

## Parent newsletter

Welcome to our newsletter for the parents, carers and guardians of our students. During the remainder of the academic year, we'll be writing to you every few weeks to share some of the activities, projects and initiatives your young person can get involved with, as well as college updates and key dates to be aware of. We'll also include some information and offers that might be of interest to you.

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### S'koolFest 2022

Free tickets now available for S'koolFest on Wednesday 8 June 6.30pm at Worthing Pavilion Theatre! Join us for a night of the best young emerging artists from around Sussex. Bands and performers will be playing a mix of rock, pop, folk, rap, percussion and much more! All are welcome, so don't miss out on your free ticket! Scan the barcode or book at [wtm.co.uk](http://wtm.co.uk).

### Acrylic painting workshop

The College is hosting an acrylic painting workshop aimed at Ukrainian refugees and sponsors. The session will be run by Olha and Kate, both artists from the Ukraine, and attendees will learn the basics of acrylic flower painting, how to paint flowers in the traditional Ukrainian style, as well as painting sunflowers and poppies. They will also have chance to connect with others and have fun! No experience necessary.

The workshop runs Tuesday 31 May, 11am-1pm at Central Campus, Pelham Street, Brighton, BN1 4FA.

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## Caitlin's fundraising success!

Earlier this month, Level 3 Childcare & Education student Caitlin hosted a cake and merchandise sale on behalf of [Sturge Weber UK](#). This included a selection of treats and gifts such as brownies, teddy bears, wristbands and trolley tokens.

Caitlin was able to raise an astonishing £300 for the charity, who strive to improve the care and quality of life of people living with Sturge Weber Syndrome. Incredible work - well done Caitlin.

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## Enrichment programmes

In addition to studying, there are plenty of activities and opportunities for your young person to take part in. These activities allow students to have fun, make new friends, get active, support their local community, or even boost their CV!

One example is football enrichment, which is run by sports lecturer, Phil Richards. Phil said: "Football enrichment has been increasing in numbers week on week. Our latest turnout was a total of sixteen, which is double the amount that we started with. It has been great to see a variety of students from different departments and levels. We've even had four refugee students come over from Central Campus; all of whom appear to be very talented footballers. All in all I think we have a great foundation to keep building on and eventually branch out to make things more competitive."

[Learn more about upcoming events](#)

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## Careers team

Many students will be unsure of their next steps once their current course ends and what opportunities are available to them, and so the Careers team's main focus is on progression and the following activities:

- Continuing to work through all referrals made by tutors. We are sending emails, making phone calls and sending text messages to encourage students to engage with our services.
- Advertising our guidance and advice services on our Student Landing Page, posters, social media etc.
- Offering CV help and guidance to those students looking for work or apprenticeships after they leave college, along with interview skills and preparation. We are constantly updating our jobs boards online and in college to make students aware of opportunities available.
- We are currently signposting relevant students to the [Careers Beyond Covid](#) scheme which is a fantastic service supporting young people in finding work after leaving us.
- Team members are going out to network with local schools this month by offering to help with mock interviews for their students.



## Applying to or preparing for university?

Are you thinking about applying to university? Have you applied to university but have questions? It's not too late.

Contact [WP@gbmc.ac.uk](mailto:WP@gbmc.ac.uk) to ask your questions and book a 1:1 appointment.

We have the knowledge and expertise to help offer advice and guidance on:

- Higher Education options, including alternative pathways
  - Student finance
  - UCAS and personal statement support
  - Interview preparation
  - Preparing for Higher Education
  - Clearing, UCAS extra and late applications
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## GCSE reminders:

With the GCSE English and Maths examinations starting to take place, we want to remind everyone of the upcoming dates for the remainder of the exams:

- Tuesday 7 June - Maths Paper 2
- Friday 10 June - English Paper 2
- Monday 13 June - Maths Paper 3

Any student due to sit their GCSE English and/or Maths examinations will be contacted with further information, including which campus they should attend. Please note, we advise that students should arrive at 8.30am to allow sufficient time for registration before the exams starts.

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If you have any questions about anything in this newsletter, please contact [marketing@gbmc.ac.uk](mailto:marketing@gbmc.ac.uk)



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