

Parent and Carer Newsletter 14.10.22

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

INSET Day

A reminder that Friday 21st October is an INSET day so the school is closed to students. Students will finish for the term at 3pm on Thursday 20th October and return for Term 2 at 8.40am on Monday 31st October.

E-safety:

As part of our continued efforts to ensure that all students are safe when using technology we have created a '[Parents e-Safety Information](#)' section on our school website. This will be updated regularly with factsheets on various topics within e-safety, including how to stay safe online, how to ensure that certain apps are secure and how to ensure that information remains as private as possible. This week we would like to focus on Youtube and Minecraft.

Youtube is an excellent resource containing educational and entertaining videos. However, there are videos that look like they're child-friendly but can include violent or disturbing content, and it's difficult for YouTube to catch all of these videos before children see them. Please see our Youtube factsheet for information on how you can restrict content and manage recommendations: [Youtube factsheet](#)

Minecraft is a game where students explore an online world. They can use 'building blocks' to customise the world and create new parts to it. Minecraft is an excellent resource for developing problem solving, teamwork and maths skills and can be used as an educational resource. However, there is the possibility that your child could view inappropriate content or have contact with adults and other children that they do not know. Please view our Minecraft factsheet for 6 steps on how to keep your child safe. [Minecraft factsheet](#)

Healthy eating:

We promote healthy eating and lifestyles at Glossopdale School. We teach children about the benefits of eating well and regular exercise and the harm that an unhealthy diet can cause. It has, unfortunately, become necessary to remind students and parents that we do not permit students to bring sweets, lollies, energy drinks or any other fizzy, sugary drinks into school. Students are not permitted to eat them in school; they will be confiscated if students have them. Please ensure that your child does not bring any of these items into school. Thank you for your support.

KS3 Parents' Information Evening:

The Key Stage 3 parents' information evening will take place on Wednesday 19th October from 6pm for parents/carers of students in years 7-9. There will be presentations from English, Maths and Science as well as information about how you can support your child with their home study. Please click [here](#) to view the invitation letter and the form to complete to register your interest.

Duke of Edinburgh

Students can still request and complete an enrolment form for DofE Award. Year 9 can enrol on Bronze and Year 10 onto Silver. Forms can be collected from Miss Geary in the Key Stage office or from Mr Taylor in History. The cost of the bronze award is £150 and silver is £350, payment is requested via Parent Pay and can be paid in instalments over the year. The cost includes the award registration, eDofE, insurance and full support from a team of volunteer staff who will support your child with the 4 sections. We have a team of qualified and experienced outdoor education teachers who will train and deliver the expedition. A parent information evening will take place after half term break. For more information please contact lgeary@glossopdale.school.

Sixth Form Applications:

We hope those of you who came to the Sixth Form Open Evening on Tuesday found the event informative and supportive of your child's Post-16 choices. Students can apply to the Sixth Form via the website and a link to the application form can be found [here](#). Applications should be submitted by October 31st so we can begin our interview process in November.

Dates for your diary

Thurs 13th-Sun 16th October 2022:	Paris Trip
Wednesday 19th October 2022:	KS3 Parents' Information Evening
Thursday 20th October 2022:	Last day of Autumn Term 1 for students (3pm finish)
Monday 31st October 2022:	First day of Autumn Term 2 for students
Friday 4th November	School photographs (rescheduled)
Monday 7th-Friday 11th November	Reading Week
Wednesday 9th October	Y12 Safe Drive
Thursday 10th November	Y7 Parents' Evening

Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter.

Best wishes from all at Glossopdale School and Sixth Form