

Parent and Carer Newsletter 10.2.23

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

Safer Internet Day 7.2.23

This week all students have taken part in an assembly to promote Safer Internet Day. The aim of the campaign is to raise awareness on how we all can make the internet a safer and better place for everyone. It is run throughout 170 countries, and asks students to share their thoughts and opinions on how they think the internet could be improved to help our world. We have had an excellent response so far from some students who would like to go on further and represent the school in sharing their ideas via the Safer Internet Day 2023 website.

Tips on how to stay safe online and getting students to think about their current online presence when using social media or other devices were also discussed in assembly. For further information on how parents and carers can also support the campaign, as well as general online safety for our students, please take a look at the following links:

- **Advice about key social media platforms and apps:**
<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/social-media-guides>
- **Advice about games consoles:**
<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers/games-consoles>
- **Advice about smart speakers:**
<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers/smart-speakers>
- **Guidance on how to set up parental controls on smart phones and other devices:**
<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/smartphones-and-other-devices/>

Wednesday 1st March: NEU planning Industrial Action

You will be aware that there is another day of planned strike action from NEU members on Wednesday 1st March. A significant number of our staff are members of the NEU and will be taking part in the strike action. We will not be able to open fully on this day. Our current plan is to invite Year 11s students into school for a half day of revision and study skills. Year 10 students will have GCSE English and Maths mock exams. Year 7 students who are eligible for free school meals will be in school on the day taking part in activities to develop their personal, social and academic skills. We will also be able to accommodate vulnerable students. Specific details will be communicated next week and if your child is invited into school, you will be contacted directly.

Year 10 Futures Week 6.3.23

Work-related learning is a statutory and, of course, incredibly important component of the KS4 curriculum. It is essential that students learn about the world of work and explore the details of a variety of careers. We have traditionally arranged a week of work experience for Year 10 students, however, based on feedback from parents and students, we have adapted our Futures Week so that it is more varied and offers students more relevant opportunities to learn about careers. Therefore, in the week commencing 6th March, Year 10 students will be involved in a number of activities, including a Sixth Form Taster Day, a Careers Day and - along with students in Y7-9, our THRIVE day focused on Living in the Wider World. Students will find out specific details about the activities and events over the next few weeks.

Electric Scooters

Please be advised for safety reasons we can't allow the use of electric scooters on the school site. Currently, electric scooters can only be used on private land with the landowner's permission. It is illegal to use them on public roads, on pavements, in cycle lanes and in pedestrian-only areas. Bikes are still welcomed and encouraged and there are bike stands available to lock up bikes.

PE Kit

Please be aware that we have a policy in PE that parents must send an email or ring the school if their child has a medical reason for not taking part in their PE lesson. Hand-written notes will not be accepted. Students who cannot take part for medical reasons are still expected to bring their kit into school and will be allocated a suitable role within the lesson to ensure that they do not miss out on their learning.

Year 7 Residential - Friday 17th to Sun 19th February

All students taking part will leave school at 12.30pm on Friday 17th to allow time for them to be ready and back at school with their bags for 2.30pm. Students who receive a free school meal may take an early lunch at 12.30pm (or collect a sandwich) and leave after that.

Our return time will be approximately 5.00pm on Sunday 19th February.

Parent Details and access to funding

We are now using a new system to identify students eligible for free school meals. All parents need to complete this form and include their National Insurance number. Please click on the link to complete the form as soon as possible:

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims>

Young Musician of the Year

Come and listen to 15 of the school’s top instrumentalists and vocalists perform in front of a panel of judges consisting of professional musicians. They will compete for the title of ‘Glossopdale School and Sixth Form Young Musician of the Year 2023’. The Grand Final will be held on Thursday 16th February at 7pm in The Theatre. Tickets are £3.00 (£1.00 for students) and we can take cash payments on the door. We look forward to seeing you there.

Glossop Rugby Club

Are you looking for a new hobby for your child? Glossop Rugby club offers some fantastic opportunities and this Sunday 12.3.23 they are having a buddy day, please see attached the poster. [here](#)

Dates for your diary

Thursday 16th February	Young Musician of the Year competition
Friday 17th February	School closes for Half Term
	London Theatre and Year 7 Residential trips
Monday 27th February	INSET day - school closed to students
Tuesday 28th March	Spring Term 2 starts
Thursday 9th March	THRIVE Day for Y7-10
Tuesday 14th March	Y9 Options Evening (changed from Thursday 16th March)
Wednesday 22nd March - Friday 24th March	School Show
Friday 31st March	School closes at 3pm for Easter.

Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter.

Best wishes from all at Glossopdale School and Sixth Form