

Weekly message for Greenhead College students and parents/carers

Friday, 5 July 2024



Dear all,

Today concludes the final full week of teaching for the 2023-24 academic year. Just to remind students and parents/carers that the last full day of teaching will be on **Tuesday, 9 July**.

This is also the final weekly message of the year, so here are my last set of messages:

MESSAGES FOR ALL STUDENTS AND PARENTS/CARERS

Summer support

I hope students find the time and space to relax and focus on their well-being over the coming weeks. Should students require wellbeing-related help over the summer holidays, our [Moodle well-being page](#) provides a list of extensive support.

If you need to talk, here are some support lines you can contact: [Shout](#), [Samaritans](#), [Childline](#).

While we are all ready for a rest after a long academic year, the unstructured nature of the summer break and holidays can feel challenging for neurodiverse people. Here are some links with ideas about [preparing for holidays](#) and [free time on holiday](#).

Our Marketing team has also updated an area on our website to signpost key services and advice as part of the [Summer Safety Project](#).

Coffee club

Coffee Club is open to all students and is an opportunity to meet new people, enjoy a range of different activities and invest in your well-being. The last Coffee Club of the academic year will take place **today** at **1.05 pm** in room **C6**.

Lost property

Students should speak to a member of our front office team before the end of the academic year if they have lost an item of personal property, as we have several unclaimed items in reception.

Careers Fair

Greenhead's annual 'Step Into Your Future Careers Fair' was held last Friday and was, once again, very successful. The aim of the event was to bring students into contact with representatives from higher and further education, industry, and the charity/voluntary sector.

This year, we were very lucky to welcome back many alumni from a range of organisations to talk to our students about their post-A Level experience. The event was very busy, with around 90 organisations in attendance (*see pictures, below*).

Visitors' feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with one commenting: *"I have been to (careers) fairs around the country and the Greenhead College students appear to be the most prepared and knowledgeable about their subject areas and course requirements. Very impressed!"*

We will continue to invite organisations into College on a weekly basis in the next academic year.



Manifesto for nature recovery

Earlier this term, Greenhead College was thrilled to be invited to provide input into the West Yorkshire Combined Authority's 'Local Nature Recovery Strategy', which identifies how and where to recover nature and improve the environment. A diverse group of twelve students from across our region formulated a young people's manifesto for nature recovery.

It was fantastic to hear the passion with which the students spoke about the importance of nature and to learn what they think the Combined Authority's priorities should be. (*See pictures, overleaf.*)

There will be further updates on this in the new academic year.



Turing Scheme success

The Turing Scheme is the UK government's programme to provide funding for international opportunities in education and training across the world. As part of this scheme, 31 Greenhead students and four members of staff recently took part in a range of activities in Malta and Gozo. (See pictures below/overleaf.)

Our students participated in activities such as zip lines, scuba diving and cultural tours. A full journal of their time away can be seen on our Instagram page: [@greenheadsports](https://www.instagram.com/greenheadsports).

