

Weekly message for Greenhead College students and parents/carers

Friday, 26 April 2024



Dear all,

I hope this week has gone well for all students.

Many of our A2 students will have seen their Non-examined Assessment and Extended Project Qualification marks this week. I hope students are pleased with these. These marks represent a huge amount of work, so well done and be very proud of your achievements.

Additionally, it has been a busy week, with culture day taking place on Thursday and, earlier in the week, the formal opening of our new Hirst building. Further details are contained in this message.

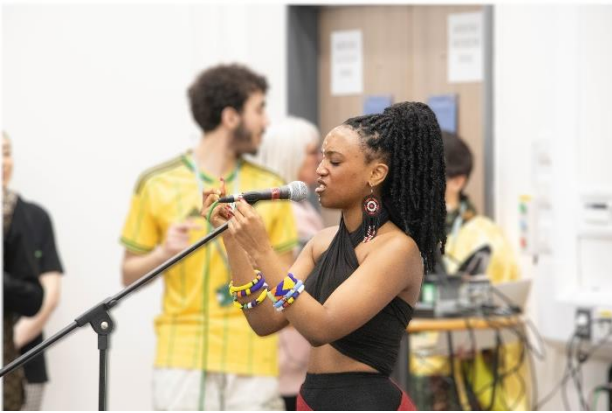
Here are this week's messages:

MESSAGES FOR ALL STUDENTS AND PARENTS/CARERS

Culture day

Many congratulations to all our students who took part in our annual culture day this week. Yesterday's event was very well-attended and a great success. Well done to all those involved.

Here are some pictures (*overleaf*) from the event:



Many thanks to everyone involved for making this day a highlight of the College year!



Latest sporting news

We have sporting successes to report this week, following last weekend's Association of Colleges' National Championships event, which is always a key part of Greenhead's sporting calendar.



Chris Daniel won team bronze in Badminton.



Tommy Vale won individual and team bronze in Tennis.



May I take this opportunity to thank all students for taking part in this event – well done to you all!



I am also very pleased to report that the Men's Football First Team has won the 2023-24 ECFA Yorkshire and Humber Men's Championship League.

It had been a closely fought season, with the final result coming down to the last game of the year to secure victory over New College Pontefract. The team also made their second successive semi-final appearance in the ECFA National Men's Knockout Cup, equalling their furthest progression in the tournament. Overall, it has been a great way to celebrate Bob Field's 35 years in charge of the team.



Back row (*l-r*): Bailey McIntosh, Jacobe Simpson, Max Lockwood, Andrew Fleming, Lewis Bavin, Zak Simmons, Max Thompson, Harry Akid, Bob Field (Coach).

Front row (*l-r*): Jamal Mahmood, Nathan Need, Sam Cresswell, Robert Barker (Captain), Finlay Shaw, Reuben Compagnucci, Eben Sutton.

Academic skills weekly top tip

This week's recommendation is about testing yourself when you revise.

You might feel that you have revised a topic because you have spent time going over it, doing lots of reading, writing notes or making flashcards, but you only know if you have learnt the information if you test yourself in some way. This is known as retrieval practice.

To test yourself, try a range of strategies:

Write a set of questions to test yourself	Answer some past paper questions	Ask someone else to use your revision notes to test you	Answer questions on an App such as Quizlet
Re-do an exam question in timed conditions to improve it	Teach the topic to someone else and answer any questions they have	Test yourself using the flashcards you have made	Create a quiz to test yourself
Work with a revision partner and ask each other questions	Create a multiple-choice test	Write an essay answer in a limited time	Have a go at a class test you have done before

When you are doing the 'testing' part of your revision, you should feel challenged. If the test is too easy or straightforward, it is likely to be that you are not pushing yourself and that could mean the work you are doing is not effective. Try to decide how you will test yourself before you start your revision session, so you know how you will measure your progress.

Opening of the Hirst building

Here are some pictures from the formal opening of the Hirst building this week:



The building is named after Professor Judy Hirst (*pictured centre*), a former Greenhead College student who has made significant contributions to biomedical research at the University of Cambridge and is a Fellow of the Royal Society.

Pictured with Judy (*l-r*) are Executive Officers Holly Richardson, Genevieve Manyati, Viswa Edara, Reuben Byfield and Frankie Robinson.

The Hirst building was formally opened by HRH The Duke of Gloucester KG GCVO (*right*), who met staff and students and visited a number of laboratories and classrooms during his visit. Also in attendance were current and former Governors, former staff, representatives from local schools and colleges, the Local Authority, the Department for Education (who commissioned the building), and Mace and Galliford Try (who designed, developed and constructed the new build).



We were also pleased to welcome back to the College Graham Cooksey (*left*), who was Greenhead's first Principal when the former girls' high school became a Sixth Form College in 1973.

Having Graham in attendance was very special for us, as the College is celebrating its 50th anniversary this academic year.

Public Sexual Harassment

Are you passionate about challenging Public Sexual Harassment wherever it exists, either in College or the wider community?

Would you feel confident in responding to PSH as a bystander?

We are very fortunate to have Sabbah Faris coming into College, who is an expert in this area. Sabbah will deliver interactive training which promises to be an empowering session. The training will take place during M&P week on **Thursday, 9 May** 12.35-1.30 pm in G17.

Everyone is invited to a follow-up meeting where we will discuss events and awareness raising strategies. The follow up meeting will be in M3 on Monday, 13 May at 12.45 pm.

You can register your interest [here](#).

MESSAGE FOR A1 STUDENTS AND PARENTS/CARERS

Higher Education information evening (for parents/carers)

A reminder that this event will be taking place on **Thursday, 9 May** at **6.30 pm**.

MESSAGE FOR A2 STUDENTS AND PARENTS/CARERS

End-of year exams

A2 students will complete their studies on **Friday, 17 May**.

However, as you will be aware, several exams will be taking place **w/c Monday, 13 May**.

For exams taking place in the morning, students may have the afternoon prior to the exam as study leave (unless it is a Friday). For exams taking place in the afternoon, students may have the morning prior to the exam as study leave.

Prom

Due to poor ticket sales, we have taken the decision to cancel the planned end-of-year prom for A2 students. All monies have been refunded.

Many thanks to the Prom Committee for trying to get this event off the ground.

Survey

Can I also remind A2 students that they should complete a short questionnaire on the A2 pastoral and enrichment programmes by clicking [here](#).

Assemblies

Please note that end-of-course assemblies for A2 starts start on Friday, 3 May and continue into the following week.

Here are the details:



A2 ASSEMBLIES

Assemblies will be delivered by Principal, Simon Lett and will take place in R20

FRIDAY
3 MAY

LUNCHTIME: 1.05PM - 1.55PM

PERIOD 5: 1.55PM-2.55PM

TUESDAY
7 MAY

LUNCHTIME: 12.35PM - 1.35PM

PERIOD 4: 1.35PM - 2.35PM

WEDNESDAY
8 MAY

PERIOD 1: 8.45AM-9.55AM

FRIDAY
10 MAY

PERIOD 2: 9.45AM - 10.55AM

LUNCHTIME: 1.05PM - 1.55PM

PERIOD 5: 1.55PM- 2.55PM

**ATTENDANCE AT ONE OF THESE ASSEMBLIES IS COMPULSORY.
IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND ANY OF THE DATES/TIMES
ABOVE, YOU MUST SEND A WRITTEN FORMAL APOLOGY TO
LEAH LINDEN (LLINDEN@GREENHEAD.AC.UK)**

Best wishes,

Simon Lett,
Principal