



Parent & Carer Weekly Newsletter

Date: Friday 10th May 2024

General Information and Reminders

Summer Rewards Trips - Friday 19th July

Please remember that today is the last day to book a place on our summer rewards trips, with just a £5 deposit needed to secure your child's place. Students that do not have a booked place by Friday 10th May will not be able to attend.

- All students are invited to secure their place
- Students will have the opportunity to attend the trip if they meet the following criteria by Friday 19th July:
 1. Excellent attendance (95%+) from Tuesday 16th April to Thursday 18th July 2024 (no more than 3 days absent)
 2. Excellent conduct from Tuesday 16th April to Thursday 18th July 2024
 3. Excellent punctuality to school from Tuesday 16th April to Thursday 18th July 2024
- If your child does not meet this criteria, they will be prevented from attending
- Once a trip place has been booked we cannot swap their trip to a different trip

Attendance

As you are aware, high levels of attendance to school are important for equipping your child with skills for life. At Glossopdale we consider **97% to be the minimum benchmark to success**. Students who achieve 97% and above attendance are far more likely to reach or exceed their potential. We take pride in supporting pupils and parents in ensuring that students achieve this and want to work together to improve and sustain high levels of attendance.

Dropping below 97% means that more than 5 days of school are being missed. This equates to over **25 hours of lost learning**.

Where students fall to **90% or below the DfE consider this to be persistently absent**. This means that students are losing over **94 hours of learning in a year**, which is proven to have a significant detrimental impact on their learning.

We will regularly communicate changes in your child's attendance, celebrating improvements and offering support where there is a decline. We have dedicated staff to support improving attendance and will work with parents/carers and students to ensure that attendance is high.

Key Stage 3

Year 8 Theatre Trip

We are delighted to offer Year 8 students the opportunity to see their current English text 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' performed live at a beautiful outdoor location next term. Please see the letter [here](#) that will be sent out via Class Charts to Year 8 parents.



Key Stage 4

Y10 Thrive Day

On Tuesday 7th May, our Year 10 students took part in a mock interview event with 26 people from all areas of the Glossopdale community. The students applied for a fictitious job at Tesco and had a 10-15 min interview with an external visitor to practise their interview skills. The students walked in very nervous, but left the room with beaming smiles, as they had enjoyed the experience, gained valuable feedback and were relieved it was over!

A massive thank you to all the interviewers who helped make the event possible, and well done Year 10 - we are very proud of you all.



Art and Textiles Practical Exams

The second day of Art and Textiles exams took place this week with our students working for another 5 hours under exam conditions to complete their exam final assessment pieces. Students were hard working, showing tenacity and should be proud of themselves.



GCSE Examinations Start

Our Health and Social students sat their 2 hour exam on Tuesday 7th May and all Year 11 students sat their GCSE Biology paper 1 examination on Friday 10th May. More details about the exams and how to support your child are included in our weekly Year 11 newsletter which is shared at the start of the school week. The full timetable of summer exams is [here](#).

Sixth Form Applicants - Pizza Event

We are inviting all Year 11 students that have applied to our Sixth Form to join us on Monday 13th May at 3pm in the Sixth Form View. In this hour we will ask students to confirm their subject choices, take them through what happens on enrolment day in August and we will be serving Domino's Pizza and drinks. As well as being an important part of our application process, this is also a good chance to get together with all the other students that have applied to Glossopdale Sixth Form.



Key Stage 5

Sixth Form Examinations Start

Our level 3 exams start on Monday, kicking off with AS Biology. This exams series includes exams for both Year 12 and Year 13 students so make sure that you check the exam timetable [here](#). Students have access to lots of revision materials via their Tutor Google Classrooms and help can be sought from the Sixth Form office if needed.

Year 12 Good Progress Interviews

Students are meeting with their teachers this week to talk about what they are doing well and what targets they need to focus on in the coming weeks. These meetings are a chance for students to take some time to think about how they are currently working and how they can be more effective in their courses.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 15th May	SEND Parent Forum 4.30pm-5.30pm (For parents of Year 6 students with SEND)
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
Friday 28th June	Y13 Leavers Dinner

Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter.

Best wishes from all at Glossopdale School and Sixth Form