesses. Based on this, we recommend The Leitner Box system. (A2 students will recall I explained this system in last month's assembly.)

The Leitner Box is an effective recall system. It is particularly useful when trying to learn a big topic with a lot of subject-specific terminology. Start by making a set of flashcards for a topic. The cards should be easy to read and clear with a question or key term on one side and the answer or definition on the other.

Next, create 4 boxes:

- **Box 1** – put cards in here for frequent practice. This is the information you are not remembering well – it needs regular review and reading because you are making mistakes when you practice recalling it or don't know it at all. Around 40% of time should be spent on these cards. When you fully recall a card, move it to box 2.
- **Box 2** – about 30% of your time should be spent on these cards. It focuses on the information you have just moved from box 1 or that you still get confused about.
- **Box 3** – spend 20% of time here as you nearly always get this information correct when you trust yourself on it. You feel confident about this information. If you make mistakes put the cards back into box 2.
- **Box 4** – this starts with the lowest number of cards as it is the material you consider easy and you always get it right, so you only need to spend 10% of your time on this box. However, nothing leaves this box because you know it so well. You still check it every now and again and the number of cards should increase with practice and effort.

The Leitner Box system should help you stay focused on the challenging things that you keep forgetting and by doing this you can address your weaknesses and see real progress.



### Latest sporting fixtures and news

Here is our latest enrichment scorecard. Many congratulations to all those who participated this week:

GC Team	Score	Opposition	Score	
Women's Hockey Team		Exited the National Cup at the Quarter Final stage		
Rugby League		Attended an RFU 7s tournament in Doncaster		
Basketball	66	New College Doncaster	84	
Women's Football First Team	7	Salford College	7	
Women's Football Second Team	Friendly against Askham Bryan College			
Netball First Team	37	Huddersfield New College	36	
Netball Third Team	3	New College Doncaster	24	Double-header fixture
Netball Third Team	2	New College Doncaster	25	
Men's Football First Team	4	St. John Rigby College (National Cup Quarter Finals)	1	
Men's Football Second Team	6	Wyke Sixth Form College	4	

### Ramadan 2024



Finally, it will soon be the month of Ramadan and we are aware that this is an extremely important time for some of our students.

Ramadan is due to commence early next week. For students fasting during the month of Ramadan, I would like to wish you all Ramadan Mubarak.

Best wishes,

Simon Lett,  
Principal