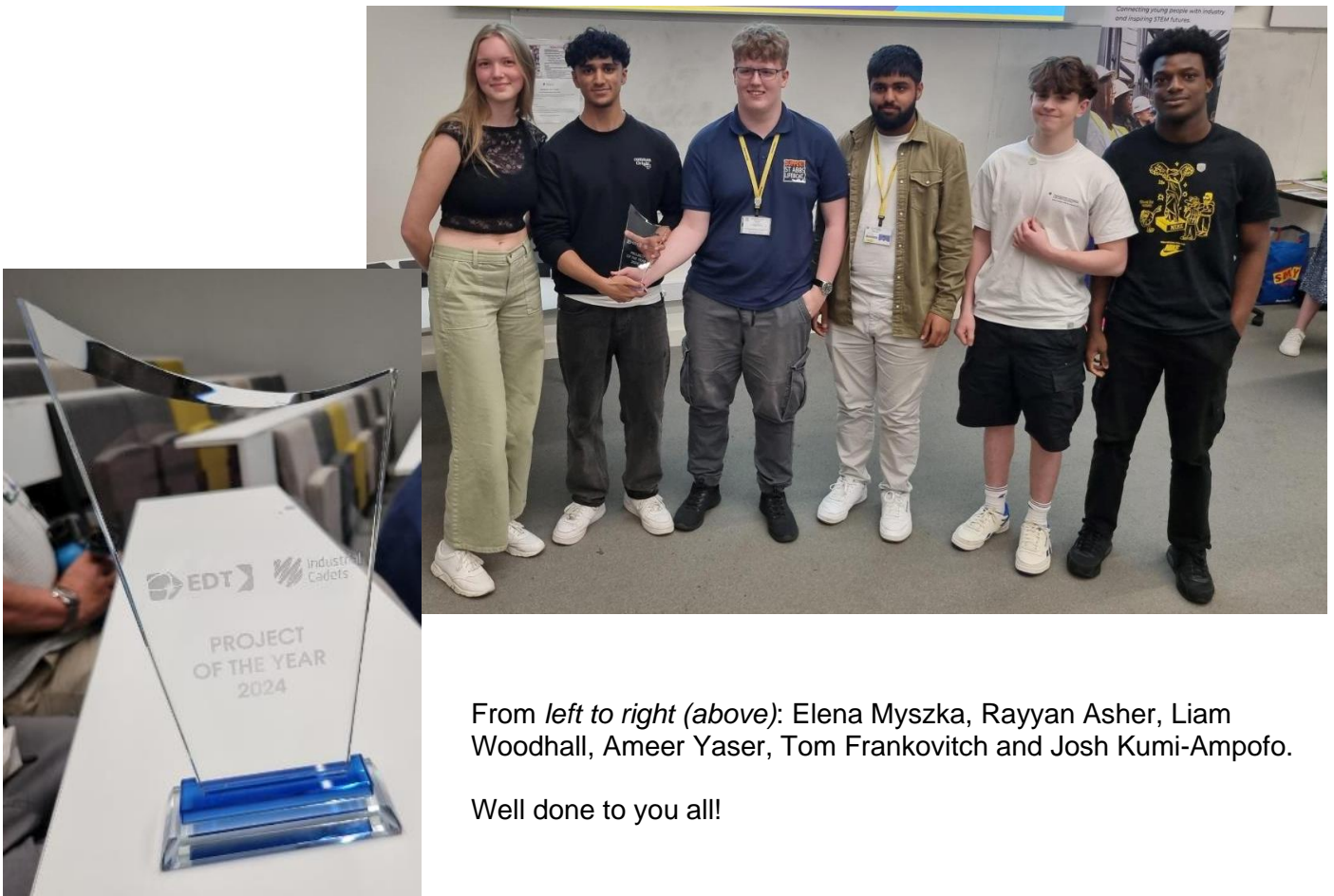
Staff have reported to me that students' behaviour and commitment were exceptional, so well done to all those who took part – I'm sure it was an amazing experience!





'Industrial Cadets Scheme' award

As part of their enrichment, Greenhead students have been taking part across the year in the 'Industrial Cadets Scheme'. Last week, they returned triumphant from a regional celebration event at the University of Liverpool, having won the 'Project of the Year Award'. Working with Reliance Precision, they developed a machine for automatically cutting screws to length.



From *left to right (above)*: Elena Myszka, Rayyan Asher, Liam Woodhall, Ameer Yaser, Tom Frankovitch and Josh Kumi-Ampofo.

Well done to you all!

MESSAGES FOR A1 STUDENTS AND PARENTS/CARERS

Start of term arrangements

Can I remind students that the new term will start on **Thursday, 29 August**, not on **Monday, 2 September**, which was the date previously advertised in my assembly in March.

Bursary support

Current A1 students can apply for their 2024-2025 Student Bursary from **Monday, 8 July**. Bursary support is subject to household income/circumstances. Household income must be below £28,000 (excluding benefits) to qualify.

