



Parent & Carer Weekly Newsletter Date: Friday 17th May

General Information and Reminders

The Royal Academy Young Artists' Summer Show

Another successful year for Glossopdale Art students with 4 pieces being selected from tens of thousands of entries to The Royal Academy Young Artists' Summer Show. All four artworks will be displayed in the online exhibition and 'Percy Pig' is in the process of being packed and shipped to Burlington House, Piccadilly, London for the physical display. Well done to every student who entered, the Art Department and School are proud of all your efforts.



Attendance

We have previously communicated our high expectations surrounding absence relating to illness. We may ask for medical evidence if your child has more than 5 absences relating to illness. There is a potential misconception that it is easy to catch up on missed learning. The DfE believes that 'each moment matters' in education. Missing 5 days or more is over 25 hours of lost learning. Your child may feel ill, but will often still be fine to send to school. The NHS Live Well guidance ([accessible here](#)) aims to give the following clarity for parents/carers. Below are some of the sections from this guidance:

Anxiety or worry

It's normal for children to feel a little anxious sometimes. They may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can make a child's anxiety about going to school worse. It's good to talk about any worries they may have such as bullying, friendship problems, school work or sensory problems. You can also work with the school to find ways to help them.

Please do discuss concerns around severe anxiety with your GP, but please also liaise with your child's Year Manager so that we can support them in attending school and work with parents/carers in reducing or removing barriers that may be causing anxiety.

Coughs and Colds

It's fine to send your child to school with a minor cough or common cold. But if they have a high temperature, keep them off school until it goes. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues and to wash their hands regularly.

It is common for students to have minor coughs or colds throughout the year. It is rare that they will need time off from school. We are not permitted to allow students to bring medication (unless prescribed and with notification) into school, but if you feel it necessary, we suggest that they take over-the-counter medication before and after school to help alleviate symptoms.

School Car Park - Before After School

Please remember that parents & carers can only enter the main car park to drop off/collect their children if they have been provided with a pass. All other cars must use the turning circle. Where possible, parents and carers should also avoid parking in the turning circle area to allow a steady flow of traffic.



Rewards Trips

The final date for parents and carers to book their child a place on the end of year rewards trip has now passed. No further places can be added from this point. Please remember that any students that have booked their place must meet the following criteria between Tuesday 16th April & Friday 19th July:

1. Excellent attendance (95%+) - No more than 3 days absent from school permitted within the above timeframe
2. Excellent conduct - Student regularly failing to meet expectations will be removed from the trips
3. Excellent punctuality to school - Students should be entering the school gates no later than 8:40 to make sure they arrive at registration by 8:45

Students who do not meet these criteria will be removed from the trips. When a child is removed from the trips, we will do our best to refund any monies paid but we cannot guarantee this, particularly closer to the date of the trips.

Key Stage 3

Y7 Exams

Y7 Parents should have received a letter this week about the assessments in the core subjects. The letter includes the exam timetable and information about how your child can prepare for the assessments. Science will be the first assessment and will be held on Tuesday 11th June.

Year 8 DofE enrollment

In the summer term, we will be inviting our Year 8 students to enrol onto DofE ready to start in Year 9. If you would like to know more about this Award please visit www.dofe.org More details will be shared with the students via assembly and with parents via this newsletter later this academic year.

Year 8 Theatre Trip

A reminder that places are filling up fast for the outdoor theatre trip to see 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. Please see the letter [here](#), which has been sent out via Class Charts to Year 8 parents. If you would like to secure your place, please pay on Parent Pay by Friday 24th May.

Key Stage 4

GCSE exams

The Year 11 students will remain on full school timetable until Tuesday 11th June. This is to ensure that all students have the opportunity to complete valuable learning and revision activities with their subject specialists in the weeks and days before their final assessments. The full GCSE exam timetable can be found [here](#).

On Tuesday 11th June, all Year 11 students will sit their GCSE Chemistry paper at 9am. After this exam, during their break, they will be able to sign shirts if they wish. They will then have their final Year 11 assembly and most students will then finish at midday.

For students who are studying Geography, Catering, DT, Music, Statistics and Additional Maths, they must continue to attend their timetabled lessons for these subjects, for the remaining lessons until their last exam. There will also be some additional revision sessions that they must attend. All students must wear full correct uniform in all lessons and examinations throughout the exam period.



Year 10 trial exams

Year 10 trial exams start on June 7th. Students will sit trial examinations in English, Maths, Science and their option subjects. Details on how to revise were shared with the students during THRIVE day. Your child should be using their study timetable at home to allocate study time to each of their subjects and they should be utilising suitable revision strategies such as mind maps, flash cards, Cornell notes, dual coding and braindumps to consolidate their learning.

Dates for your diary

Friday 24th May	School closes at 3pm for half term
Monday 3rd June	School re-opens to all.
Tuesday 11th June	SEND Parent Forum 4.30-5.30pm.
Thursday 13th June	Y8 Parents Evening
Friday 14th June	Opal Coast French Trip Y8
Wednesday 26th June	Y6 Parent info Evening
Friday 28th June	Y13 Leavers Dinner
Monday 1st July	Year 7 Sports day
Tuesday 2nd July	Year 8 Sports Day
Wednesday 3rd July	Year 9 Sports Day

Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter.

Best wishes from all at Glossopdale School and Sixth Form