

Parent and Carer Newsletter 14.7.23

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

End of term arrangements

On the last day of term, Friday 21st July, students are invited to attend school in non-uniform in exchange for a £1 donation to support and raise the quality of education for children in our partner school in Kenya. Our usual expectations around casual wear apply including; no crop tops or 'hot pant' style shorts. All students will have a celebratory year group assembly with performances from our Dance and Music groups. Students will be dismissed at 12.30pm for the summer break. Should your child receive Free School Meals, they can use this allowance at break time or request a packed lunch to be collected as they leave. Please email info@glossopdale.school if you would like your child to collect a packed lunch.

Return to School - September

We will have a staggered **start** to the new school year. Please see details below:

Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th September - INSET days. No students in school.

Wednesday 6th September - Year 7 (all day 8.40am - 3pm) & Year 12 (11.30am - 3pm) students only in school for induction.

Thursday 7th September - Please see below the start times of each year group:

Y7 - 8.40am
Y8 - 8.40am
Y9 - 8.40am
Y10 - 11.30am
Y11 - 11.30am
Y12 - 11.00am
Y13 - 12 noon

Friday 8th September - 8.40am start time for all students

Uniform Policy

Glossopdale School expects high standards from all students and uniform and appearance is no exception. The school aims to prepare students for every aspect of life including the establishment of acceptable dress and appearance. This uniform policy has been created to ensure that all students can be confident through their smart appearance and that they represent the school appropriately at all times. Our school uniform policy aims to achieve the following:

- Instil a sense of pride and community in our students
- Engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- Enables uniform to be both smart and affordable for all parents/carers
- Allows additional activities such as sports to be facilitated and safe
- Can assist identification of strangers on school premises
- Is designed with health and safety in mind
- Creates a sense of professionalism and prepares students for adult life and the world of work
- Reduces the likelihood of bullying or peer pressure as all students are dressed the same
- Promotes equality amongst all students through their appearance (we want students to be defined by the content of their character and not by what they wear)
- By having a standard uniform the focus is less on how students look, enabling them to focus on their learning

Please can we draw your attention to the following recent updates to the uniform policy:

- Black tailored medium length/on the knee shorts may be worn in the warm weather; they must be plain, not sports, jersey or tight shorts and with no logos
- Skirts must be tailored and have at least one pleat: they may not be jersey or skater skirts
- Black tight-fitting shorts are permitted as part of PE uniform (including for Sports Days), e.g. cycling shorts, only if knee length and not 'hot pants'

The introduction of tailored shorts as part of standard school uniform began on Monday 19th June. The rule on PE shorts came into effect on Monday 26th June. If students already have a jersey or skater skirt; they may wear this until the end of this year but all of these items will be prohibited from September 2023. Please be aware that students will be asked to roll down the waistband of their skirt if they have rolled it over at the waist to shorten it. Sanctions will be issued for students who do not comply or have their skirt rolled up at any point in the day. The policy on the website has images of the uniform that is and is not permitted in order to be as clear as possible for students and parents. If you are unsure, please contact your child's Year Manager. Here is a link to the full policy: [Glossopdale School Uniform 2023](#)

We hope to see all the students looking smart and in the correct uniform in September. If you are experiencing financial hardship and are having difficulty affording the uniform please contact your child's Year Manager.

Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service Summer Safety Information

Firefighters and Community Safety Officers are asking for your help to keep your community safe by reporting any information you have on deliberate fires to FireStoppers, please see attached the information poster they have shared with us. <https://www.glossopdale.school/attachments/download.asp?file=786&type=pdf>

Y7, Y8 and Y9 Celebration Evenings - 17th, 18th and 19th July

We are holding our KS3 celebration evenings during the last week of this term. This will be the first year they have taken place since before Covid. During each of the three evenings, we will be celebrating the achievements of KS3 students in their subject areas and their successes across the school with our THRIVE awards. We will also present our Student of the Year Award and a series of Special Awards to recognise the hard work and commitment that our students consistently demonstrate. If your child has been nominated for an award you will have been notified by email. Please confirm your attendance by completing the google form using the link in the letter.

Buddy reading scheme

This is a great scheme that involves our older students helping younger readers to progress in their reading. The following questions were posed to our Y8 and Y9 students: Do you love reading? Do you want an opportunity to develop in a leadership role whilst helping others? Do you want a fantastic addition to your CV that helps you stand out to jobs and universities? If you said yes to just one of these questions, then you should sign up to Buddy Reading! Buddy Reading is twice a week in the library, during tutor time. This will start when we return in September. Please see here then slides on our website for more information. <https://www.glossopdale.school/attachments/download.asp?file=785&type=pdf>

Year 10 Rewards Event

This will take place in school during the afternoon of Tuesday 18th July. A very special afternoon has been organised by the pastoral team and students invited, based on their THRIVE points will be told on Tuesday morning to allow all students every opportunity to give their best up to the final decision.

Sixth Form

Students in Year 12 will be returning from their Work Placements next week and will have a debrief session on Wednesday along with their rewards event in the afternoon. We have had lots of very positive feedback from employers and are looking forward to hearing about their experiences.

Ukrainian Theatre Company Play at the Partington Theatre

Lavrentii Tarasevych from the Ukrainian Theatre company contacted the school and asked us to promote their upcoming play “Maria” which is taking place wc. 26th July at the Partington Theatre (Age 16+) we have attached here the ticket source link. <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/partingtontheatre/maria/e-jgegxo>

Dates for your diary

July 2023	
Monday 17th July	Y7 Celebration Evening
Tuesday 18th July	Y8 Celebration Evening Year 10 Reward event
Wednesday 19th July	Y9 Celebration Evening
Thursday 20th July	Y7 Reward Disco
Friday 21st July	Students last day: School closes for Summer Holidays 12.30pm

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Tuesday 19th September	School Photos
Thursday 21st September	KS5 Parents Information Evening
Thursday 28th September	Y6 Open Evening



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 and more information about our school & sixth form:

<https://www.glossopdale.school>

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Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter.

Best wishes from all at Glossopdale School & Sixth Form