The College will consider any application with household income from £28,000 up to £30,000 (if funding allows) and providing the application has been made in full before the deadline date of **Monday, 30 September**. Please see the [Student bursary Moodle page](#) for further details.

Once approved, students will be informed in an email and any scheduled payments can be viewed via the [Student Portal](#). Should you have any further questions, please email bursary@greenhead.ac.uk.

A1 results day

This is an important message for those **A1 students** who have studied:

- **Maths** (Maths and Further Maths students only),
- **Core Maths**,
- **Medical Science** and
- **Health and Social Care**.

On **Thursday, 15 August** at **8.00 am**, the overall grade for these subjects will be available to view on Cedar. Locate the green menu on the left side of the screen, click on the A+ **Exams and Results** link, and select **Exam Results**.



A hard copy of the results sheet will be available on your return in September.

If you have any concerns about the grade awarded (and we hope this will not be the case), it is vital that you speak to Exams staff as soon as you can. There are strict deadlines to be adhered to for post results services, including access to scripts and reviews of marking.

Full details of the services that will be available can be found on the Exams section of the College website, found [here](#).

All applications for post results queries must be administered through the Exams Office (**M24**) which will be open as follows:

Exams Office opening hours	
Thursday, 15 August 2024 Results day	8.00 am – 4.00 pm
Friday, 16 August 2024	9.00 am – 3.00 pm
Monday, 19 August 2024	
	Office closed
Tuesday, 20 August 2024	9.00 am – 3.00 pm
Wednesday, 21 August 2024	9.00 am – 3.00 pm
Thursday, 22 August 2024 12.00 noon deadline for priority reviews of marking (certain qualifications only)	9.00 am – 3.00 pm
Friday, 23 August 2024	Office closed
Tuesday, 27 August 2024	
	College re-opens

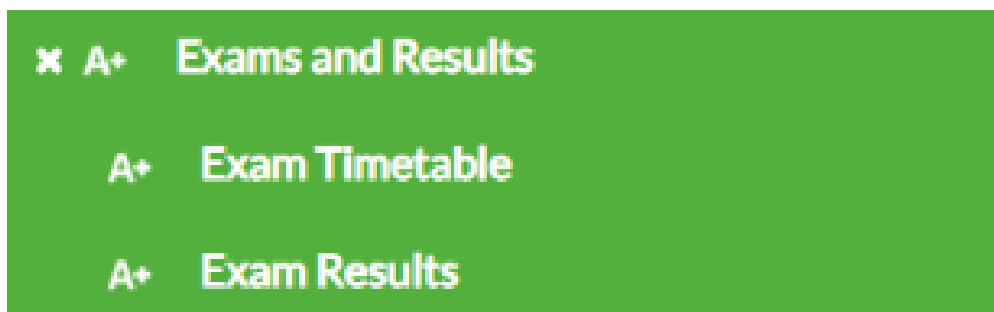
Should students and/or parents/carers require any further guidance or have any queries, please email exams@greenhead.ac.uk. Please also remember that there will be staff available in College to talk to should you need any welfare or careers-related support. (Please ensure you wear your lanyard, complete with student card.)

Alternatively contact us on Teams (details to follow) or phone the College on 01484 422032.

MESSAGE FOR A2 STUDENTS AND PARENTS/CARERS

A2 results day

On **Thursday, 15 August**, log in to Cedar from **8.00 am** to view your results on the **Results** tab. Locate the green menu on the left side of the screen, click on the A+ **Exams and Results** link and select **Exam Results**.



Your subject results will be reported as an overall grade. Information regarding marks achieved and grade boundaries will also be available once this is published by the exam boards.

Results slips will be posted to your home address in the days following results day and will provide confirmation of what you have viewed on Cedar. The Cedar results page can also be printed, if needed.

After checking your results, please log on to your UCAS Hub as soon as possible to check your University place.

If you achieve what you're hoping for, many congratulations and well done!

