

Parent and Carer Newsletter 17.2.23

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

Wednesday 1st March: NEU planning Industrial Action

As you will be aware, there is planned strike action on Wednesday 1st March. A significant number of our staff are members of the NEU and so we have to adapt our provision on that day. If your child is expected in school, you will have received a separate letter this week with the specific arrangements. We have the following provision in school on the day:

Sixth Form: normal lessons for teachers not on strike

Year 11: Revision and study skills sessions

Year 10: GCSE English and Maths exams

Year 7: Students will be taking part in activities led by the White Hall Education Centre. This is for students who are or have been eligible for free school meals.

Students with Education and Health Care Plans or identified as vulnerable will also be able to attend.

If your child is eligible for free school meals but is not in school on the day but you would like to collect a packed lunch for them, please email info@glossopdale.school by 3pm on Monday 27th February.

There are a further two days of planned strike action on 15th and 16th March. We will let parents know what our arrangements are for those days after half term.

Young Musician of the Year

We had a wonderful night last night celebrating the talented performers competing for the title of Young Musician of the Year. In the Junior Category the winner was Kevin on the piano, in 2nd place was Tom on the trombone and 3rd was Eva playing a piece on the piano. In the senior category, the winner was Cameron on saxophone followed by Charlotte with her vocal rendition of "Take me to Church" and in 3rd place was Sean on the trumpet. A big thanks to the supportive audience and of course Chris O'Hara and Nicole Halton, the wonderful adjudicators, they really had a tough job judging this competition.

Social Media

We celebrate students' achievements and school events on our Facebook and Twitter pages. Please have a look: likes, follows and shares are always appreciated!

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

<https://twitter.com/GlossopdaleSch>

Class Charts

Class Charts is an excellent piece of software that provides information on your child's attendance and achievement points. This is also the way in which we let parents know if a student has a detention. It is always up to date: parents can either log on to the app/website or receive notifications when there is a letter or event. Until now, we have also communicated with parents directly via their email address. **From March 2023, we will no longer use email and will send all letters, trips details and emails via Class Charts.** Please ensure that you register your account in order to receive all communications from school. If you need any support with this, please contact your child's Year Manager.

World Book Day

Thursday 2nd March is World Book Day and the theme this year is 'You Are a Reader'. All staff will be wearing character badges with clues to famous book characters. Students can guess which characters the clues refer to! There will be a World Book Day Kahoot quiz in English lessons as well as an exciting display at the entrance of the library.

To celebrate the joy of reading and the ownership of books, here is a free digital World Book Day £1 book token for your child to use. [Book token](#). Tokens can be used locally at *Dark Peak Books and Gifts* on High St West, Glossop and at *Tesco*, as well as other national bookshop chains. Please see the the QR code below, either of which can be used at the checkout. The tokens are valid from Thursday 16th Feb until Sunday 26th March. Visit <https://www.worldbookday.com/books/> to find out what's on offer.



Year 9 Teenage Booster from Derbyshire Family Health Service

Derbyshire Family Health Service have asked us to share information with regards to Year 9 pupils who are being offered their Teenage Booster (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Polio) and Meningitis ACWY vaccinations. The date of the immunisations is to be confirmed, however they have asked that we send the information out with the link to consent online. The letter has been sent out to parents and carers of year 9 students and can be found [here](#)

Uniform Reminder

Unfortunately we are currently experiencing some issues with a small number of students in terms of uniform and thought it might be helpful to outline our policy, specifically on jewellery and piercings, to avoid any confusion at the beginning of next term:

The only permitted jewellery which may be worn is:

- ✓ Stud earrings: one pair of studs in lower ear (not sleepers)
- ✓ Watch
- × Earrings are not allowed in tops of ears
- × Other visible body piercing (including nose or other facial piercings) is not allowed
- × No other items of body jewellery
- × Facial piercings including eyebrow, lip and nose studs are not permitted on the site by students as a result of health and safety concerns. If parents/carers allow students to have such piercings, these should be done at the beginning of the summer holiday to enable the removal of the studs before the start of the new term...

If a student has a new facial piercing (e.g. nose stud) they must wear a clear stud in school at all times for no longer than 8 weeks. Failure to comply with school rules will result in a sanction such as detention and/or isolation. If a student refuses to wear a clear stud, they will be placed in isolation until the matter is resolved. If a student repeatedly puts jewellery back on during the school day, further sanctions will be issued such a detention and/or isolation.'

Please click on the link to our uniform policy on our website:

<https://www.glossopdale.derbyshire.sch.uk/page/?title=School+Uniform&pid=64>

Key Stage 3

KS3 Reward Trip Week beg 27.03.23

We are planning a reward trip for excellent attendance, effort and attitude to learning in school during the last week of the Easter term, week beginning 27/03/2023. Only the students who have performed consistently well, and achieved multiple THRIVE points will be invited. The Arcade Club is four floors of arcade machines, pinball, games consoles and other exciting gaming attractions. There are more than 300 classic and modern games with something for everyone. The parents of students that are invited on the trip will be notified by letter during the week beginning 6th March.

Key Stage 4

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 Session, 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.

Year 11 Parents' Evening

The Parents' Evening that will take place on Thursday 9th March will be held in person in school. Appointments will be made online using the School Cloud system. We feel that it is incredibly important at this stage of our Year 11 students' preparation for their exams that they and parents have the opportunity to meet subject teachers in person. They will receive comprehensive and personalised information on where their child needs to focus in each subject. A separate letter has been sent to all Year 11 parents.

Key Stage 5

Sixth Form A Level revision holiday workshop

On Monday 20th of February, from 10am - 3pm our 'A' Level Sociology Y13 students will take part in a revision day delivered by an AQA examiner for Paper 1. Further study workshops and revision events will take place over the coming weeks and during our Easter holiday - details to follow early next term.

Dates for your diary

Monday 27th February	INSET day - school closed to students
Tuesday 28th March	Spring Term 2 starts
Wednesday 1st March	NEU planning Industrial Action
Thursday 9th March	THRIVE Day for Y7-10
Thursday 9th March	Year 11 Parents' Evening
Tuesday 14th March	Y9 Options Evening
Wednesday 22nd March - Friday 24th March	School Show: Mary Poppins
Friday 31st March	School closes at 3pm for Easter

Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter.

Wishing all students, staff, families and the Glossopdale community a very happy half term break