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Principal's Weekly Messages

Weekly message for Greenhead College students and parents/carers

Friday 9 October 2026

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Welcome to this week's newsletter! I hope you have a restful weekend.

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Have Your Contact Details Changed?

If your contact details have changed, please update them via CEDAR so you continue to receive communications from College.

Student Parking in the Local Community

We have recently received a number of complaints from local residents regarding student parking in the surrounding area. In some cases, vehicles have been parked in ways that block or restrict access to residents' driveways.

We appreciate that parking around College can be challenging, particularly at busy times. However, we would be grateful if parents and carers could remind their young person, if they drive to College, of the importance of parking safely, legally and considerately.

In particular, students should avoid parking across driveways, blocking access to properties, obstructing roads or pavements, or parking in a way that causes unnecessary inconvenience to local residents.

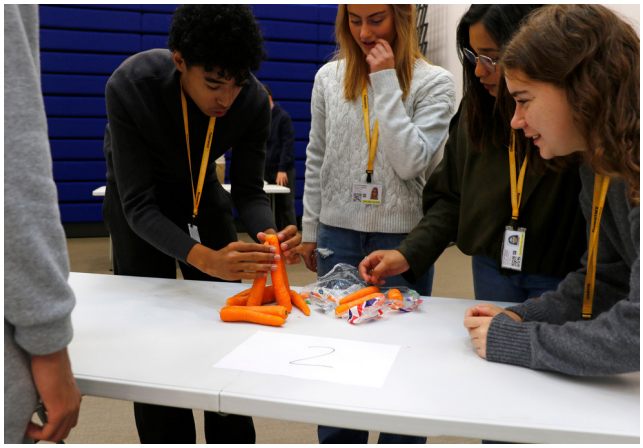
Greenhead College has a positive relationship with the local community, and we are keen to ensure that this continues. We therefore ask parents and carers to support us by reminding their young person to be mindful of the impact their parking may have on those who live in the surrounding area.

Taskmaster Meets HR: An Exciting New Challenge for A Level Business Students

The Business Department recently launched the Human Resources (HR) section of the A Level specification with an exciting and interactive Taskmaster inspired HR day.

The event gave students a hands-on insight into some of the key roles of the HR department, including how businesses use team-building activities to develop essential workplace skills such as communication, leadership and teamwork.

Throughout the day, students took part in a range of fun challenges designed to highlight the employability skills and soft skills that employers increasingly value. As well as supporting their learning, the day provided a fantastic opportunity for our new classes to get to know one another, build relationships and start developing the collaborative skills that are so important for success both in education and in the workplace.



AI and Robotics Hackathon: Computer Science Students Win Top Prize at Leeds Digital Festival 2026

On Monday 28 September, 16 Greenhead College Computer Science students took part in the AI Agents and Robotics Hackathon at Leeds Digital Festival 2026, hosted by Leeds Trinity University and supported by industry partners including UST and OhBot.

Working in teams of four, students were challenged to design, build and evaluate an AI-powered OhBot robot that could improve a difficult human interaction. Using Python, the OhBot API and large language models (LLMs), teams developed innovative prototypes in just six hours, with guidance from industry experts throughout the day.

Ideas included a robot to support dementia patients, a real-time study buddy, an interview analysis assistant and a visual learning aid. Students gained valuable experience in robotics, AI development, problem-solving, teamwork and presenting their ideas.

After a competitive judging process, Team 3, 'Wahid for Speed', impressed the panel with their Interrogation Analysis Robot, winning the overall competition and the £1,000 top prize.

Congratulations to Boden, Eeshan, Ben and Matthew on their fantastic achievement!

