

Parent and Carer Newsletter 6.10.2023

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

General Information and Reminders

Mobile phones

As you know, we do not allow mobile phones in school. Research shows that they are a distraction from learning and can lead to bullying, theft and anti-social behaviour. We'd like to remind parents and students that mobile phones are not permitted anywhere in the school building, at any time. This includes the use of mobile phones before tutor time and morning welcome. Students have been reminded of this during assemblies this week. Phones should be switched off and placed in the students bag or locker. Anyone caught with a mobile phone will receive a sanction.

Vaping

It is illegal for anyone under the age of 18 to buy or be sold cigarettes or e-cigarettes. Here at Glossopdale School and Sixth Form we promote a healthy lifestyle and healthy habits. If a student is caught with a vape they will receive a serious sanction and the vape will be confiscated and destroyed.

Flu Vaccinations Years 7 - 11

The dates have now been set for the flu vaccinations for Y7-11:

- Monday 23rd October - all day
- Thursday 26th October - morning only

Further details of which year group will be vaccinated on which day will follow. Please complete this consent form:

<https://nhsimms.azurewebsites.net/session/bebf0362> If you have any queries please contact The Immunisation Team on local rate 0333 358 3397 or by email contactimms@intrahealth.co.uk

There is a leaflet we have added to our website for information [here](#) .

New School Menu

Please find a link to the new School Autumn/Winter Menu from Chartwells [Glossopdale School & Sixth Form - New Winter Menu Options](#)

YoungMinds Hello Yellow Event Tuesday 10th October

Please see the poster that has been shared with pupils. Our Mental Health Champions will be running some fundraising activities throughout the day and we hope as many students as possible will be able to join in, just a little bit of cash needed on the day, thank you.



Home Start High Peak - Volunteers Needed

Please find attached a leaflet from Home Start High Peak with regards to supporting families with individual one-to-one home visiting. If you are interested in becoming involved with this charity please find the information [here](#)

Key Stage 3

Meet the Tutor and Parents' Information Evening 10.10.23

The Y7 Meet the Tutor Evening and Parents' Information Evening will be taking place on Tuesday 10th October. Letters have been emailed to parents with a link to a form to confirm your attendance. The evening will start at 5.15pm with the opportunity to meet your child's tutor. This will be followed by a presentation in the Theatre which will focus on progress and attainment.

Bronze DofE Award

It's fantastic to see so many Year 9 students interested in starting their Bronze DofE. If we have received a completed enrolment form and the initial payment has been made via parent pay, then we will be able to set up the eDofE account, keep an eye on your email inbox for login details. You still have time to [apply](#) for a place for your child. After school meetings for the students will start on Mondays 3-4pm from Monday 16th October. Students will receive details via the student bulletin and morning meetings.

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](#).

Key Stage 4 Parent Information Evening

Thank you to all parents and students who joined us at the Key Stage 4 Option Evening. Details about revision and exam preparation can be found here on the [school website](#) and the slides from the main talk are [here](#).

Silver DofE Award

We are now enrolling students in Y10 and Y11 onto the Silver DofE Award, please email Miss Geary on lgeary@glossopdale.school for more details.

Key Stage 5

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. Please visit our website for more details: <https://www.glossopdale.derbyshire.sch.uk/>

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Senior Maths Challenge - [UKMT](#)

Some of our Year 11 and Year 12 mathematicians took on the UKMT maths challenge earlier this week. Mr Hazelhurst coordinated the event and he is expecting some fantastic results, when they come back in a few weeks time.

Dates for your diary

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| Tonight! - Friday 6th October | PTFA Family Quiz Night at 7pm. Please come along: PTFA Quiz night information |
| Tuesday 10th October | Y7 Parent Information Evening and Meet the Tutor |
| Wednesday 18th October | SEND Parent Forum (Invites to be sent to parents of pupils on the SEND register) |
| Thursday 19th October | Sixth Form Open Evening |
| Monday 23rd October | Flu Vaccinations in school |
| Wednesday 25th October | KS3 Parents Information Evening |
| Thursday 26th October | Flu Vaccinations in school |
| 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