



Parent & Carer Weekly Newsletter

Date: Friday 21st June

General Information and Reminders

Changes to the school day

In the 2022 white paper 'Opportunity for all: strong schools with great teachers for your child', the government set out an expectation that all state-funded mainstream schools should deliver a minimum length of school week of 32.5 hours, equivalent to 6.5 hours of time in school per day. The deadline to meet this expectation is September 2024.

We currently provide 31.75 hours per week and therefore have to find an extra 1.25 hours per week, 15 minutes per day. Therefore from September 2024 the school day will change to ensure we meet these expectations. This will mean that school will officially start for students at 8.40am and finish at 3.10pm, thus adding an extra 15 minutes per day.

The timings for each year group can be seen below:

School Day 2024-25

Year 7	
8.40am	Morning line up
8.45-9.25	Tutor
9.25-10.25	Period 1P1
10.25-10.40	Break
10.40-11.40	P2
11.40-12.40	P3
12.40-14.10	P4 (Lunch 13.10-13.40)
14.10-15.10	P5

Year 8 & 10	
8.40am	Morning line up
8.45-9.25	Tutor
9.25-10.25	P1
10.25-11.25	P2
11.25-11.40	Break
11.40-12.40	P3
12.40-13.40	P4
13.40-14.10	Lunch
14.10-15.10	P5



Year 9 & 11	
8.40am	Morning line up
8.45-9.25	Tutor
9.25-10.25	P1
10.25-10-40	Break
10.40-11.40	P2
11.40-12.40	P3
12.40-13.10	Lunch: Y9 & Y11
13.10-14.10	P4
14.10-15.10	P5

Sixth Form	
8.45-9.25	Tutor (1 morning per week)
9.25-10.25	P1
10.25-10-40	Break
10.40-11.40	P2
11.40-12.40	P3
12.40-13.10	Lunch: Sixth Form
13.10-14.10	P4
14.10-15.10	P5

Attendance

We are continuing to see improvement in our overall attendance. A big congratulations to students in **7EFE**, **8SHU**, **9SSK** and **10TSC** who were the top performing tutor groups last week. As always, we strive for at least 97% attendance, to ensure that all students reach their full potential.

Please do ensure that where possible, any medical appointments are taken outside of school times. Please also note that if a student arrives after 9:15am, then they are not able to gain a present mark for the first half of the day. With only a few weeks remaining before the summer break, it is essential that students attend school each day on time, to ensure that they make the most of each learning opportunity.

Glossop Rotary Club

Y9 D&T students competed in a 'Technology Challenge' competition run by Glossop Rotary Club on Thursday 20th June. Students worked in teams to design and manufacture a solution to a complex engineering problem. The pressure was on to have their prototypes ready for 3pm! Well done to all the students involved and thank you Glossop Rotary Club.

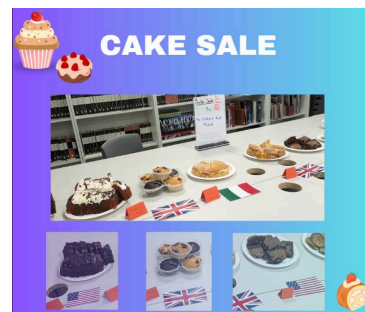




Reading Week

We've had a great reading week here in School. Staff have worn pin badges with literary text on them to strike up conversations with students and on Wednesday we asked all staff to read a section of a short story. This meant that by Period 5, students had the entire story read to them by all of their teachers. The feedback was that all the staff and students absolutely loved it! We've linked the full story here on our website <https://www.glossopdale.school/attachments/download.asp>.

We also held a bake sale with the theme of 'Desserts Around the World'. The students were asked to make a dessert from another country. The grand total was over £53.00! This will be donated to the Children's Book Project. The winner of our bake sale was... Penny C, who made a fantastic Hungarian Rigo Jancsi. Thank you to all the students who took part in the bake sale and helped raise money for this amazing charity.



Carnegie Book Award

As well as reading week this week, our Year 9 students have been working hard over the past 9 weeks to review the Carnegie Books. The Carnegie book award is the longest running children's book award. The aim is to showcase new literature and to inspire children to develop a lifelong love of reading. Our students have been shadowing this event and even have picked 'Choose Love', to win Glossopdale's Carnegie Medal. We decided to reward the students for all their hard work with some juice and biscuits whilst we announced their winner.



Manchester United Foundation

On Monday 17th June a group of students visited The Cliff Training Ground to take part in the Inclusive Reds Football Festival. Annie, Scarlett, Jack & Adam played several small sided games against other MU Foundation partner schools.

All the students represented Glossopdale and showed all Thrive values whilst participating. The team scored some fantastic goals and worked well together in all the games and received a medal for their hard work. A huge well done to all four students and a big thank you to Matt and his team for hosting us at The Cliff.





Key Stage 3

Bronze DofE Year 9

Year 9 students will complete their DofE Practice expedition this weekend. They have a challenging 15km walk to complete and will be required to apply their teamwork, navigation and campcraft skills. At least the weather forecast looks sunny!

Key Stage 4

GCSE exams

On Thursday 20th June our last GCSE examination was completed, the catering students sat their online assessment! Well done to all of the students who have demonstrated hard work and tenacity throughout. They can now enjoy the long summer and we'll see them at the Prom on Friday 5th July and on results day and Sixth Form enrolment in August. Details about results day will be shared nearer the time.

Year 10 Trial exams

Our Year 10 students have now completed their trial exams. The year group stepped up to the challenge of GCSE assessments in all of their subjects. Teachers will mark and give feedback to their classes and we'll be able to use this data to assess progress and attainment of our students as they step up into Year 11.

Dates for your diary

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
Wednesday 3rd July	School Summer Concert
Friday 5th July	Year 11 Prom Y6 Induction Day
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
Tuesday 16th July	Y7 Celebration Evening
Wednesday 17th July	Y10 Celebration Evening
Friday 19th July	Summer Rewards Trip
Tuesday 23rd July	School closes for summer.

Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter.

Best wishes from all at Glossopdale School and Sixth Form