

Parent and Carer Newsletter 29.9.2023

Please see below a summary of helpful information for this week.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone from our Glossopdale community - staff, parents and carers - who came along to our first Macmillan Coffee morning today. Our student leaders did a great job in welcoming and serving our guests, along with bringing their delicious bakes as donations. We were delighted to have raised over £260.00 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Open Evening 2023

We welcomed record numbers of visitors to our Open Evening last night, with over 350 families of children from Years 5 & 6 arriving to view our school and facilities. We were especially proud of our student helpers who all gave up their time to represent the school, act as guides to the families and work in faculties to showcase our rich and varied curriculum.

Parking in Oakford Court Residential Home – For residents only

There have been incidents of parents parking in the private bays in Oakford Court Residential Home (which is next to school) and driving in above the 5mph speed limit. This is causing significant difficulties for residents, parking spaces in this area are limited and they need to ensure that it remains accessible and convenient for their residents at all times. Oakford Court have kindly asked parents to find alternative places to park when picking up or dropping off children at school.

Manchester United Foundation



Well done to Y7 Hudson M for receiving his match day tickets for the upcoming game vs. Brentford. Hudson was selected by Mrs McGloin for his fantastic start to life at Glossopdale and all the Thrive points he has earned so far. We hope Hudson enjoys the game.

We had some ticket winners last week selected by their year managers. Y7: Kitt C, Y8: Rhys W, Y9: Skye W, Y10: Harley T & Y11: Mitchell B. A great win for MUFC in the Carabao cup games vs Crystal Palace. We hope our amazing and deserving ticket winners had a great time at the game and enjoyed the 3 goals too!

And finally, we have selected 7 students from Y9, Y10 & Y11 to represent Glossopdale on a Champions League night at the Theatre of Dreams. An amazing once-in-a-lifetime experience in which our selected students are really excited to take part. They will be waving the big Champions League flag in the centre circle against Galatasaray before kick off on Tuesday - so make sure you keep an eye out for them!

Key Stage 3

Letters have been emailed to parents/carers of children in Y7, Y8 and Y9 today. The letters outline the content that your children will be studying in their core subjects and invites you to attend either a Y7 Parent Information Evening on Tuesday 10th October or a Y8/Y9 Parents Information Evening on Wednesday 25th October. Further details will be emailed out closer to the events.



Year 9

DofE Bronze Award

Year 9 students are invited to start their Bronze DofE Award. This is an excellent opportunity to develop a wide range of skills and interests. The full Bronze Award costs £150 (paid in 3 instalments; October, February and May). This includes registration with DofE, access to an eDofE account, DofE discount card and regular support with a member of staff to complete the skill, volunteer and physical section. Training and supervision on a one night one day training expedition and supervision and assessment on a two day and one night qualifying expedition in the Peak District. Loan of team kit including tents, Trangia, maps, gas and first aid kits. To find out more about the Bronze Award please visit

<https://www.dofe.org/do/> Enrolment forms are available from the Key Stage 3 office and the initial £50 deposit can be made via Parent Pay. If you have any questions about DofE please contact Miss Geary on lgeary@glossopdale.school.



TIMES	8.00am - 4.00pm	4.00pm - 6.00pm	6.00 - 6.45pm	6.45pm - 7.45pm	7.45pm - 8.00pm	8.00pm - 9.00pm
MONDAY	School time	Bruma Club	Dinner	Homework	Social Media	Homework / revision
TUESDAY	School time	Revision	Dinner	Homework	Social Media	Homework / revision
WEDNESDAY	School time	Netball	Dinner	Homework	Social Media	Homework / revision
THURSDAY	School time	Revision	Dinner	Homework	Social Media	Homework / revision
FRIDAY	School time	Chill out!	Dinner	Homework	Social Media	Homework / revision
TIMES	9.00am - 10.00am	10.00am - 11.00am	11.00am - 1.00pm	1.00pm - 3.00pm	3.00pm - 5.00pm	5.00pm - 6.00pm
SATURDAY	breakfast / shower etc.	Hour of sport / revision	See friends / Lunch	Revision	washing / straighten / groom	Revision
SUNDAY	breakfast / shower etc.	Revision	Sport / Lunch	Flash card review	Out with family	Get someone to test me / dinner

Key Stage 4

GCSE study skills and revision techniques

During personal development and the assembly our Year 11 students have been introduced to effective study skills and revision techniques. This first session re-visited Working Memory, Ebbinghaus Forgetting curve and Dweck's Theory of Growth Mindset and talked the students through how to organise their Home study timetable. Students

who allocate time each week to homework and studying, benefit enormously over those who do not. You can help your child to manage their time and combat future exam anxiety, by establishing a home study timetable with dedicated time for study and time to relax, play sport and spend time with friends and family etc. More details about organising a home study programme can be found on the [school website](#).

Study Planners.

All students in Years 7 to 11 have been issued with a study planner. This should be used to record homework, assignments and important information. There is a section for parent/carer to sign each week, enabling you to monitor how much work your child is being set and the hand in deadlines.

Trial exams for Y11 take place at the start of November. These are an excellent opportunity for your child to practise different revision strategies and get used to the assessment criteria for each subject, before the final exams at the end of Year 11. Our Parent Information Evening on 5th October will show you how to support your child through their GCSE years.

Key Stage 4 Parent Information Evening - Thursday 5th October, 6pm

All parents/carers of students in Years 10 and 11 will be invited to join us in the evening to gain important information about GCSEs and level 2 vocational courses and how to support your child. A letter with further details has been shared via Class Charts.

Weekly English Masterclasses

English Masterclasses began this week for Year 11 and we are expecting Year 10 students to join us from Monday. These sessions are designed to stretch and challenge students by supporting the work done in their English lessons and adopting an A Level standard of text analysis, reading and writing skills.

Key Stage 5

The Oxbridge outreach team were in school on Monday, speaking to our Years 10, 11 and 12 students about the application process and the preparation they can start now if they are thinking of applying to Oxbridge or competitive courses in the future.

Sixth Form Open Evening

Our Sixth Form Open Evening takes place on 19th October, when all Year 11 students will be invited to attend to hear information about the courses we offer as well as wider aspects of our Sixth Form provision.

ASPIRE - Senior Maths Challenge - [UKMT](#)

The senior maths challenge will take place on Tuesday 3rd October. Students from Years 13, 12 and some from 11 will take part in an online First Round Challenge. This is a 90 minute challenge with 25 multiple choice questions. The problems on the Senior Maths Challenge are designed to make students think, there are stimulating problems for both beginners and experienced problem-solvers. We've had some fantastic results in previous years and have high hopes for this year's competitors.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 3rd October	Senior Maths Challenge
Thursday 5th October	KS4 Parents Information Evening
Friday 6th October	PTFA Family Quiz Night at 7pm
Tuesday 10th October	Y7 Parent Information Evening and Meet the Tutor
Thursday 19th October	Sixth Form Open Evening
Wednesday 25th October	KS3 Parents Information Evening
Thursday 26th October	School closes at 3pm to Students for half term
Friday 27th October	INSET Day

Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter.

Best wishes from all at Glossopdale School and Sixth Form

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<https://www.facebook.com/GlossopdaleSch>

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You can also visit our website for all the current year newsletters & more information about our school & sixth form:

<https://www.glossopdale.school>

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