

Key Stage 4

Parent / Carer Information Evening

Thursday 5th October 2023



Information for parents / carers and students in Years 10 and 11.

6.00 to 6.25pm - Welcome and talk in the Theatre

3 carousel talks start at 6.30pm

6.30 to 6.45

6.50 to 7.05

7.10 to 7.25

Subject talks are separated into Year 10 and Year 11. Maths and Science are in Humanities Corridor and English in English corridor (directly above)

Please follow this schedule, for example if you have a green ticket please go to Maths then Science and finally English.

	carousel 1	carousel 2	carousel 3
Maths	Green	Orange	Yellow
English	Orange	Yellow	Green
Science	Yellow	Green	Orange

Welcome to Key Stage 4

Who to contact

Year 11 Tutors	Year 10 Tutors
Mr A Bowker	Mr A Bruce / Mr P Clark
Mr A Hazelhurst	Mrs J Cloarec
Mr K Jones	Mr D Elliot
Mr W Jones	Miss K Jones
Mrs C Kwan	Mr E Mailey
Ms H Nevin	Mr D Paterson
Mr S Taylor	Mr T Scarff
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Our School Routines

We have a number of culture and learning routines embedded into our School culture. These routines ensure that parts of the day are predictable, and students know what to expect, this frees up time to focus on learning.

Morning Welcome

We start the day with a morning line up where tutors, year teams and teachers meet all the students outside (unless the weather is really wet!). We share messages and year group successes and achievements. We then enter the building together in a calm and orderly manner.

Entrance and Exit routines

The start and end of every lesson is conducted in a calm and orderly manner. Students line up to come into the classroom, with a teacher on the threshold to welcome them to their lesson. At the end of every lesson, students are dismissed by the teacher and quietly make their way to their next lesson.

Transition around the School is also conducted in a calm and orderly manner. One way corridors and stairs ensure a smooth flow of people around the site. Our 'keep to the left' routine in two way areas means that all students can transition with pace and purpose and arrive at their next lesson ready to learn.

Non verbal signals: hand up for silence. When a teacher needs the students to listen and pay attention, the teacher will raise their hand and wait for the group to be quiet and listen. This creates a calm focus in and out of lessons and prevents raised voices.

Learning Routines

Do Now All lessons start with a Do Now activity. This is an achievable short task, often recalling past knowledge and all students complete this in silence. The Do Now enables the learning to start straight away and creates a very calm start to every lesson.

Cold Calling - This involves a teacher selecting a student to answer a question, rather than 'hands up'. Cold calling ensures that all students in the class are engaged and involved in the lesson and all students are expected to participate in an active and engaged way.

No Opt Out - Students are discouraged from saying '*I don't know*' in response to a question. If a student is struggling with an answer, the teacher will either provide prompts, students will look in their books for the answer, or include responses from other students to ensure everyone understands the question and answer.

Say it again, say it better - This technique encourages students to elaborate on their initial answers, either by adding more depth or using specialist terminology. This is an essential exam skill, as the top grade answers are the ones which have been fully explained, use specialist terminology accurately and contain relevant detail. Students are coached to expand on their responses through this SIASIB technique.

Attendance and Punctuality

Students with less than 97% attendance are statistically more likely to see negative progress and achievement in their GCSE exam results. On average, every 15 days of learning missed throughout their time in secondary school can lead to at least one grade less in one subject in their GCSEs. In contrast students with little or no absence from school are twice as likely to achieve at least 5 grade 5s or above at GCSE. As a school we are committed to monitoring and where necessary improving attendance of our students. The weekly attendance data is shared with all students via tutor time and timely intervention and support is provided for those students who dip below. As a parent / carer your support in ensuring your child's attendance remains as close to 100% as possible is critical in supporting them through their GCSEs.



