

Parent and Carer Newsletter 10.3.23

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

Planned NEU action: Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March

A significant number of our staff are members of the NEU and so we are only able to offer limited provision on these days. We are prioritising preparation for exams and KS4 and 5. We will have provision for Y9, 10, 11 and post-16 over the two days, therefore the plan for each year group is as follows.

Year 9: Students will attend a 2 hour study skills workshop on Thursday 16th March. This will support students with preparing for their GCSE study and planning their future pathways.

Year 10: Students will attend a 2 hour study skills workshop on Wednesday 15th March. This will support students with revision and study skills in preparation for their GCSE exams.

Year 11: Students will attend over both days; they will have mock exams in English, Maths, Science and History/Geography.

Post-16: Students will attend their normal lessons for subjects where their teachers are in school.

A separate letter is attached to this email detailing precise arrangements for your child's year group.

If your child is in Y7-10 and entitled to free school meals, please complete this form if you would like to collect a packed lunch for them on these days. Lunches will be available to collect from reception from 11am on Wednesday 15th March.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1EF8SdJzDkLKiV7OrlErzQjiVUWzlite7SUuuOXYMdHE/edit>

Mary Poppins School Show

The students have been working very hard on our school production of Mary Poppins. We are busy rehearsing ready for the show on Wednesday 22nd, Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th March. Tickets will be £6.50 for adults and £4.50 for children. These are now available via Ticketsource here: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/glossopdale>

Comic Relief 17.3.23

Student Council are busy organising events to fundraise for Comic Relief. Events planned include: a film night, a game of guess the skittles in the jar, a raffle and an Open Mic Event at lunchtime. We would love to have some prize donations for a raffle; if you have something that you can donate, please can you leave this at reception or send in with your child who can hand it to Mrs. Oliver. Please donate to Comic Relief through our JustGiving Page. Many thanks in advance.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rednoseday23-glossopdale-school-and-sixth-form>

The Outward Bound Trust (OBT)

The OBT have written to us to advise they can provide up to 75% funding for our students. They are much more than a summer camp; they can deliver 5-day, 7-day, 14-day and 19-day adventures at wild locations for young people aged 10-22. Please see [here](#) for more information.

Derbyshire "It's about me" Initiative

It's About Me is a FREE Holiday Activity and Food Programme funded by the Department for Education, designed for children and young people across Derbyshire to have healthy, active, fun-filled school holidays. It's About Me believe that everyone deserves a good break. Click [here](#) for more information.

Key Stage 3

Y9 Options Evening

A reminder to the parents of all Year 9 students that we have our Options Evening on Tuesday 14th March. Letters with details were sent home before half term. [Here](#) is a link to the letter on our website. We hope to see you all here on the evening.

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 letter has been sent out to parents and carers of Year 9 students and can be found [here](#). These are planned for 18th April 2023.

KS3 Reward Trips

Reward trips to Bury Gaming Arcade are taking place on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 27th-29th March. The Arcade Club is 3 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. All games are 'play for free' once inside. Letters will be emailed out at the beginning of next week.

Key Stage 4

Year 10 Immunisations

Please find attached [here](#) a letter from the Derbyshire Family Health Service with regards to the opportunity to have the Teenage Booster (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Polio) and Meningitis ACWY vaccinations for Year 10 pupils if missed in Year 9. These are planned for 18th April 2023.

Year 10 Reward Trip

The trip to Alton Towers is on Monday 27th March for Year 10 students who have met the criteria. Letters will be sent next week to eligible parents / carers with more details.

DofE Practice expedition - Silver Award only

The Year 10 and 11 students on the Silver Award are out on expedition on the evening of the 17th March through to Sunday 19th March. Details have been sent to parents of students involved. The qualifying expedition is on the 19th to 31st March.

Key Stage 5

Y13 students attended a presentation on student finance and were reminded that if they are planning to go to university this year they need to complete their student finance forms. A link to the online application process can be found [here](#). Year 12 attended their Sixth Form Issues Day this week on future pathways and now need to be completing their work placement documentation via Google Classroom. Finally a big congratulations to Shannon J in Year 13, who received her invitation from Buckingham Palace to collect her Gold DFE Award - we are very proud of her achievements!

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 14th March	Y9 Options Evening
Wednesday 22nd March - Friday 24th March	School Show: Mary Poppins
Monday 27th March - Wednesday 29th March	KS3 Reward Trips
Friday 31st March	School closes at 3pm for Easter
Monday 17th April	Planning Day: school closed to students
Tuesday 18th April	Derbyshire Family Health Services Immunisations for Y9/10
Thursday 20th April	6th Form parents' evening
	BTEC Dance Exam Evening (TBC)
Monday 24th April	Year 9 Exams
Thursday 27th April	Y10 Parents' Evening

Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter. Best wishes from all at Glossopdale School