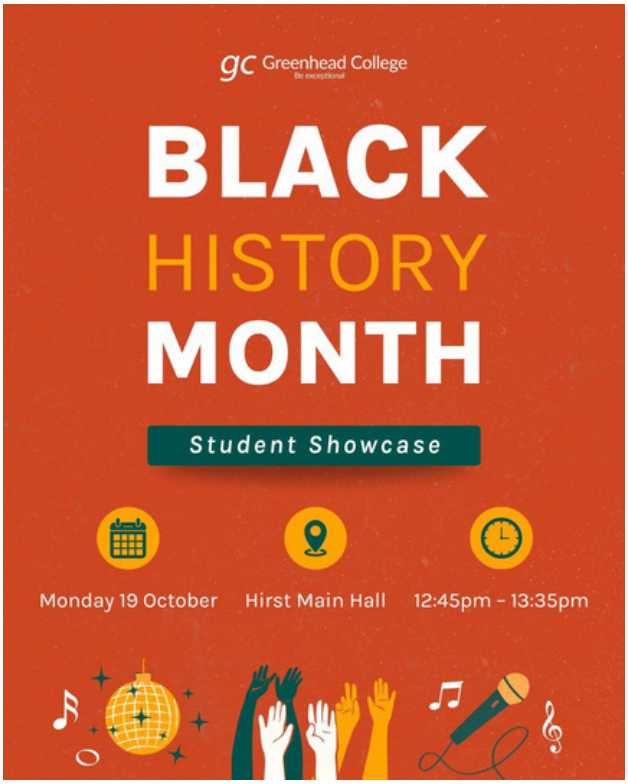
Black History Month 2026

This year's Black History Month theme is Honouring Our Communities, and we're celebrating across College with a range of activities.

Our Library is showcasing a fantastic collection of books by black authors, and students are invited to wear red on Friday 16 October to support Show Racism the Red Card. We'll also celebrate black culture, talent, and creativity through a Student Showcase on Monday 19 October, 12:45pm - 13:35pm, featuring student performances. Tickets will cost £1, with all proceeds going to charity.

We encourage everyone to get involved as we come together to celebrate, reflect and promote equality and inclusion across our College community.

If you would like to take part in the Black History Month Student Showcase, please complete this form: Showcase Sign Up Form



Wear It Pink Day - Monday 19 October

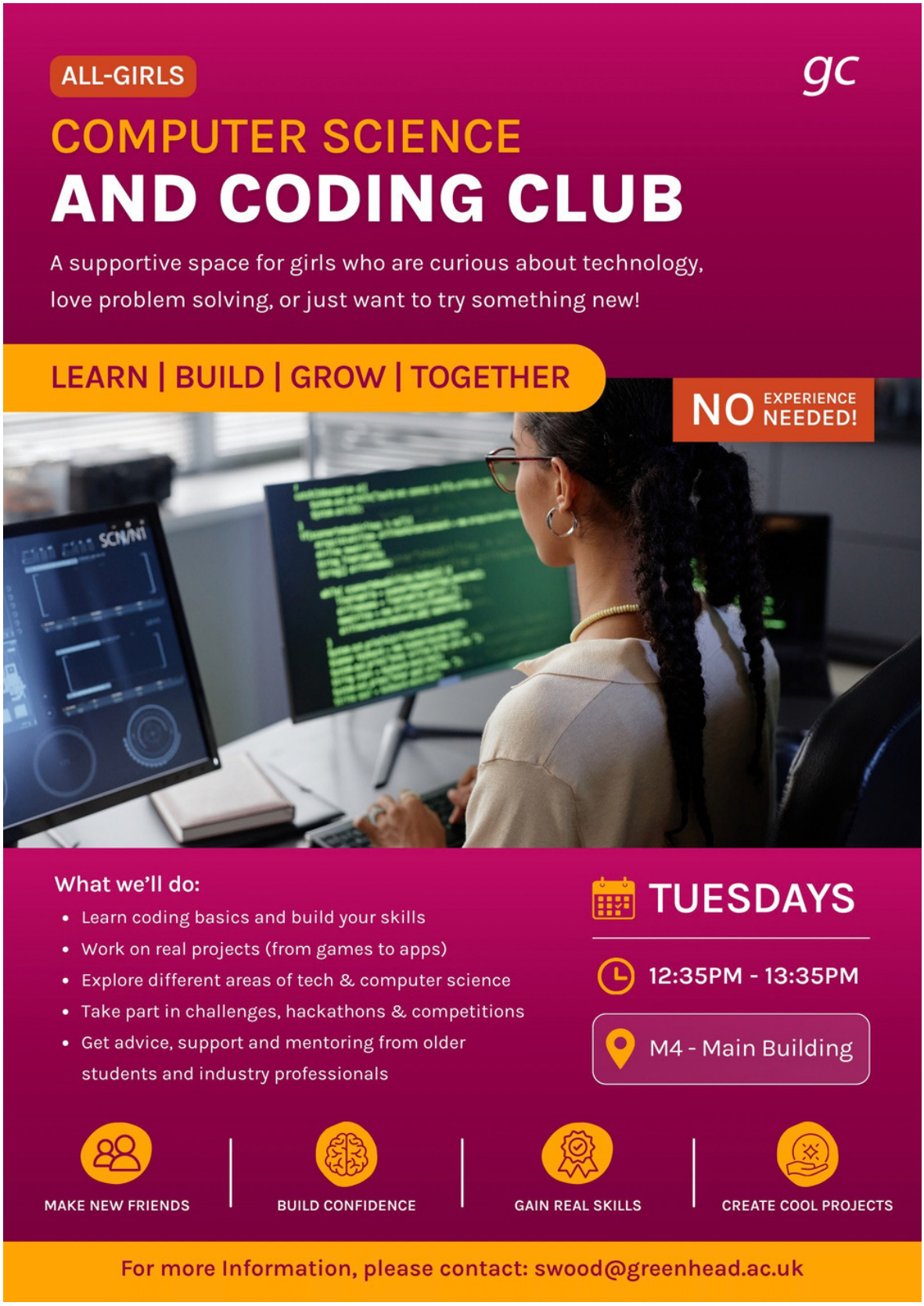
As part of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Greenhead College will be holding a Wear It Pink Day on Monday 19 October in support of Breast Cancer Now.

