

Newsletter 4.2.22

Please see below the notices and information for this week.

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.

Parents of Year 9 and 10 students will already have received a separate email detailing arrangements for Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th February. We will continue to keep parents updated as we go forward.

Year 9 Parents' Evening

Thank you to all parents who attended; this was a very positive evening and our virtual appointment system is working well. If you did not get to see a member of staff because they were absent, please can you contact Mr. Renshaw, the Y9 Leader and he will arrange for the Faculty Team Leader or subject teacher to contact you. It would also be very helpful if parents completed this survey:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1jmBOVYQ094sNggwACdjCaMdVSpIqXdagv_ZsPThk2A0/edit

Super Learning Day: Tuesday 8th February 2022

A reminder of the outline for the day below, including the focus for each year group:

Year 7 Health and Wellbeing	Year 8 Diversity Day	Year 9 Careers Information Advice and Guidance	Year 10 Tolerance and Respect	Year 11 Resilience and Study skills	Post 16 Futures and Team building Day
Keynote Speaker - M Taylor					Breakfast in the view
First Aid	Diversity Guest Speaker	HE Uncovered	Art session	Study Skills workshop	Resilient Me Theatre
Sleep	Diversity in Science	Guess the job	Dance Session - Bollywood	Resilient me	MMU Futures Workshop
Building Relationships -	Changing Attitudes	Not going to Uni	Modern British Values	Core Maths Booster	Bowling Team building event.
Tolerance	British Values and LGBTQ+	Self Employment	Fire, Ambulance and police session - 'car crash'	Core Science Booster	
Puberty	LGBTQ+ month	Student Life		Core English Booster	

Year 9 will be remote learning on the Super Learning Day. Google Meet links for each period will be posted on the Year 9 classroom on Monday 7th February. The material will be delivered live to them on the day. Year 10 students need to bring their PE kits; they will also need a coat as the Fire, Police and Ambulance event will take place outside for part of the session. Year 8 students will need coloured pens or pencils. All students will need their usual equipment and school planner.

Covid vaccinations: Please see message below from the Schools' Immunisation Team

Following national guidance we will be offering the second dose of Covid-19 vaccination to young people age 12 – 15 and will be continuing to use the e-consent as with other vaccine programmes. We are also able to offer the first dose in school if your child hasn't yet received a vaccination. Children must be 12 on the day of vaccination. Please complete the consent regardless of whether you have completed one previously. We will only use newly completed forms. There must be a gap of 12 weeks (84 days) between first and second doses. If there isn't then your child will be refused vaccination on the day. Please only consent if your child will be eligible. There must also be a gap of 12 weeks between Covid infection and vaccination. If your child contracts Covid after completing the form or receives their vaccine elsewhere, please let the team know so we can remove them from our list. Please visit <https://www.derbyshireandcityimms.co.uk/Forms/CovidDose2> to complete the consent form.

Your unique school code for Glossopdale School is DD112957

Date in school: 16th February 2022

If possible, please make sure your child is wearing short sleeves and eats breakfast on the day of vaccination. Please be aware that due to storage requirements of the vaccine the team will need to know the number of vaccines needed in advance. The consent page will close at 9am on Monday 14th February. We will not be able to add extra forms once it has closed. If you experience any problems completing the consent form or would like further information, please call the School Age Immunisation Team as below.

Repton Health Centre: 01283 707178 Clay Cross Hospital: 01246 252953 Or email us

DCHST.immunisationteam@nhs.net

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/KncZr9cqiDKYKRhP9>

Year 9 options

The Year 9 options process will begin with an extra assembly on Friday 11th February. The options book for the current Year 9 will then be available on the website. 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 y=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. Students will be focusing on revision and preparation strategies and retrieval skills over the next few weeks in lessons and should set out a clear revision timetable programme leading up to these assessments. For revision guidance, please see our website here:

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

Uniform and PE Kit

Please can you ensure that your child's school uniform and PE kit is labelled with their name so that any misplaced items can be returned to them. Thank you.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 8th February: Super Learning Day: Y7-13

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