



Parent & Carer Weekly Newsletter Date: Friday 22nd March 2024

General Information and Reminders

Spring Term Highlights

Glossopdale students have been awarded over sixty thousand THRIVE points so far in the Spring Term (Jan to March 24), which is over eighteen thousand more points than the same term last year!

Music for Youth Festival

On Friday 15th March the Glossopdale School and Sixth Form Wind Band and Choir made the journey to the Albemarle Music Centre in Hull for the Music for Youth Hull Regional Festival – part of the largest youth music festival in the UK. Both groups performed their 10 minute programme in front of students from other schools taking part in the festival and two ‘Music Mentors’ from the Music for Youth organisation.

The choir’s programme was ‘Siyahamba’ and ‘Hushabeye Mountain’ by Robert and Richard Sherman and the band performed Danny Elfman’s ‘Theme from Batman’ and Philip Sparke’s ‘Klezmer Karnival. The band and choir performed excellently and received very positive and encouraging feedback from the mentors.



An Inspector Calls update

On Monday 18th of March, Year 10 and Year 11 students had the invaluable opportunity to watch the last of our scheduled performances: ‘An Inspector Calls’ performed by ManActCo. Funded by the PTFA, the performance provided the chance for Year 10 students to see the play brought to life before they start their studies on it after Easter, whilst Year 11 had one of the best revision opportunities available before their English Literature GCSE. A huge thank you to the PTFA for their support and to ManActCo for the incredible performance.





Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner - Listening to You

Throughout the year, the Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner runs a survey asking for Derbyshire residents' views on crime and community safety. This is done to ensure that the priorities the Commissioner sets for policing, community safety and victims services reflect the issues that matter most to Derbyshire residents, wherever they live in the City or the County. Using the responses from the survey, the Commissioner will work with the Chief Constable to ensure that resources are balanced efficiently with residents' concerns. The link for the survey is below:

[Listening to you | Office of the Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner \(derbyshire-pcc.gov.uk\)](https://www.derbyshire-pcc.gov.uk/listening-to-you)



Easter Holiday Activities In Glossopdale School's Community Hub "The Place"

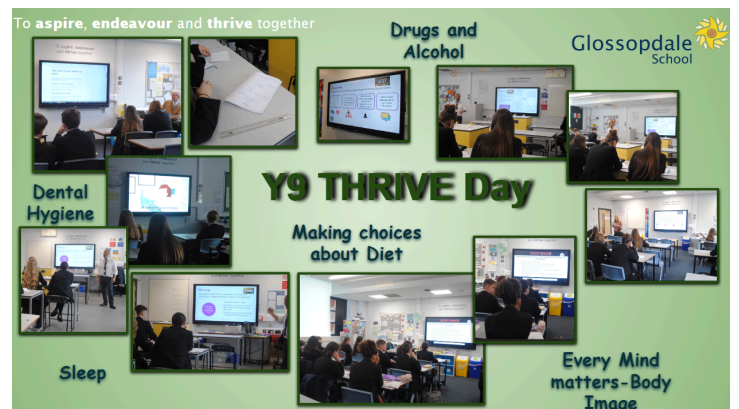
Please click on the following link to have a look at the Easter Holiday Activities The Place have in store this Easter (N-GAGE & FOOTBALL FOR FUN) [Information here](#)

Key Stage 3

Year 9 THRIVE Day

On Thursday 21st March, our Year 9 students took part in a THRIVE Day about Health and Wellbeing. The students had a great day learning from Glossopdale teachers about Dental Hygiene, Diet, Body Image, Drugs and Alcohol and Sleep. The sessions allowed for the delivery of age appropriate materials followed by some very mature questions from the students and practical activities.

This is all part of our Personal Development curriculum which helps our students to gain resilience for life and the world of work.



Year 9 Assessments

Year 9 students will be undertaking assessments during the week beginning 22nd April. Some of these assessments will be held in the Sports Hall. This is to begin to prepare students for working for extended periods of time under exam conditions.



Key Stage 4

Year 11 Parents Information Evening; GCSE Exams

It was great to see so many parents and Year 11 students attend our Parent Information Evening on Wednesday. The session included information about JCQ regulations, our exam routines and support that families can provide for their child in the run up to the May / June exams. We hope that families found it useful and informative. All of the resources can be found on the school website [here](#).

Students sitting their exams have been given the exam timetable which will be posted on the school website. For Art students the GCSE Art, Craft & Design exam will take place on the 3rd and 8th May and GCSE Textiles exam will take place on 2nd and 9th May.

Year 11 Newsletter

Each week we will be publishing a newsletter for parents / carers of students in Year 11. Please use these links for [Y11 Newsletter Issue.1](#) and [Y11 Newsletter Issue.2](#)

Year 11 Hoodies

Students in Year 11 can now order their leavers hoody via this [link](#). Please place your order and pay online. We will then arrange for the hoodies to be delivered to school and handed to the students during their last assembly in Year 11.

Year 10 Parents Evening; Thursday 18th April 2024

Parents / carers of Year 10 students are invited to join us on Thursday 18th April from 4pm to 7pm at our Year 10 Parents Evening. You can now make appointments on our School Cloud system, please use this [link](#)

Dates for your diary

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
Tuesday 16th April	School opens to students, start of term
Wednesday 17th April	Y7 THRIVE Day - Study Skills
Thursday 18th April	Y10 Parents Evening
Monday 22nd April	Y9 Assessment week
Thursday 25th April	Sixth Form Parents Evening
Monday 29th April	Y8 Assessment week
Tuesday 30th April	Edge Hill University Visit (Sixth Form Students)
Wednesday 1st May	Duke of Edinburgh Parent Information Evening 6.30pm
Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 7th May	Y10 THRIVE Day

Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter.

Best wishes from all at Glossopdale School and Sixth Form