

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

Christmas Carol Service:

Pupils from our choir and band will be performing in the Carol Service at Glossop Parish Church in Old Glossop on Tuesday 13.12.22, 7pm - 8pm. Please come along if you can make it.

Charity fundraising:

We are pleased to launch our Christmas Charity events this year. Please support and encourage your child to take part as we think of those less fortunate or in need and collect donations as follows. We will also have a non-uniform, Christmas Jumper day on the last day of term in exchange for a donation to one of the following:

- Glossopdale Food Bank - any items such as biscuits, tins, dry goods, selection boxes or chocolates (all within at least six months' expiry date)
- The Hummingbird Hub - gifts for families in need. Wrapped or unwrapped gift items for any member of the family. If wrapped, please include a gift tag/label outlining who the gift is suitable for e.g. boy/girl 2 - 4 years.

Last week of term:

We have rewards events for Y7-9 on Tuesday 20th December and Y10 and 11 on Wednesday 21st December. All other students should be in school on those days. The last day of term, Thursday 22nd December, is a non-uniform day. Please ensure that students who are in school and on trips on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday adhere to our uniform policy. This includes no nail polish or acrylic nails and no false eyelashes. Y9, 10 and 11 students do not need to wear uniform when on their rewards trips but they do need to dress appropriately. Rules on nails and eyelashes apply to students on trips as well as those in school.

Attendance:

We are aware that at this time of year there are a lot of colds and coughs going around. However, we have reinforced with students that they should still attend school, unless they are very ill. This of course includes the final week of term. High attendance is crucial in ensuring that students meet and exceed their potential. We appreciate parent and carer support in ensuring that students are in, even if they are not feeling 100 percent.

Esafety:

This week we are focusing on Whatsapp and information on your child's screen time. Please review the guidance below to support you in keeping your child safe online.

Whatsapp

WhatsApp is a popular messaging app that uses the internet to send messages, images, audio or video. Some of the risks include: bullying, seeing content of a sexual nature and being exposed to strangers through group chats. WhatsApp says the minimum age to use it is 16, but younger children can still use it easily. Click [here](#) for a factsheet on how to keep your child safe on WhatsApp

Your child's screen time

Spending time online and on devices can be a positive thing. But, high levels of screen time can put your child more at risk of: being bullied online, seeing inappropriate content and not getting enough sleep and exercise. Click [here](#) for a guide on how you can know the risks and what you can do to keep your child safe.

School Flu Vaccinations 2022:

A reminder that Flu vaccinations will be held on Wednesday 14th December for Years 7, 8 and 9. An online consent form will need to be completed via; <https://www.derbyshireandcityimms.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

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Any queries please call Repton 01283 707178 Clay Cross: 01246 252953

DCHST.immunisationteam@nhs.net

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Sixth Form Past Students Celebration Afternoon:

Students who have left the Sixth Form over the past two years have been cordially invited to a 'meet and greet' afternoon on Tuesday 20th December from 3-5pm. We are looking forward to seeing them all again and catching up on their lives since leaving us. Students will also be able to pick up their A Level certificates at this time.

Community care and clear air:

Please respect our neighbours and all members of the local community by parking considerately and legally outside school. As you know, we do not have the space for parents to pick up children from the car park so we ask that, where possible, children walk, cycle or use public transport. If this is genuinely not possible, please ensure that you do not create obstacles or unsafe conditions for local residents. We also politely but firmly ask that you turn your engine off if waiting outside. This is important for safety and for our climate. Thank you for your support.



Dates for your diary

Tuesday 13th December	Carol Service (7pm - 8pm, Glossop Parish Church Old Glossop)
Wednesday 14th December	Derbyshire Community Health Services Flu Vaccinations Years 7, 8 & 9
Tuesday 20th December	Sixth Form Presentation Evening for Ex-Year 13
w/c 19th December	Rewards Activities
Thursday 22nd December	Last day of Term 2: students finish at 12.30pm (Christmas jumper day)
Monday 9th January	First day of Term 3 for students
w/c 9th January	GCSE French and German speaking exams
w/c 16th January	GCSE practical mock exams (Art and Textiles)
w/c 23rd January	Y11, 12 and 13 mock exams
Thursday 2nd February	Year 9 Parents' Evening

Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter.

Best wishes from all at Glossopdale School and Sixth Form