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Principal's Weekly Messages

Weekly message for Greenhead College students and parents/carers

Friday 16 October 2026

Good afternoon,

Welcome to this week's newsletter! We hope you enjoy reading and wish you all a lovely weekend.

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Key Dates

Have Your Contact Details Changed?

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

Parent Governor Election

All parents/carers of current Greenhead students are invited to vote for their preferred candidate to become Parent Governor at Greenhead College.

The election works on a one parent/carer, one-vote basis.

The candidates Expressions of Interest have been shared via the parent/governor email system.

Please vote for the person you would like to become Parent Governor.

- **Paul Fenton**
- **Matthew Wade**
- **Paul Booth**

You can vote for your preferred candidate from 16 October to 6 November 2026.

https://voice.greenhead.digital/s/parent-governor-election-october-2026

Student Device Charging

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STUDENT DEVICE CHARGING

As more students are bringing their own devices to College to carry out their independent study, we wanted to provide some guidance on what can be charged on College campus and where.

Adhering to a few simple rules will ensure we can continue to provide charging facilities for everyone:

No devices should be left unattended. Unattended devices will be removed and taken to the main reception in Main Building. The College will not be held responsible for any device that goes missing.

Devices should be plugged into wall sockets or wall USB charging points. Floor boxes must not be removed to access plug sockets as this causes a trip hazard to other College users.

Charging cables should be the original charging cable to the device and in good condition to ensure there is no increased risk of fire hazard or electric shock from faulty or sub-standard cables

Devices should not be covered eg in a laptop sleeve or by clothing such as a coat, this can cause a fire hazard.

Wires should not trail across walkways as this presents a trip hazard. Please consider other College users when plugging in devices.

Charging is carried out at the users own risk.

Mobile Phones

Mobile phone charging is not generally available in College. USB charging is available in the M13 study room in Main Building but should only be used if you are using the space to study. Study spaces cannot be taken simply to charge your phone and you may be asked to vacate the room if you are found to be doing this.

If you require an 'emergency charge' eg to be able to access a travel pass to get home at the end of the day, you can request this from the main reception in Main Building.

Laptops / Tablets

Laptops and tablets can be plugged in for charging at any available wall plug point in College. Please bear in mind the safety requirements listed above.

Power Banks

We encourage students to have a power bank available to charge their devices where necessary, however please ensure that power banks are CE/UKCA marked and from a reputable manufacturer, please ensure they are in a good state of repair and do not leave power banks unattended when charging devices.

Students Achieve Outstanding Results in National Maths Competitions

UKMT Maths Competition

Fourteen students took part in the UKMT Maths Competition for Girls, an hour-long mathematical problem-solving challenge. Seven students achieved a Distinction, while the remaining participants were awarded Merit and Participation certificates.

Grace was named Best in College.

Mathematical Olympiad for Girls

Following the competition, Sophie B, Sanaa, Sophie P and Elissa progressed to the Mathematical Olympiad for Girls, a demanding two-and-a-half-hour examination comprising five extended problem-solving questions. Some questions require students to present full mathematical proofs and detailed written arguments.

All four students achieved a Distinction, with Sophie B being named Best in College. She also received a Bronze Award and has qualified for the British Mathematical Olympiad later this year.

These are outstanding achievements, and we congratulate all the students involved on their hard work, dedication and success.

Celebrating Black History Month

As part of our Black History Month celebrations, we would like to thank all students who wore red today in support of Show Racism the Red Card, standing together against racism and promoting equality.

We are also looking forward to our Black History Month Showcase on Monday 19 October, from 12.45–13.35 in Hirst Main Hall.

We have a fantastic line-up of student talent, including singers, rappers, dancers, poets, speeches and much more! It promises to be a wonderful celebration of Black history, culture and creativity.

Tickets are available for a minimum donation of £1, with all proceeds going to Show Racism the Red Card.

Students can purchase tickets from our BSU and GCSA representatives in the Quad and Hirst social areas. Alternatively, tickets can be purchased from the Marketing Office in D17.

We hope our College community will join us for this special celebration and show their support!

Chemistry Mentors

Exciting news for the Chemistry Department as 10 former A2 students, now enjoying their gap years, start this week as Chemistry Mentors at Greenhead College.

Thank You!

Thank you to our Student Ambassadors and to everyone who volunteered their time to represent Greenhead College at our open event this month.

You play an invaluable role in creating a welcoming, positive experience for our visitors by sharing your own experiences of College life and showcasing the exceptional students we have.

We are incredibly grateful for your enthusiasm, professionalism, and commitment. Thank you for being such a fantastic representative of the College!

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.

Believe and Achieve Event

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.

No Photos/Filming Using Any Device on College Campus

A friendly reminder to all students:

To help protect the privacy of our students, staff and visitors, photography and filming using any device are not permitted on campus unless prior permission has been granted by the College Leadership Team (CLT).