We would be grateful if you could get involved by wearing something pink on the day. This is a great opportunity to raise breast cancer, highlight the importance of early detection, and encourage meaningful conversations about breast health and well-being.

Students and staff who do not have anything pink to wear can make a donation and collect a pink ribbon from the GCSA. Every penny raised will go to Breast Cancer Now to support life-changing research, raise awareness, and help those affected by breast cancer.

Thank you for your support in helping us make this event a success. Wear Pink. Raise Awareness. Make a Difference.

All-Girls Computer Science and Coding Club



Do You Have A Question About Buses in West Yorkshire?

AoC Sport Regional Championships

Our students are heading to the AoC Sport Regional Championships!

13 October | All day
Our Men's Football, Women's Football and Netball teams will travel to Hull University to compete against colleges from across the region.

14 October | All day
Our Basketball team will take on the region's best at The University of Huddersfield.

We wish all of our athletes the very best of luck as they proudly represent Greenhead College!

Believe and Achieve Event

Open Evening - Thursday 15 October 2026

Our Open Evening is this Thursday 15 October, from 5.30pm - 8.30pm!

If you have friends or family with a Year 11 student, please encourage them to come along, explore our campus and chat to our teachers and Student Ambassadors. We highly recommend visiting in person to get a feel for the College and help students make the right decisions about their next steps.

Last entry is at 7:45pm.

Sign up here.

We look forward to welcoming everyone to Greenhead!

Locala Sexual Health

Locala Sexual Health will be at College on Friday 20 November from 10:00am to 12:00pm offering drop in advice and support. They will be based at the back of Hirst/Rostron in a mobile unit.

Donations for The Welcome Centre, Our Local Foodbank

Greenhead College are pleased to support The Welcome Centre once again. They would be grateful for any donations of dried or tinned foods our staff, students and their families are able to give. Items must be unopened, within their use-by date and can be any brand. Please bring donations into College and place in one of the collection bins by Thursday 22 October.

For further information, including deta ils of current shortages and most-needed items, please visit The Welcome Centre website.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and support.

A1 Careers Group Appointments

The Careers department is offering group appointments for A1 students this term. On Fridays, groups of two or three friends who want advice on a similar topic or career area can book a session together.

These appointments are available from 10:00am - 11:00am or 11:45am - 12:45pm. You can book these appointments in person at the Careers Library or you can also email careers@greenhead.ac.uk.

