

## Parent and Carer Newsletter 7.7.23

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

### End of term arrangements

On the last day of term, Friday 21st July, students are invited to attend school in non-uniform in exchange for a £1 donation to support and raise the quality of education for children in our partner school in Kenya. Our usual expectations around casual wear apply including; no crop tops or 'hot pant' style shorts. All students will have a celebratory year group assembly with performances from our Dance and Music groups. Students will be dismissed at 12.30pm for the summer break. Should your child receive Free School Meals, they can use this allowance at break time or purchase/request a pack lunch to be collected as they leave.

### Standards

It is very important that high standards are maintained until the end of term. This includes attendance, punctuality, uniform and behaviour. Please ensure that students attend school every day, arrive at school and lessons on time and observe and comply with school and classroom expectations. Please note that only our permitted uniform should be worn to school for the rest of term. Infringements such as acrylic nails, nose piercings etc will continue to be addressed according to our policy until the last day of term. We want to end the year in a positive way without having to issue sanctions to students who break the uniform or school rules. Thank you for your support.

### Return to School - September

We will have a staggered start to the new school year which allows time for induction for the Year 7 students and a really effective re-induction for students in Year 8 onwards. Please see details below:

Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th September - INSET days. No students in school.

Wednesday 6th September: Year 7 (all day 8.40am - 3pm) & Year 12 (11.30am - 3pm) students only: in school for induction.

Thursday 7th: Y8 & 9 students start at 8.40am; Y9 & 10 students start at 11.30am. Y12 arrive at 11am, Y13 start at 12.00 noon.

### Term Dates 23/24 reminder

Our term dates for 23-24 are available on our website here: [Glossopdale School Term Dates](#)

INSET days are currently planned for: Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th September 2023; Friday 27th October 2023; Friday 1st December 2023; Monday 15th April 2024. In addition, we hold 3 planning days throughout the year where the school is closed to students. These days will take place on the following days next year: Monday 8th January 2024; Thursday 28th March 2024; Friday 21st June 2024.

We make every effort to keep our calendar dates unchanged throughout the year. However, there may be unforeseen events that require us to change these. We will provide advance and timely notice to parents if we need to do so but please ensure that you refer to our website and to these weekly newsletters.

### Mental Health Champions

In 2022, 18% of children aged 7 to 16 and 22% of young people aged 17 to 24 had a probable mental disorder (NHS information). As part of our ongoing commitment for Glossopdale School and Sixth Form to be a 'Mentally Healthy' school, we are delighted to be welcoming the company 'OneGoal' into school next week to thoroughly train 40 of our students - from Year 7 to Sixth Form - to be our new Mental Health Champions. The acclaimed scheme is designed to motivate teenagers to become mental health champions for themselves and their friends. Students will be equipped with the tools and skills they need to manage stress and anxiety, build resilience, and improve their overall mental health and well-being.

### Rumble Online Information

Rumble is a video sharing platform which features some outspoken influencers and frequently uncompromising political views. Please find here a link to a user guide "what parents need to know" from the National College.

[National College Guides: Rumble](#)

### Expressive Arts Summer Concert

The Expressive Arts Summer Concert took place in The Theatre on the evening of Thursday 6th July and saw excellent performances from the school wind band, choir, the Y10 rock band 'Synthesis', Y10 dance groups and many soloists from across all year groups.

In particular, it was very encouraging to see numerous first time performers (soloists and ensemble members) making their debuts in such confident and enthusiastic fashion! This bodes well for the future. With music ranging from a classical cello sonata and a piano piece written by a Japanese film composer to One Direction's 'What Makes You Beautiful,' there was a very eclectic range of genres and styles.

The evening also saw the premieres of a number of student compositions, something which is great to see and hear!

A huge thanks to all the peripatetic music teachers who support our young performers in such a significant way throughout the year and also to all the parents, carers, friends and relatives who attended the event and encouraged the students in such a warm and positive fashion. Pictures can be found on our Facebook page.

## Key Stage 3

### HPV Vaccinations

We have previously written to all Year 8 parents in May notifying them of the HPV vaccination. Please find below information from the Derbyshire Family Health Service:

We will attend school during the summer term to vaccinate Year 8 students with the Human Papillomavirus vaccine (HPV vaccine).

Please visit <https://www.derbyshireandcityimms.co.uk/Forms/HPV> to complete the consent form. The option to consent or decline the vaccination is at the end of the questionnaire so please complete this even if you do not want your child to have the vaccination.

