

## Parent and Carer Newsletter 13.10.2023

Please see below a summary of helpful information for this week.

### **General Information and Reminders**

#### **Lockdown Procedures**

All schools are required to have emergency lockdown procedures in place to protect staff and students should an intruder come on site or an environmental hazard in the local area become cause for concern. This term we will be introducing our emergency Lockdown Procedure for all students, staff and visitors. The implementation of the procedure will involve staff and student training and a whole school training exercise. This exercise will take around 30 minutes to complete and will be scheduled for a lesson during the last week of this term.

The assemblies during the week of the 16th October will introduce the students to the procedure and the steps that they have to follow. We understand that this process may cause some distress for some students as they will be required to sit in their classroom under a table out of sight and hidden from windows. We understand that for some students the thought of an intruder or threat on the site will also become cause for concern and our year teams and teachers have been briefed to respond to this reaction and enable students to process and deal with this information appropriately.

We're confident that with the phased launch of this Lockdown Procedure we will be able to safely educate and prepare all of our students on this safety critical school procedure. Should you have any questions or want to discuss this further please contact your child's Year Manager or Head of Year.

#### **Disturbing content on social media platforms**

You may be aware that social media platforms have been used recently to circulate violent and disturbing content in relation to the Israel-Gaza war. We would like to take this opportunity to alert you that whilst social media companies are removing this content and filtering what is uploaded, that content may still be distributed using these platforms and could be of a disturbing and violent nature. Some parents are deleting TikTok and Instagram from their child's phones to ensure they are not exposed to this content.

We are reminding parents to be extra vigilant whilst there is an increase in this content online.

#### **Mental Health Awareness**

As Tuesday was world Mental Health Awareness Day, we acknowledged this by fundraising for #YoungMinds and staff and our Mental Health student Champions wearing yellow. The support for the events from all students was excellent with nearly £200 donations raised.

We also welcomed TOG Mind into school on Friday who offered a drop in and advice service for our students who may need signposting to local support with their Social and Emotional Mental Health.

Should your family or child need our help with any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact your child's year team. We have a range of counselling services available and are very experienced in signposting to the correct organisations where appropriate.

### Flu Vaccinations Years 7 - 11

The dates have now been set for the flu vaccinations for Y7-11:

- Monday 23rd October - all day
- Thursday 26th October - morning only

Further details of which year group will be vaccinated on which day will follow. Please complete this consent form: <https://nhsimms.azurewebsites.net/session/bebf0362> If you have any queries please contact The Immunisation Team on local rate 0333 358 3397 or by email [contactimms@intrahealth.co.uk](mailto:contactimms@intrahealth.co.uk)

There is a leaflet we have added to our website for information [here](#).

### Football results

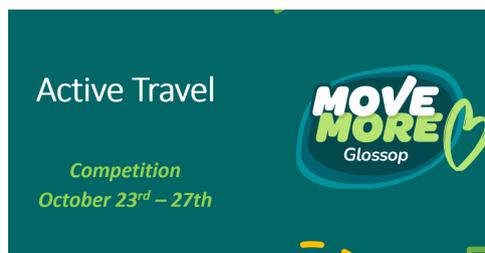
Well done to the Y7 girls who played their first match for Glossopdale in the U12s National Cup against Salendine Nook High School last week. Glossopdale won 7 - 2 and are through to the next round.

Glossopdale Y9 Boys Football Team lost 3-0 to Wright Robinson in the National Cup. The Y9 boys performed admirably against a very strong Wright Robinson team. Our team has gone from strength to strength over recent fixtures and we are extremely confident that this will be a big year for the Y9 boys football team.



### Active Travel Competition 23rd-27th October

The aim of this competition is to encourage families to think about their choice of transport when making short journeys around Glossop. Can they walk, scoot, cycle instead of jumping in their car? By introducing regular walking habits into children and young people we can then aim to introduce the use of public transport for longer journeys, like high schools and colleges. Every young person who takes part in the active travel competition will be given the opportunity to take part in a free Self Defence Course with Matrix Martial Arts, they will also be entered into a prize draw to win £5-£50 Love to Shop Voucher. Please see more information [here](#).



### Coats

Now the winter season is upon us, please ensure your child is wearing a suitable coat when it is raining or has one with them when rain is forecast. A number of children are arriving at school very wet and are then in wet clothes for the day. Coats can be put in their bag during the school day or carried with students. Some lockers are still available with Y7 taking priority. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **Key Stage 3**

The Y7 Meet the Tutor and Information evening was held on Tuesday 10/10 and was extremely well-attended. We welcomed parents and carers of over 170 of our Y7 students. In fact, we had so many attendees that we had to create extra seating in the Theatre! It was wonderful to see so many parents and carers and we hope that you found the evening informative and useful if you attended.

The Y8 and Y9 Parent's Information Evening is being held on Wednesday 25th October. Letters will be sent out with further details at the beginning of next week.

### **Year 9 DofE**

Thank you to all parents / carers who have completed enrolment form and paid the deposit for Bronze Award. The eDofE accounts will be set up over the next few days. You will receive an email with login details once the account is set up. Please note accounts are only being created if the deposit has been paid.

### **Key Stage 4**

#### **Silver DofE Award**

We are now enrolling students in Y10 and Y11 onto the Silver DofE Award, please email Miss Geary on [lgeary@glossopdale.school](mailto:lgeary@glossopdale.school) for more details.

### **Key Stage 5**

#### **Sixth Form Open Evening**

Our Sixth Form Open Evening takes place on 19th October, when all Year 11 students will be invited to attend to hear information about the courses we offer, as well as wider aspects of our Sixth Form provision. Please visit our website for more details: <https://www.glossopdale.derbyshire.sch.uk/>

#### **Dates for your diary**

Wednesday 18th October	SEND Parent Forum (Invites to be sent to parents of pupils on the SEND register)
Thursday 19th October	Sixth Form Open Evening
Thursday 26th October	Flu Vaccinations in school
Thursday 26th October	School closes at 3pm to Students for half term
Friday 27th October	INSET Day

Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter.

Best wishes from all at Glossopdale School and Sixth Form