



To **Aspire**, **Endeavour** and **Thrive** Together

27 March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of the spring term it has been lovely to see so many of our students involved in so many school events all of which can be found in our end of term celebration bulletin which will be shared with you all on Wednesday. I would also like to say well done to all of the students who qualified for the rewards events this week and received recognition in our end of term rewards assemblies. It is wonderful to see so many of our students thriving and being celebrated for their excellent achievement and conduct.

We are delighted to be welcoming 233 Year 6 students into our Glossopdale family in September, all families will now have received our welcome letter and we look forward to meeting them over the next few months as our transition events begin.

Uniform Standards

Thank you for your support in ensuring your child attends school in the correct uniform and with the appropriate equipment. However, we are seeing an increasing number of students arrive at school without a school bag which is a real concern as they would not be able to carry any of their books, pencil case, PE kit etc. If this applies to your child, can you please ensure they return after the Easter break with an appropriate school bag. If a student does not have an appropriate bag with them on return, we will issue them with one of ours, just as we would for any other item of uniform. You will find all details about our uniform expectations here [school uniform expectations](#)

GCSE and 'A' Level Exams

Students in Year 11 & Year 13 have been studying very hard for their GCSE and A-Level examinations that they will sit next term. There is a revision programme on offer at school over the Easter holidays and we would encourage all students to attend the relevant sessions. Details of the Easter revision programme can be found [here](#)

KS3 Exams

Y8 and 9 students will be taking a series of examinations, including their core subjects: Maths, Science and English. Y9 exams will be held during the week beginning 22/04/24 and Y8 exams from 29/04/24. Some of these assessments will be taken in the Sports Hall. These are excellent preparation for sitting external exams in the future and help teachers to identify each student's strengths and next steps. We know how hard our students have been working towards them. Parents will receive a letter home with an exam timetable as well as information about resources to support revision. Please help your child plan and complete their revision so that they are fully prepared when they come to sit their exams.

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The information in this letter should be shared with other person(s) with parental responsibility for your child.



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Attendance

Excellent attendance is a crucial aspect of academic success, and we aspire for all students to have at least 97% attendance. During an academic year, students that have less than 97% attendance can miss an extensive amount of learning in comparison to their peers. Furthermore, an annual attendance figure of less than 97% directly leads to lower-than-expected academic progress:

Attendance Percentage	Days missed in one year	Lessons missed in one year
99%	2	10
98%	4	20
95%	11	55
90%	20	100
85%	30	150
80%	40	200

Students that consistently show excellent attendance to school are recognised and rewarded via our achievement assemblies and are also the first students invited/selected to attend rewards events in school. We do not underestimate the role of parents and carers in ensuring high levels of attendance for their children, and we really appreciate your support in ensuring that your child attends school every day, even on days when they are not feeling their best.

Rewards

This week we treated our students to a fantastic surprise reward, with the return of the extremely popular silent disco events. Students with the best attendance and best conduct for Sprint Term 2 were invited to put on their dancing shoes and show us their best moves throughout the day! Well done to our amazing students – a well-deserved reward for your continued hard work! During the Spring Term (January to March), we have seen almost sixty thousand THRIVE points issued for excellent conduct, with over two thousand rewards badges given to our students for reaching their THRIVE points thresholds. It's absolutely amazing to see so many of our students striving to be the best versions of themselves! Keep it up everyone!

Key Dates

A reminder that today, Wednesday 27th March, is the last day of the Spring Term. School will reopen to students on Tuesday 16 April 2024.





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Thursday 18th April: Year 10 Parents' Evening
Tuesday 23rd April: Y9 Exams
Thursday 25th April: Post 16 Parents' Evening
Monday 29th April: Year 8 Exams
Monday 6th May: Bank Holiday (school closed)
Monday 16th May: **External GCSE** and 'A' Level Exams begin
Friday 24th May: Students finish for May Half Term
Monday 3rd June: Students return for Summer Term 2
Thursday 13th June: Y8 Parents' Evening
Friday 21st June: Planning day (school closed to all students)
Monday 10th 17th & 24th June – Y7, Y10 & Y12 Exams
Monday – Wednesday 1st, 2nd & 3rd July – Sports Days
Monday 8th July – Y10 Celebration Evening
Tuesday 9th July – Y9 Celebration Evening
Wednesday 10th July: Y8 Celebration Evening
Tuesday 11th July: Y7 Celebration Evening
Monday 15th July: Y7 Reward Evening
Tuesday 16th July: Y8 Reward Evening
Wednesday 17th July: Y9 Reward Evening
Tuesday 23rd July: Last day of term

Finally, please take the time to review our wonderful end of term celebration bulletin showcasing the many, many amazing events and achievements that our students have been involved in this term [Celebratory Bulletin](#)

Thank you for your support this term and I wish you all a wonderful Easter break with lots of warm sunshine.

Best wishes,
Debbie McGloin
Headteacher

