

Parent and Carer Newsletter 22.9.23

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

School Day Finishing at 12.30pm Thursday 28th September.

Our annual Open Evening will take place on Thursday 28th September from 5 - 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 5.15 and 6.15pm. Please note that on this day, the school day 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. If your child is eligible for free school meals please email info@glossopdale.school to advise if you would like a packed lunch provided. [Open Evening Information](#)

School Photographs

School Photographs were taken on Tuesday 19th September by Braiswick Photographers. Proof packs should be handed out to students in approximately three weeks when you will have the opportunity to purchase photographs should you wish to. Please use the form enclosed within the pack.

Macmillan Coffee Morning - Friday 29th September, The Place, 10.30am - 12.00pm

Please join us on our first Macmillan Coffee Morning! Our student leaders are very excited to be hosting this event and would love to welcome as many parents/carers/grandparents/neighbours/ members of the community to - what we're hoping will have - a lovely community atmosphere to raise funds for a deserving cause. We'd also be extremely grateful for donations of cakes or baking, or the loan of tablecloths. Please contact cdunkerley@glossopdale.school for any further information.



You're invited

Friday 29th
September
2023
10:30 - 12:00

Macmillan Coffee Morning

We are excited to invite you to our Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 29th September 10:30 – 12:00. It's a morning filled with great conversations, delicious coffee and mouth watering treats, all for a fantastic cause. Please come and join us and ask your friends and family to come along too!

This will be held in The Place at Glossopdale School.

WE ARE ALL CHANGING SUPPORT

WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING

WHIP UP SOME SUPPORT

Glossopdale
School & Sixth Form 

100 Talks for Change

We have been extremely privileged to have been part of the '100 Talks for Change' programme this week with presentations to both Year 9 and 10. We feel a sound awareness of Mental Health including resilience and seeking support when necessary is vital knowledge for our young people. The powerful and inspirational presentations from the speaker, Oly, really reached out with those messages. Our students were a fantastic audience - respectful and appreciative of the important message shared by our visitors. Please see our facebook post for the pictures and more information.

#100talksforchange

Teacher Development

As part of our continued drive to improve our teaching and learning, all teaching staff are undertaking instructional coaching. Part of this process involves lesson observations and drop-ins that the teacher may ask to be recorded. By videoing sections of a lesson a teacher can reflect on their practice with a peer and look at ways to develop. Any recordings of this type will only be used for coaching purposes and will not be shared, nor are they stored on individual recording devices such as i-pads or phones.

SEND Homework Club

There will be a homework club for SEND students in Learning Support after school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays 3pm - 4pm every week. This will start from 26th September. There will be TAs available to support students.

Key Stage 3

Currently Y7 students are undertaking GL assessments in Science and Maths. These assessments allow us to compare students against national benchmarks and pinpoint learning gaps. Students will sit further GL assessments, in maths at the end of the year and in science at the end of Y9. This gives us another tool, alongside internal assessments, to track progress. All KS3 students are taking the NGRT test in English. This is a standardised assessment to measure reading skills against the national average. It can be used to identify where intervention may be needed. All assessments are taking place in their regular classrooms.

Year 9

DofE Bronze Award

Year 9 students are invited to start their Bronze DofE Award. This is an excellent opportunity to develop a wide range of skills and interests. The full Bronze Award costs £150 (paid in 3 instalments; October, February and May). This includes registration with DofE, access to an eDofE account, DofE discount card and regular support with a member of staff to complete the skill, volunteer and physical section. Training and supervision on a one night one day training expedition and supervision and assessment on a two day and one night qualifying expedition in the Peak District. Loan of team kit including tents, Trangia, maps, gas and first aid kits. To find out more about the Bronze Award please visit <https://www.dofe.org/do/> Enrolment forms are available from the Key Stage 3 office and the initial £50 deposit can be made via Parent Pay. If you have any questions about DofE please contact Miss Geary on lgeary@glossopdale.school.

Key Stage 4

Key stage 4 Parent Information Evening will be taking place on Thursday 5th October at 6pm. All parents/carers of students in Years 10 and 11 will be invited to join us in the evening to gain important information about GCSEs and level 2 vocational courses and how to support your child. A letter with further details will be shared via Class Charts.

Key Stage 5

On Thursday 21st September we held our Post-16 Parents' Information Evening where we spoke about the key issues facing both Y12 and Y13 over the next year. This included information about: learning strategies and independent learning, enrichment opportunities, preparation for Post-18 pathways and the pastoral support available to students throughout their time with us. If you were not able to attend the evening a link to PowerPoint can be found on our website <https://www.glossopdale.school/attachments/download.asp?file=806&type=pdf>

The Oxbridge outreach team will be in school on Monday to speak to some of our Year 12 and 10 students about their application process and the preparation they can start now if they are thinking of applying to Oxbridge in the future. Finally the Sixth Form Open Evening takes place on 19th October, when all Year 11 students will be invited to attend to hear information about the courses we offer as well as wider aspects of our Sixth Form provision.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 28th September	School closes to students at 12.30pm Y6 Open Evening 5pm - 8pm
Tuesday 3rd October	Senior Maths Challenge
Thursday 5th October	KS4 Parents Information Evening
Friday 6th October	PTFA Family Quiz Night at 7pm
Tuesday 10th October	Parent Information Evening and Meet the Tutor

Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter.

Best wishes from all at Glossopdale School and Sixth Form

Don't forget to follow us on Social Media!

We celebrate students' achievements and school events on our Facebook and Twitter pages:

<https://www.facebook.com/GlossopdaleSch>

<https://twitter.com/GlossopdaleSch>

You can also visit our website for all the current year newsletters & more information about our school & sixth form:

<https://www.glossopdale.school>

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