

Weekly message for Greenhead College students and parents/carers

Friday, 7 June 2024



Dear all,

This week, exams have been continuing for our A2 students and I hope these have gone smoothly for everyone. Lessons have recommenced for A1 students and yesterday we held important meetings regarding Step Into Your Future Week. (There are further details about this later in this message.)

Also, we welcomed over 500 parents and carers of prospective Greenhead students to our first online information event this week. This was designed to help prepare the next cohort of A1 students in advance of their enrolment and induction this August.

Here are this week's messages:

MESSAGES FOR ALL STUDENTS AND PARENTS/CARERS

Academic skills weekly top tip

This is the final weekly top tip, but I wanted to finish with a reminder to all students and parents/carers that there is a huge amount of academic skills support in College to help you with your studies:

- Students can go to the Academic Skills Service button on Moodle and choose 'What are Academic Skills?', to read information about revision techniques, time management, writing skills, exam technique, concentration, note taking, reading, motivation, distributed practice, or good habits for success.
- Students can also access interactive resources in the same place on Moodle about time management and organisation, revision and consolidation, and planning for learning.
- There is a section in the College library with helpful books and resources about study skills and ways to develop as an independent learner.

- If students would like to meet an academic skills mentor to access support in person, please use the Academic Skills Service button on Moodle and go to 'Book An Appointment', or use [this link](#).

Students can access all our top tips in the newsletters on the College website. I hope you've found our weekly top tips useful and will implement some of these ideas to help improve your confidence and autonomy.

Register to vote

Can I please encourage all our 18+ students to [register to vote](#) in the general election. The National Union of Students (NUS) is asking all students to make a simple pledge to vote which can be found [here](#).

Once you have pledged to vote, the NUS will send you:

- Information on how to register to vote.
- Information on how to get your free Voter ID.
- Information on how to vote.
- Reminders to vote on polling day.

Toilet facilities

In my weekly message of 17 May, I asked all students to treat the toilet facilities in College as they would at home or at work. Please note that toilet facilities in five blocks on campus are now being monitored by CCTV.

These cameras are positioned in the corridors, near the amenities, *not* in the actual facilities themselves. Prominent signs will denote which areas are being monitored by cameras. Further information about why we use CCTV in College and who is authorised to look at footage can be found in our [CCTV Policy](#).

Netflix success for former Greenhead College student

Students and parents/carers will be aware that I like to use this newsletter to celebrate the success of former students. Jessica Gunning is a former Greenhead student who has appeared in TV series such as 'White Heat', 'What Remains', 'Back' and, most recently, the critically acclaimed and popular Netflix series 'Baby Reindeer'.

Jessica said: *"I went to Greenhead around 2002 & 2003, so gosh more than twenty years ago now – man that makes me feel old!"*

Jessica studied A Levels in Drama and Theatre Studies, English Literature, Psychology and Law.

She said: *"I used to love doing all the plays with Alison - one called the 'Insect Play' was a particular fave. And I was also in 'Little Shop of Horrors' where I met my friend Sam Curtis Lindsay (now Artistic Director of Hackney Showroom) who was the person who encouraged me to audition for Drama School!"*

Jessica's success is a testament to the importance of the arts and how our creative arts subjects at Greenhead can lead to amazing future success.



(Photo courtesy of Markham, Froggatt & Irwin.)

REMINDERS FOR A1 STUDENTS AND PARENTS/CARERS

Independent study days

A reminder to A1 students that on the following two dates they will be set work to do independently by their teachers: **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.

Step Into Your Future Week

Important information meetings were held in College this week to discuss arrangements for Step Into Your Future Week, which will be taking place **w/c 24 June**. If any A1 students were unable to attend their meeting, they must contact their lead member of staff immediately to collect important information or see Claire or Sophie in the Step Into office.

All A1 students have been added to a dedicated Step Into Team, which has the timetable and other resources for the week. Could parents/carers of A1 students please make sure they are fully aware of the programme, particularly the timings for the week, which will be different to the usual College timetable. Please email Claire Barnes, Placement Manager, if you have any queries: cbarnes@greenhead.ac.uk.

Multi-factor authentication



Multi-Factor Authentication for Students

Starting from **June 3 2024**, A1 students will be required to download and sign up to the Official Microsoft Multi-Factor Authenticator App. **This does not affect A2 students.**

Students must have the authenticator in order to access college resources outside of College.

Students must register by June 17 2024

Download on the App Store | GET IT ON Google Play | Scan for further instructions

The poster features three QR codes for downloading the app and scanning for instructions. A red hand-drawn oval highlights the text: "Students must have the authenticator in order to access college resources outside of College. Students must register by June 17 2024".

Can I also remind the A1 students they are required to download and sign up to the official Microsoft Multi-Factor Authenticator App.

A1s must have the authenticator in order to access resources outside College. The deadline date for registration is **Monday, 17 June**.

Please see the IT Support Team in M9 if you have any problems with this.

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