

Parent and Carer Newsletter 8.7.22

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

General Information and Reminders

Online safety

The internet is an amazing resource; it enables children and young people to connect, communicate and be creative in a number of different ways, on a range of devices. However, the internet is always changing, and being able to keep up to date with your child's use of technology can be a challenge.

In our recent online safety survey with students from Years 7-11, 37.5% of students reported that they have received bullying or nasty messages or photos via social media, email or text. 16.4% of students responded that they would not tell an adult if they were being bullied online, or if they were unhappy with online content or comments.

At Glossopdale, we have a strong pastoral team around your child. The Form Tutor, Year Manager and Year Leader are able to offer support, guidance and advice; they will take immediate action when notified of any accusations of bullying, in line with our zero-tolerance anti-bullying policy. In addition to this, we urge parents and carers to engage with strict parental controls over online access and messaging; the following website is a great source of advice.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>

Household Support/Grocery Vouchers

As part of a national scheme, Derbyshire County Council is providing a free one-off grocery voucher worth £50 per eligible child to families in need to help them pay for food and essential living costs. Full details about the Household Support Fund, including other ways those facing financial hardship can access support from the fund, are available on the DCC website at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/householdsupportfund

Distribution of the vouchers by email or text will start in early July and continue throughout the month of July. If parents and carers who are eligible do not receive a voucher by the 20 July 2022, they should visit www.derbyshire.gov.uk/householdsupportfund where an online form will be available to report missing vouchers.

Super Learning Day

On 14th July 2022, Year 7-10 Students will take part in Super Learning Day 3. Year 7s are looking at healthy lifestyles and employability skills through a variety of team building activities. Year 8 will be learning about safety, focusing on knife crime, first aid, relationships and self-defence. The Army are joining us to take sessions with Year 9s, alongside careers and team building sessions. Finally, Year 10 are taking part in an enterprise activity run by Cadent Gas for the majority of the day but will also have sessions on personal hygiene and water safety.

The following organisations are helping us to make the day possible; the NHS, Mountain Rescue, North West Ambulance Service, Matrix Martial Arts, Cadent Gas, Glossop Business Network and the Police. Our Student Leadership Team will also be running some sessions under supervision.

PTFA Meeting - Wednesday 20th July - 5.30pm

Our PTFA - Parents, Teachers and Friends Association - will be meeting on Wednesday 20th July at 5.30pm in the Theatre at school to plan events for the coming year. We are a friendly group who enjoy contributing to the school and enrichment for students through charity events and activities. Please come along - new members are most welcome, including parents/carers of upcoming year 7s!

Ties for school year 2022/23

Many parents, especially those of our new Year 7s, have been enquiring about purchase of these ready for September. Unfortunately, our supplier has been unable to fulfil the order by the date we requested but we are able to update as follows.

Year 7 - Orange Tie - due by 15th July

Year 8 - Gold Tie - in stock

Year 9 - Royal Blue Tie - in stock

Year 10 - (new) Navy Blue - due by 15th July

Year 11 - Black - in stock

Please also note that our supplier has raised the cost of ties to us and the price will now be £4 each. Our reception will be open at points during the summer break when you will be able to come into school and buy these in cash. For existing students, you may use your Parentpay account to purchase a tie, students can then collect this from Student Services by 22nd July.

Rewards Events

On Wednesday 20th July, 120 students from each year group who have consistently displayed our THRIVE values in the last half term will be specially selected to join two hours of treats to reward their hard work. The event (still to be fully revealed) will be free of charge and lots of fun. There's still time for students to earn their place in the next few days!

End of term arrangements 22nd July

Friday 22nd July marks our last day of the summer term and school will close to all students at 12.30pm.

This will be a non-uniform day and students can bring in either £1 and/or a non-perishable food contribution to the National Food Bank collection as organised by FairShare. At this time of year (unlike Christmas, for example), donations are much lower and any food that you donate as part of our collection will be given directly to people in our local community who would otherwise go without.

