

Please see below a summary of helpful information for this week.

Equipment

A reminder that all students must have the following every day. This supports their independent organisation skills and the development of effective learning habits:

- black pen (at least two)
- red pen
- pencil
- ruler
- Calculator
- ID badge
- Personal Development plastic wallet folder
- Subject-specific equipment for the day (subject exercise books, PE kit, Food ingredients)

Daily checks of equipment take place and failure to bring these essential items will result in a same day 20 minute detention.

Punctuality

A reminder that students are expected to arrive at school at 8.40am ready for the morning line up at 8.45am. Students who arrive after 8.45am will be marked as late, which incurs a 20 minute detention and reduces their overall attendance. Thank you in advance for supporting your child in arriving promptly to school in order to maximise their learning time.

Y6 Open Evening

Our annual Open Evening will take place on Thursday 29th September from 6 - 8pm. At this event, we welcome prospective students and their parents/carers from Years 5 and 6 from our local community. There will be presentations for parents at 6.15 and 7.15pm. Please note that the **school day on this date finishes at 12.30pm for all students in Years 7 - 11** in order for staff to prepare. Free school meals will be available as a take-away packed lunch or the allowance can be used at breaktime.

Lockers

Students in Year 7 are given priority for lockers in order to aid their transition from primary school. Once they have been allocated, students in other year groups are invited to apply to use the remaining lockers.

Duke of Edinburgh Award

We can offer students all 3 levels; Bronze, Silver and Gold. To find out about the Award please visit www.dofe.org. Year 9 students are invited to work towards the Bronze Award, Year 10 can complete the Silver and students in Y11 going into the Sixth Form can complete their Gold Award. Students do not have to complete the previous award first. Students who start at silver or gold can do so, they just have to complete some of the activities for a longer time frame. Please search direct entrants for more information. In assembly this week we are letting students in Y9 - Y13 know more about the Award and there will be a student meeting on Thursday 29th at 12.30 in the Theatre. A Parent

information evening will be arranged for one evening in October and enrolment will be open up until the end of October 2022. For more information about the award please email lgeary@glossopdale.school.

KS4 Parents' Information Evening:

Our Y10 and 11 Parents' Information Evening will take place on Thursday 6th October from 6.00-7.15pm. Parents will be given information about GCSE courses, exams in 2023 and beyond, study support advice, core subjects' curriculum content, future pathways and the opportunities for Sixth Form study, as well as an outline of leadership and enrichment opportunities. A letter to sign up for this event will be sent to parents early next week and a prompt response would be greatly appreciated.

Post-16 Open Evening

Y11 students will be invited to our Sixth Form Open Evening in their assembly next week. Our Open Evening takes place on Tuesday October 11th from 5.30pm and will be an opportunity for students to learn about the course content of selection of 'A' Level and Vocational Btec subjects as well as hear what current students have to say about life in the Sixth Form. More details regarding this event will be sent to parents nearer the time.

Oxbridge Workshops

A selection of Year 10, 11 and Year 12 students will be taking part in an Aspirations and the Application Process for Oxbridge workshop on Monday morning next week. This will be a good opportunity for students to learn how to build strong application forms for competitive universities.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 28th September 2022:	UCAS Fair with Year 12 students
Thursday 29th September 2022:	School closes for students at 12.30pm Open Evening for Y5/6 6-8pm
Tuesday 4th October 2022:	UKMT Senior Maths Challenge
Thursday 6th October 2022:	KS4 Parents' Information Evening 6-7.15pm
Tuesday 11th October 2022:	Post-16 Open Evening 5.30-7.45pm
Tuesday 11th October 2022:	Parent Forum
Wednesday 12th October 2022:	THRIVE Day
Thurs 13th-Sun 16th October 2022:	Paris Trip
Wednesday 19th October 2022:	KS3 Parents' Information Evening
Thursday 20th October 2022:	Last day of Autumn Term 1 for students

Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter.

Best wishes from all at Glossopdale School and Sixth Form