



Parent & Carer Weekly Newsletter Date: Friday 3rd May 2024

General Information and Reminders

PE uniform expectations - shorts

As the weather is getting warmer PE shorts can be worn as part of the PE uniform. Shorts that are worn by pupils must be black and of an appropriate length for PE lessons. Pupils who wish to wear cycling shorts are allowed, however these need to be just above knee length. Nike Pro shorts are not to be worn. Please see here examples of acceptable shorts. Thank you for your continued support.



Unacceptable shorts examples:



KS1 Dance Day

We were joined by Key Stage 1 students from local primary schools for our Key Stage 1 Dance Day with a difference! The day took on a disco theme and all the students were quite literally glowing in the dark! Mrs Nevin had some wonderful helpers from Years 7, 9 and 10 who treated the younger children to some fantastic disco dance performances before working with them to create their own routines. It was amazing to watch. Well done to everybody involved.



Punctuality

Please be reminded that students should arrive at school no later than 8:40 am so that they are ready for the morning line up at 8:45am. They will be met and greeted by their tutor then given key messages and information to ensure they are equipped for the day.

We are aware that on rare occasions there may be extenuating circumstances for lateness. We ask students and parents/carers to help anticipate these situations, where possible and inform the school of any potential issues.

To work with both students and their parents, students are met by a member of staff if they are late. Lateness without a valid reason results in sanctions and communication home to ensure that parents/carers are aware of any issues. Thank you for your continued support with this.

Behaviour & Rewards

Summer rewards trips have been announced and all students have been invited. Please make sure that your child strives towards the following criteria:

1. Excellent attendance (95%+) from Tuesday 16th April to Thursday 18th July 2024 (no more than 3 days absent)
2. Excellent conduct from Tuesday 16th April to Thursday 18th July 2024
3. Excellent punctuality to school from Tuesday 16th April to Thursday 18th July 2024

- Failure to meet this criteria will result in your child being prevented from attending.
- Students that have not booked a place by Friday 10th May will not be able to attend
- Once a trip place has been booked we cannot change/swap their trip

Key Stage 3

Year 8 Exams

Year 8 students underwent exams in their core subjects (English, Maths and Science) on Monday and Tuesday of this week. We'd like to congratulate the vast majority of students who followed all the expectations of the exam hall and demonstrated the THRIVE value of 'Responsibility'. One of the purposes of these exams is to begin to prepare students for working for extended periods of time in exam conditions so it was great to see this responsible attitude towards their assessments.

Year 9 DofE

Thank you to all parents/carers and students who attended the information evening on Wednesday the 1st May. We hope that you found it informative. The slides from the evening are [here](#). If you were unable to attend and need a copy of the letter and expedition itinerary please email lgeary@glossopdale.school

Key Stage 4

Y10 Thrive Day

Our Year 10 students will have their Study Skills Thrive day on Tuesday 7th May. Students need to bring their books for their timetabled lessons and their PD book. During the day, the teachers will deliver lessons on how to plan revision using Pomodoro technique and how to revise using Mindmaps, Flashcards and Blurting. This revision advice is part of their preparation for the trial exams which will start on 7th June.



GCSE Art and Textiles exams.

Our Y11 GCSE Art and Textiles students completed their examinations this week. The 5 hour assessments on both Thursday and Friday provide the students the opportunity to produce their final exam pieces. The quality of the work and tenacity of the students was second to none!

DofE Certificate Presentation Evening

Thank you to all parents, carers and students for attending our certificate presentation evening. We hope that you enjoyed hearing about the students' accomplishments and the adventures that they had on expedition. If your child still has sections to sign off or complete, they can drop into a DofE meeting on Friday after school at 3pm in GH7 and we'll be able to support them with this.

Dates for your diary

Monday 6th May	May Bank Holiday
Tuesday 7th May	Y10 THRIVE Day
Wednesday 15th May	SEND Parent Forum 4.30pm-5.30pm (For new - Year 6 Parents)
Friday 24th May	School closes at 3pm for half term
Monday 3rd June	School re-opens to all.
Tuesday 11th June	SEND Parent Forum 4.30-5.30pm.
Friday 14th June	Opal Coast French Trip Y8

Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter.

Best wishes from all at Glossopdale School and Sixth Form