Items they particularly need include:

Tinned Peas

Tinned Carrots

Tinned Sweetcorn

Tinned Potatoes

Tinned Rice Pudding

Tinned Custard

Tinned Fruit

Tinned Spaghetti

Tinned Soup

Tinned Hot dogs

Tinned Meatballs

Biscuits

Tea bags

Any item of non- perishable food with the packaging intact (including ingredients and use by date) is much appreciated and will be used. Please ensure they are at least 3 months in date.

Start of Term September 22-23

Students will return to school on Monday 5th September. In order to allow us to have a really effective induction with all of our students, there will be a staggered start to the day. Y7 and 12 students need to arrive to school for 9am. Y8-11 and 13 students will arrive at staggered times later that day. A full timetable will be issued before the end of term.

Key Stage 3

Year 7 and 8 Progress Reports

These will be emailed to parents next week. If you have any questions about them, please contact your child's subject teacher in the first instance or the relevant Year Leader. For Year 7, this is Miss Porter: rporter@glossopdale.school and for Year 8 this is Miss Jones: sjones@glossopdale.school.

Key Stage 4

Year 10 Progress Reports and transition into Y11

Year 10 trial exam results and progress reports will be sent home to parents before the end of term. If you have any questions about your child's progress please contact Miss Geary Head or Key stage via email on lgeary@glossopdale.school or Miss Gadsby Year leader on vgadsby@glossopdale.school.

We want our new Year 11 students to have a really positive and purposeful start to the year. It is important to prepare students and parents in advance for the expectations that we have of Year 11 students. In September, we will be co-ordinating various subject specific interventions to support all students. The vast majority of this intervention will take place during lesson 6, 3pm to 4pm and we will expect students to attend according to their timetable. These will be communicated in September.

Y11 Prom - Chatsworth House 15th July 2022

We are looking forward to welcoming 130 of our Year 11 students to the prom next Friday. We have now finalised the bookings. If your child has a place on the coach, please may I remind you that this is a return journey, students need to be on the coach going to and from the venue. The coach will leave Glossopdale School at 6pm and return for midnight.

The Prom is taking place in the Coach House at Chatsworth. Directions can be found here for those who are making their own way. <https://www.chatsworth.org/visit-chatsworth/visitor-information/how-to-get-here/> Please ensure you arrive for 7.15pm and leave by 11pm.

Students should bring some cash or a card with them as non-alcoholic drinks may be purchased from the bar and additional photos can be bought from Barry Derbyshire at £5 each.

Yr 11 GCSE Results Day is on Thursday 25th August. Students will be able to come into school to collect their results from 9.30am onwards. More specific information will be sent out before the end of term to finalise these arrangements.

Sixth Form

Sixth Form Issues Day and Y12 Work Experience

Students have taken part in a variety of activities designed to prepare them for their future pathways. This week they have had a very successful Sixth Form Issues Day, which provided a lot of information about the apprenticeship pathway, the university route and gap year experiences, as well as gaining important information about student finance and transferable life skills, such as stepping up to a challenge and team building. As part of this programme students will be completing their work experience placements next week and this will be a time to develop their ability to rise to new challenges even further.

Y13 Results Day

Y13 A Level Results Day is on Thursday 18th August. Students will be able to come into school to collect their results from 9.30am onwards. More specific information will be sent out before the end of term to finalise these arrangements.

Dates for your diary

W/C 11th July: Year 12 Work Experience

Thursday 14th July: Super Learning Day Y7-10

Friday 15th July: Y11 Prom

Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th July: DofE bronze expedition

Wednesday 20th July: Rewards events

Thursday 21st July: Sixth Form Alton Towers Trip

Friday 22nd July: Students' last day of school (see above for arrangements)

Thursday 18th August: 'A' Level Results Day

Thursday 25th August: GCSE Results Day

Monday 5th September: Start of the 22-23 academic year for students (staggered - see above)

Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter.

Best wishes from all at Glossopdale School and Sixth Form