

## Newsletter 6.5.22

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

### **General Information and Reminders**

#### **Laptops**

As you will know, we have provided laptops for many students to ensure that all students can work effectively from home. We know that students cannot complete homework/revision as well as possible if they do not have high quality technology to rely on at home. We have some more laptops in school to distribute where students need them. If your child does not have access to adequate technology, please can you inform your child's Year Manager or Leader. This includes: having no laptop/computer at home, using a phone to work on at home, sharing a laptop with a parent or sibling, using a laptop that is old/unreliable.

#### **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/Bu8TTKnWqGooZhD6A>

#### **Travel Survey**

We are currently conducting a survey to collect information on how students travel to and from the school. The survey provides you with an opportunity to provide your views and opinions in relation to student travel and provides us with vital information which will be used to inform the school's Travel Plan. The Travel Plan aims to encourage sustainable travel whilst looking to improve journeys to and from school. The survey will take fewer than five minutes to complete and all comments will be treated confidentially. To complete the survey please click here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf1oJzlwP-ftLttQTMGVL8dpaJ03npfuVZylAN9hE3gxiWTug/viewform>

#### **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**

#### **Y9 Exams**

The KS3 core exams continue with the Y9 exams on Monday 9th May and Tuesday 10th May. Please could students make sure that they have the correct equipment for each exam: Black pen, pencil, ruler, rubber, highlighter for the English exam on Monday and a calculator for the Science exam on Tuesday.

### **Key Stage 4**

#### **Year 10:**

Parents' Evening will take place on Thursday 12th May and will be a virtual event. Letters with details of how to log on on School Cloud have been sent separately to parents of Year 10 students. The Y10 trial exams take place from the week commencing 13th June. Students will be learning new revision strategies during their Personal Development programme over the next few weeks and subject specific preparation for these important assessments will be happening in lessons.

#### **Year 11:**

Y11 students are currently working hard towards their GCSE exams - the first of which are next week for some of our Btec students. A reminder that there are general breakfast revision sessions in The View on a Monday, Thursday and Friday from 8.00 - 8.30am. All students are welcome to attend these sessions and free breakfast will be provided. New guidelines around the process for applying for special consideration due to unforeseen circumstances have been published and a letter outlining this process will be sent to parents separately.

Y11 students will have their 'Celebration Assembly' after their morning exam on Friday 10th June. They will be allowed to go home after this event and then will only be required to attend revision lessons in subjects that still have exams to do after this date. Further information regarding these arrangements will be sent home shortly.

### **Sixth Form**

Year 12 and 13 A Level and Btec exams commence next week with Btec Sport on Monday 9th May for our Y12 students. Students have been working hard towards these formal assessments in lessons and are required to attend their lessons up to the point that all their components have been completed in that subject. Information regarding the JCQ guidelines on applying for special consideration during this time will be sent separately to parents of Y12 and 13 students.

Y13 students will have their celebration breakfast in the last week of this term and we are looking forward to sharing some of their school memories.

Y12 work placements, which are a compulsory part of the Sixth Form provision, will take place the week commencing 11th July. Any student who has not yet secured their placement will now be allocated one from employers who have previously taken students.

Finally, please be aware that the Y12 trial exams commence the week beginning the 13th June and more information regarding individual timetables will be sent separately.

## **Dates for your diary**

Week commencing 9th May: Year 9 exams

Thursday 12th May: Year 10 Parents' Evening

Week commencing 9th May: External Btec Level 2 and 3 exams commence

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 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