Minutes late to school	How this impacts on your attendance in % over 1 year	Impact in hours
5 minutes per day	98.6%	15.8
10 minutes per day	97.3%	31.6
15 minutes per day	96%	47.4
20 minutes per day	94.7%	63.2
30 minutes per day	92%	94.8

Punctuality to school and lessons is also closely monitored. The School day and start to every lesson is carefully planned to maximise learning opportunities. If a student arrives late to lessons, will miss essential lesson content and Do Now activities. The Year Team's monitor punctuality and they address any issues as they arise.

Please note that term time holidays will not be authorised. If your child is in Year 11, please do not book any holidays in the summer term until after the last exam, which is currently scheduled for the 18th June 2024.

Study skills and revision techniques

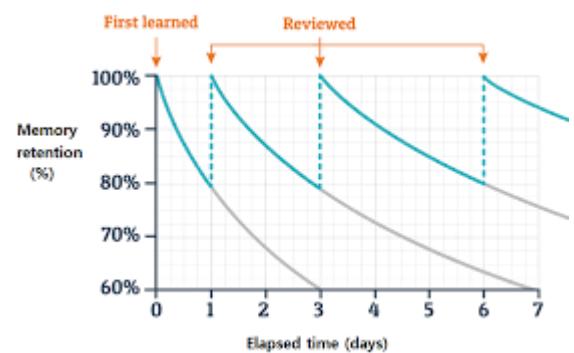
Our assembly schedule and Personal Development programme is designed to support our GCSE students with study skills and the revision techniques needed to help them to prepare for their GCSE exams and vocational course assessments. A selection of materials can be found on the revision pages of the school website and links will be shared in social media and with parents / carers via Class Charts throughout the year.

Independent learning and home study

Successful students spend time outside of lessons, completing homework and reviewing their learning.

The Ebbinghaus forgetting curve shows how revisiting material taught in lessons can help to embed this knowledge in long term memory.

Weekly timetables of studying after school and / or at the weekend should be put into place. Time to



Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Before school							Football training
School Day						Check for any outstanding HW and complete it	
3-4pm	Maths HW club	Walk dog	Science club	Training / sport	Out with friends		
4-5pm	English / Geography	History / Maths	English / Beliefs & Values	Art / Comp Sci / music			Pack bag for school / sort uniform
6-7pm	Eat						
7-8pm	Watch TV						

relax, exercise and complete hobbies should also be added to the planner. Good study habits at the start of the year will make revision and exam preparation easier to engage with when required.

All students have been issued with a **study planner**, they should use this in each lesson to note homework and other important reminders. Staying organised and in control, can help your child to manage their time better and reduce anxiety.

Quiet Space and Equipment

Your child will need somewhere quiet and away from household noises and distractions to complete their work, ideally this will be at a table or desk. Having the correct equipment and stationery is also important. All students should have red and black pens, pencils, ruler, calculator, protractor as a bare minimum. Flash cards, highlighters, post-its, notepads and other revision items will also prove to be useful. Some of these are available from the Class charts shop and can be purchased using THRIVE points.

Staying Healthy - physical and mental health

Sleeping properly, eating healthily, drinking plenty of water, exercising and spending time talking with family and friends are all essential healthy habits that you should encourage your child to maintain. Exams are stressful and students who have disrupted sleep, poor diet and limited social support are more likely to struggle with their mental and physical health when the exams season starts.

More advice on mental health for teenagers can be found at <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/> or <https://www.healthyyoungminds.lsc.co.uk/home>

Revision strategies

Cornell notes

This is a popular way of note taking as it allows for summarising and organising information in a logical way. The central area is used to take notes, however two areas are ruled off for a specific focus. A column to the left of the page is used for keywords and subject specific terminology. An area below the notes is ruled off for summary information and key points.



<https://gcserevisionbuddy.co.uk/how-to-make-effective-revision-notes/>



Flashcards

Lined or plain record cards are a great resource for creating flashcards. Key information, summary points, key words, diagrams, images; all sorts of information can be added to a flashcard. They can be collated into topics and held together with a treasury tag or paper clip. They are small enough to be carried to school, or even taken on long car journeys or trips away!

The Leitner Method is a useful strategy to prioritise which cards to focus on and which to review less frequently.

