



## Parent & Carer Weekly Newsletter

### Date: Friday 16th February 2024

#### General Information and Reminders

##### **True Learning Partnership Trustee**

You may be aware that Glossopdale School & Sixth Form is a proud part of a five-strong Multi Academy Trust called True Learning Partnership (<https://www.truelearning.org.uk/>). In the same manner that we at Glossopdale has a Board of Governors, True Learning has a Board of Trustees that voluntarily provide some of their time to ensure that every school in our Trust- including Glossopdale, are well equipped to ensure we are providing the very best education we can deliver to all of our students. The True Learning Board are keen to expand the Board with the right talent, and with that in mind we'd like to appeal to anyone who has **current or previous experience working in a senior position in Primary, Secondary, or Further Education** to consider joining our Board of Trustees.

If this is a position you or a contact of yours would like to learn more about, please contact the Trust's Vice-Chairperson, Jay Rooney, on 07815 107216 or [jay.rooney@truelearning.org.uk](mailto:jay.rooney@truelearning.org.uk). Jay will be happy to provide you with further insight as to what is required of a Trustee.

##### **Young Musician of the Year 2024**

The eleventh Glossopdale School & Sixth Form Young Musician of the Year competition came to a climax yesterday evening with the finals concert. Sixteen students, covering a wide range of instruments and voice, were chosen from initial auditions held 3 weeks ago. Each of the finalists performed their chosen piece or song fantastically in the Theatre in front of an audience of teachers, family, friends and fellow students.



We must say a big thank you to our adjudicators; Claire Surman (Opera Singer, Vocal Teacher and founder of Glossopera) and Nicole Halton (Vocalist, Pianist, Teacher, Choir Director and ex Glossopdale student) for their expert adjudication and positive feedback. They had the very difficult job of deciding who the prize winners would be.



The results were as follows:

Junior Category:

- 1) Joseph P (piano).
- 2) Edward M (piano) - Edward also performed his own composition, 'Mono Opus', inspired by the legendary pianist and composer, Chopin.
- 3) Hannah J (trumpet).



Senior Category:

- 1) Matthew B (marimba)
- 2) Tom H (trombone)
- 3) Lydia G (voice) and Mitchell B (voice & guitar)

Prior to the results, last year's senior category winner, saxophonist Cameron B, entertained the audience with a solo performance.

Finally, a special thank you to the accompanists: Mrs Thornton and Ben Powell and all our wonderful instrumental and vocal teachers at Glossopdale School and Sixth Form.

### **Performing Arts Trip to London**

At 6am this morning some of our students from Years 9,10 and 11 were excited to start their journey to London. They have a full itinerary planned over the next 48 hours. They will be enjoying two west end musicals, Moulin Rouge and Tina, The Tina Turner Musical. They will take part in a musical theatre workshop and even get to sail on the river Thames! We hope they have a wonderful time. Please see updates on our social media.

### **Derbyshire County Council B-Line Card**

From 1st November 2023, young people have been able to get £1.50 max single fares on buses in, to and from Derbyshire (including Derby) with b\_line. b\_line is Derbyshire County Council cut-price travel discount and library card for young people aged 11 to 19. It's for young people in school, college, on training courses or in an apprenticeship providing they live in Derbyshire. Now is the perfect time to apply to start saving and travel sustainably. For more information please click the following link: [Derbyshire County Council - b\\_line Card](#)

### **Wednesday is 'Warm Space' afternoon at Hadfield St Andrew's Cricket Club. (HSACC)**

HSACC have informed us of their 'Warm Space' on Wednesdays. The clubhouse is open to all, free of charge. Refreshments and hot drinks are all free. All Hadfield, Glossop and High Peak residents are welcome along. Please see the poster here <https://www.glossopdale.school/attachments/download.asp?file=904&type=pdf>

### **Attendance**

Well done to our Year 7 students, our best attending year group for half term 3 - The third time in a row! Keep up the good work.

Another huge well done to our Year 11 students for the most improved attendance this term. Well done Year 11!

Students and parents should be mindful of the importance of high attendance. Students with less than 97% attendance are less likely to achieve their target grades in comparison to their peers.

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## **Key Stage 3**

### **Year 9 Options**

We're looking forward to meeting you and your child at our Key Stage 4 Options evening on the 13th March 2024. All parents / carers should have received the letter via Class Charts from Mrs Jesson outlining the options process. This letter, along with the GCSE course directory and options form, can now be found on our [website](#).

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## Key Stage 4

### **In school performance of Macbeth**

“Fair is foul, and foul is fair” ... But not for our Year 10 students who have all had the opportunity to watch a performance of ‘Macbeth’ by the Box Clever Theatre Company. This dynamic and exciting whole text performance captured the true murderous and supernatural nature of the play and provided students with the opportunity to hear key quotations performed by actors. Thank you to the parents who have donated to allow the English department to provide such an opportunity, we really appreciate your contributions.

### **Y11 THRIVE Day**

On Monday 12th February our Year 11 students took part in a Healthy Lifestyles day. They attended a presentation by Dr Ahmed from Lambgates Surgery, looking at various health issues, including smoking. They also looked at Domestic Violence in a session led by PCSO B. Buller. A workshop on consent was delivered by Hannah Rose from SV2 and finally the students had a refresher course on First Aid - CPR and using DeFibs, delivered by D Swanston. The whole day was expertly delivered and the students really enjoyed the sessions.

### **Year 11 Trial Exams**

Year 11 trial exams are due to take place during the week of the 4th March 2024. The timetable can be found in the [link](#) . All Year 11 students should arrive at school on time for the morning line at 8.40am and they will be taken through to the exam hall for the 9am exam. All students are expected to have the correct equipment for each paper; this includes at least two black ballpoint pens, pencil, ruler, rubber and calculator. If an afternoon exam finishes after 2.30pm but before 3pm, it is likely that the students will be able to leave the site before 3pm. We will notify you via a Class Charts announcement if this is the case. These trial exams are a good opportunity for your child to refine their revision skills and exam techniques. Details about how to revise and prepare for trial exams are being shared with the students in assemblies and personal development, all materials can also be found online [here](#).

### **Y11 interventions**

Our extra revision and exam preparation lessons and [interventions](#) continue to take place each week. Please encourage your child to take advantage of these additional learning opportunities especially if they are less inclined to study at home! Please note that if your child has a detention which clashes with a 3pm session, they must speak with Mrs Johnston or Miss Gregory before the end of that day to rearrange the detention.

### **Dates for your diary**

Monday 26th February	Start of new school term pupils to arrive at 8.40am (Free breakfast from 8.15am)
Tuesday 27th February	Y8 THRIVE Day (Date change from 1st March 2024)
Monday 4th March	Y11 & Y13 Mocks Start
Wednesday 6th March	SEND Parent Forum 4.30-5.30
Friday 8th March	Y8 THRIVE Day - Study Skills
Wednesday 13th March	Y9 Options Evening
Tuesday 19th March	In School performance of An Inspector calls for Y10/11
Wednesday 20th March	Y11 Parents Information Evening (exams)



Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter.

Best wishes from all at Glossopdale School and Sixth Form and we wish you all a happy half-term.