If you would like a solo one-to-one appointment, please make a booking in the usual way via this link on Moodle: Careers Appointments.

UCAS Similarity Guidance

As students are preparing their UCAS applications, we encourage both students and parents/carers to read the UCAS Similarity Guidance document. The guidance explains the importance of submitting original work, how similarity checking is used, and to help students produce authentic personal statements.

UCAS Similarity Guidance

Apprenticeship Workshop on Friday 16 October 2026

James from C&K Careers will lead the next small Apprenticeship Workshop on Friday 16 October 2026 in the Careers Library during period 1 at 8:45am. The session will last approximately 35 to 40 minutes.

There are six places available. If you would like to participate, please email careers@greenhead.ac.uk as soon as possible to be added to the list.

A2 Personal Statement Help

The Careers Department has organised several personal statement checking sessions over the coming weeks to support you with your UCAS personal statement. Staff from various universities will be available to provide feedback and guidance on your statement.

These bookable sessions are open to A2 students and must be booked in advance for a time outside of lessons. Students may b ook only one session.

Personal Statement Workshops:

- **Tuesday 13 October – University of Huddersfield (personal statement / ask me anything). Some availability.**
- **Thursday 15 October – University of Bradford. Limited availability.**
- **Tuesday 10 November - University of Lancaster. Limited availability**

Booking forms can be found in the Careers Library, located within The Hub.

Apprenticeship Information/Advice Sessions with University of Derby - Monday 23 November

The University of Derby will be visiting Greenhead College to provide advice and guidance to A2 students who are wanting to explore or apply for apprenticeships post College.

They offer apprenticeship training for some well-known employers such as Rolls Royce. Apprenticeships - University of Derby

Sessions are 20 minutes and booking forms can be found in the Careers Library, located within The Hub.

Mock Interviews

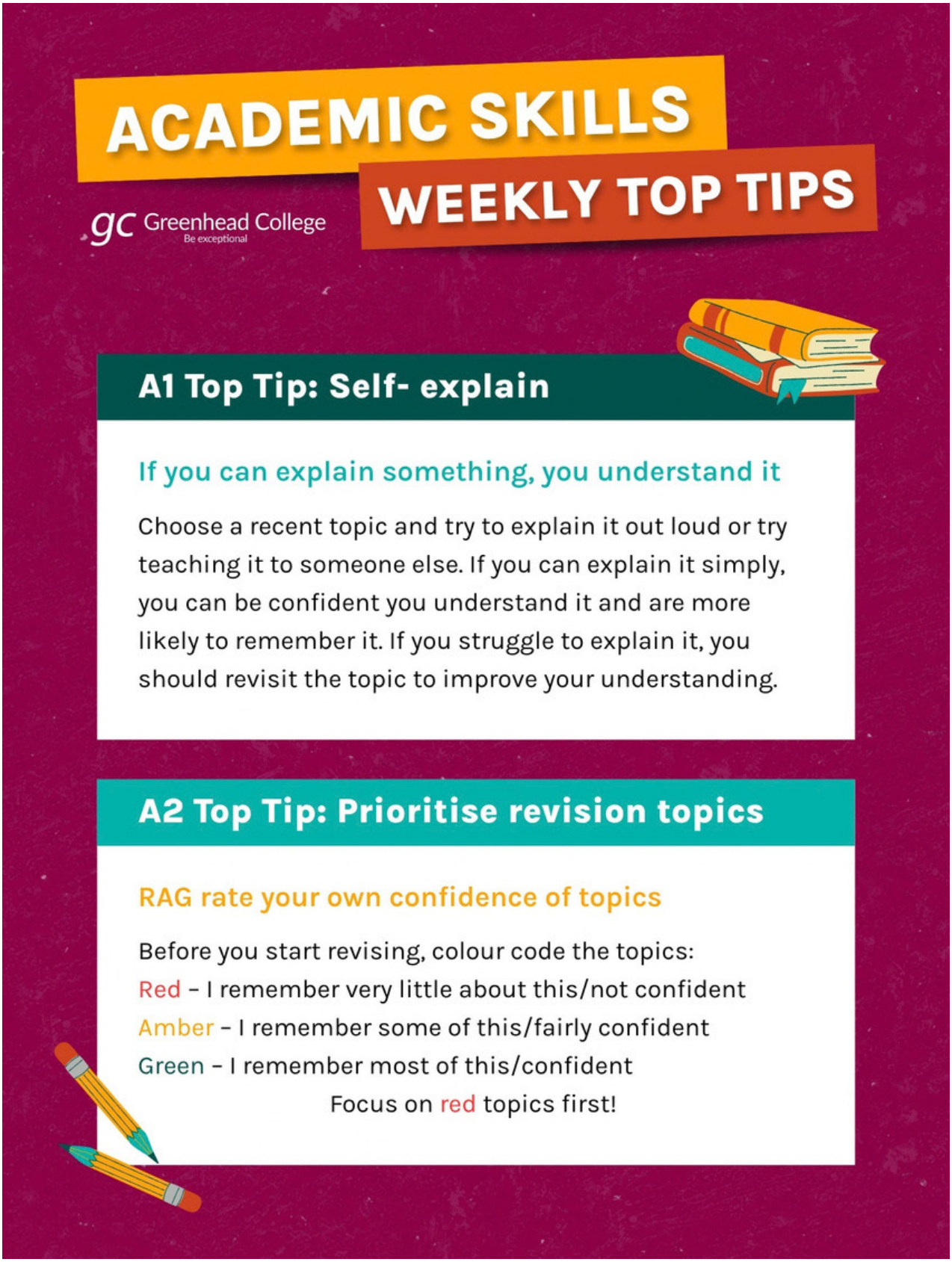
Various universities will be in College to offer you the opportunity of a mock interview in your chosen subject area. The mock interview will be a one-to-one, 20 minute session with 10 minutes at the end for verbal feedback. Please only book one slot to enable other students to participate.

