

Weekly message for Greenhead College students and parents/carers

Friday, 21 June 2024



Dear all,

Once again, I hope this has been a good week for all Greenhead students. In particular, I hope exams have gone smoothly for the A2 students and that lessons have also gone well for A1s.

Here are this week's messages:

MESSAGES FOR ALL STUDENTS AND PARENTS/CARERS

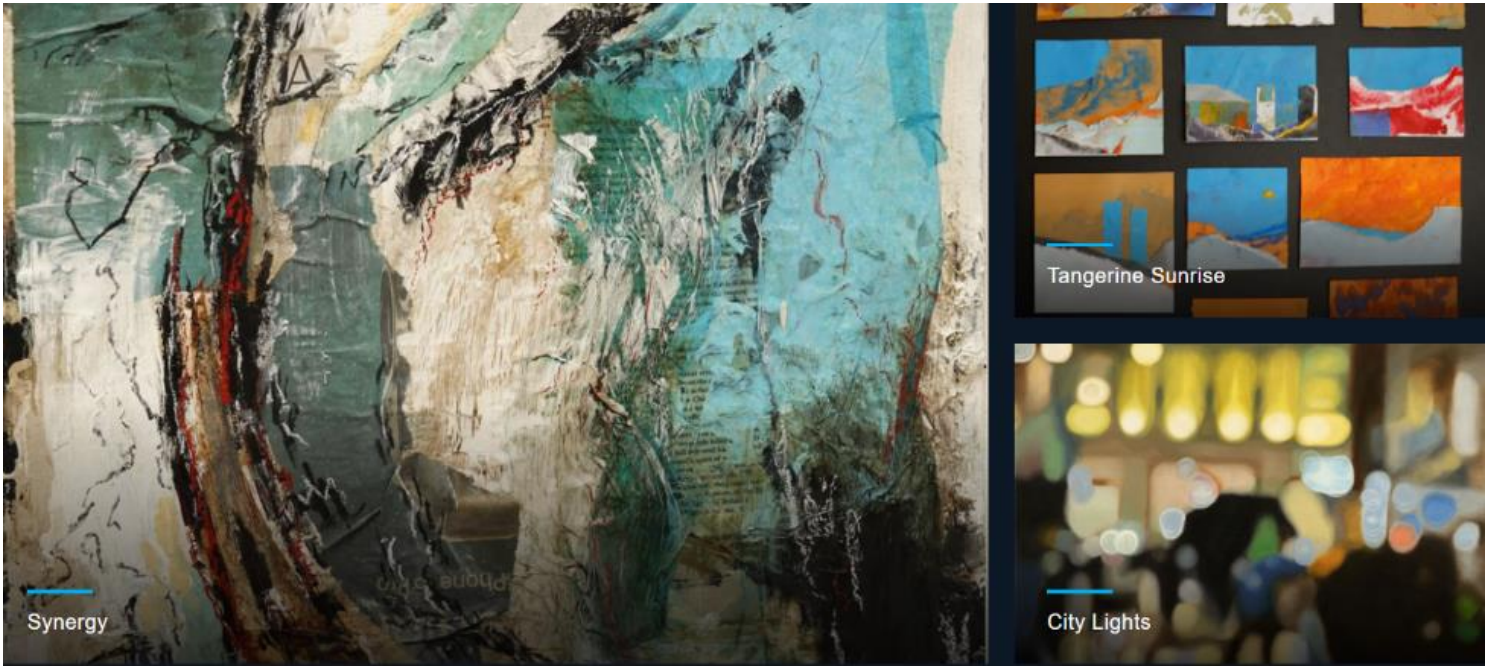
Summer Safety Project

As the summer break approaches, we are all too aware that for some students this can provide its own challenges. Many of our students will be experiencing their first independent summers, home or abroad, but we also know that for some it can be an isolating time.

