

Parent and Carer Newsletter 20.10.2023

General Information and Reminders

Frozen Tickets

We are pleased to confirm that Frozen JR tickets can now be purchased, if you would like to attend, please click on this ticket source link, we look forward to seeing you there! [Frozen JR tickets](#)



Parent Vacancies on the Local Governing Body

We currently have two parent vacancies on the Local Governing Body. We are very keen to encourage parents (or people with parental responsibility) of students at Glossopdale to nominate themselves to fill these places.

The Local Governing Body is delegated certain functions by the Board of Trustees and are responsible for:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos, and strategic direction.
- Holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils; and
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

Parent governors share equally with other governors the task of carrying out the Local Governing Body's wide range of responsibilities. Governors do not run the school on a day-to-day basis, as their role is at the strategic or policy-making level in the school. You do not have to be an expert on education to be a school governor, and we value the experience that all governors bring to the role. If you join our Local Governing Body, you will serve for a four-year term, and you can continue to the end of that set period even if your child/children leave the school during that time.

No special qualifications are needed, and the most important thing is to have a keen interest in the school and be prepared to play an active part in the Local Governing Body work. If you are interested in becoming a school governor, please email Mrs O'Grady - eogrady@glossopdale.school who will put you into contact with the Chair of Governors for an informal discussion.

Lockdown Procedures

All students have received important information about lockdown during assemblies this week, we have explained why this procedure is necessary and the steps that they need to take to stay safe. Next week we will complete a short training exercise to test the procedure. After the training students will have an opportunity to discuss their thoughts and experiences. Should you require any further information please contact your child's year manager.

School Car Park

The new automated gates will be in operation upon our return to school after the half-term break. The gates will close at 08:30 and remain closed throughout the school day. They will reopen again at 15:00. This includes both the vehicle entrance gate into the main car park and the pedestrian gate near the visitor car park which leads into the secure area of the school grounds.

Parking in the school car park is strictly limited to staff and parents with the newly issued card permit. Users should drive at 5mph and visitors are asked to park in the visitor / overflow car park at the top of the drive and walk to reception through the new pedestrian gate if you have a pre-booked appointment. Please ensure you drive safely and with due respect for pedestrians and visitors when using the permitted areas of the car park. Pedestrians have priority over vehicles at all times.

Sixth Form students who have registered their vehicle with the school are permitted to park in the visitor car park. Their ID badge will allow them access through the pedestrian gate when swiped on the associated card reader. We thank you for your cooperation with our newly introduced safeguarding measures.

Flu Vaccinations Years 7 - 11 Monday 23.10.23 and Thursday 26.10.23.

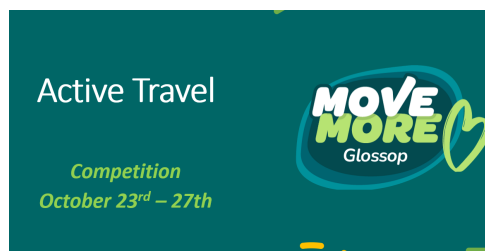
We've had confirmation from the immunisation team that a large number of parents and carers have completed the online form for students Flu Vaccinations happening in school. There is still time to consent for your child to have the Flu Vaccination, to do this you will now need to ring 0333 358 3397 select option 1 then option 6 and someone will take consent over the phone.

If you have any queries please contact The Immunisation Team on 0333 358 3397 / contactimms@intrahealth.co.uk

The plan is as follows, on Monday 23.10.23 students in Years 11,10,9 and 8, who have been given consent, will be given a slip which will advise them of when to come to the Theatre for their Flu vaccination. Likewise on Thursday 26.10.23 students in Year 7 will be given a slip with the time they need to be in the Theatre. It is possible that if there isn't time to vaccinate all students who have consented on Monday, that there will be the opportunity to do this in the Thursday morning session.