Thank you for helping us maintain a safe and respectful environment for everyone.

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.

A1 Announcements

There are no direct A1 announcements to share this week. Please check again next week for updates.

November 2026 A2 Mock Exams

Date	
Monday 9th November - Friday 13th November	For the mock exam week, Art students will be expected to complete a mandatory 2 hour studio session, with the option to add more. Students need to sign up on the timetable provided by their teacher and notify the teacher when their two-hour slot begins for registration purposes. Students will be able to select a slot in the week which best suits their schedule. Further information will be given out to students prior to the mock exam week.

Date	9.00am	1.30pm
Monday 9th November	**Modern History** (2 hours 30 mins) **Medieval History** (2 hours 30 mins) **Spanish** (2 hours 30 mins) **Statistics** (2 hours) **Geology** (1 hour 45 mins)	**Psychology** (2 hours) **Music** (1 hour 45 mins)
Tuesday 10th November	**Physics** (2 hours) **Sociology** (2 hours) **Statistics (One Year)** (1 hour)	**Religious Studies** (2 hours) **Computer Science** (2 hours) **Physical Education** (1 hour 30 mins) **French** (2 hours 30 mins) **Politics** (2 hours)
Wednesday 11th November	**Mathematics** (2 hours) **German** (2 hours 30 mins) **Medical Science NEA YMA** (26UMSED1) (2 hours)	**Geography** (1 hour 30 mins) **Law** (2 hours)
Thursday 12th November	**Biology** (2 hours) **Medical Science NEA DBR** (2 hours)	**Business** (2 hours) **Further Mathematics** (1 hour 40 mins) **AS Further Mathematics** (1 hour 40 mins) **Classics** (1 hour 45 mins)
Friday 13th November	**Chemistry** (2 hours) **Music Technology** (1 hour 30 mins)	**Economics** (2 hours) **Health and Social Care** (1 hour 30 mins)

- A2 students sit one mock exam paper per subject.
- Most exam durations are between 1 hour 30 minutes and 2 hours 30 minutes (plus extra time for those who are eligible).
- Exam halls will be formally set out as for external exams. Students with additional requirements will be accommodated to meet their needs (extra time, use of a computer, smaller room etc.). Any on-the-day queries regarding exam arrangements should be raised with the invigilator and then followed up with the Learning Support team if needed.
- Students can log in to Cedar to view their individual exam timetable – this can be found under the A+ Exams and Results icon. The timetable displays the exam room and desk number for each mock exam.
- A small number of students have clashes between their mocks. The Exams Office have contacted students directly by email to let them know how the clash will be resolved.
- Bags, mobile phones, smart glasses, ear pods and watches are not allowed, mirroring the conditions in external exams. Belongings should be left in lockers, or the drop-off organised with the relevant subject department; they should not be brought to the exam room.
- Grades will be released to students on a subject-by-subject basis, whenever the marking is completed by the subject department.

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 10 November - University of Lancaster. Limited availability**

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

Apprenticeship Advice and Help

Monday 23 November: University of Derby Apprenticeship Session

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 (FULL)
- 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.

Careers Newsletter - October Edition

The October edition of the Careers Newsletter is now available! You can access it via the link below to catch up on the latest careers news, opportunities, and updates: October Careers Newsletter

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 organisations can offer.

Dates for your diary:

- **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.**
- **Thursday 19 November – University of Sheffield, University of Derby, Leeds Beckett University, University of Bradford & RSM UK.**

Interested in an Apprenticeship in Quantity Surveying?

Greenhead alumni Jayden Lawrence is returning to College to share his journey from being a student to securing a highly competitive apprenticeship. Jayden is currently working for SES Engineering Services, part of the Wates Group, where he is training to become a Quantity Surveyor.

Come along to find out:

- How Jayden successfully secured his apprenticeship
- What the application and recruitment process involved
- What a Quantity Surveyor does
- Why quantity surveying is a skills shortage area with excellent career prospects and opportunities for progression

The talk will take place at the start of lunch on Monday 19 October in the Careers Hub. If you're considering an apprenticeship or want to learn more about careers in construction and engineering, this is a great opportunity to hear directly from someone who recently went through the process. The role of a Quantity Surveyor involves many of the commercial, financial, and analytical skills associated with accountancy, making it a worthwhile option for students considering accountancy apprenticeships or careers in finance. We hope to see you there!

Accenture Apprenticeships Talk

Careers have arranged a lunchtime talk with Chris McGlaughlin from Accenture (in M3) **on 17 November 2026**. The talk is of particular interest to any students considering careers in engineering, technology, data mining/analysis, cyber security, etc.

