

24 FEBRUARY, 2025

THE GREENWELL ACADEMY

A MESSAGE FROM DEAN MONFRIES

Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you as the newly appointed Headteacher of Greenwell Academy. I am absolutely delighted to be joining this wonderful school and community, and I am very much looking forward to getting to know you and your children in the coming weeks and months.

I have been incredibly impressed by Greenwell's dedication to supporting students with Social, Emotional, and Mental Health needs. I believe passionately that every child deserves the opportunity to thrive, to feel safe and supported, and to reach their full potential. I am committed to building on the excellent work already being done here and working collaboratively with the staff and yourselves to ensure that your child continues to provide the very best possible education and care for our students.


I have been working in The Beckmead Trust since its inception and bring "over 20 years of experience in special education. My focus will be on continuing with our nurturing and inclusive environment where every child feels valued, understood, and empowered to succeed. I am eager to meet you all and learn more about your children and your aspirations for them soon.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you need anything. I am incredibly excited to embark on this journey with you all and look forward to a successful and rewarding future for Greenwell Academy

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SCHOOL INFORMATION

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School Admin: Miss R. Vincent
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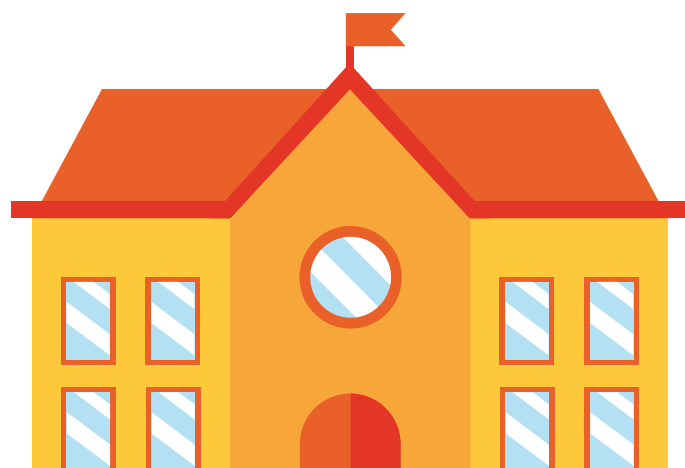
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FOOD ALLERGIES



A friendly reminder to all families that The Greenwell Academy is an allergy-aware school. We have several students with severe food allergies, particularly to nuts. To help ensure everyone's health and safety, please avoid sending snacks or lunch items containing nuts to school.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and support. If your child has recently been diagnosed with a food allergy, we kindly ask that you inform the school as soon as possible.



ATTENDANCE

Attending school on time each and every day ensures children don't miss out on any key learning and helps us give children the best possible start to their lifelong journey of learning.

The Department for Education has released new guidance to improve attendance, and we will be using this to drive our initiatives this year. Our target is 97.5%. The school gate opens from 8.30am and the registers close at 9.15am. Punctuality will be monitored closely, so it's important children arrive on time every day.

We kindly ask that medical appointments be scheduled outside school hours where possible. If not, please provide appointment confirmation. Requests for special leave should be made at least two weeks in advance using the form from the office. Special leave will only be granted in exceptional circumstances, and family holidays are not considered exceptional.

The government expects at least 95% attendance, as strong attendance is directly tied to better outcomes.
Every day counts!

Is my child too ill for school? Please click [here](#) for guidance from the NHS.

SCHOOL UNIFORM UPDATE

We kindly remind all parents to ensure that their children must come to school in their full uniform each day. This should be their Greenwell Academy White t-shirt and Jumper along with black trousers. Uniform is an important part of our school culture, and students are expected to adhere to the dress code. Failure to do so may result in us needing to contact you to bring the correct uniform into school.

If you wish to purchase school uniforms please email us and we will get this prepared for collection. Just a reminder white t-shirts are £9, and jumpers are £13.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we continue to ensure all students are equipped with the appropriate attire.



Whole School Attendance Target: 97.5%

Current Attendance: 92%



Exceptional
100%



Very Good
97% - 99.9%



Potential to Improve
95% - 96%



Must Improve
Below 94%

TERM DATES HOLIDAY REMINDER

Please be reminded that term dates can be found on our school website [here](#). We ask all families to plan holidays only during school holidays.

The Department for Education (DfE) has updated its guidelines effective 31st August 2024 regarding Penalty Notices for Term-Time Leave of Absence or irregular attendance:

1. First Offence

- Fine: £160 per parent, per child (if paid within 28 days).
- Reduced to: £80 per parent, per child (if paid within 21 days).

2. Second Offence (within a rolling 3-year period)

- Fine: £160 per parent, per child (if paid within 28 days).
- No reduction for early payment.

