

Parent and Carer Newsletter 23.6.23

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

Industrial Action: 5th and 7th July

You will be aware that the NEU have announced their intention to hold two days of industrial action on Wednesday 5th and Friday 7th July. We have a significant number of members of the NEU and so will limit our provision on that day. We intend to hold lessons for Y10 and Y12 students. Where teachers are in school, normal Y10 and 12 lessons will take place. Students will receive an individual timetable for the day to take account of lessons where students' teachers will not be in school. These will be emailed over the next week. Vulnerable students and students with EHCPs will also be invited into school on the two days.

As a result of the planned industrial action, we have moved Y9 Sports Day to Wednesday 12th July and Y6 Induction Day to Friday 14th July. The Y11 Prom will continue to go ahead on Friday 7th July.

Uniform policy update - reminder

Please see the reminder below re: the update to our uniform policy. Please click on the link below for the policy, including information about the update and images of permitted and prohibited items:

[Glossopdale School Uniform 2023](#)

Please can we draw your attention to the following:

- Black tailored medium length/on the knee shorts may be worn in the warm weather; they must be plain, not sports, jersey or tight shorts and with no logos
- Skirts must be tailored and have at least one pleat: they may not be jersey or skater skirts
- Black tight-fitting shorts are permitted as part of PE uniform (including for Sports Days), e.g. cycling shorts, only if knee length and not 'hot pants'

The introduction of tailored shorts as part of standard school uniform began on Monday 19th June. The rule on PE shorts will come into effect on Monday 26th June. On these dates, we will apply our usual sanctions if a student is not wearing the correct uniform.

If students already have a jersey or skater skirt; they may wear this until the end of this year but all of these items will be prohibited from September 2023. Please be aware that students will be asked to roll down the waistband of their skirt if they have rolled it over at the waist to shorten it. Sanctions will be issued for students who do not comply or have their skirt rolled up at any point in the day.

The policy on the website has images of the uniform that is and is not permitted in order to be as clear as possible for students and parents. If you are unsure, please contact your child's Year Manager.

THRIVE Week

Next week, each year group will take part in our Personal Development THRIVE days.

Monday 26th June - Year 8

Tuesday 27th June - Year 10

Wednesday 28th June - Year 7

Thursday 29th June - Year 9

All students need to bring their PD books and classroom equipment. They do not need their lesson books and resources on their year group's THRIVE day. In addition, Year 7 students need to come to school in their school PE kit on Wednesday as they are taking part in some physical activities on the day.

African Adventures

We were both astounded and delighted at the huge amount of interest in our 2024 Kenya trip last night! Over 300 people attended and saw a fantastic presentation from African Adventures who are co-ordinating the visit on our behalf.

The fact that so many students want to take part, fundraise and make a difference to the lives of children in Africa is so heartwarming and a real reflection of both our school and the local parent community of Glossopdale.

If you were unable to attend, you can find the presentation here: [Glossopdale School Website - African Adventures Page](#)
There is still time to take up a place before 5th July.

Y6 Parents Information Evening

We were pleased to welcome the majority of our new parents/carers to this event and share important information for the Y6 children joining us at Glossopdale in September. For parents/carers unable to attend, we will be sending out your Parent Information booklets and appointments to come into school to find out key information to prepare for children starting in September.

National Reading Week (19th - 23rd June 2023) Competitions

We've had a great week celebrating National reading week. Thanks to all the students who baked for the "Bake a Book" competition on Tuesday 20th June. We'd also like to thank all the purchasers of those yummy creations! Over £60.00 was raised in aid of Mummy's Star.

Winner: Rebecca.S (Y8) for her fantastic 'Alice in Wonderland' cake.

Runners Up were Annabelle.C with her 'Swallows and Amazons' cake and a joint effort from Amelia.H and Charlotte.M from Y7 for their Monster book of Monsters cake from Harry Potter.

In the link below, there are details of the Young Writers "Unsolved" Competition with the chance for students to have their work published in the library, win cash prizes or a trophy. Students have been made aware of this competition, hopefully they have already started to hatch some mysterious plots!

 [Young Writers Competition - Unsolved Deadline 20.7.23.pdf](#)

Attendance

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, we want to take this opportunity to ask for your continued support in ensuring that your child's attendance is high. We have 4 important weeks left in our school calendar and every minute counts. Our target for all students is 100% attendance, as each day in school counts towards their future successes. We understand that very rare circumstances may arise that necessitate occasional absences, such as severe illness or other exceptional circumstances, but ask that unless your child is very ill, that they attend school, to ensure that crucial learning time is not lost.

In working in partnership with us on ensuring your child attends for 100% of the time, you are helping them to build strong study habits and establish a solid foundation for their future.

Please do continue to encourage and prioritise regular attendance, as this will continue sending the powerful message to your child about the value of education and the importance of being present in the learning environment.

