



GREENHEAD COLLEGE

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To all prospective Greenhead College students

Dear all

I hope you and your families are safe and well. We are really looking forward to welcoming you in September as you start your A Level journey at Greenhead College.

We are very aware that these are far from normal times. The cancellation of your GCSE exams this summer may have caused you concern, particularly around the grades you will be awarded and your offer of a place to study at Greenhead College.

I am therefore writing to you to address some of the questions you have.

1. Will the cancellation of my GCSE exams affect my place at Greenhead College?

At enrolment, we will be reviewing the grades you have been awarded by the examination boards this summer. All prospective students will need to have achieved GCSE grade 4 or higher in GCSE English Language and GCSE Mathematics. In addition to this, a minimum of grade 6 in three GCSE subjects must be achieved. This may include GCSE English Language and GCSE Mathematics.

Please see the entry requirements section on our [website](#) for further information.

2. Will I need to sit an entrance exam because my GCSE exams have been cancelled?

No, you will not need to sit any form of entrance exam to obtain your place. You will need to have met the entry requirements as stated in the section above.

3. Will the entry requirements for my A Level subjects be changing?

No, we won't be changing any of our entry requirements in September. Our entry requirements at enrolment will be the same as they were when you originally applied to us.

4. Should I complete my GCSE work?

My advice is to speak to your teachers at school about this in the first instance. I would recommend that you finish the course content for GCSE English and Mathematics, alongside any GCSE subjects which you will be taking at A Level. This doesn't mean you will need to complete any more assessed work for your GCSEs – just the course content.

5. How can I prepare for my A Levels?

Please go to [Year 11 Summer Work 2020](#) where you will find a series of activities for each of our A Levels which will be available from the week beginning Monday, 11 May. There is also some work you can do around general study skills which will help you with your transition to A Level studies. It would be very helpful if you could complete these tasks before the start of term. However, don't worry if you are finding it difficult completing remote learning at home – none of this work is going to be assessed.



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6. Can I change one of my A Level subjects?

At enrolment we'll do our very best to make any changes to your study programme. However, this will depend on the availability of places and on meeting the entry requirements for the subject you wish to take up. Please have a go at completing the tasks on our website for any new subject you wish to do.

7. When will the new term start?

Enrolment for our partner schools will be on Tuesday, 1 September and for all other schools, Wednesday, 2 September. We will contact you in the summer with further information, including the time of your enrolment appointment and what to bring on the day. We will also write to you if there are any changes to these dates.

8. What should I do if I haven't met the entry requirements?

There will be a 'late consideration' form on our website which you should complete if you have not met the entry requirements. As you may be aware, there will be an opportunity for you to sit GCSE exams in the autumn but no specific details have been revealed as yet. Please ensure you obtain information about this from your school when the details are announced.

9. Will you hold my place if I need to take exams this autumn in order to meet the entry requirements?

We are still waiting for more clarification and guidance on this. The College would need to obtain advice on this from Ofqual once details of the exams this autumn are made public. Please complete the 'late consideration' form on our website in the first instance.

10. Will I be able to cope with A Levels as I haven't sat any GCSE exams?

Yes, we will be adapting our calendar so there will be a longer induction period for each subject at the start of term. When you start College you'll be allocated a Personal Tutor who'll work closely with you over the two years to ensure you get the support you need to stay on track. These members of staff will also be providing you with extra support at the start of term. In addition, we have a team of learning mentors and counsellors who can offer continual support throughout your course.

11. What should I do if I have concerns about my health or wellbeing?

If you have concerns about your current physical or mental health, please do speak to a member of staff at school or seek other support.

For example, you may also like to be aware that Kooth is providing online digital support during this very difficult period. Details can be found [here](#). Additionally, the government has published [information](#) regarding staying safe online during the Coronavirus pandemic.

ChatHealth is an award-winning text messaging service which is now available for young people in Kirklees aged 11-19 years. More information can be found [here](#). You can receive advice on a range of matters, including emotional health and wellbeing, bullying, healthy



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eating, and any general health concerns. The number is 07520 618866 and is available Monday to Friday from 8.00 am to 8.00 pm.

12. Who should I speak to if I have further questions?

If you have any further questions about your progression to Greenhead College in September, please contact Mo Bunter (Deputy Principal – mbunter@greenhead.ac.uk) or Jane Rylah (Liaison and Marketing Manager – jrylah@greenhead.ac.uk).

I would also encourage you to contact your Tutor or Head of Year at school if you have any general questions about progression to further education.

On behalf of the entire staff at Greenhead, could I say how much we are looking forward to welcoming our new cohort of A Level students in September.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to extend my best wishes to you and your families.

Take care and stay safe,

SIMON LETT
Principal