Booking sheets are in the Careers Library.

- Thursday 12 November – University of Lincoln
- Friday 13 November – University of Hull
- Thursday 19 November – University of Bradford
- Tuesday 24 November – University of Bradford
- Thursday 26 November - University of Huddersfield (General & Allied Healthcare)

We also have an online 'GC Careers Mock Interviews' application available to all A2 students to practice interview responses. These are geared towards students considering applying for Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Medicine, Computer Science, Nursing, Midwifery and apprenticeships. Please make sure you read the instructions before you start.

Academic Skills Weekly Top Tips



Careers Appointments

Appointments with a Careers Adviser can be scheduled via Moodle by accessing the following link: Careers Appointments.

These 30-minute appointments must be booked in advance and take place in the Careers Library in the Hub.

Stands in The Quad

We have several universities, colleges and gap year providers visiting College over the next term on Thursday lunchtimes in the Quad (near the Grumpy Mule coffee shop). This is a great opportunity for students to speak to professionals about the courses and opportunities these o rganisations can offer.

Dates for your diary:

- **Thursday 15 October – University of York, University of Bradford, Kirklees College, University of Hull and University of Sheffield.**
- **Thursday 5 November – DJH Accounting, Addleshaw Goddard, University of Greater Manchester, Manchester Metropolitan University & University of Liverpool.**
- **Thursday 12 November – University of Durham, University of Nottingham, University of Leicester, University of Lincoln & Taylor Wimpey.**

Wednesday Sports Round-Up – 30 September

Netball Second Team

The Netball Second Team played their first game of the season on Wednesday against Wyke Sixth Form, and it got us off to a brilliant start in the league.

As it was the first time we had all played together as a team, we were really proud of the performance we put in, resulting in a 42-21 win. It was a great result against a strong and well-drilled opposition.

We are excited to contin ue working together and building on this performance throughout the season.

Girls' Football Team

An unlucky loss for the Girls' Football Team today, who were defeated 3-0 by Doncaster New College.

The opposition started quickly and, as we gradually grew into the game, we began building strong links within our newly formed team. By the end of the first half, Doncaster had scored three goals.

