

Newsletter 11.3.22

Please find below a roundup of important information for parents this week. To help you navigate the newsletter and identify the information that is relevant to you, we have organised this into; general information for all parents followed by Key Stage 3 (Y7-9), Key Stage 4 (Years 10 and 11) and Key Stage 5 (Sixth Form). We hope that this helps you receive the information that you need. If you have any feedback on our communications, please email info@glossopdale.school.

General Information

Free breakfast for all students

From Monday 21st March, we will be offering a free bagel to all students for breakfast. 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.

School performance of 'Matilda'

This takes place on Wednesday 30th March, Thursday 31st March, Friday 1st April at 7pm in the school theatre. Our students are currently working so hard rehearsing for our upcoming production of Matilda The Musical Jr. As we come to the final weeks of rehearsals it is crucial that all students involved attend their rehearsals and they should refer to the rehearsal schedule on Google Classroom.

We really hope that you can join us at one of the performance evenings. Tickets are available at www.ticketsource.co.uk/glossopdale

Comic Relief and charity collection for victims in Ukraine

Friday 18th March will recognise Comic Relief and, at the same time, we'd like to support victims of the conflict in Ukraine. Our Personal Development theme will focus on empathy and the importance of giving back. There will be various projects throughout the week including a raffle to donate much needed funds to Ukraine, bake sales, sponsored events and competitions and, of course, the sale of red noses. Where possible, please send some money with your child so they can contribute to our fundraising.

Key Stage 3

Y9 Options

The Options taster day took place today, Friday 4th March. Students enjoyed sessions in subjects that they are considering for Year 10. The KS4 Options Evening will be held on Thursday 17th March, 5:30 pm – 7.00 pm in the Theatre. Details of the process and all information about options can be found here:

<https://www.glossopdale.school/-Curriculum/Year-9-Options/>.

Key Stage 4

GCSE 10 week countdown

There are just 10 weeks until the first GCSE exam on the 16th May. We have an intensive programme of support and guidance for all Y11 students to prepare them for their external exams. Following the trial exams last week, students will receive feedback and next step actions from their subject teachers. Some students will be invited to attend intervention support sessions for English, Maths and Science which may take place before, after or during the school day. English drop-in study time is every Tuesday and Thursday with Mrs McLaren and Miss Smith runs a Science study session on Tuesdays.

In assemblies, students will be given advice about revision and preparing for exams,, this will be embedded in tutorial sessions using the CGP 'How to revise' series and GCSE Mindset resources (Oakes and Griffin 2017). Each week we will be sending parents and carers a 'top tips' message via Class Charts to help you to support your child in the run up to the exams. Topics that we will be covering include motivation, avoiding procrastination, healthy living, managing stress, revision strategies and advice for when you are in the exams. Should you want any further information please contact Miss Geary, Head of Key Stage 4.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 17th March: Y9 Options Evening

Friday 18th March: Glossopdale Wind Band at Music for Youth Regional Festival, Hull

Tuesday 29th March: Parent Forum

Wednesday 30th, Thursday 31st March and Friday 1st April: School performance of Matilda

Friday 8th April: last day of Spring Term

Monday 25th April: INSET Day

Tuesday 26th April: start of Summer Term - students return to school

Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter.

Best wishes from all at Glossopdale School and Sixth Form