

March 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

Congratulations on the confirmation of an offer of a place at Glossopdale and welcome to our community.

We are committed to our comprehensive values. We strive for; "The Best by All, for All". As we continue to drive up standards the Glossopdale 3 Big areas of focus are: *High Outcomes for all through Stretch and Challenge; High Expectations of Learning, Aspiration and Behaviour; and High Attendance for All.* At Glossopdale we are proud of our achievements; we know our strengths and our areas for development and we remain determined and resolute to ensure the improvements will drive us to outstanding.

We are all excited with the prospect of the new school being built. This will enable us to realise the vision of having "an outstanding learning centre at the heart of the community". Building work is on schedule to be completed by Spring 2018. This vision has been realised due to Derbyshire County Council willing to invest in the community by agreeing to build a brand new school fit for the 21st century costing £23 million.

The "Best by All, for All" also reflects our determination for high achievement. Overall the School achieved a good set of exam results in 2017 achieving its best results ever for 5 GCSEs inc English and Maths. 100% of all students achieved at least one qualification. 40% of students gained both English and Mathematics at the new GCSE grade 5 or above. 61% of students gained both English and Mathematics at GCSE grade 9-4, up 8% on last year. 69% of all GCSE only entries were graded at C or above (Not Eng or Maths). 22% of all GCSE grades were A*/A. This shows how truly inclusive and comprehensive we are as a school. Our Sixth Form judged as "good" by OfSTED also achieved 40% A*/A grades. 100% of our students achieved A*-E Grades, for four years in a row. Against national benchmarks this places Glossopdale Sixth-form in the top 25% for progress. Many of our students have progressed on to university with many getting their first choice place.

Transferring to a secondary school can be both exciting and daunting for students. We visit all the primary schools and know from talking to students that they are really looking forward to starting secondary school with us at Glossopdale.

We look forward to working with you over the next few months and have highlighted some key aspects of our transfer programme which is specially designed to raise the confidence of our incoming students.

This programme includes:

- Dedicated transition section of our website www.glossopdale.derbyshire.sc.uk/transition
- Transition Evening for Year 6 parents on **Thursday 14th June 2018, 6.30pm - 7.30pm.**
- Induction Day to be held on **Thursday 5th July 2018, 8.40am – 3.25pm**
- Our Year 6 Parent Tutor Evening on **Thursday 5th July 2018 at 6.30pm.**
- Year 6 after school clubs and N:Gage Holiday Club

If you have any questions or would like to arrange an appointment to visit to Glossopdale, please contact Mrs Gilbert, Assistant Principal.

I am confident that your child's time with us will be happy, full of satisfying yet challenging experiences, with lots of opportunities to achieve success.

I look forward to meeting you soon.

Yours faithfully



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