



## Parent & Carer Weekly Newsletter Date: Friday 1st March 2024

### General Information and Reminders

#### **African Adventures**

We are delighted to inform you that Glossopdale School has been given an additional 30 places on an exciting trip to Kenya in October 2024, to spend time volunteering at schools in a developing area of the country. The trip is organised by African Adventures, (please see website [here](#)) who specialise in educational trips for young people in the UK.

African Adventures' partner schools provide a free education for children from underprivileged backgrounds, and volunteers help support the long-term development of the schools. Your child can choose to help with teaching and sports coaching, or building and renovation. Whilst they will undoubtedly make a difference, your child also stands to learn so much about the wider world during this challenging experience. Please see a letter from Mrs S Gilbert Project Leader [here](#). There will be an information evening held online at 5:30pm on the 11 th March via Teams, this will give parents and students the chance to be able to find out more and ask any questions about this exciting opportunity.



#### **Derbyshire County Council Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccine.**

You may have seen news stories about the increase in measles cases across the UK recently. We often think of measles as an illness that no longer affects us in the UK. But because of several years of low vaccine uptake, measles is now on the rise again. Derbyshire Council are writing to encourage you to protect yourself and your children from measles by getting the Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccine. Please see the [link](#) for more information.

#### **Manchester & District Orienteering Club**

As a school situated close to Manor Park, Manchester & District Orienteering Club wish to draw your attention to an event taking place at the park on Saturday 9 March. Orienteering is an exciting activity which can be enjoyed by anyone and we hope that teachers and pupils, families and friends may be interested in joining in.

Orienteering involves walking or running whilst navigating round a course using a detailed map, and sometimes a compass, to find set points along the way. There is an element of problem solving to orienteering as the aim is to navigate in the correct order between a set of control points, deciding on the best route to complete the course.

The event will run from 10.30-13.15 (last start at 12.00) and we will have courses available for complete beginners as well as those who may enjoy a slightly greater navigational challenge. Fees are £5 for adults and £2 for juniors. Those taking part can run or walk, compete individually or wander round as a family – all are welcome. The shortest course will be approximately 1.5km and designed for first timers. For more information please click on the following link:

[www.mdoc.org.uk](http://www.mdoc.org.uk) or email [paul.watson@mdoc.org](mailto:paul.watson@mdoc.org)



## Travel Derbyshire

There is a new Derbyshire Bus Service Improvement Plan public survey. To help us develop the plan Derbyshire Council are keen to hear from people who already use buses and from those who currently don't. They also want to hear from public, private and voluntary organisations who have an interest in making bus services work better. Your views will help shape their plan. Please can this be completed by Monday 18th March 2024. [BSIP Survey 2024](#). If you would like to print and send this questionnaire via post please click on the following [link](#).



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## Key Stage 3

### Y8 Thrive Day

On Tuesday 27th February, our Year 8 Students took part in a Thrive Day about careers and future pathways, with a spotlight on apprenticeships in some sessions. The students had a great day learning from Glossopdale teachers and Buxton and Leek College about Apprenticeships - what they are, how to find them, get on them and the pros and cons of apprenticeships. They also listened to a talk by three representatives from Chafes, Hague and Lambert solicitors who spoke about the degree route and apprenticeship route to becoming a Solicitor and how to become a barrister. This was followed by some very mature questions from the students in a Q&A session. The Icloud session on computers, enabled students to think more clearly about their own skills and how these could be used in future careers.

An additional session was led by PCSO Buller, discussing County Lines as a wider part of our Personal Development curriculum.

### Y8 THRIVE Day - Study Skills

Y8 students will be taking part in a Study Skills THRIVE day on Friday 08/03/24. They will have the opportunity to practise different revision strategies including Cornell note taking, flash cards and brain dumps. They will also have sessions on 'desirable difficulty' and 'metacognition'. The aim of these sessions is to increase the students' awareness of the importance of self-evaluation.

### Y8 HPV (Human Papillomavirus) Immunisations 22/03/04

All children aged 12 to 13 (school Year 8) are offered the HPV vaccine. IntraHealth who administer the vaccinations will be in school on Friday 22/03/24. Further information with regards to how to consent to the vaccine will be sent out to Y8 parents in the next week.

### British Music Experience

On Thursday 29th February a number of Year 9 students, who've been performing excellently in their lessons and showing great enthusiasm about the subject, enjoyed a trip to the 'British Music Experience.' The BME is an interactive museum/exhibition in Liverpool. They discovered how British culture and history has influenced the pop culture of our nation and vice versa via a workshop session given by one of the BME staff. They also had the opportunity to view pop music memorabilia from over the last century and more, try instruments, exercise their vocal cords and even try out some dance moves! Above all, their horizons were widened about the significance that music plays in our culture and the careers and hobbies that can be explored within Music, not to mention how it has such a positive effect on our wellbeing. It was a great day.



## Key Stage 4

### Key Stage 4 Parents Information evening

On Wednesday 20th March we will be hosting a Parents Information Evening from 6-7pm in the School Theatre to provide information on the GCSE examinations. As we are sure you will appreciate, this is a crucial time in your child's education and it is vital that we work together to support them in achieving their full potential on their chosen GCSE courses. We do hope that you will be able to join us and that you will find the evening helpful and informative. If you are the parent/carer of a Y11 student, please complete the Google form [here](#) to indicate if you will be attending or are unable to attend. All materials from this evening will be available on the School website after the event.

### Dates for your diary

Monday 4th March	Y11 & Y13 Mock Exams Start
Wednesday 6th March	SEND Parent Forum 4.30-5.30
Friday 8th March	Y8 THRIVE Day - Study Skills
Wednesday 13th March	Y9 Options Evening
Tuesday 19th March	In School performance of An Inspector calls for Y10/11
Wednesday 20th March	Y11 Parents Information Evening (exams)
Thursday 21st March	Y9 THRIVE Day
Tuesday 26th March	Wonders of our Universe
Wednesday 28th March	Wonders of our Universe   Last day of Term
Thursday 28th March	INSET Day school closed to students
Friday 29th March	Bank Holiday Good Friday

Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter.

Best wishes from all at Glossopdale School and Sixth Form