

Parent and Carer Newsletter 24.3.23

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

Mary Poppins School Show

It's closing night today. The children have worked so hard and have wowed audiences and some of our local primary schools this week with their performances of Mary Poppins. Thank you to everyone who came along and supported this event including buying raffle tickets and encouraging the children to give their all.

Contacting the school - new phone menu options

The menu options have changed, there are now 5 options on the main menu to choose from and 'The Place' can be contacted on 01457 605897. Please be aware we generally have one receptionist on the front desk managing the phones emails and visitors who work 8.00am - 3.30pm Monday to Friday, your patience is appreciated. For general enquiries you can also email us info@glossopdale.school or by checking the options on the 'contact us' tab of the school website <https://www.glossopdale.school/contact-us>

Change of caterer

Chartwells will be taking over the running of our school kitchen from Derbyshire Catering Services with effect from 1st April. Here is their [welcome letter](#) and [sample menu](#). There will be no change to paying for meals via Parent Pay.

Free School Meals Applications

We now use OFSM (Online Free School Meals) for parents to assess whether or not their child is eligible for free school meals. Schools who have already started using this system have typically found that there are far more families who can benefit from funding than had previously been identified.

We want to ensure that we provide the best possible education here at Glossopdale School and this funding can help us to do that. A healthy meal at lunchtime is an essential part of this. We want to support our families to apply to receive this for free wherever possible. If you receive one of the following benefits you may be eligible for Free School Meals:

- * Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- * Income Support
- * Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- * Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- * Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- * The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- * Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- * Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

The system checks eligibility for free school meals using National Insurance numbers. This means that your eligibility will be checked against your tax code and is therefore a more accurate identification of whether your child is entitled to free school meals. Circumstances do change and the details of the application will be stored and resubmitted for checking weekly, enabling any change of eligibility to be notified to you and the school. We therefore encourage the completion of the application by **all** parents. All information provided is kept confidential and is only used to establish eligibility for free school meals. If you have not already completed this form, please can you do so.

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims>. If your child has previously been eligible for free school meals and you have not completed this form, we will contact you directly to ensure that you apply for the funding your child is entitled to.

'Move More' and The Place - Easter Holiday Activities

Please see here for information about Easter Holiday activities at The Place, click [here](#)  Consent form The Place.docx
There is also the N-Gage and Football club information as detailed on the website [here](#)

GAST Glossopdale Travel Survey

Please see the attached form GAST (Glossopdale Action for Sustainable Travel). There are some great prizes available, please use the link to take part in the survey and for further information:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Glossopravelsurvey>

Kooth Understanding Anti-Social Behaviour on Public Transport

On Wednesday 29th March at 6.30pm- 7.30pm, Kooth Digital Health and Transport for Greater Manchester will broadcast a special free webinar about anti-social behaviour from young people on public transport. It is aimed at parents, carers, teachers, community leaders and anyone who works with young people. They will discuss how the developing teenage brain can impact behaviour and how to talk to the young people in your life about these changes. Please see the attached links for more information  TfGMwebinar_letter.pdf  TravelSafe-Kooth-Webinar-2160x1080.jpg

Key Stage 3

KS3 Reward Trips Monday 27.3.23 - Wednesday 29.3.23

As a reward for excellent attendance, effort and attitude to learning in school, the reward trips to 'The Arcade Club' are taking place from Monday next week. You will have been informed if your child has performed consistently well and achieved multiple THRIVE points. Thank you for consenting and paying the contribution to allow your child to attend.

The Y9 Reward Trip is on Monday 27.3.23, the Y8 Reward Trip is on Tuesday 28.3.23 and the Y7 Reward Trip is on Wednesday 29.3.23:

- Students will travel by coach which will leave school at 10:00am and return by approximately 3.15pm.
- They can wear non-school uniform for the trip but this must be appropriate. This excludes the wearing of cropped tops. The normal school policy on nails and false eyelashes will also apply; students will not be able to attend the trip if they do not follow this.
- Students can bring a packed lunch to eat at the venue or there is a café where the students can purchase snacks.
- If your child is entitled to Free School Meals and if you indicated on the consent form that you would like a packed lunch this will be provided.

Year 9 Teenage Booster from Derbyshire Family Health Service 18.4.23

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 Exams

English, Maths and Science Exams will be taking place after the Easter holidays for Y9, Y8 and Y7. The timetables below indicate when each exam will be taking place. Letters will be sent to parents before the Easter holidays with more detailed information about the content of the exams and what you, and your child, can do to prepare for them.

Please click [here](#) to see the timetables.

Key Stage 4

Year 10 Reward Trip Monday 27.3.23

If your child met the criteria based on their THRIVE achievement points and met our high expectations of behaviour and conduct around the School you will have been informed of their invitation to a trip to Alton Towers this Monday 27.3.23. Thank you for consenting and paying the contribution to allow them to attend. We're looking forward to a great day of enjoying the attractions.

- Students should arrive at school for 8am, we will travel by coach to Alton Towers.
- They don't need to wear a school uniform for the day but should dress appropriately for the weather.
- Any students who arrive wearing cropped or strappy tops, fake nails, false eyelashes or excessive makeup will not be permitted to join us.
- They should have some money for refreshments. (Students who are eligible for free school meals will be given a packed lunch from our school kitchen.)
- Traffic permitting, we will return to school for 5.30pm.

Year 10 Immunisations from Derbyshire Family Health Service 18.4.23

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 Parents Evening:

This will take place after Easter on Thursday 27th April from 4-7pm. We are planning for this event to be face to face and a separate letter to Year 10 will be sent to outline how to book appointments.

Year 11 Easter Revision

A programme of Easter revision lessons will be taking place over the break, please see the timetable link attached:

 [A programme of Easter revision lessons 2023](#)

DofE Practice expedition - Silver Award only

The Year 10 and 11 students who were on the Silver Award were out on expedition on the evening of the 17th March to Sunday 19th March. The qualifying expedition takes place from the 29th to 31st March.

Key Stage 5

Parents' Evening

The Sixth Form Parents' Evening will take place on Thursday 20th April 2023 from 4.00-7.00pm. We have decided to hold this evening as a face to face event in school. We encourage all parents to take advantage of the opportunity to meet in person with your child's teachers, working in partnership to prepare students for their A level and vocational assessments, the first of which begins in only 5 school weeks' time. More details have been sent out to parents and carers of sixth form students.

Summer Exams and Easter Revision

Reports and summer exam timetables have now been emailed to all parents/carers/students. Please check these carefully and contact us immediately if there are any issues. The provision list of our Easter revision sessions for Y13 and Year 12 Maths resit students can be found [here](#) and will be updated if more sessions are timetabled. We would urge all students to attend these invaluable sessions.

Dates for your diary

Monday 27th March - Wednesday 29th March	KS3 Reward Trips
Monday 27th March	KS4 Reward Trip Alton Towers
Friday 31st March	School closes at 3pm for Easter
Monday 17th April	Planning Day: school closed to Y7-10 & 12 students
Tuesday 18th April	Derbyshire Family Health Services Immunisations for Y9/10
Thursday 20th April	6th Form parents' evening
	BTEC Dance Exam Evening (TBC)
W/C Monday 24th April	Year 9 Exams
Thursday 27th April	Y10 Parents' Evening
W/C Monday 1st May	Year 8 Exams
W/C Monday 8th May	Year 7 Exams

Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter.

Best wishes from all at Glossopdale School & Sixth Form



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<https://twitter.com/GlossopdaleSch>

You can also visit our website for all the current year newsletters and more information about our school & sixth form:

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