

Parent and Carer Newsletter 24.11.2023

General Information and Reminders

Performing Arts Christmas Show Tuesday 5th December 2023

Our Performing Arts Christmas Show will be held on Tuesday 5th December from 7.00pm to 8.30pm. The show will feature work created by our BTEC students and Key Stage 3 students. This will take place in the Theatre and will commence at 7.00pm (please can the students in the performance be at school for 6.30pm.) Tickets will be available to purchase from <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/glossopdale> priced at £4.00 for adults and £3.00 for students. We look forward to seeing you there.

Christmas Concert Thursday 7th December 2023

Our Christmas music concert will be held on Thursday 7th December from 7.00pm to 8.30pm. The show will feature the band, choir and soloists with a selection of festive favourites. The performance will take place in the Theatre and will commence at 7.00pm (please can the students in the performance be at school for 6.30pm.) Tickets will be available to purchase <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/glossopdale> priced at £4.00 for adults and £3.00 for students. We hope you can make this festive event.

It's About Me- Department for Education

It's About Me is a **FREE** Holiday Activity and Food Programme funded by the Department for Education, designed for children and young people across Derbyshire to have healthy, active, fun-filled school holidays. We believe that everyone deserves a good break and that school holidays are better when children and young people are active, having fun, being entertained and learning new things. Please click on the following link for more information:

<https://www.glossopdale.derbyshire.sch.uk/news/?pid=7&nid=1&storyid=60>

Derbyshire County Council Household Support Fund

As part of the Department for Work and Pensions' Household Support Fund Scheme, Derbyshire County Council is distributing funding to household's struggling to pay for food, energy and essential living costs. We will be sharing information with the council in order to help them do this.

As part of the scheme, the Council will again be distributing grocery vouchers to low-income families. Information about who is eligible for the vouchers is available on the website and DCC hope to start distribution in early January 2024. The website will be when all vouchers have been distributed and they will provide details of what parents and carers should do if they haven't received their voucher at this point.

Full details about the scheme and the support available for those experiencing financial hardship is available on their website at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/householdsupportfund

End of Year Trips

As a reward for the continued excellence of our students, we will be running the following trips at the end of this term:

Year 7: Afternoon trip to Buxton Theatre to watch the Cinderella pantomime on Wednesday 13th December

Year 8 & Year 9: Day trip to Cineworld & Hollywood Bowl at Ashton Moss on Tuesday 19th December

Year 10 & Year 11: Day trip to Cineworld & Hollywood Bowl at Ashton Moss on Monday 18th December

Due to limited places on each trip, first priority on each trip has been given to students with the best attendance and the most Thrive points. Letters will be sent directly to the students to invite them from Monday 27th November. Should places remain beyond these invitations, further students will be offered the opportunity to attend.

Punctuality to Lessons

From Monday 27th November there will be a whole-school drive to improve punctuality to lessons. It is vital that all students make every possible effort to arrive at their lessons on time. This is because every minute a student is late for a lesson is a minute of lost learning time for them. This can quickly build up when a student is regularly late to their lessons! Students that are regularly late to lessons will be issued a 40 minute after school detention.

Attendance

It's getting to that time of year where colds and coughs are more prevalent. If the symptoms are mild, please send your child into school. Each day of absence can have an impact on your child's attainment. If your child presents with more serious symptoms, please get in touch with your child's year manager or our attendance team to inform us if they will be absent.

Key Stage 3

Y7 Parents' Evening

Parents' evening for Y7 is being held on Thursday 30/11 at Glossopdale School between 4pm and 7pm. All appointments need to be booked using our online booking system School Cloud. A letter was emailed home on 15/11 containing the full details. It is a great opportunity for parents and children to find out how they have settled into their first term at Glossopdale.

Y9 THRIVE DAY Wednesday 29th November

The Year 9 Thrive Day will take place on Wednesday 29th November 2023. Students should come in normal uniform with their PD books and pencil case.

DofE Bronze

Students should now have access to their eDofE account and they need to submit their proposal for each of their activities. Once the proposal has been approved, they can start the section and upload evidence each week to show how they are progressing. DofE meetings take place every Monday 3 to 4pm in the computer rooms and students can get 1:1 help with their activities during these sessions.