With this in mind, we will be running a Summer Safety Project, to share information and signpost students to support. On **Monday, 1 July** we will be hosting a number of external support agencies here in College, where students will be able to speak to a range of professionals, including the **RNLI** (Royal National Lifeboat Institution), **The Base** (Kirklees drug and alcohol support), **CAMHS** (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services), **The Brunswick Centre** (offers a suite of projects to communities in Kirklees and Calderdale) and **PDAP** (Pennine Domestic Abuse Partnership), to understand more about how to keep themselves safe, physically and emotionally, and how to access support should they need it.

Further information will also be available on our website.

Art exhibition 2024



This week saw our annual Art Show take place in College. Can I take this opportunity to thank the Art students and staff for a truly inspirational show. The quality of students' work this year was simply outstanding.

Also, the SFCA (Sixth Form Colleges Association) has opened this year's online [Art Exhibition](#), which features work from Greenhead students.

Bill Watkin, CEO of the SFCA, said:

“The theme of the 2024 Art Exhibition for sixth form college students is Living the Dream, and the next generation of talented young artists reflect on the people, events and places that have brought joy and delight to their lives. What makes us feel like we are Living the Dream? What does Living the Dream feel like?”

There are people we meet, things we do and places we go, that make our hearts sing, whether a gentle melody or a full choral crescendo. They can be obviously delightful or surprisingly ordinary. But they have a particular significance and an importance, fleeting or long-lasting, in our lives. Students' work might depict actual people, events and places, or it might represent a more abstract expression of how it feels to be Living the Dream.

Sixth form colleges represent a vital supply pipeline of the professional artists of the future, and this is their platform to stimulate our thinking about the wonders of the world we live in, to remind us of why the arts matter, to showcase their skills, and to convey their views and feelings.

This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the arts and advance their place in the curriculum, and their importance in our lives. It is also a time to recognise excellence in sixth form colleges and the creative skills of the students. It is imperative that we keep the arts in education secure and flourishing. If young people are to make a truly valuable contribution to society, even if they are to be successful scientists, engineers, doctors and technicians, they need to develop their creative skills, their artistic sensitivities and their ability to communicate and interact with others.”

I hope you will agree that there are excellent and stimulating pieces to enjoy here.

Many congratulations to all the artists involved.

Greenhead rugby star

The 21 Squad of the very best of England's emerging rugby talent has recently been announced for England Academy's match against France on **Tuesday, 2 July**. I am thrilled to report that Greenhead student **Archie Sykes** has been selected for this upcoming match.



Well done, Archie – we are very proud of you!

MESSAGES FOR A1 STUDENTS AND PARENTS/CARERS

Step Into Week 24-28 June

A reminder that all our A1 students will be off timetable next week and taking part in a wide range of career focused activities, both in College and offsite.



Step Into Your
Future Week

All students have access to a dedicated Step into Team, which shows their timetable and other resources.

Please can parents/carers ensure they are fully aware of what is planned, the timings and where their child should be each day.

We are extremely grateful to all the organisations and to our own staff for their help and support with running the Step Into week. This is a great opportunity for our students to explore future career and training opportunities, and we hope they have a safe, beneficial and enjoyable week.

Step Into Your Future careers event – Friday, 28 June

The culmination of Step Into Your Future week will be next Friday's careers event, where we will have around 90 organisations in College to talk to A1 students about a range of post-College options. (See the poster below.)



This year, the event will be taking place in the new Hirst building, so we are anticipating it'll be better than ever.

For those students who are in work placements during Step Into week, please be assured we will have organisations in next year on a weekly basis over lunchtimes, where you can discuss your future ideas.

Students may like to be aware that this event is also taking place, which may also be helpful: [MyDirections | Let's talk HE - June 2024](#).

MESSAGE FOR A2 STUDENTS AND PARENTS/CARERS

End of exams

Finally, can I express my huge thanks to all the A2 students for getting through to the end of their exams. Well done! I am sure you will achieve some outstanding results in August.

A reminder that careers support is available over the summer via [MyDirections](#). Also, please let us know your plans post College via this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/gmYDMfnh0W>.

Best wishes,

Simon Lett,
Principal