

Parent and Carer Newsletter 15.12.23

General Information and Reminders

Last day arrangements - Friday 22nd December 2023, school will close at 12.30pm

Please note that the last day is a non-uniform day in exchange for a £1 donation which will go towards fundraising for our partner school in Nakuru, Kenya. This will be collected during tutor time. **Students should wear something festive - Christmas jumpers or clothing. However, please note the following will not be permitted: false or acrylic nails, cropped or 'belly' tops or hoodies or the 'Named Collective' Streetwear brand in the Unrealistic Ideals Designs.**

Christmas Appeal 2023

A huge 'thank you' to all the families who made donations to our Christmas Appeal this year. We have been inundated with food for Glossopdale Foodbank and gifts for Hummingbird Hub - all of which will go to local individuals and families who might be struggling over the festive period. We are overwhelmed by your kindness and know that every item will be greatly appreciated.



Christmas Carol Service Glossop Parish Church

Pupils from our choir and band will be performing in the Carol Service at Glossop Parish Church in Old Glossop on Tuesday 19.12.23, 7pm - 8pm. Please come along if you can make it. Performers to be at the Church for 6pm.

Students arriving before 8am

Students should not be on site before 8am, but from 8:15 students are welcome and there is free breakfast which students can help themselves to. Any student found in the school before 8am will be directed off site. Students have been made aware of this through their student bulletin.

Parent Pay / Paying for Food

Students have had these reminders with regards to purchasing items in the dining room.

- You will need money on your account to pay for anything you purchase from the dining room as the tills won't allow you to owe money.
- If you buy anything at break time, this could affect what you are able to buy at lunchtime, so please spend wisely and make sensible food and drink choices throughout the day.
- If your account has either a zero or low balance, you may need to visit your key stage office as you may be refused food. Your year manager may need to ring home and speak to a parent or carer.
- Your parent or carer can set up a reminder on their ParentPay account to prompt them to top up your account if your balance falls below a limit of their choosing.
- Students who are entitled to a free school meal can purchase a main meal deal with their allowance at lunch time. If you would like food or drink items in addition to the main meal deal, you will need extra money on your account.

NSPCC

NSPCC have shared with us some information about building connections that can empower young people up to the age of 19 to tackle loneliness. More information can be found on the following link:

<https://www.glossopdale.derbyshire.sch.uk/news/?pid=7...>

The Place

We still have places available on our holiday activity sessions running this January at the Place. Book now at :

www.glossopdale.school/the-place/holiday-activities

Key Stage 3

Arrangements for the reward trip (KS3)

Y8 & Y9 students who qualified and have paid for the reward trip will be going bowling and to the cinema on Tuesday 19th December. They will be leaving school at 9:00am by coach. The trip will last all day and the estimated time of return is 3:30pm. Students will be allowed to come to school and attend the trip in non-uniform and can bring some of their own money to use in the arcades at Hollywood Bowl if they wish to do so.

DofE Bronze Award

The Year 9 Bronze expeditions have now been provisionally booked for Friday 21st June, Saturday 22nd June, Thursday 11th and Friday 12th July 2024. Friday the 21st will be a normal day in school and the group will head to the campsite after school. More details will be shared in the new year. The students have now been allocated a teacher to work directly with them; Miss Geary, Mr Ward, Mrs Leckie, Miss Hunt and Mr Taylor will now work with students in smaller groups of around 15. Some meetings may move to alternative days in the New Year, more details to follow. All students should continue to work towards their activities over the Christmas break and add relevant evidence to their eDofE account.

Y7 Rewards Event to 'Cinderella' at Buxton Opera House

Oh yes we did ! Two coaches of year 7 students went off on their annual Christmas reward trip to the pantomime at Buxton Opera House. They clapped , laughed , danced and joined in brilliantly along with representing our school extremely well. We were very proud of them all!



Key Stage 4

Arrangements for the reward trip (KS4)

Y10 & Y11 students who qualified and have paid for the reward trip will be going bowling and to the cinema on Monday 18th December. They will be leaving school at 9:00am by coach. The trip will last all day and the estimated time of return is 3:30pm. Students will be allowed to come to school and attend the trip in non-uniform and can bring some of their own money to use in the arcades at Hollywood Bowl if they wish to do so.

Y11 THRIVE Day

Thursday 14th December was the Year 11 THRIVE day and the focus of the day was "Skills for Success". Students started the day with a mock results assembly, where they had the opportunity to reflect on their recent trial exam results and received information about independent study, organisation and exam preparation. With just 16 school weeks until the start of the external exams, it is essential that all students adopt effective study habits both in the classroom and at home.

During Period 1, Year 11 students attended a careers fair with over 30 local and national employers who were available to share information about their businesses and career opportunities. Lessons during the rest of the day continued with the "Skills for Success" theme and teachers delivered lessons which focused on specific skills in their subject area, these included revision skills, essay skills, exam skills, application and practical skills.



Year 11 Parents Evening

Year 11 Parents' Evening is on **Thursday 11th January 2024, 4pm to 7pm** and this will be a face to face event in school. Parents and carers of year 11 students can now book appointments to meet your child's teachers via our [school cloud booking system](#). Appointments are 5 mins long during which you will be provided with feedback on your child's performance, the actions that they need to take over the coming weeks and the support provided to ensure that your child is on track to reach their full potential. We strongly encourage the students to attend the evening too as it is an opportunity for us both to congratulate them on their progress and provide feedback on what they need to do to achieve or exceed their target grades. If you have any problems booking appointments please contact Miss Geary.

Key Stage 5

Sixth Form Parents' Evening

Teachers had some good quality conversations with parents and students last night at the Sixth Form Parents Evening. Thank you to all the parents that attended.

Dates for your diary

Monday 18th December	Year 10 and Year 11 Rewards Trip - Cinema & Bowling
Tuesday 19th December	Year 8 and Year 9 Rewards Trip - Cinema & Bowling
Tuesday 19th December	Carol Service (Glossop Parish Church) 7pm - 8pm
Thursday 21st December	Year 13 leavers Certificate and Awards Presentation Evening
Friday 22nd December	Last Day of Term. Half day - school closes at 12.30pm
Wednesday 10th January	Year 7 Thrive Day
Thursday 11th January	Year 11 Parents Evening - book your appointments via school cloud

Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter.

Best wishes from all at Glossopdale School and Sixth Form