Adele made a triple tactical substitution at half-time, bringing on fresh legs and strengthening the midfield to gain greater control of the game and improve ball movement. With the second half ending 0-0, the defence remained solid and the midfield worked tirelessly to move the ball up the pitch and create opportunities in the box. Despite several promising chances, we were unable to find a way past t heir goalkeeper.

Well done to Player of the Match, Lizzy, for an outstanding performance. She showed great determination throughout the game, constantly running, battling, and persevering for the team.

Wednesday Sports Round-Up – 7 October

Women's Football

Greenhead College 0-6 New College Pontefract

An unlucky result for the women's team despite a determined performance. The defence worked tirelessly against New College's pace and direct style of play, dealing with a constant threat from long balls over the top.

Greenhead showed significant improvement in the second half, pushing higher up the pitch and creating more positive attacking opportunities.

Player of the Match: Heidi, for her excellent tackling and interceptions, preventing several dangerous attacks.

Men's 2nd Football Team

Greenhead College 2-2 Thomas Rotherham College 2nds

The 2nd team opened their season with a dominant display that deserved more than a point.

Despite creating numerous chances throughout the match, Greenhead found themselves 2-0 down after conceding from two corners. The team responded brilliantly, continuing to press and create opportunities.

Callum finally broke the deadlock with a strike from the edge of the box before Max completed the comeback five minutes from time, firing an unstoppable effort into the top-right corner from 25 yards.

Although it felt like two points dropped, the team's resilience and attacking intent were hugely encouraging.

Players of the Match: Xavier and Noah. Xavier worked tirelessly down the right flank in both attack and defence, while Noah consistently troubled the opposition backline.

Men's 3rd Football Team

Greenhead College 6-2 Bradford College U19 1st Team

The men's 3rd team made a winning start to the season with an impressive six-goal performance.

After a cautious opening, the team settled into the game and began to dominate. Goals came from captain Beau (2), debutant Sean (2), Ted with a superb volley, and Raffi, who rounded off the scoring with a deserved sixth goal.

A strong opening performance and three points on the board.
Player of the Match: Beau.

Men's 1st Football Team

Greenhead College 5-3 Thomas Rotherham College 1st Team
Brilliant Recovery After Nightmare Start

The men's 1st team showed tremendous character to recover from a 3-0 deficit and claim an impressive 5-3 victory.

Despite hitting the post twice early on through Jack and Sam, Greenhead found themselves three goals behind after 25 minutes. However, the momentum shifted when Archie headed home from an Amaan Khan corner.

Paul reduced the deficit further with a stunning strike from outside the box before half-time. Jack levelled the scores from the penalty spot just before the hour mark, and Greenhead continued to dominate.

Jack then put Greenhead ahead after excellent work from Paul, before Sam sealed victory by capitalising on a goalkeeping error late in the game.
An encouraging start to the campaign and a superb comeback victory.

Player of the Match: Paul.
Special Mention: Owen, who stepped up from last season's 2nd team to impress at centre-back, while the A1 students also made a strong impact in their first game.

Netball 2nd Team

Greenhead College 45-16 Franklin College, Grimsby

A superb team performance saw the 2nd team secure a convincing victory. The players worked relentlessly to turn over opposition centre passes and converted interceptions into scoring opportunities with impressive efficiency. Despite being a newly formed team, communication and teamwork were excellent throughout the match.

A fantastic result and an encouraging performance.

Men's Basketball

Greenhead College 92-53 Thomas Rotherham College

The Greenhead College Basketball Team opened their league season in style with a commanding 92-53 victory over Thomas Rotherham College.

Team captain Ethan praised A1 student Dimos, who impressed on his debut by recording nine points, five rebounds, five assists and five steals.

A strong start to the season as Greenhead begin their defence of the league title.