Results day celebration event: This will take place on results day from 9.00-10.00 am in the Hirst building canteen area and will be a great opportunity to come back to Greenhead College to celebrate with friends, family and College staff.

There will be music, a celebration drink and a small gift for you to take away. To help us determine gift and drink requirements, please complete this [online form](#) by **Friday, 19 July**, to let us know whether you will be attending. If you miss this deadline, you are of course still very welcome to attend on the day, though we cannot guarantee a drink/gift.



Results day queries: Having received your results, you may wish to speak in person to a member of staff from our Careers team or a member of senior staff. Do come into College to obtain any further welfare or career-related support you may need. (Please ensure you wear your lanyard, complete with student card.)

Alternatively contact us on Teams (details to follow) or phone the College on 01484 422032.

The University of Huddersfield and the University of Bradford will also be onsite from **8.00 am** to offer advice, guidance and information about live clearing vacancies on their courses.

We are here to help and support you.

Post results services: If you have concerns about any of your grades (and we hope this will not be the case), it is vital that you speak to Exams staff as soon as you can. There are strict deadlines for post results services, including access to scripts and reviews of marking.

Full details of the services that will be available can be found on the [Exams section](#) of the College website.

All applications for post results queries are administered through the Exams Office (**M24**), which will be open as follows:

Exams Office opening hours	
Thursday, 15 August 2024 Results day	8.00 am – 4.00 pm
Friday, 16 August 2024	9.00 am – 3.00 pm
Monday, 19 August 2024	
	Office closed
Tuesday, 20 August 2024	9.00 am – 3.00 pm
Wednesday, 21 August 2024	9.00 am – 3.00 pm
Thursday, 22 August 2024 12.00 noon deadline for priority reviews of marking	9.00 am – 3.00 pm
Friday, 23 August 2024	Office closed
Tuesday, 27 August 2024	
	College re-opens

Destinations: For all A2 leavers, please let us know what you are doing after College by emailing careers@greenhead.ac.uk. Please include your name, student number and details of your course/job title as well as your Employer/University/College.

If you are taking a year out, do let us know your immediate and future plans. Should you need any help or advice from careers staff, please use this email to get in touch.

Certificates: A Level certificates will arrive in College by the end of November 2024. We will be in touch to let students know how these will be distributed, once received. Please keep the Exams Office informed of any home address changes using the email address below.

Should students and/or parents/carers require further guidance or have any queries, please email exams@greenhead.ac.uk.

Reunion evening: This will be held on **Thursday, 19 December**. Further details will be issued in due course.

FINALLY...

Farewell from me!

Left: the opening of our new 'Hirst building' in April 2024 – it's an amazing new facility for Greenhead's students.
Right: it was great to be part of the College's most recent Ofsted inspection in March 2022, where we maintained our 'Outstanding' rating.



This is my final weekly message. I do hope you have found these useful and that you've had an opportunity to find out more about the Greenhead College community through these weekly communications.

This is also my final opportunity to send a message to students and parents/carers, before I leave to take up my new post as Principal of Winstanley College in September.

I believe the College is blessed to have truly wonderful students, who have high aspirations and are passionate about wanting to create a better world.

To help them, they have been supported by our talented and hardworking staff. May I take this opportunity to thank them for the support they have given me over the last eight years.



Above: Graham Cooksey, Greenhead's first Principal, who has continued to maintain a keen interest in the work of the College.

Above: being gunged during my first Charity Day in 2016. I've always been very proud of my Charity Day outfits – this is the one from 2021!



Left: next to me are Tom, Magdaline, Jess, Mo, Paddy, Lauren, Sarah, Mark, Usman and Claire – my wonderful colleagues in the College Leadership Team.

Below: the highlight of my time at Greenhead, our trip to Los Angeles in April 2023. The students were amazing!

Finally, I wish all Greenhead students and parents/carers good luck for the future. It has been the honour of my life to lead Greenhead College. I feel very fortunate to have been given the opportunity to be Principal of a very special place.



With my very best wishes, Simon