



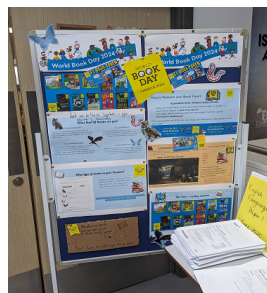
## Parent & Carer Weekly Newsletter

Date: **Friday 8th March 2024** - Sent

### General Information and Reminders

#### World Book Day

World Book Day saw a variety of activities around the school to promote the love of books. Well done to Rebecca S, Y9 and Fia G, Y7 for winning the creative writing competition. Both of these entries were fantastic and they perfectly captured the feel of a Library. The scavenger hunt was so much fun, the students were so engaged! In first place was Maisy E, Y7 with 30 teachers put into the correct categories! In second place was Ewan Mc, Y7 with 29 points and in third place was Colton F Y7 with 26 points. Every student who entered won a prize and it was great to see students so dedicated. World Book Day tokens can be claimed in school and spent in Tesco, Dark Peak Books and WHSmith. Please ensure they pop back into the Library to show Miss Spink which book they have picked.



#### Derbyshire County Council: It's About Me

Did you know that as well as free school meals during term time, you are also entitled to access FREE holiday clubs this spring? The Holiday Activity and Food Programme, known throughout Derbyshire as 'It's About Me' is funded by the Department for Education and gives eligible young people access to FREE places at holiday clubs across the county. Please click on the following [link](#) for further information.

#### Attendance & Punctuality

- Well done to Year 10 and Year 11, both of whom showed great improvements in their attendance last term.
- In addition to this, well done to our Year 7 students for being the best attending year group for the 3rd time in a row.
- For this term, our best attending year group so far is Year 7. Year 8 follow closest by 0.3% - can they pip them to the title of best attending year group by the end of this term.
- For this term, our most improved year group so far is Year 10, who are on target to improve a further 1.5% Keep going Year 10!
- Please be reminded that students with less than 97% attendance are statistically proven not achieve their expected target grades and to achieve less than their peers.
- It is a legal responsibility for schools to maintain good attendance and local authority action may be taken if a student's attendance falls below 90% attendance.

#### Contact Details

A reminder to inform us if any of your contact details change such as a change to your address, contact telephone number(s), or email address. It is important that all our student records are accurate and up-to-date. Please email [admissions@glossopdale.school](mailto:admissions@glossopdale.school) with any changes.



### SEND Parent Forum

On Wednesday 6th March the SEND department held their termly SEND Parent forum focussing on how the referral process works and helping children with sensory needs. Parents shared information from their experiences and were able to put questions and suggestions to the SEND department. Please find here the presentation shared on the evening, which is now on our website: [Presentation](#)

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### Key Stage 3

#### Halle School Concert

On Thursday 7th March some of our Year 7 students visited the Bridgewater Hall to watch the Halle for the youth multi-sensory concert 'Cities of the World'. The students were introduced to the instruments of the orchestra and listened to the Halle Orchestra perform works by composers Ravel, Respighi and Strauss. They also enjoyed some audience participation in the performance of Jai Ho! Both students and staff had a great day.



#### Y8 THRIVE DAY Friday 8.3.24- Study Skills

Y8 students have been learning how to learn more effectively with sessions in metacognition, and desirable difficulty. Subject teachers have been modelling different revision strategies and students have been practicing the techniques in their lessons. These include; the effective use of flashcards, the construction of brain dumps and the use of Cornell note taking. The strategies presented will support students as they prepare for their Year 8 assessments, which will take place during the week beginning 29/04/2024.

#### DofE

Well done to all of the Year 9 students who have now completed the First Aid training for expeditions, completion certificates were in the Y9 assembly. This term we will be working on map skills and navigation. It's important that all of the students enrolled on Bronze Award attend at least one after school session each week with their leader. Sessions are Monday, Wednesday and Friday after school.

The training expedition will take place on the weekend of 21st and 22nd June and the qualifying expedition is on the 11th and 12th July. We will host a parent information evening in April to share the details of the expeditions and how to complete the award.

Students enrolled on Silver and Gold should be completing their skill, volunteer and physical sections. Once we have a team of at least 4 students enrolled we will be able to plan how to deliver the expeditions, either in house or via an APP. Please send any questions about DofE to [lgeary@glossopdale.school](mailto:lgeary@glossopdale.school).



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## Key Stage 4

### **GCSE Mock Speaking Tests Year 11**

Year 11 students made a great start in preparing for their GCSE French and German speaking tests last week by completing a mock with their class teacher. The format of the test mirrors the actual conditions in which they will take their test. They have time to prepare their responses to a role play and describe a photograph with an invigilator and then a general conversation takes place on two different themes. Good luck to the Year 11s for the actual test in April.

### **GCSE trial exams**

All of the Year 11 students sat their trial exams this week and their behaviour and conduct throughout these assessments was exemplary. Teachers will now mark and give feedback to their classes over the next few weeks. We will also be using information and grades from the trial exams to structure the revision and interventions for the remaining terms in Year 11. Our Y11 RPG and mentoring programme will continue and the after school interventions will recommence next week. Students should use these opportunities to revise and prepare for their GCSEs, the intervention timetable is [here](#).

To support your child at home, ensure that they have a quiet place away from distractions (including their phone) to focus on homework and revision activities. Advice on how to study and revise is available on the School website [here](#)

### **Parent Information Evening - Exams**

On Wednesday 20th March from 6pm to 7.30pm, we are hosting our Year 11 Parent/Exams Information to advise all parents/carers and the Y11 students about the JCQ regulations, exam timetable, our exam routines and to provide useful revision advice from our faculty team leaders in English, Maths and Science. If you have not already complete the form to confirm your attendance, please do so [here](#)

### **Year 11 Leavers Hoodies**

The Year 11 hoodies are available to order online. We use JFC sports in Hyde; please follow this [link](#) to place your order. You have a choice of a single colour or contrast colour and they can be personalised. The hoodies will be delivered to School and given to the students in their final Year 11 assembly in June.

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## Key Stage 5

### **Year 13 Trial Exams**

Year 13 trial exams start today with A Level Art, and continue next week, the timetable is [here](#). Students must arrive on time for the exam and with the necessary equipment. If a student does not have an exam, they should attend their normal timetabled lesson.



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### UCAS Discovery Day

Year 12 students have this week visited the Manchester UCAS Discovery Day at the Manchester Central Convention Complex. The aim of a Discovery event is to help students decide on their next steps. At the event, students can chat to universities and colleges about their courses and university life. They can also speak to employers and apprenticeship providers about what an apprenticeship is like and the options available. Our students were able to listen to a number of talks from experts in their fields, they had a great day and came away with a lot of ideas. We will be visiting Edge Hill University in May to follow up on this work.

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### Dates for your diary

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
Friday 22nd March	Y8 HPV Vaccinations
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
Thursday 18th April	Y10 Parents Evening

Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter.

Best wishes from all at Glossopdale School and Sixth Form