

## Newsletter 4.3.22

It has been wonderful to welcome students back to the new term this week, we hope that you all had a restful and enjoyable break. Please find below a roundup of important information for parents this week.

### New Covid arrangements

We start the term with a new approach to Covid Management from the government 'Living with Covid'. Although this sounds like the end is in sight, we still need to be cautious and although the legal requirement for self-isolation has been removed, if students do have any of the main symptoms or a positive test result, the public health advice is for them to stay at home and avoid contact with other people, so we strongly advise that students continue to self-test and isolate if they are positive or have symptoms.

Key points from the new guidance is as follows:

- If you have any of the main symptoms of Covid-19 (a recent onset of a new continuous cough; a high temperature; or a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell) you should order a PCR test. You are advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people while you wait for the test result.
- If you test positive, you should continue to stay at home and avoid contact with other people. This includes not attending work.
- If you can, you should let people who you have been in close contact with know about your positive test result.
- Children and young people with Covid-19 should not attend their education setting while they are infectious. They should take an LFD test from five days after their symptoms started (or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms) followed by another one the next day. If both of these tests results are negative, they should return to their educational setting, as long as they feel well enough to do so and do not have a temperature. They should follow the guidance for their educational setting.
- If you live with, or have stayed overnight in the household of, someone who has Covid-19, you are advised (for ten days after the day the person you live or stayed with first had symptoms, or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms) to:
  - minimise contact with the person who has Covid-19
  - work from home if you are able to do so
  - avoid contact with anyone you know who is at higher risk of becoming severely unwell if they are infected with Covid-19, especially those with a severely weakened immune system
  - limit close contact with other people outside your household, especially in crowded, enclosed or poorly-ventilated spaces
  - wear a well-fitting face covering made with multiple layers or a surgical face mask in crowded, enclosed or poorly ventilated spaces and where you are in close contact with other people
  - Children and young people who live with someone who has Covid-19 should continue to attend their education setting as normal

### Y10 Futures Week 7th-11th March

Like many schools, we have now changed the traditional model of 'work experience' to a week in school dedicated to educating our Year 10 students on the world of work; guiding them in their future pathways and offering advice and guidance on a wide range of careers. Next week, their usual timetable will be suspended and replaced by workshop style lessons such as: interview skills; 'not going to Uni' (apprenticeships); budgeting skills; revision; and also guest speakers from areas including: the law, fashion and retail, hospitality and the armed forces. We look forward to it being a successful week from which the students will be able to make considered and informed choices about their futures.

## 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/>.

## Comic Relief

Charity Fundraising is an important part of our Personal Development Curriculum as we encourage students to consider how they can support others who are less fortunate. Many tutor groups and individual students will be raising money for Comic Relief on Friday 18th March; including a Bake Sale, sponsored events and sale of the Comic relief red noses. If you are able, please send a small amount of change with your child to donate to this event.

## Mental Health Support



In our drive to become a Mentally Healthy School, we were pleased to unveil our 'Support Murals' in both the girls' and boys' toilets this week. You will see how these direct the students to a wide range of support available to them, both in school and through external agencies, with issues such as: sexuality, anxiety, bereavement/loss, anger, bullying/friendship, self harm and suicide prevention. Please contact school if you feel your family or your child may need additional support with their Mental Health or Wellbeing on [wellbeingsupport@glossopdale.school](mailto:wellbeingsupport@glossopdale.school) or through their Year Manager or Leader.

## September 2022 Intake

We are really pleased to have offered 255 places to Year 6 pupils for our September 2022 intake. This is a record high intake for Glossopdale and we are very happy that the vast majority of families in the Glossopdale area chose us as their first choice. This demonstrates the popularity the school now has and we are delighted to have been able to offer so many places. The extension has enabled us to increase our PAN (Pupil Admission Number) from 200 to 240 per intake which is great news for the school community. We really look forward to welcoming them on their transition day in July.

## Dates for your diary

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March: Glossopdale Young Musician of the Year Finals concert

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March: Y9 Options Evening

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

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March: Parent Forum

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

Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter.

Best wishes from all at Glossopdale School and Sixth Form