



Parent & Carer Weekly Newsletter

Date: Friday 19th April 2024

General Information and Reminders

Uniform Standards

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring that all students meet the school expectations and rules for uniform. As always, please ensure that your child:

- Has at least one black pen, red pen, pencil, ruler, pencil case and calculator
- Has a school bag for the books and PE kit
- Is wearing their tie correctly (at least 4 stripes visible)
- Is wearing their skirt at an appropriate length (knee length)
- Is only wearing permitted jewellery - a wrist watch and one pair of studded earrings

Summer Term Rewards Trips

We are currently in the process of organising our summer term rewards trips, which we hope will be a great way to reward students for excellent progress for the rest of the current academic year! Details on location, pricing and when the trip will be available to purchase will be announced next week, but please bear in mind the following:

- Summer rewards day will be Friday 19th July 2024
- All students will be invited to attend a trip
- Students must have 95%+ attendance from Tuesday 16th April to Thursday 18th July (no more than 3 days absent) to be able to attend
- Students should display consistently good conduct from Tuesday 16th April to Thursday 18th July to be able to attend

Key Stage 3

Year 9 Core Assessments

English Reading and Maths exams will be held on Tuesday 23rd and the Science and English Writing exams are on Wednesday 24th April.

Year 8 Core Assessments

Maths and Science exams are scheduled for Monday 29th and the English exam on Tuesday 30th April.

Year 9 Bronze DofE Information Evening

Parents/carers and students in Year 9 who are currently enrolled on the Bronze DofE Award are invited to join us for an information evening on Wednesday 1st May at 6pm in the Theatre. During the session we'll talk you through the requirements of the Award, share details of the training and qualifying expeditions. Invitations have been sent, please RSVP to enable us to plan for the evening.



Year 7 THRIVE Day - Wednesday 17th April

Year 7 students took place in a Study Skills THRIVE day on Wednesday. Subject teachers presented sessions on study habits and strategies. This is to support students to consolidate their learning and to prepare for their summer assessments in term 6. Students have been introduced to the Pomodoro technique - a method to split revision into manageable bitesize chunks. They were also given the opportunity to practise different study strategies in their subject lessons. These included; the making and using of flashcards, mind mapping and blurring (otherwise known as a brain dump). The aim of the sessions was to show students that the same strategies can work for a wide range of subjects.



Key Stage 4

Year 10 Parents' Evening

It was good to see so many parents/carers and students at our Year 10 Parents' Evening on Thursday. We hope that you found this to be a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress with each of their teachers. If you were unable to speak to a teacher and would like to discuss your child's progress with them, please contact Lgeary@glossopdale.school who will forward your request to the relevant member of staff.

Year 10 trial exams

These exams will be taking place at the start of June. It is important for your child to act on the teacher's advice and guidance. As a parent / carer one of the most effective ways to support your child is to encourage them to spend time at home completing homework and independent study. Research shows that students who can commit to additional studying and develop effective study habits will be more successful in the long term.

Year 10/11 DofE Award Evening

Parents/carers and students in Year 10 and 11 are invited to attend our DofE Awards evening on Wednesday 1st May, at 7pm in the theatre (refreshments in the Heart from 6.30pm). This will be an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of the students who have completed their awards. Individual invitations have been sent, please RSVP via the form to enable us to plan the evening.

Year 11 Leavers Hoodies 2024

Leavers hoodies can be ordered from JFC sports via this link

<https://jfcsports.co.uk/product-category/school/glossopdale-school-leavers-2024/>

The closing date for orders is 20th May. Orders before this date will be delivered to School for the Year 11 final assembly in June. Any orders after this date will require P&P payment to post to your home address.



Dates for your diary

Monday 22nd April

Thursday 25th April

Monday 29th April

Tuesday 30th April

Wednesday 1st May

Monday 6th May

Tuesday 7th May

Wednesday 15th May

Y9 Assessment week

Sixth Form Parents Evening

Y8 Assessment week

Edge Hill University Visit (Sixth Form Students)

Duke of Edinburgh Parent Information Evening

May Bank Holiday

Y10 THRIVE Day

SEND Parent Forum 4.30pm-5.30pm

Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter.

Best wishes from all at Glossopdale School and Sixth Form