



Parent & Carer Weekly Newsletter Date: Friday 7th June

General Information and Reminders

MU Foundation - Adidas brand work experience

Well done to Emily & Lily who have been selected to take part in Adidas brand work experience opportunity in the summer. The partnership with MU Foundation and Adidas ensures we inspire future talent. We want to provide the next generation with the opportunity to understand how a large business like Adidas operates and share what possibilities are available to students after their studies. Emily and Lily will spend the week with Adidas rotating across different departments within the Stockport office, exploring future career possibilities. Throughout the week the students will be shadowing colleagues and getting involved in a number of engaging and fun activities with the opportunity to present their learning and experience at the end of the week. We are extremely proud of Lily and Emily whose applications were exceptional. We hope they both take some valuable insights into the world of work and into their futures. Both are thoroughly deserving of such a great opportunity.



Reminder - School Uniform Expectations

We would like to remind parents and carers of the importance of adhering to our school uniform policy at Glossopdale School. Our uniform policy is designed to promote a sense of pride and unity among our students, and it plays a critical role in maintaining an excellent culture within our school community.

We have recently noticed several recurring issues that require immediate attention:

1. Inappropriate skirt lengths: Skirts should be of an appropriate length, reaching at least to the knee. Shorter skirts are not in line with our uniform policy and will not be accepted.
2. Incorrect skirts: Some of our students are currently wearing skater skirts to school, which are not accepted as part of our uniform policy. All skirts should have at least one pleat.
3. Ties being worn too short: Ties should be worn properly, with the length reaching the waistband of the trousers or skirt. Ties that are too short detract from the smart appearance we strive for.
4. Mobile phones: Mobile phones must be switched off and stored in school bags at all times during school hours. Phones that are seen or heard during the school day will be confiscated, even if they are in trouser or blazer pockets.



5. Incorrect socks: Every student must wear plain black socks, especially when worn over the top of tights. Branded socks over tights are not permitted

Please be reminded that students arriving at school with incorrect or missing items of uniform will be expected to wear spare uniform items provided by the school. If a student refuses to wear any of the spare uniform items, they may be issued a detention and could potentially be placed in isolation until the issue is resolved.

Attendance

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring that your child attends school and aims for 100% attendance.

We are aware that from time-to-time students are ill, but we want to ensure that as little education time is lost as possible. As a reminder, we will mark absence due to physical or mental illness as authorised unless the school has a genuine concern about the authenticity of the illness.

Where the absence is longer than 5 days or there are doubts about the authenticity of the illness, the school will ask for medical evidence, such as a doctor's note, prescription, appointment card or other appropriate form of evidence. We will not ask for medical evidence unnecessarily. If a student has had 5 days of absence due to illness, then the school will also ask for this medical evidence for subsequent periods of absence relating to illness. The school may also conduct a home visit to discuss the impact of the absence and review what further support can be offered to parents/carers and the student to improve their attendance.

If the school is not satisfied about the authenticity of the illness, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised and parents/carers will be notified of this. Your continued support in ensuring that your child's attendance is as high as possible is paramount to ensure that learning time is not lost. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's Year Manager, details of which can be found on our website, to discuss any concerns and support you may need.

Food Waste in Food Technology

Can you please remind pupils to collect their food technology products at the end of the day as we are currently throwing away a lot of food. Pupils also need to bring their own container when they are cooking. Thank you.

Derbyshire County Council Household Support Fund

As part of the Government's Household Support Fund Scheme, Derbyshire County Council is distributing funding to household's struggling to pay for food, energy, and essential living costs. As part of the scheme, the Council will again be distributing grocery vouchers. Information about who is eligible for the vouchers is available on the website and distribution will start in late June 2024. DCC will update the website when all vouchers have been distributed and provide details of what parents and carers should do if they have not received their voucher. Full details about the scheme and the support available for those experiencing financial hardship is available on our website at [Household support fund - Derbyshire County Council](#)



Key Stage 3

Parent's right to request that their child be excused from Sex Education within in RSE (Relationship and Sex Education) only

On Tuesday 11th June and Wednesday 12th June, Year 9 Students will be taking part in Sex Education sessions run by our colleagues from the Derbyshire Sexual Health Team. **This is part of the statutory curriculum** and therefore, **all students will be expected to take part.** If you have any queries about the content or concerns, we should be aware of in relation to your child taking part in these sessions, please email C Dunkerley, Director of Personal Development at cdunkerley@glossopdale.school

The SRE (Sex and Relationship Education) guidance sets out both the rights of parents/carers to withdraw pupils from sex education (but not Relationships or Health Education).

Parents have the right to request that their child be withdrawn from some or all of sex education delivered. Parents have the right to withdraw their children from the non-statutory components of sex education within RSE (Relationship and Sex Education) up to and until 3 terms before the child turns 16. After this point, if the child wishes to receive sex education rather than being withdrawn, the school will arrange this.