Active Travel Competition 23rd-27th October

The aim of this competition is to encourage families to think about their choice of transport when making short journeys around Glossop. Can they walk, scoot, cycle instead of jumping in their car? By introducing regular walking habits into children and young people we can then aim to introduce the use of public transport for longer journeys, like high schools and colleges. Every young person who takes part in the active travel competition will be given the opportunity to take part in a free Self Defence Course with Matrix Martial Arts, they will also be entered into a prize draw to win £5-£50 Love to Shop Voucher. Please see more information [here](#).



Substance Misuse Awareness Parent Course in Glossop

Derbyshire County Council Adult Education Service in Glossop have sent us the following information with regards to a course they have running from 7th November for 8 weeks. For more information please click [here](#)

NeuroHub at Zink in Buxton

A NeuroHub has recently opened at Zink in Buxton, but they work across the whole of High Peak to support Neurodivergent children and young people aged 0 to 25 and their parents and carers. Their support is for both pre and post diagnosis and no referral is needed. The information below gives a little background to the service:

The emergence of the new children's and young people neurodivergent hubs (Neurohubs) is an exciting development resulting from the collaborative initiative known as the Derby and Derbyshire Children's Service Neurodevelopment Pathway. This initiative, involving multiple stakeholders, has been ongoing for the past two years and has successfully identified both immediate and long-term priorities for parents and carers, voluntary sector providers, the NHS, and local authorities throughout Derbyshire. One significant priority that has emerged from this collaborative effort is the establishment of accessible local hubs for children and young people with neurodivergent traits.

The primary objective of these hubs is to provide parents, carers, and young individuals with access to advice, information, and support. There is a need for support within the High Peak. If families and carers within your school need a chat, info and advice or connections to groups and services we are here to help. Important to know that we are not clinicians, but we are here to support and guide families and individuals to help they might need.

Info about Zink. <https://zink.org.uk>

Key Stage 3

Y8 and Y9 Parent's Information Evening

The Y8 and Y9 Parent's Information Evening is being held on Wednesday 25th October. Arrival from 5.45pm for a 6pm start. Letters with further details were emailed out earlier in the week. Letters include a link to a google form to confirm attendance.

Key Stage 4

Key Stage 4 Revision Guides

We now have a range of GCSE revision guides available to purchase via Parent pay, once we receive your payment, your child can go to the Key Stage 4 office to see Mrs Hoyle who will be able to issue the books / flashcards.

Year 11 Trial Exams

The year 11 trial exams will commence on Monday 20th November. A copy of the timetable can be found at https://www.glossopdale.school/_site/data/files/users/7/0221379424B2DD1F0D261598A1E831DD.pdf

Students should attend the full school day as normal throughout these trial exams. Some lessons will continue as timetabled in between exams, as some vocational courses are not holding exams on this occasion. Your child's teachers will share revision topics and exam information with the students via classroom and information on how to revise can be found on the school [website](#). During the Key Stage 4 Parent Information Evening we shared information about how to support your child at home with revision and independent study, details of the main talk can be found [here](#)

Key Stage 5

Sixth Form Open Evening

This week saw our prospective Sixth Form students attend our Open Evening where they met with subject teachers and students to hear talks on their future options. Our application form is now open and can be accessed from a link that has been emailed to all year 11 students. More information on the courses that are available and our application process can be found at <https://www.glossopdale.school/courses>.

Dates for your diary

Monday 23rd October	Flu Vaccinations in school
Wednesday 25th October	KS3 Parents Information Evening
Thursday 26th October	Flu Vaccinations in school
Thursday 26th October	School closes at 3pm to Students for half term
Friday 27th October	INSET Day
Monday 6th November	First day of term
Tuesday 7th November	THRIVE Day Y8
Wednesday 8th November	KS2 Dance Day
Thursday 9th November	In school production of A Christmas Carol for Y10 and 11
Friday 10th November	THRIVE Day Y7

Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter.

Best wishes from all at Glossopdale School and Sixth Form