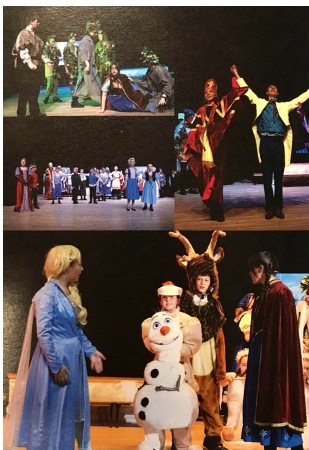


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General Information and Reminders

Ofsted

As you are aware we had a very rigorous and intensive two day Ofsted inspection this week. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for taking the time to complete the Ofsted parent/carer survey and for the many wonderful, positive and supportive comments we received. I would also like to thank all our students who continued to demonstrate excellent conduct both in lessons and at social times. I would like to give a special mention to the many students who met with inspectors to share their experiences and answer questions about life at Glossopdale. They have all been a credit to the school. Finally, I would like to thank all the staff at Glossopdale for continuing to deliver the excellent provision they do, day in, day out, as well as having inspectors looking at the work they do. All of this happened in a very busy week with the whole school production taking place at the same time and many of our primary schools visiting us on both days of the inspection to watch the matinee. It is on days like these that you really witness what a great team of staff we have at Glossopdale; the way they have all supported and cared for each other has been inspiring. I couldn't feel more proud of being the Headteacher of this school. As soon as the inspection report is available I will share the outcome with you all.



Frozen Jr Whole School Production: 15th, 16th & 17th November

Closing night tonight is sold out! We really appreciate all your support, the staff and cast have worked so hard to make this show a success. Tonight is the final show of three and they have also performed two matinees to local primary schools. The only question now is what to do next?



Glossopdale School Christmas Markets - Tomorrow Saturday 18th November 2023

The PTFA are holding their annual Christmas Markets tomorrow, Saturday 18th December. It's always a great afternoon with wonderful stalls and food, please come along and tell your friends. Please see here a link to the poster:

<https://www.glossopdale.school/calendar/?calid=1,2,3&pid=6&viewid=1&event=143>

Children in Need

There's been fundraising galore across school today - from Year 7 to 13 - with a huge range of activities taking place for Children in Need. Wear your trainers for the day, bake sales, penalty shoot out, sponge the teacher and several raffles were all organised by students with the support of their tutors. We're very impressed with the generosity of our staff, students and their parents in donating their time and money to a wonderful cause.

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

Drama Club

Drama club is starting Monday 20th November, 3pm-4pm in the Drama Studio. Our focus is a play to perform at the Christmas Performing Arts Show on Tuesday 5th December. All years welcome, and for more details please see Ms Oliver. <https://www.glossopdale.school/news/?pid=7&nid=1&storyid=59>

Key Stage 3

DofE Bronze

Students can now submit their proposals for physical, skill and volunteer via their eDofE account. The app can be downloaded and makes the process of adding evidence easy. Students need to complete their activity for an hour each week and then they can add evidence to their account in the form of a photo, screen shot or text entry. The assessor must be an adult who is not related to the child in any way and someone who at the end of the section can confirm the relevant activity has been completed.

If your child is still looking for a skill activity, the English faculty offer a reading challenge called '**for the love of books**'. Students simply have to select a series of books to read, write a short review and get their record card stamped. This is a fantastic example of a skill activity, one that is accessible to all students and can easily be completed over 3 or 6 months. Students should speak to Miss Osbildeston for more information and to sign up.

DofE meeting's 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



Key Stage 4 Revision Guides

We now have a range of GCSE revision guides available to purchase via Parent Pay, once we receive your payment, your child can go to the Key Stage 4 office to see Mrs Hoyle who will be able to issue the books / flashcards.

Year 11 Trial Exams

The Year 11 trial exams will commence on Monday 20th November. A copy of the timetable can be found at

https://www.glossopdale.school/_site/data/files/users/7/0221379424B2DD1F0D261598A1E831DD.pdf

Students should attend the full school day as normal throughout these trial exams. Some lessons will continue as timetabled in between exams, as some vocational courses are not holding exams on this occasion. Your child's teachers will share revision topics and exam information with the students via classroom and information on how to revise can be found on the school [website](#).

If an afternoon exam finishes before 2.30pm students will return to their Period 5 lesson, however if an exam finishes between 2.30 and 3pm, they will be permitted to leave the site early that day, unless their vocational course teacher has requested they attend their lesson.

Key Stage 5

GCSE Certificate Presentation Evening

On Tuesday 21st November, we will welcome back our past year 11 students and their families to receive their GCSE examination certificates and subject awards. Emails have been sent to all parents and carers with details about the evening. If you have not yet secured your place please do so via this [link](#)

Sixth Form Applications

Applications for our Sixth Form can be made by following this link:

<https://www.glossopdale.derbyshire.sch.uk/page/?title=Applying+for+the+Sixth+Form&pid=46> Sixth Form interviews will begin the week after next when our Year 11 have finished their trial exams.

UCAS

Many of our Year 13 students have already received their university course offers - so congratulations to them. We have two students applying to Oxbridge and wish them the very best of luck in their forthcoming interviews. Students who have not yet submitted their applications need to do so as a matter of priority now.

Student Leaders

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our student leaders this week for all the work they have done and continue to do to enrich our Sixth Form provision. This week alone they have done us proud in their student voice with Ofsted, organised a cake sale in support of Children in Need as well as continuing with all their usual enrichment activities such as buddy reading, mentoring and classroom support. We are really proud of all of our students in the Sixth Form and the examples they set for our younger students.

Dates for your diary

Saturday 18th November	Glossopdale PTFA Christmas Markets
Tuesday 21st November	GCSE Certificate Presentation Evening
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)
Thursday 14th December	Y11 THRIVE day & Post 16 Parents Evening
Tuesday 19th December	Carol Service (Glossop Parish Church)

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