

Weekly message for Greenhead College students and parents/carers

Friday, 24 May 2024



Dear all,

Formal end-of-course exams have been continuing for A2 students this week. I hope these have gone well for everybody. After today, the exams will resume on **Monday, 3 June**.

Lessons will start again for A1 students on the above date and continue until **Tuesday, 9 July**.

Here are this week's messages:

MESSAGE FOR ALL STUDENTS AND PARENTS/CARERS

Academic skills weekly top tip

This week we are recommending you engage in 'super-curricular' activities. These are activities which go above and beyond the curriculum and allow you to build on what you are learning in your lessons. This half-term break could be a good opportunity to explore your subjects further by doing some super curricular activities.

Broaden your knowledge and confidence by reading an article about a topic you are currently studying, such as a scientific or political publication like 'The Economist' or 'Chemistry Today'.

Improve your understanding of a current topic by watching a relevant documentary, film or TV series. It could be in a language you are studying or on a complex topic that you wish to grasp in a deeper way.

Broaden your awareness of a topic you have recently been studying by listening to a podcast such as 'Radio 4 In Our Time' or the 'ZOE' podcasts on health.

Listen to a TED talk	Watch a video on You Tube EDU	Do a writing challenge or competition
Read online newspaper articles	Join a society dedicated to your subject to read current updates	Go on a trip to a landmark or relevant location
Visit a museum	Go to the theatre or listen to live music	Visit an art gallery

Wider exploration will increase your vocabulary and improve your engagement with the topic. In turn this can lead to better writing skills and analysis which can enhance your exam performance or improve your personal statement and passion for a subject.

REMINDERS FOR A1 STUDENTS AND PARENTS/CARERS

Independent study days

A reminder to A1 students that on the following three dates they will be set work to do independently by their teachers: **Tuesday, 4 June, Monday, 10 June and Tuesday, 11 June.**

This is because there are large-scale exams for A2 students taking place on these dates where we will require use of every single teaching space in College.

Student information meeting – Thursday, 6 June, 12.05-1.05 (note – six period day)

A reminder that all A1 students must attend a compulsory information meeting in College on **Thursday, 6 June at 12.05 pm** specific to their chosen career area. They will be messaged via Teams after half-term with further details and to confirm which room they should go to.

At the meeting, a member of staff who will be facilitating the week for a student's chosen career area will:

- Confirm the timetable and outline activities planned for **Step Into Your Future Week (24-28 June)**, including the Careers Fair on the Friday morning.
- Clarify arrangements (especially for any trips) and expectations for the week.

REMINDER FOR A2 STUDENTS AND PARENTS/CARERS

Revision

A reminder to A2 students to stay in touch with your teachers and Personal Tutor, should you have any concerns about your upcoming exams. The exams office can be contacted at exams@greenhead.ac.uk.

Please continue to use the library and study areas should you require a space in College to revise. You are also still welcome to use the counselling service right up until the end of the academic year (12 July).

Best wishes,

Simon Lett, Principal