Dual coding

Early humans made cave drawings long before written words. Our brains like images and colour, so dual coding is a useful way of linking key information with images. Students can create their own images and symbols for specific topics or information. These visual images will then help to prompt deeper more detailed knowledge.

Knowledge organisers

These are one page, whole topic summaries. Information is often boxed or organised into chunks. Colour, images and text are used to summarise key information to allow a whole topic and all of its content to be seen in one go. Encourage your child to create their own using A4 / A3 paper, or use lining paper and cut it into poster sized pieces.

Method of Loci (aka Memory Palace)

This method involves pairing familiar places or routes with key information. Get your child to visualise a familiar place, such as their bedroom. Imagine moving around the room in a clockwise direction, note all of the furniture and items as you go. Now identify a list of events or objects that need to be remembered. For example ingredients for a recipe. Now visualise the room and place the items for the recipe on the items in the room. For example eggs may be rolling along the bookcase, there is self raising flour jumping about in a rug, some milk is in a pair of shoes and butter cubed is stuck to the bulb on a lamp. The more odd or extreme the image, the more likely it is to be recalled.

For more revision advice go to the revision pages on the School website
<https://www.glossopdale.derbyshire.sch.uk/page/?title=Revision&pid=88>

ASPIRE events

Throughout the year a number of extra curricular and supra curricular events and activities take place; these are designed to stretch and challenge our most able students and raise the aspirations of all students to believe in themselves and to achieve their full potential.

These opportunities include Duke of Edinburgh Award, Sports Leadership, STEM events, University talks, Choir, Sports, Student Council, Student Leadership, Young Musician of the Year, UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge, Writing competitions, Discover US Sheffield University Programme, English Masterclasses - to name just a few!

All students in Year 10 and 11 are actively encouraged to engage with these additional enrichment activities as they will not only contribute to a wide range of skills and qualities, they also add value to personal statements, as well as apprenticeship, university and job applications.

<https://ukmt.org.uk/intermediate-challenges>

<https://www.dofe.org/>

<https://www.stem.org.uk/>

GCSE Grading

What do the grades mean?

The GCSE grading system in England runs on a scale of 9 to 1. The highest you can get is a grade 9, with 1 being the lowest. The system was introduced in 2017, replacing the old A* to G system.

In the current system a 9, 8 and 7 are equivalent to A* and A. A grade 4 is equivalent to an old C, known as a standard pass. A grade 5 is a strong pass.

Our progress reports will enable you to track your child's progress against their MEG (minimum expected grades). Colour coded for ease, these provide you with details of where your child is currently making progress, their predicted grades and next step actions. The attitude to learning column is the one area your child can focus on as a good or excellent attitude correlates positively with progress and attainment in lessons.

A*	9
A	8
	7
B	6
C	5 (strong pass) 4 (standard pass)
D	3
E	2
F	1
G	
U	U

Targets
These have been arrived at using the student's prior attainment information. Our targets are challenging, and we encourage all students to strive for the highest grade they can.

Attainment, Attitude to Learning and Pastoral

GCSE forecast
This shows how we would expect them to achieve in each subject at the end of the qualification if they continue to work as they are now. Each subject has been colour coded in relation to prior attainment.
Comparison to the previous tracking is represented by =, - or +.

Next Step Action
This shows students how they can specifically improve in each subject.

Attitude to Learning
This is a judgement from "Excellent" to "Good" to "Satisfactory" to "Below Expectation".