Accenture is a global technology company with more than 800,000 employees worldwide operating in 49 different countries. They help organisations solve problems and improve the way they work by designing, building and supporting their technology infrastructure. Their people work in areas such as software development, data and AI, and cyber security, helping large businesses and public services use technology more effectively. Chris McLaughlin is an Engineering Manager at Accenture. He works on a large team that builds and improves online services for a major government department. Apprenticeships | Accenture

Sports Round-Up – 13 and 14 October

Team	Results
Netball 1st Team	AoC Regional Champions
Basketball	2 Tournament Wins
Netball 3rd Team	Won 42-28 vs EHC
Women's Football	Drew 0-0 vs Wyke
Men's Football Tournament	Group Stage Exit
Football 2nd Team	Lost 4-2 vs Doncaster
Football 1st Team	Lost 3-2 vs Doncaster

Performance of the Week
Netball 1st Team - AoC Regional Champions and qualified for the AoC National Championships in Nottingham.

AoC Regionals - 13 October 2026

Netball 1st Team

An outstanding first tournament outing for the team saw them progress through five matches unbeaten to reach the semi-finals.

In the semi-final, Greenhead produced a dominant performance to defeat Thomas Rotherham 22-5, securing a place in the final against Wyke.

The team approached the final with confidence and a determination to play together. That teamwork paid off as Greenhead claimed a superb 16-6 victory, becoming AoC Regional Champions and securing qualification for the AoC National Championships in Nottingham next April.

Congratulations to the team on an incredible achievement!

AoC Regionals - 14 October 2026

Basketball Team

The basketball team competed in the annual Regional Tournament at Huddersfield University.

Led by Dimos and Ethan, the team secured two victories and delivered some strong performances throughout the day.

The squad now turns its attention back to the league as they look to retain their title.

Next Fixture: John Leggott College (Away) - 21 October

AoC Fixtures - 14 October 2026

Netball 3rd Team

Greenhead College 42-28 Elliot Hudson College

The 3rd Team began their season in style with a convincing home victory over Elliot Hudson College.

Playing together as a full team for the first time, the players grew into the game after a slightly nervous opening quarter. As confidence increased, so did the quality of performance, leading to a well-deserved 42-28 win.

Well done to all involved and thank you to Elliot Hudson College for providing excellent opposition.

Player of the Match: A special mention goes to captain Florence for her outstanding display.

Women's Football

Greenhead College 0-0 Wyke

A tightly contested match at Highfields ended in a goalless draw against Wyke.

The team defended strongly throughout the game and adapted well to the demands of the match. The midfield worked tirelessly to support attacks and link play with the forwards, while the defence remained composed under pressure.

Player of the Match: Eibhlin delivered an excellent performance, constantly looking to receive possession from midfield and drive the team forward.

Men's Football

AoC Tournament - Hull

Unfortunately, the men's football team were eliminated at the group stage.

Results

- Lost 2-1 vs Kirklees College
- Lost 1-0 vs York College
- Won 3-2 vs Sheffield College
- Drew 1-1 vs Barnsley College
- Won 3-0 vs Selby College (walkover awarded after Selby left early)

A slow start to the tournament ultimately proved costly and denied the team a place in the semi-finals.

Goalscorers

- Sam (3)
- Easah (1)
- Paul (1)

Football 2nd Team

Doncaster 4-2 Greenhead College

Greenhead's second team suffered a disappointing defeat on the road despite producing some excellent passages of play.

The visitors started brightly and created several early opportunities before falling behind on the counter-attack following a short corner.

Greenhead responded well and levelled through Noah, who volleyed home after an Alex long throw was flicked on by Callum.

The sides went into the break level at 1-1, but a loss of composure in the second half proved costly. Doncaster capitalised on a series of free-kick opportunities and added a fourth goal as Greenhead pushed men forward in search of an equaliser.

A late formation change brought some reward when Ewan rounded the goalkeeper and scored after an excellent pass from Noah.

Despite the scoreline, Greenhead remained competitive throughout and created several opportunities.

Player of the Match: Noah scored 1 goal, 1 assist and had a tireless work rate throughout the game.

Football 1st Team

Greenhead College 2-3 Doncaster

For the second consecutive home game, Greenhead conceded three goals and were punished for lapses in concentration immediately after scoring.

Doncaster took an early lead before Greenhead responded through Archie C, who headed home from a James corner to make it 1-1.

However, within a minute, Doncaster regained the lead.

The hosts fought back again early in the second half when Amaan was fouled in the penalty area and Archie A coolly converted from the spot.

Yet, once again, Greenhead conceded almost immediately, allowing Doncaster to restore their advantage.

Despite late pressure, Greenhead struggled to create clear opportunities against a well-organised defence and were unable to find a third equaliser.

Greenhead Goalscorers

- Archie C
- Archie A

Player of the Match: Archie C

Key Dates

AUTUMN TERM 2026

- A1 Geography Fieldwork 1 - Monday 19 October 2026
- Black History Month Student Showcase - 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