Key Stage 4

Year 10 Rapid Progress Group (RPG) students

Now that the Year 10 students have settled into their GCSE courses, we will be monitoring interim assessment data from core subjects to identify a cohort of students who need some early support and guidance to ensure they maintain their expected levels of progress. Students selected to be part of the Year 10 RPG will meet regularly with Miss Geary and receive advice and guidance around study skills, organisation, homework and revision for exams. Parents and carers will also be advised. This intervention programme has already been launched with the Year 11 students and they have benefitted from support with their Y11 studies and mock exams. If you have any progress or attainment related concerns or questions about the GCSE process for Y10 and Y11 students please contact Miss Geary via email on lgeary@glossopdale.school who will be able to advise you or refer you to the relevant member of staff.

Year 11 trial exams

We have been very impressed with the mature attitude and conduct of the Year 11 students during trial exam week. We have established effective exam routines and the students have stepped up to the challenge of sitting two exam papers each day. On the whole, students have arrived with correct equipment and punctuality has been good, although a few have needed reminding about their organisational skills!

Teachers will mark the exam scripts and feedback to students in lessons over the next few weeks, providing valuable advice on how to improve. On the THRIVE day on Thursday 14th December, we will hold a mock results day assembly and provide all students with a complete list of grades and talk to them about the importance of effective preparation for the summer exams. This will be followed by a careers fair and then subject specific study techniques and strategies for GCSE exam success.

Sixth Form Applications

The closing date for the first round of applications to Glossopdale Sixth Form is 1st December 2023 at 4pm. Please make sure your applications are in before this date so that you can be included in the first round of interviews.

<https://glossopdale.applicaa.com/sixthform>

Sixth Form interviews will begin next week.

Key Stage 5

GCSE Certificate Presentation Evening

It was lovely to welcome back so many of our past Y11 students and their families to celebrate their GCSE successes on Tuesday evening. We were privileged to listen to Mr George White, Head of Product Management for Cytiva, our guest speaker who studied here at Glossopdale in the 1990s. He talked about his time in school, shared the infamous Record of Achievement and then talked through his university and career progression that has led to his current role.

The ex-Year 11 students received their GCSE certificates and awards for progress, attainment and commendations for each of our GCSE subjects. Our student leaders were recognised for their commitment and motivation during their time in Year 11. The performing arts students and sports leaders were recognised for their achievements and then we enjoyed a musical interlude from our accomplished musicians Edward Morley (Y9) and Kevin Cooling (Y10).

The special awards included the Erin Fletcher Award presented to Siobhan P, Libby H and Tommie S. The runners up for most were Will M, Maizie LFr and Abigail T and overall most progress award was presented to Adam S. The highest attainment runners up awards went to Alfie K, Owen S and Kirsty H and the highest attainment award was presented to Caitlin S, who attained 10 grade 9s at GCSE! Finally our student of the rear runner up was presented to Freddie I and overall student of the year went to Freya L for her commitment to her studies, student leadership and the wider school community.

It was a lovely evening and we hope all of our guests enjoyed the celebration.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 29th November	THRIVE day Y9
Thursday 30th November	Y7 Parents evening
Friday 1st December	Inset Day
Tuesday 5th December	Christmas Performing Arts evening show (Further details to follow)
Thursday 7th December	Christmas Music evening concert (Further details to follow)
Wednesday 13th December	SEND Parent Forum (Invite to be sent to SEND parents)
Wednesday 13th December	Year 7 Rewards Trip - Buxton Theatre
Thursday 14th December	Y11 THRIVE day & Post 16 Parents Evening
Monday 18th December	Year 10 and Year 11 Rewards Trip - Cinema & Bowling
Tuesday 19th December	Carol Service (Glossop Parish Church)
Tuesday 19th December	Year 8 and Year 9 Rewards Trip - Cinema & Bowling
Thursday 21st December	Year 13 leavers Certificate and Awards Presentation Evening

Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter. Best wishes from all at Glossopdale School and Sixth Form