

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

Performing Arts Christmas Show

Our Performing Arts Christmas Show will be held on Tuesday 6th 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 on the door; tickets are priced at £4.00 for adults and £3.00 for students. We look forward to seeing you there.

Christmas Concert

Our Christmas music concert will be held on Wednesday 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 on the door; tickets are priced at £4.00 for adults and £3.00 for students. We hope you can make this festive event.

Esafety

This week we are focusing on Loot Boxes and Skins Betting. Please review the guidance below to support you in keeping your child safe online.

Loot Boxes

Loot Boxes are a feature of online games where players pay to get unknown rewards, like items or modifications for their character. It's similar to gambling, because most of the time you don't know what you're going to get before you pay. One example is FIFA player packs, where you buy a 'pack' of players, but don't know who you're going to get when you make the purchase.

Skins Betting

Skins Betting is where people use 'skins' as betting currency ('skins' are extra items in online games that e.g. upgrade a weapon or character into a better one). You can earn real money if you win. People usually do this through specific websites that let you use skins to bet.

Click [here](#) to read a factsheet on steps you can take to minimise the risks of both of these.

Charity fundraising:

We are pleased to launch our Christmas Charity events this year. Please support and encourage your child to take part as we think of those less fortunate or in need and collect donations as follows. We will also have a non-uniform, Christmas Jumper day on the last day of term in exchange for a donation to one of the following:

Glossopdale Food Bank - any items such as biscuits, tins, dry goods, selection boxes or chocolates (all within at least six months' expiry date)

The Hummingbird Hub - gifts for families in need. Wrapped or unwrapped gift items for any member of the family. If wrapped, please include a gift tag/label outlining who the gift is suitable for e.g. boy/girl 2 - 4 years

Rewards trips

On Tuesday the 20th (Years 7 - 9) and Wednesday the 21st December (Years 10 & 11) rewards trips will take place to the pantomime at Buxton (Years 7 & 8) and Cineworld and Hollywood Bowl (Years 9, 10 and 11). Selected students will be invited to take part as a reward for excellence in our THRIVE values, punctuality and attendance. Letters will be emailed to parents shortly.

Key Stage 3 Parent Enquiries

From Monday 5th December, we are trialling a new platform through which all parental contact for Years 7, 8 and 9 will be channelled. This will work through a logging system. If you have a query, please email KS3Support@glossopdale.school and your query will be logged, prioritised and responded to by a member of the KS3 team. Alternatively, if you telephone with an enquiry through our main reception, they will log an enquiry on your behalf. This also applies to emails sent to info@glossopdale.school. Once your enquiry has been logged, you will receive an automated confirmation and we will aim to respond within 48 hours as per our Trust communication policy. Please note that our year managers' emails and voicemail boxes are now disabled and not manned whilst we introduce this new, streamlined method of communication.

School Flu Vaccinations 2022

Derbyshire Community Health Services will be carrying out Flu vaccinations on Wednesday 14th December for Years 7, 8 and 9. An online consent form will need to be completed, please see the attached leaflet. [here](#)

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 6th December	Glossopdale School Performing Arts Christmas Show
Wednesday 7th December	Glossopdale School Christmas Concert
Tuesday 13th December	Carol Service (7pm - 8pm, Glossop Parish Church Old Glossop)
Wednesday 14th December	Derbyshire Community Health Services Flu Vaccinations Years 7, 8 & 9
Tuesday 20th December	Sixth Form Presentation Evening for Ex-Year 13
w/c 19th December	Rewards Activities
Thursday 22nd December	Last day of Term 2: students finish at 12.30pm
Monday 9th January	First day of Term 3 for students

Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter.

Best wishes from all at Glossopdale School and Sixth Form