Subject	Targets				Attainment Next Step			Attitude to Learning
	Expected	Aspirational	GCSE Forecast	Comparison	Next Step Action			
English Language	5	6	5	=	When writing, try to use a non-linear narrative or a circular structure.			Excellent
English Literature	5	6	4	=	When analysing, explore layers of meaning.			Excellent
Maths	5	6	3	-	You need to work on your shape and space skills which include transformations and angles.			Good
Science	5	6	5	=	To progress you should practise calculation questions and make sure you show your full working out to get maximum marks			Good
Art	5	6	6	=	Show a fluent use of specialist vocabulary in all sketchbook annotation.			Good
History	5	6	5	=	Make links between the inferences you make from historical sources and your own knowledge.			Excellent
PE Core	5	6	WTL1	=	Develop the key attributes that make a successful leader in sport.			Good
Psychology	5	6	6	=	Ensure you use key terminology when describing and evaluating the Von Frisch and Yuki named studies.			Excellent
Belief & Values	5	6	6	=	Offer more detailed explanations in discussions.			Good

Attendance (%)	Number of Authorised Absences	Number of Unauthorised Absences	Number of Possible Sessions	Number of Lates	THRIVE Points	Behaviour Points	Total Points (Year 11 Average)
98	10	0	87	1	31	5	26 (31)

THRIVE points are the positive points rewarded. **Behaviour points** are the negative points. The total average for the year is shown so you can see how your child compares to the year group. Further details can be found on ClassCharts.

Key Dates for students in Y10 and Y11 2023 - 2023

Date	Event
5th October 2023	Parent Information Evening (PIE) - KS4
19th October 2023	Sixth Form Open Evening - Y11
23rd October 2023	MFL speaking assessment - Y11
6th November 2023	Sixth Form Interviews start - Y11
20th November 2023	Trial Exams - Y11
w/c 27th November	Art / Textiles Trial Exam Y11 - 5hrs
5th December 2023	Christmas Perf Arts Show
7th December 2023	Christmas Music Concert
14th December 2023	Y11 Thrive Day
19th December 2023	Carol Service
11th January 2024	Parents Evening - Y11
31st January 2024	UKMT intermediate Maths Challenge
1st February 2024	Y10 Thrive Day
12th February 2024	Y11 Thrive day
15th February 2024	Young Musician of the Year
26th February 2024	MFL Speaking mocks - Y11
27th February 2024	Catering Practical - Y11
4th Mar /11th Mar 2024	Trial Exams Y 11
20th March 2024	Y11 Parent Information Evening - exam information
25th March 2024	NGRT Y10 tests in lessons
18th April 2024	Parents Evening - Y10
24th April 2024	Perf Art Exam (pm) - Y11
7th May 2024	MFL speaking GCSE - Y11
9th May - 10th May 2024	GCSE - Art / Textiles exam - Y11
13th May 2024	External Exams (GCSEs) Start - Y11
11th June 2024	Trial exams - Y10

19th June 2024	Last GCSE exam at Glossopdale School
5th July 2024	Prom - Year 11
8th July 2024	Y10 Celebration Evening
9th July 2024	Year 10 Sixth Form Taster Days
22nd Aug 2024	GCSE Results Day/Sixth Form Enrolment

Passport to the Prom

Year 11 students begin the year with the assumption that they are all meeting our school expectations and therefore all students are currently eligible to purchase a ticket to join us at the Prom. The Year 11 staff would like nothing more than for all students to celebrate their last 5 years in secondary education, before joining the Sixth Form or taking up an alternative pathway, on this occasion and so we always begin the year with all students being allocated their 'Passport to the Prom'.

The 'Passport to the Prom' criteria is based on a student's THRIVE achievement points and calculated towards the end of Year 11. Final eligibility to attend the Prom will be allocated to students who have met our high expectations of behaviour and conduct around the School. As we start with the assumption that Year 11 students are currently meeting our expectations the Passport is theirs to keep or, equally, theirs to lose. Final decisions will be made when tickets go on sale during the Summer term but we are clarifying the criteria at the start of Year 11 for transparency and to give all students a fair chance to retain the Passport as the year progresses.

We have already booked a venue for July and large enough to cater for the whole year group. We are hopeful that all students will maintain the high standards they are currently meeting in order to be part of this joyous celebration of their time in main school at Glossopdale.

Year 11 Trial Exams - Provisional Timetable

Students must attend school as normal, exams start at either 9am or 1pm. Assemblies prior to exam week will share important information with the year group.