Key Dates

AUTUMN TERM 2026

- Open Evening 2026 - Thursday 15 October 2026
- A1 Geography Fieldwork 1 - Monday 19 October 2026
- INSET Day 5 (College Closed to Students) - Thursday 22 October 2026
- INSET Day 6 (College Closed to Students) - Friday 23 October 2026
- Well-being Day (College Closed) - Monday 2 November 2026
- A1 Tutor Monitoring 2 (CAP 2) - Monday 9 November to Friday 4 December 2026
- A2 Mock Exam 1 (CAP 7) - w/c Monday 9 November 2026
- Carbon Literacy Action Day – Thursday 12 November 2026
- Sustainability Day 1 – Wednesday 18 November 2026
- Volunteering Fair 2026 – Tuesday 24 November 2026
- Oxbridge Mock Interviews – Wednesday 25 November 2026
- A2 Tutor Monitoring 3 (CAP 7) - Monday 30 November to Friday 25 December 2026 and Monday 4 January to Friday 8 January 2027
- A2 Parents Evening 1 – Thursday 3 December 2026
- A2 Parents Evening 2 – Tuesday 8 December 2026
- Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols (Holy Trinity Church) – Tuesday 15 December 2026
- Class of 2026 Reunion and Awards Evening – Thursday 17 December 2026

SPRING TERM 2027

- Term 2 Enrichment Sign Up – Monday 11 January 2027
- Extended Project Qualification Presentation Evening – Tuesday 12 January 2027
- A1 Tutor Monitoring 4 (CAP 3) - Monday 18 January to Friday 12 February 2027
- Start of Term 2 Enrichment – Monday 18 January 2027
- WellFest Week – Monday 18 – Friday 22 January 2027
- A1 Parents Evening 1 – Thursday 21 January 2027
- A1 Parents Evening 2 – Tuesday 26 January 2027
- Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) Deadline – Thursday 28 January 2027
- A2 Mock Exam 2 (CAP 8) - w/c Monday 1 February 2027
- Charity Day 2027 – Tuesday 9 February 2027
- Applicant Evening 1 – Tuesday 9 February 2027
- Apprenticeship Fair 2027 – Thursday 11 February 2027
- Applicant Evening 2 – Thursday 11 February 2027
- Applicant Evening 3 – Tuesday 23 February 2027
- Applicant Evening 4 – Thursday 25 February 2027

- A2 Tutor Monitoring 5 (CAP 8) - Monday 1 March to Friday 26 March 2027
- A1 Assemblies – Monday 1 March 2027
- Applicant Evening 5 – Thursday 4 March 2027
- A2 Assemblies – Monday 15 March 2027
- A1 Progress Assessment (CAP 4) - w/c Monday 15 March 2027
- Oxbridge Easter Workshop – Wednesday 24 March 2027

SUMMER TERM 2027

- A2 End of Year Survey Opens – Monday 12 April 2027
- A1 Tutor Monitoring 6 (CAP 4) - Monday 19 April to Friday 14 May 2027
- Sustainability Day 2 – Thursday 22 April 2027
- Early May Bank Holiday (College Closed) – Monday 3 May 2027
- External Exams Start – Monday 10 May 2027
- Higher Education Information Evening – Thursday 13 May 2027
- Last Day of A2 Teaching (no P6 for A1) – Friday 14 May 2027
- A1 Geography Fieldwork 2 – Monday 17 May 2027
- A1 Geography Fieldwork 3 – Thursday 20 May 2027
- A1 Geography Fieldwork 4 – Friday 21 May 2027
- Spring Bank Holiday (College Closed) – Monday 31 May 2027
- A1 End of Year Survey Opens – Monday 7 June 2027
- Art Show 2027 – Thursday 17 June 2027
- Step Into Your Future Week 2027 – Monday 21 – Friday 25 June 2027
- Year 10 Open Morning 1 – Monday 28 June 2027
- Year 10 Open Morning 2 – Tuesday 29 June 2027
- Sustainability Day 3 – Wednesday 30 June 2027
- Maths Pop Quiz – Wednesday 30 June 2027
- ALS Transition Event – Wednesday 30 June 2027
- Sustainability Day 4 – Thursday 1 July 2027
- Year 10 Open Morning 3 – Thursday 1 July 2027
- Year 10 Open Morning 4 – Monday 5 July 2027
- Culture Day 2027 – Tuesday 6 July 2027
- Last Day of A1 Teaching – Wednesday 7 July 2027
- Year 11 Bridging Day – Thursday 8 July 2027
- A Level Results Day – Thursday 12 August 2027