Requests for withdrawal should be put in writing using the form found in Appendix 2 of our School's RSE policy (on our website) [here](#) and addressed to the Headteacher. A copy of withdrawal requests will be placed in the pupil's educational record. The Headteacher will discuss the request with parents and take appropriate action.

Y8 Parents Evening

This will take place on Thursday 13th June at Glossopdale School. Appointments can be booked through School Cloud. Emails have been sent with further information about the evening.

Y7 Assessment Dates

Students will be having assessments over the next few weeks in their lessons. Dates will vary for each class so the full details of content and times will be posted on the Google Classrooms.

- Geography - week beginning 10/06/2024
- French and Computer Science - week beginning 17/06/2024
- Beliefs and Values - week beginning 24/06/2024 until the 27/07/2024
- Music - week beginning 24/06/2024
- History - week beginning 24/06/2024 until end 01/07/2024
- D&T - early July (further details will be on the google classroom)
- PE - week beginning 15/07/2024

Y7 Exams

Y7 Exams start with Science on Tuesday 11th June, with Maths on Wednesday and English on Thursday morning. These exams will take place in the Sports Hall. Y7 students have had a morning meeting session this week to discuss the strategies they could use to help them to be prepared for the assessments.



Year 9 DofE Bronze Award

All students on the DofE Award scheme need to attend expedition training on Monday 10th and 17th June, from 3pm to 4pm. We will be pitching tents on the field, training the students on how to use the stoves and making sure they are ready for their practice expedition on Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd June. If you have not yet returned completed consent and medical forms for the expedition, please do so by Wednesday 12th. Final payments for the Award are also now due via Parent Pay.

Key Stage 4

Year 10 Trial Exams

Year 10 trial exams started today with GCSE English Literature this morning. Exams continue next week with Textiles on Tuesday, Maths on Wednesday and Options C subjects on Thursday. The full timetable of exams is on the School website [here](#). Advice on how to revise and prepare for exams has been shared with the students during personal development and by their teachers in lessons. More information on revision is on the website [here](#). Students can access a list of topics to revise for each subject on the Year 10 Google classroom. If you have any questions about the trial exams please contact Miss Geary on lgeary@glossopdale.school

Year 11 GCSE Exams

The Year 11 exams continue for another two weeks, Maths, Geography, Science, Music, DT and Catering assessments will take place. The Year 11 newsletter shared with all parents/carers of students in Year 11, provides details of the final assembly on Tuesday 11th and the study leave timetable which starts on Wednesday 12th June. Students are expected to attend lessons after the 11th for the subjects in which they still have exams. A number of staff are running revision masterclasses and will provide invaluable advice and information for the students in the final days before their exams. It's important that all of our Year 11 students maintain their focus and motivation until their final exam. We appreciate that they have all worked extremely hard during these exams and they will soon be able to enjoy a well earned rest.

Key Stage 5

Year 12 Trial Exams

Year 12 trial exams start on Monday 24th June, you can find the trial exam timetable [here](#). Students have been attending tutorial sessions that have focused on revision techniques and skills and have been given a printed copy of the timetable. These exams are an important part of our course calendar and students need to ensure that they are fully prepared for them.

Year 13 Leavers Meal

To celebrate the end of our year 13's Sixth Form journey we will be celebrating at Zizzi in Manchester on Friday 28th June. Most students have already signed up for this meal but if there are any other Year 13's that would like to join us, please get in touch with the Sixth Form Team.



The Sixth Form is moving!

We are delighted to announce that the Sixth Form will be moving out of their current area in the main school and into the extension that was opened 2 years ago. As part of the move, work will be done to convert the building to suit the needs of the Sixth Form, including the installation of a media and photography classroom, a new common room, an outdoor seating area and a separate entrance. This move demonstrates our commitment to our Sixth Form and both students and staff are excited at the prospect of having our own Sixth Form building.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 11th June	SEND Parent Forum 4.30-5.30pm (Invites sent to SEND parents)
Thursday 13th June	Y8 Parents Evening
Friday 14th June	Opal Coast French Trip Y8
Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd June	DofE Bronze Training Expedition
Wednesday 26th June	Y6 Parent information Evening
Friday 28th June	Y13 Leavers Dinner
Monday 1st July	Year 7 Sports Day
Tuesday 2nd July	Year 8 Sports Day
Wednesday 3rd July	Year 9 Sports Day
Friday 5th July	Year 11 Prom
Tuesday 9th July	Year 9 Celebration Evening
Wednesday 10th July	Year 8 Celebration Evening
Thursday 11th July and Friday 12th July	DofE Y9 Expedition and Y10 Silver Practice Expedition

Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter.

Best wishes from all at Glossopdale School and Sixth Form