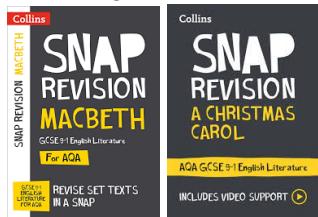
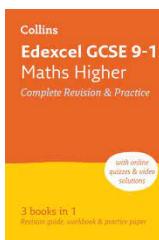
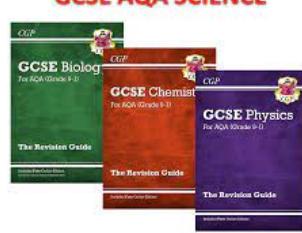
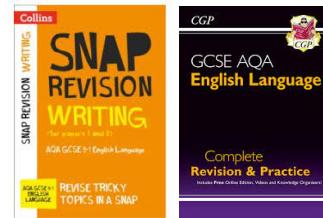
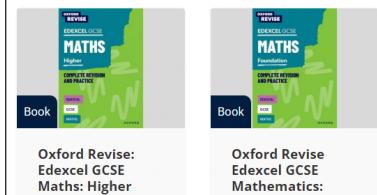
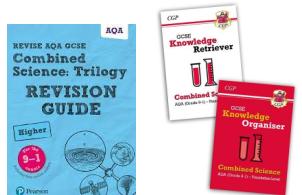
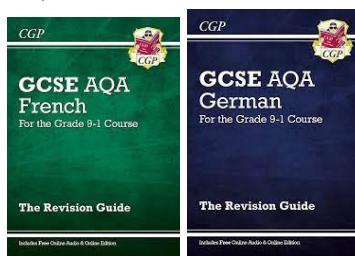
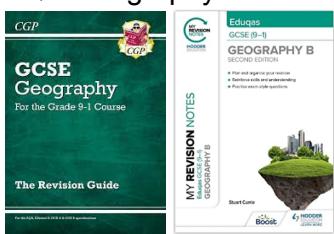
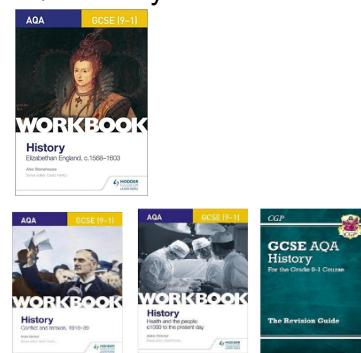
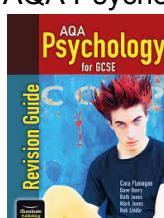
Subject	November 2023	March 2024
English	AQA Language Paper 2 1 hr 45	AQA Literature Paper 2**: Section A- An Inspector Calls by J.B. Priestley Section B- Power and Conflict poetry Section C- Unseen poetry
Maths	3 papers: all 1hr 30 each Paper 1 – non calculator – 80 marks Paper 2 – calculator - 80 marks Paper 3 – calculator - 80 marks	3 papers: - all 1hr30 each Paper 1 – non calculator – 80 marks Paper 2 – calculator - 80 marks Paper 3 – calculator - 80 marks
Science (separate)	Paper 1 - 1hr45 Separate Biology , Chemistry and Physics papers	Paper 2 - 1hr 45 Separate papers for Biology, Chemistry and Physics
Science Trilogy	Paper 1 - 1hr 15 Higher or Foundation - Ch / Bio / Ph	Paper 2 - 1hr 15 Higher or Foundation Bi / Ch / Ph
History	Paper 1 - Conflict and Tension 2hrs	Paper 2 - 2hrs
Geography	Combination of P1 and P2 - 1hr30	Combination of P1 and P2. - 1hr30
French	Writing, Speaking, Listening and Reading assessments	Writing, Speaking, Listening and Reading assessments
German	Writing, Speaking, Listening and Reading assessments	Writing, Speaking, Listening and Reading assessments
Psychology	Paper 1 - Cognition and behaviour 1hr 45	Paper 2 Social context and behaviour, 1hr45
DT	Paper 1 - 2hrs	Paper 1 2hrs
Catering	Paper 1 - 1hr 30	Paper 1 - 1hr 30
Music	Paper 1 1hr15	Paper 1 - 1hr15
Imedia	Paper 1 - 1hr30	Paper 1 - 1hr30
Art / Textiles	5hr all day assessment.	x
Comp Sci	Paper 1 - 1hr 30	Paper - 1hr30

