

## Newsletter 29.4.22

A very warm welcome back to all students. We are now in the Summer Term and, unbelievably, more than two thirds of the way through the year. The first GCSE exams start in only 3 weeks' time and this term, being only 5 weeks long, will also be over before we know it.

It has been great to have the students back and really pleasing to see the way they have thrown themselves into their studies, returning with such a positive attitude to learning.

### General Information and Reminders

It is very often useful at the start of term to clarify students and parents of our expectations. Assemblies this week have focused on reminding students about our classroom routines and some of the important school rules. We know that when we can work together with parents, this is most helpful, so below are some reminders of key policies. Your support in discussing and upholding these with your children is much appreciated.

#### **School Uniform**

Jewellery: students are permitted to wear one plain stud in each ear. They are not permitted to wear any other jewellery; this includes **nose studs, rings, bracelets and necklaces**. Students will be asked to remove these if they are wearing them. This will result in a detention if they are asked repeatedly.

Nails: students are not permitted to wear **nail polish or acrylic nails**. If students attend school with these and they cannot be removed, they will be isolated until the polish/acrylic has been removed.

#### **Healthy Eating**

Students may bring their own packed lunch and snacks into school to eat at break/lunchtimes. Please note that we do not permit **sweets, energy drinks, fizzy drinks such as Coca-Cola, chewing gum, lollipops or other sugary foods/drinks** in school. We would be grateful if you could take the time to discuss this with your child as, if students are found with any of these items, they will be confiscated. Thank you for your support.

#### **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.

#### **Vaccinations - please see message below from the School Age Immunisation Service**

The School Age Immunisation Service (SAIS) for Derbyshire and Derby City will attend school to give the HPV (Human Papilloma Vaccine) to Year 8 and 9 students (second dose) and also aim to catch up any students from Year 10 and 11 that have missed their vaccination due to the COVID 19 pandemic. The date of this visit will be Tuesday 10th May.

*Please note: Legally students can self-consent on the day if they are 13 years old or over and assessed as competent by SAIS staff members, however this creates much more work for school staff and the team. If you do not respond to the request for consent with a yes/no answer, your child may be asked to self consent.*

### **Year 10 Parents' Evening:**

This will take place on Thursday 12th May and will be a virtual event. Letters with details of how to log on on School Cloud will be sent separately to parents of Year 10 students.

### **Latest Covid Guidance**

Students no longer need to test at home and we do not provide LFD test kits to students. If your child has symptoms or tests positive, they should isolate for 3 days according to the latest advice here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>

### **Free breakfast for all students**

We offer a free bagel to all students for breakfast every day. This can be collected and eaten in the conservatory between 8am and 8.30am every morning. Year 11 students can also go to the Sixth Form View where they can eat their free breakfast and attend a revision session from 8am every morning.

### **Donation thanks**

A huge thank you to Mrs Dawn Hampson for her generous donation to us to support students with their school uniform. For the second time, she has provided a huge supply of tights which we give out to the girls when they are in need. It is much appreciated.

### **Dates for your diary**

Monday 2nd May: Bank Holiday  
Week commencing 2nd May: Year 8 exams  
Week commencing 9th May: Year 9 exams  
Week commencing 16th May: External GCSE Exams commence  
Thursday 12th May: Year 10 Parents' Evening  
Tuesday 17th May: Parents' Forum  
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