Thank you for your continued partnership in prioritising the importance of attendance. With your support, we can continue to further develop an environment that fosters learning, growth, and achievement for all our students.

School Car Park

Parking in the school car park is strictly limited to staff and parents/carers with a visible permit. Users should drive at 5 mph and visitors are asked to park in the overflow car park and walk over to reception if they have an appointment. Please ensure that you drive safely and with due respect for pedestrians and visitors when using the permitted areas of the car park. Thank you for your cooperation.

Key Stage 3

GL assessments

In the week of the 26th June, Year 7, 8 and 9 students will take GL assessments in Maths and English. These are externally marked national tests which the school will use to assess students progress in comparison to national benchmarks. Year 9 students will also take an assessment in Science.

Y9 DofE Bronze Award

We are continuing the Tuesday after school training sessions for Y9 students who are enrolled on the DofE programme. The training framework that we are following can be found [here](#). We are now using the time to prepare the route cards and plan menus for the expeditions. The Bronze Award expeditions are taking place on the evening of Friday 30th June and Saturday 1st July and 13th and 14th July. Details and consent forms will be sent to parents / carers of students who are enrolled on the Award.

Key Stage 4

Sixth Form Taster Days(Tuesday 11th to Thursday 13th July)

This event is a fantastic opportunity for Year 10 students to experience the vibrant atmosphere and dynamic learning environment of our Sixth Form. Engage in taster lessons, workshops, and interactive activities tailored to their interests and aspirations. They will have the chance to immerse themselves in subjects like Sciences, Humanities, Arts, Languages, and more, and get a glimpse of the exciting academic pathways. Google Forms have been linked to the year group in their Google Classroom or please contact the Sixth Form team for more information.

Year 11

The Yearbook can now be pre ordered, they are £13.11 each and can be ordered via Parent Pay. They will be available for collection on GCSE results day on Thursday 24th August. Please ensure you place your order by **10th July**.

Y11 Leavers Hoodies 2023 can now be pre ordered via this link

<https://jfcports.co.uk/product-category/school/glossopdale-school-leavers-2023/>

Please ensure orders are placed by **30th June**. They will also be ready for collection on 24th August. If you want to be in with a chance of winning a leavers hoody, there is a short student survey on google classroom that we would like the y11 students to complete. We will place names of students who do complete it in a raffle to win the cost of a hoodies.

Students still have their Prom to look forward to and further information about final arrangements will be sent next week separately to those students attending this event.

Key Stage 5

Year 12 Work Placements




These will take place in the w/c 10th July. All students should have now finalised their placements and submitted the permissions form. If your child is having any difficulties please contact Mrs Boakes; kboakes@glossopdale.school

Sixth Form THRIVE Day

This will take place on Monday 26th June. All students will be off timetable for the full day to start their university and apprenticeship applications, planning their personal statements and application letters.

Summer Holiday Clubs and Events at Glossopdale School's The Place

Please find attached links to the exciting clubs and events that are taking place over summer at The Place.

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Dates for your diary

Here are all the dates you may need to know over the last term of this school year.



June 2023	
Monday 26th June - Y12 & Y8 Tuesday 27th June - Y10 Wednesday 28th June - Y7 Thursday 29th June - Y9	THRIVE Days (separate for each year group)
Friday 30th June	DofE Expedition Practice Cold Springs Farm, Buxton. PM start.
July 2023	
Monday 3rd July	Y7 Sports Day
Tuesday 4th July	Y8 Sports Day
Thursday 6th July	Summer Concert (Evening)
Friday 7th July	Y11 Prom (Evening, Kenwood Hall Hotel, Sheffield)
Monday 10th July	Y12 Work Experience Week
Tuesday 11th July	Y10 Celebration Evening Y10 Sixth Form Taster Day
Wednesday 12th July	Y9 Sports Day Y10 Sixth Form Taster Day
Thursday 13th July	Y10 Sixth Form Taster Day Y9 Bronze DofE Expedition Y8 Rewards Disco
Friday 14th July	Y6 Induction Day Y9 Bronze DofE Expedition Y9 Rewards Disco
Monday 17th July	Y7 Celebration Evening
Tuesday 18th July	Y8 Celebration Evening
Wednesday 19th July	Y10 Psychology Zoo Trip Y9 Celebration Evening
Thursday 20th July	Y7 Reward Disco
Friday 21st July	Students last day: School closes for Summer Holidays



Don't forget to follow us on Social Media!

We celebrate students' achievements and school events on our Facebook and Twitter pages:

<https://www.facebook.com/GlossopdaleSch>

<https://twitter.com/GlossopdaleSch>

You can also visit our website for all the current year newsletters and more information about our school & sixth form:

<https://www.glossopdale.school>

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Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter. Best wishes from all at Glossopdale School & Sixth Form