

Newsletter 13.5.22

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

General Information and Reminders

Parent Forum

Our next Parent Forum will take place on Tuesday 17th May at 6pm in our school library. The topics for discussion are trips and rewards and we would be extremely grateful for any parental input. Parents from all year groups are welcome. Please complete this form to confirm your attendance: <https://forms.gle/Bu8TTKnWgGooZhD6A>

Classroom Routines

Since September, we have had overwhelming success with the introduction and embedding of our classroom and learning routines. We included these details in an earlier Newsletter but here is a reminder of the expectations of all students in all classes:

<https://www.glossopdale.derbyshire.sch.uk/Students/Culture-and-Learning-Routines/>

We carry out frequent student voice and the students feel that following the routines has made the corridors and classrooms calmer, more purposeful and therefore focused on learning. We are really pleased with the positive effect that they have had in all year groups.

There are, however, small numbers of students who do not follow the routines. Students are aware that they will receive a C2 for failure to follow classroom routines. If they receive multiple C2s, they will receive a detention after school where they will practise the routines. This will show on Class Charts so that parents are aware of the reason for the detention.

Key Stage 3

The reading mentor programme 'Reading Buddies' has started its second cycle with a small group of Y7 students paired with a Y10 reading buddy during a morning tutor session. This gives the Y7 students an opportunity for an extra weekly session of quiet reading and a chance to build relationships with our older students who can offer help and advice.

DofE Bronze

All students enrolled on the Bronze Award scheme should attend after school sessions on Mondays 3 to 4pm. These sessions are now focusing on expedition skills and training and adherence to the [20 conditions](#). The DofE Bronze training programme can be found [here](#). On Monday 16th May students will be learning how to use the Trangia stoves and pitching the tents. The skill, volunteer and physical sections can be signed off once your child has completed the allocated time (3 or 6 months). Assessors reports can be completed online at www.dofe.org/assessor, please ask your assessor to complete the short report as soon as your child has completed the activity.

Key Stage 4

Year 11

Our 10 week countdown to exams is now complete, the first GCSE exam is on Monday 16th May. Over the last 10 weeks all of our Year 11 students have received information, advice and guidance on preparing for exams. The topics have covered revision skills, wellbeing and exam techniques. All students are reminded to speak to their teachers, tutors or the year team if they have any concerns about the forthcoming assessments. The Place will be open every day from 8am for any Year 11 student who would like to use the quiet time to prepare for the day ahead. Miss Beddows and Miss Gregory will be present for advice and support and breakfast refreshments will also be available. Revision sessions in the View will also continue over the next few weeks, all students are invited to attend and receive extra subject specific support.

Passport to the Prom

The second and final prom payment is due by June 6th. If your child has met our Passport to the Prom criteria and has been invited to join us on Friday 15th July, you will be sent details about completing the second payment and consent form on Parent Pay. There is also the optional coach payment of £10 should you wish to book a seat on the coach. If your child is planning to arrive by limousine or own transport, please ensure they arrive by 7.30pm and are collected by 11pm. Further details will be sent via email.

Year 10

Thank you to those parents who were able to attend Parents' Evening last night, we hope you found the information about your child's progress helpful. If you were not able to attend or had difficulty connecting to your appointments and would like subject specific advice please contact staff directly or the Year Leader, Miss Gadsby, vgadsby@glossoopdale.school, for further information. It would be helpful if you could also complete the parent voice questionnaire [here](#).

GCSE Trial exams

Year 10 trial exams start on 13th June. During tutorial sessions students are receiving information, advice and guidance on how to revise. Topics include flashcards, knowledge organisers and retrieval practise. Further information on revision can be found on the [School website](#)

Sixth Form

A reminder that Y12 students need to hand in their work experience forms as soon as possible so that health and safety checks can be carried out.

Year 13 students who are intending to go to University this year must confirm their choices by May 19th or universities may withdraw their offers. Students should confirm their firm and insurance choices and if there are any issues they should see a member of the pastoral team as a matter of urgency. The deadline for applications for student finance is also May 19th if funds are to be available at the start of their university term. Students can apply for their finance [here](#).

Y13 students will be celebrating their time at school and in the Sixth Form with a celebration breakfast next Friday. We have lots of treats and surprises organised to mark this important rite of passage.

Dates for your diary

Week commencing 16th May: External GCSE Exams commence

Week commencing 23rd May: External 'A' Level Exams commence

Tuesday 17th May 6-7pm: Parents' Forum, the library

Friday 27th - Sun 29th June : Year 7 & 8 Residential visit to PGL Winmarleigh Hall

Friday 27th May: Last day of Term 5

Monday 6th June: First day of Term 6

Week commencing 13th June: Y10 and 12 exams

Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter.

Best wishes from all at Glossopdale School and Sixth Form