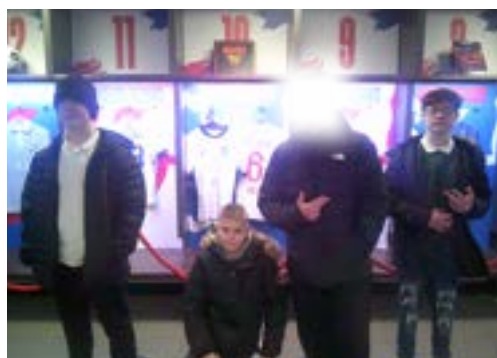
3. Third or Subsequent Offences (within a rolling 3-year period)

- A Penalty Notice will not be issued. Instead, the case will be referred to the Education Welfare Service for prosecution.
- If found guilty in Magistrates' Court, this may result in fines of up to £2,500 per parent, per child.
- Additionally, this could appear on a parent's DBS certificate.

EDUCATIONAL VISIT

WEMBLEY STADIUM

On 29th January, our secondary school students visited Wembley Stadium, exploring its iconic history and world-class facilities. They toured the players' dressing rooms, walked through the famous tunnel, and stood pitch-side, experiencing the thrill of one of the world's most renowned sporting venues. Highlights included seeing the legendary trophy displays, learning about the stadium's architectural design, and discovering its role in hosting historic football matches and major events. The trip provided an engaging, hands-on experience, enriching their understanding of sports history and sparking curiosity about the world of football and entertainment.



ACTIVITIES

THIS TERM



Diary Dates



Spring Term 2

17th February - 21st February 2025	Half Term
24th February 2025	Children return to school
6th March 2025	World Book Day
10th - 14th March	Science Week
21st March 2025	Red Nose Day
4th April 2025	Last day of Term
7th April - 18th April 2025	Spring Holidays
18th April 2025 21st April 2025	Bank Holidays

Should you wish to find out more important dates please click [here](#)



NEW!

INTRODUCING

HOORAY!

'FEEL GOOD FRIDAY'

We are excited to introduce Feel Good Friday as part of our well-being initiative.

Starting Friday 28th February, pupils are invited to wear non-uniform every Friday, giving them the opportunity to express themselves and enjoy a relaxed start to the weekend. This initiative aims to promote a positive mindset and support our ongoing commitment to student well-being.



NEW!

CARERS CORNER

EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES WITH ESSEX YOUTH SERVICE!

Essex Youth Service offers fantastic activities and support for young people with special educational needs and disabilities. From fun clubs and creative workshops to life skills and career guidance, we provide a safe and inclusive space to make friends, build confidence, and try new things.

Come and see what's on offer!

For parents looking to learn more, and view the current opportunities available across the county "[The Youth Service](#)" is an excellent starting point.

NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK 2025

SKILLS FOR LIFE APPRENTICESHIPS

Level	Qualification / educational routes				
8	Doctorate (PhD)		NVQ 8		
7	Masters degree (MA)		Degree apprenticeship / NVQ 5, 6, 7		
6	Bachelors degree BA or BSc				
5	Foundation degree FdA or FdSc	Higher National Diploma (HND)			
4	Higher National Certificate (HNC)		Higher apprenticeship / NVQ 4		
3	A levels Grades A-E	International Baccalaureate	T Levels	BTEC (extended) diploma BTEC certificate	Advanced apprenticeship / NVQ 3
2	GCSE Grades 4-9 (C, B, A or A*)		BTEC first diploma	Intermediate apprenticeship / NVQ 2	
1	GCSE Grades 1-3 (D,E,F or G)		Foundation diploma / entry level qualifications	Traineeship / NVQ 1	
	Academic route		Vocational route	Applied / work route	

Levels of Education

In England, Wales and Northern Ireland there are 8 qualification levels (1 - 8) plus an entry level qualification for those just starting. Generally, the higher the level, the more difficult the qualification is. Levels 1-3 are typically taught in schools and colleges.

With so many different qualifications, it can be hard to know what they mean and where they might lead to next. To help you understand, we've created a summary of what the levels mean comparing the different routes to higher education.



NEW!

FAREWELL AND BEST WISHES

Today, we say goodbye to Mr. L. Collins as he leaves Greenwell Academy to embark on an exciting new chapter within The Beckmead Trust, though at another school. We would like to sincerely thank him for his dedication, hard work, and the positive impact he has had on our students and the wider school community. His leadership and commitment have been truly valued and appreciated.

While we are sad to see him go, we wish him every success in his new role. We are confident that he will continue to inspire and make a difference wherever he goes—and who knows, perhaps one day he may return!