Year 10 Trial Exams - June 2024 - *Provisional Timetable*

Detailed exam timetable will be shared prior to these exams

English	AQA Literature Paper 1: Section A- Macbeth by William Shakespeare Section B- A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens (1h 45)
Maths	Paper 1 – non calculator – 80 marks – 1 hour 30 minutes Paper 2 – calculator - 80 marks – 1 hour 30 minutes
Science	Paper 1 - 1hr45 separate science; biology, chemistry and physics
Science Trilogy	Paper 1 1hr15 - higher or foundation paper
History	Paper 1 - Conflict and Tension 2 hrs
Geography	Combination of P1 and P2 - 1hr30 Topics TBC with students
French	Papers on Writing, Reading, Listening and Speaking assessment
German	Papers on Writing, Reading, Listening and Speaking assessment
Psychology	Paper 1 - 100 marks - 1hr 45
Business	Paper 1 1hr45 (theme 1)
Computer Sci	Paper 1 1hr30
Music	Paper - 1hr15
Catering	Paper 1 - 1 hr 30
DT	Paper 1 - 2hrs

GCSE exam boards and revision guides

AQA English - Literature 	Edexcel Maths (H and F) 	AQA Science 
AQA English Language 		Science Trilogy H and F 
AQA French & German 	AQA Geography 	AQA History 
AQA Psychology ** 	Other course exam boards WJEC Educa s Hospitality & Catering Sport Music AQA DT Sport	Pearson Edexcel Business Health Applied Performing Arts Dance & Drama OCR Imedia Computer Science

The Snap revision and CPG guides can be purchased from the School. Please make the relevant payment via your Parent Pay account and ask your child to collect their guide(s) from Mrs Hoyle in the Key Stage 4 office. All of these resources can also be purchased via various high street and online suppliers**

Careers and Future Pathway Advice

Mrs K Rush is our careers Adviser who attends on Thursday and Fridays. She offers one to one meetings with students to talk them through plans for their future pathways. Mrs Rush has excellent links with the Sixth Form, colleges and apprenticeship pathways. Students can request more than one meeting if required and should ask their Head of Year to refer them for an appointment.

Mrs Rush is also available on some of the THRIVE days and all parent's evenings and results day in August. To contact her directly please email krush@glossopdale.school.

Glossopdale Sixth Form

Glossopdale Sixth Form offers our students a range of Level 3 A Levels and vocational qualifications. Staff who teach in the Sixth Form are very experienced, have a strong knowledge and passion for their subjects and are skilled in supporting your child through the more challenging A Level curriculum. Ofsted described Glossopdale Sixth Form as a place where:

'Students...make good progress, both in their academic and vocational studies, and achieve well. Teachers have high expectations of students... teachers create positive environments, sharing their strong subject knowledge and challenging students to develop their independence and confidence. Teachers offer students clear guidance which helps students to deepen their understanding and skills. Students have very positive relationships with the teachers and the sixth-form leadership team. Students are supported well in their studies, both academically and personally. There is a wide range of personal development activities to raise students' aspirations.'

The benefits of choosing our Sixth Form over the larger colleges in the area are multiple. A smaller Sixth Form provision ensures all student needs are met and intervention and support is prompt should you child require it. Smaller class sizes mean that students receive far more one-to-one tuition and attention. We have a strong record of supporting students successfully through their UCAS and Higher Apprenticeship applications and year on year all students who want to go to university secure their places. Please come along to our Open Evening on October the 19th to find out more about the Sixth Form and to attend our subject presentations. Students in Year 11 have been completing their choice of talks this week in school which can also be done via the school website.

To **aspire**, **endeavour** and **thrive** together.