

Newsletter 11.2.22

Please see below the notices and information for this week.

Vaccinations: please see details below from the Derbyshire Schools' Immunisation Team **Next Visit: Wednesday 2nd March**

Dear Parents/Carers of Year 9 girls and boys,

We will be continuing to use the e-consent for the Teenage Booster, and Men ACWY vaccination programme and will be offering vaccination to girls and boys in Year 9. Please visit

<https://www.derbyshireandcityimms.co.uk/Forms/DTP>

to complete the consent form. The option to consent or decline the vaccination is at the end of the questionnaire so please complete even if you do not want your child to have the vaccination.

Your unique school code for Glossopdale School is DD112957

For more information about the vaccination please visit our website:

<https://www.derbyshirefamilyhealthservice.nhs.uk/our-services/5-10-years/school-age-immunisations>

Dear Parents/Carers of Year 10 and 11 students,

If your child has missed the routine Year 9 vaccinations (Teenage Booster and Meningitis ACWY) and you have not previously completed a consent form, please follow the link below. If we receive a completed consent form we will aim to see your child on the same day as the planned Year 9 session in school this year. However if this is not possible you will be sent a link to book an appointment at a local clinic. Please visit

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to complete the consent form.

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If you experience any problems, please call the School Age Immunisation Team. Repton: 01283 707178 Clay Cross: 01246 252953 DCHST.immunisationteam@nhs.net

ClassCharts App and Announcements

We will now be using the ClassCharts app as our primary platform to communicate with parents/carers.

However, we may still occasionally send SMS messages for certain (usually urgent) announcements. If you are not already aware, the ClassCharts app allows you to view key information such as attendance, rewards and behaviour. Announcements will be 'pushed' to the app, so please do enable notifications for this in your phone's settings to ensure you are up to date with the latest information. If you have not yet accessed ClassCharts, you can contact main reception, where they will provide your parent/carer access code. You can then sign up at <https://www.classcharts.com/parent/login> choosing 'I don't have an account yet'.

Parent Forum

Our next Parent Forum will take place on Tuesday 15th February at 6pm in the Library. Our focus will be on Curriculum. All parents and carers are welcome to join us and share your views and feedback. Please confirm your attendance here:

<https://forms.gle/KncZr9cgjDKYKRhP9>

Year 9 options

The Year 9 options process begins today with an extra assembly detailing the next steps for students and parents. There will be a taster morning on Friday 4th March where students in Year 9 will have lessons in three subjects of their choice that they are considering as options. There is an Options Information Evening on Thursday 17th March where parents and students can gather more information about the subjects they may take in Year 10 and 11. We intend this to be a live event and will send details nearer the time. All students will have an opportunity for a careers interview prior to making their option choices.

Y11 and 13 Trial Exams

These will take place after half term and begin the week commencing 28th February. During Super Learning Day, in lessons and in tutorial sessions this week students have been focusing on revision and preparation strategies and retrieval skills. They should now have set out a clear revision timetable to enable them to achieve their full potential in these important assessments. For revision guidance, please see our website here:

<https://www.glossopdale.derbyshire.sch.uk/-Students/Revision/>

GCSE and 'A' Level Advanced Information

Advance information regarding the content of exams in the summer for Y11 and Y13 has been published this week. This will enable students and staff to focus their teaching and revision in the lead up to the exams in the summer. Information about the exam content for each subject can be found here for AQA, Pearson and OCR.

https://www.aqa.org.uk/2022-exam-changes?fbclid=IwAR2qtwu6WxefWhVYNzxMpM1_VqIKKGOGpcTpA51GxRqTSO1hHhCOpvZLxLI

https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/campaigns/summer-2022-support.html?fbclid=IwAR1prHeBJyagfgTmu_w4EIMIKElajw3g518rybG9hUdZsI7IEZIEvnW_ALg

<https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/2022-advance-information/>

Y7 Parents' Evening - Thursday 3rd February

Year 7 Parents' evening will take place from 4 - 7pm on Thursday 3rd February. This will be an online event. A separate letter with instructions for how to make your appointments will be sent to all Y7 parents. The system will be open from Monday 14th February.

Food vouchers

If your child is eligible for benefit-related free school meals, you will also be eligible for a food voucher to the value of £80. Vouchers sent by text will be sent from the Council's 'email to text' system and will show as being sent from Derbyshire County Council. The text messages will include a link to download the voucher from the Huggs website. If parents and carers do not receive a voucher by the Tuesday 15th February 2022, please complete the online enquiry form (which will be available on the page from Tuesday 8 February) at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/householdsuportfund

Covid response and remote learning

Thank you to all parents and students for your understanding and support as we have taken the necessary actions in response to increased staff absence as a result of Covid-19. We have been fortunate up until this point in that the vast majority of schools locally and across the country have had remote learning arrangements in place across many year groups since the Autumn Term. We want to keep all students in school wherever possible but the numbers of staff contracting Covid has risen and so these difficult decisions have to be made. We aim to give parents as much notice as possible but the nature of the situation is that it is possible that we have to put arrangements in place at short notice.

Dates for your diary

Half Term: Monday 21st February - Friday 25th February

Week commencing 28th February: Y11 and 13 trial exams

Thursday 3rd March: Y7 Parents' Evening

Thursday 17th March: Y9 Options Evening

Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter.

Best wishes from all at Glossopdale School and Sixth Form