**School name: Glossopdale School | School code: DD112957**

**Date in school Y8: 13 July 2023**

For more information about the vaccination please visit our website:

<https://www.derbyshirefamilyhealthservice.nhs.uk/our-services/5-10-years/school-age-immunisations>

If you wish to discuss or would like any support to complete the form, please contact the School Age Immunisation Team on:

**Repton: 01283 707178 | Clay Cross: 01246 252953 | [DCHST.immunisationteam@nhs.net](mailto:DCHST.immunisationteam@nhs.net)**

### **Sports Days**

This week, we held Y7 and 8 Sports Days and the students excelled themselves. They demonstrated the values we instil in PE lessons and held up the wider values of the school. The students made their tutors and classmates proud of their effort and achievements.

Next week is Y9 Sports Day on Wednesday 12th July. Students need to come to school in their PE kit. If they don't have a Glossopdale hoodie/jumper they must be wearing their school blazer. A reminder that we made a recent change to the PE uniform policy, specifically regarding the shorts that students can and cannot wear for PE. The policy can be found here:

[Glossopdale School & Sixth Form - School Uniform](#)

Any students unable to participate due to injury will still need to arrive in full PE kit but will need an email from a parent. They will be given an officiating role.

If your child requires any medication for the day i.e. an inhaler, please can you ensure they have it with them and we strongly recommend that they have a bottle of water. If the weather is hot, please make sure that they wear/bring sun cream with them.

Students will have tutor and Period 1 as normal. They will need the books, equipment and homework for these lessons. Sports day events will take place Period 2 through to Period 5.

The children have been asked to play their part in the successful running of their sports day by:

- Demonstrating good behaviour
- Being polite to the event organisers and each other
- Demonstrating excellent team spirit and sportsmanship
- Playing their part in the team

We look forward to another enjoyable experience for all students in Y9.

### **Y7, Y8 and Y9 Celebration Evenings - 16th, 17th and 18th July**

We are holding our KS3 celebration evenings during the last week of this term. This will be the first year they have taken place since before Covid. During each of the three evenings, we will be celebrating the achievements of KS3 students in their subject areas and their successes across the school with our THRIVE awards. We will also present our Student of the Year Award and a series of Special Awards to recognise the hard work and commitment that our students consistently demonstrate. If your child has been nominated for an award you will have been notified by email. Please confirm your attendance by completing the google form using the link in the letter.

### **Reward Discos**

As a reward for excellent attendance, effort and attitude to learning in school, we are inviting those students that have consistently demonstrated excellence with a Summer Term Reward Activity. After a consultation with our students, we decided to go with an 'Evening Extravaganza' which celebrates the end of the year and the students' graduation into the next year. The evening will include a Disco run by a professional DJ, an ice cream van and a Magic Mirror booth which captures full-length photos using a touchscreen reflective screen. Parents of invited students will have received an email and students have been given an invitation during morning welcome this week.

### **Year 9 DofE Bronze expedition**

We will be out on expedition with the Year 9 students on the DofE Bronze Award on Thursday 14th and Friday 15th July. All of the details about the expedition have been shared with the relevant students and parents / carers. We're looking forward to slightly drier weather conditions than the practice expedition and expect all of our students to have a fantastic experience after the extensive training and preparation that they have completed.

## Key Stage 4

### **Year 10 Celebration Evening: Tuesday 11th July**

Some of our Year 10 students will receive certificates and recognition for attainment, progress and a series of special awards on Tuesday evening. If your child has been nominated for an award you will have received an invitation and link to short form to secure your place. Please respond no later than Monday 10th July to enable us to organise refreshments and seating arrangements.

### **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 and 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. Parents have received a separate email to inform them of which day their child will be attending and arrangements for the day and students have been informed via Google Classroom.

### **Year 10 Reward Event**

The end of term Year 10 reward event is being organised for Tuesday 18th July. Students who are eligible to attend the event will be selected based upon their THRIVE points and conduct over the past term. Invitations and further information have been shared with students and parents.

## Key Stage 5

### **Sixth Form Work Experience**

All Year 12 will be out on their work placement next week. Students have been in contact with their employers this week to finalise arrangements. Mrs Boakes will be on hand and visiting students in placement next week. Any issues please contact the Sixth Form team.

### **Dates for your diary**

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

July 2023	
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 Year 10 Reward event
Wednesday 19th July	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>

(Parents>Letters Home)

Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter.

Best wishes from all at Glossopdale School & Sixth Form