

Parent and Carer Newsletter 19.1.24

General Information and Reminders

School Attendance

The school attendance figures are below for each year group. They show the attendance for last week and the attendance for this academic year so far:

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Whole School
Spring Term 1	89.9%	86.8%	87.6%	86.3%	86.2%	87.4%
2023-24	93.4%	88.6%	89.0%	88.1%	86.2%	89.0%

Please be reminded that:

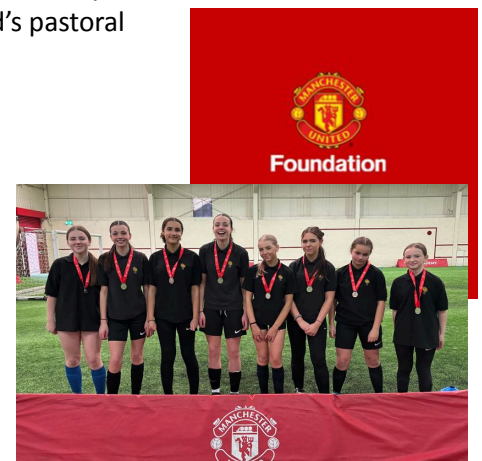
- High attendance is statistically proven to lead to successful GCSE results
- Pupils with less than 97% attendance across their 5 years at school are statistically proven to get lower than expected GCSE results
- The school attendance policy permits 5 days of authorised absence for illness, without challenge, per academic year. Medical evidence must be provided for any further absences beyond this point
- If your child is going to be absent from school, you need to call the school attendance line to report this. Failure to do so will result in an unauthorised absence

Mental Health Schools Team - As from Monday, we are delighted to be welcoming a team of seven Mental Health Professionals who are joining us as we become a centre of excellence for Mental Health provision in the Glossopdale area. The team will be available to take referrals from both our school and our local primary schools to work with groups, individuals and families who may be in need of support with their mental health or wellbeing.

Support is available for a wide range of mental health and wellbeing areas. These include: family breakdown, anxiety, low mood, self-harm, conflict with sexuality, anger-management, motivation and aspiration, trauma, exam stress, social anxiety, OCD tendencies, bereavement and more. Should your child or your family feel you would benefit from this service, please do not hesitate to contact your child's pastoral lead (Year Manager or Head of Year) to discuss suitable support.

Manchester United Foundation

This week we took a group of Y9 and Y8 girls to the Cliff to participate in the MU Foundation Girls Hub tournament. The team all performed to their absolute best and won a hard fought tournament between the foundation schools. A huge well done to the team for representing Glossopdale to the highest standard. This was an amazing achievement made by the girls who became the first Glossopdale girls team to win a Hub tournament since the partnership with MU foundation. A massive well done - this was a very proud moment.



Derbyshire County Council - Keeping Warm and Well in Winter

The cold weather can cause problems for some people. So Derbyshire Council have put together some useful information about how to keep you and your family well during winter. [Keeping Warm and Well in Winter](#)

The Average Scientist - Wonders Of Our Universe Science Event

You may have seen on our Facebook in December that we are very excited to be hosting this fantastic event in our Theatre. The show on the evening of Tuesday 26th March has sold out, however a further date of Wednesday 27th March (7pm - 9pm) has just been added and we wanted to let you know so you in case you want to book your slot for the rest of the family! [Wonders Of Our Universe Ticket Link](#). The team from the Average Scientist will also be working with Y7 - Y10 students during the day of Tuesday 26th March and Wednesday 27th March so they will be lucky enough to experience this wonderful event during their school day.

RAF World: Earn & Learn

Thursday 8th February 2024 19:30 - 21:00. New year, new career? Get paid to become the best version of you as a Royal Air Force Apprentice! Elevate your ambitions and uncover tailored apprenticeship options that suit your lifestyle, preferences, and career goals. This is the perfect opportunity to explore the world of apprenticeships, gain insights into various roles, and connect with professionals who can guide you on your path to success! For more information please click here: [RAF World](#)

Key Stage 3

Bronze DofE

Meetings will continue this term and students will be working on their First Aid. Students should continue to add evidence to their eDofE account to show that they have continued with their physical, skill and volunteer sections. Some meetings may now have moved to another school day as the students have been grouped and paired with a teacher. Details of the groups are available on the DofE Google Classroom for your child to access.

Y9 Parents' Evening

Y9 Parents' Evening will be taking place at Glossopdale school on Thursday 1st February between 4pm and 7pm. Appointments will need to be booked through School Cloud. Letters with further information were sent out through the Class Charts app on Wednesday.

Key Stage 4

Sixth Form Applications

Interviews for the Sixth Form continue this week. Any Year 11 students who have not yet applied to the Sixth Form for September 2024 and who wish to do so should speak to a member of the Sixth Form team as soon as possible.

Year 11

This week in assembly we started to focus Year 11 students on preparation for GCSE summer exams. Using the CGP "How to Revise Guide" (which can be purchased via Parent Pay) students were directed to look at their study habits and lifestyle. With just 14 school weeks until the external exams start we recommend that your child has a space at home to complete their independent study, they need relevant resources, pens and pencils, calculators and should have all of their books and materials readily available. Some of the tips and tricks have been uploaded as a post on our Facebook Page. <https://www.facebook.com/GlossopdaleSch>

Sixth Form

Student Development Day

Our next Student Development Day will take place on the 26th January and the focus will be on Health and Wellbeing. We have a number of workshops and outside speakers organised and students will focus on areas such as: sexual and physical health, emotional wellbeing, CPR training, yoga and relaxation.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 25th January	Science Live Trip (65x Y11 & Sixth Form Students)
Friday 26th January	Y9 THRIVE Day 6th Form Student Development Day
Tuesday 30th January	Poetry Live Trip to Manchester (49 x Y11 Students attending)
Wednesday 31st January	Intermediate Maths Challenge
Thursday 1st February	Y9 Parents' Evening (4pm - 7pm) Y10 THRIVE Day
Wednesday 7th February	SEND Parent Forum 4.30pm-5.30pm
Monday 12th February	Y11 THRIVE Day
Wednesday 14th February	Y10 Macbeth Performance (In the day, in the school Theatre)
Thursday 15th February	Young Musician of the Year Competition (Evening event)
Friday 16th February	Performing Arts (PA) Trip to London (Y9/10 & 11 PA students) Last Day of Term

Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter.

Best wishes from all at Glossopdale School and Sixth Form