

Parent and Carer Newsletter 10.11.2023

General Information and Reminders



Frozen Jr Whole School Production: 15th, 17th & 17th November

We're really excited that next week is show week! There's still time to get your tickets from <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/glossopdale/e-yxjkl> - please share with friends and family. All the staff and cast have been working really hard to produce this fantastic play, there is a bar serving refreshments at the interval each evening, you will have a great night out. Please come along if you can.

KS2 Dance Day

On Wednesday 8th November - Mrs Nevin & staff from The Place @ Glossopdale School held the annual KS2 Dance Day. This day is provided for all the primary schools signed up to this year's cluster. The theme was Frozen Jr. Just like our school performance this year. As well as Mrs Nevin's incredible dance leadership team - the cast from Frozen Jr were invited to help too. Some as young as Year 7! The day proved that age doesn't matter when you're as skilful, talented & enthusiastic as all our leaders were! We cannot thank our students enough for how amazing they were on the day. Inspiring, teaching & leading younger children (possibly future Glossopdale pupils) through dance and theatrical performance. T.H.R.I.V.E points for each student has been issued by Mike Halliwell. One for each of our school values because they all showed every quality through their exceptional leadership skills.

The morning session included a class from Gamesley, Dinting, Tintwistle & St. Luke's. The afternoon session included Padfield, St. Charles' and a second Gamesley class. November is a month of remembrance and I feel this dance day won't be forgotten by all that took part in it: leaders, pupils, teachers and schools. Next year, we are looking to be adding another dance day to our busy primary school calendar. Instead of KS2 it'll be a specific Year 3/4 & Year 5/6 dance days.

We look forward to hosting the KS1 Dance Day in the new year. From all the staff at The Place, Community Hub. We thank you all for such a positive event!



School Car Park

This is just a reminder that the new automated vehicle gates are now in operation. The gates close at 8:30am and remain closed throughout the school day. They will reopen again at 3:00pm. Parking in the school car park is strictly limited to staff and parents with a newly issued card permit. Users should drive at 5 mph & drive safely, with due respect for pedestrians & visitors when using the permitted areas of the car park. Pedestrians have priority over vehicles at all times. If you do not have access to the car park with a permit, & have a pre-booked appointment, you need to park in the visitor / overflow car park at the top of the drive and walk to reception through the new pedestrian gate which has an intercom system for access.

Ski Trip 2025 Announcement

The students have been made aware in the assemblies this week that we are delighted to offer a very exciting opportunity for them to attend a Ski Trip to Bardonecchia, Italy. The trip is open to applications from students in Years 7 – 12 and will take place during February half term 2025. Please note that students currently in Year 11 will only be eligible to go on the trip if they go on to attend Glossopdale 6th Form and are on our school role. A detailed letter with all the information will be sent out to all parents week commencing 13th November.

Derbyshire County Council B-Line Card

From 1st November 2023 young people can get £1.50 max single fares on buses in, to and from Derbyshire (including Derby) with b_line. b_line is Derbyshire County Council cut-price travel discount and library card for young people aged 11 up to 19. It's for young people in school, college, on training courses or in an apprenticeship providing they live in Derbyshire. Now is the perfect time to apply to start saving and travel sustainably. For more information please click the following link: [Derbyshire County Council - b_line Card](#)



Glossopdale School Christmas Markets Saturday 18th November 2023

The PTFA are holding their annual Christmas Markets next Saturday 18th December. It's always a great afternoon with wonderful stalls and food, please come along and tell your friends. Please see here a link to the poster:

<https://www.glossopdale.school/calendar/?calid=1,2,3&pid=6&viewid=1&event=143>

Pet Portrait Raffle Prize

Please support our raffle as part of the fundraising for the PTA Christmas fair. Lucy Gould (parent to 2 of our students) has very kindly donated a voucher for the winner to have one of her beautiful portraits created of your favorite pet. It would make a great Christmas present - to yourself or a loved one. Please purchase raffle tickets at our main reception or at the Christmas Fair in school on Saturday 18th November. £1 per ticket. Draw to be made on Thursday 30th November.

Glossop Leisure Centre's Free Bootcamp and Squash Lessons

Please find information that has been shared with us from Glossop Leisure Centre with regards to some free Bootcamp and Squash Lessons. Some great opportunities to "Move More" in December free of charge!

<https://www.glossopdale.derbyshire.sch.uk/news/?pid=7&nid=1&storyid=58>

Children in Need

There are various activities planned to raise money for Children in Need on Friday 17/11/23. Bake sales and sponsored events will take place throughout the week culminating in tutor group activities on the day. If you are able to contribute, students can bring in a small amount of money to donate to these events to support Children in Need. Please see this Facebook post with regards to wearing trainers on Friday 17/11/13:

<https://www.facebook.com/GlossopdaleSch/posts/pfbid02V8CGAmogkiTDGUXJUDp5uXYg1gxRcmjCpuaoaL33Vaw6uw36mZbDRzHfKQPg2vij>

Key Stage 3

Y8 Thrive Day 7.11.23: Health and Wellbeing

On Tuesday we held the first THRIVE Day of the year for our Year 8 students. These days form part of our Personal Development curriculum and the day was themed on the topic of Health and Wellbeing. Students had excellent sessions, workshops and lessons from a fantastic range of visiting presenters as follows: Glossop Military Fitness - Boot Camp and physical fitness; MUFC - Sport for Mental Health; Derbyshire Constabulary - Knife Crime and Personal Safety; The Mix - Mental Health and Wellbeing; Chartwells' Catering - Nutrition and Healthy Eating; Mary Mansfield and Emma Thompson - Yoga; School Nurses - Sleep for Health; Our Catering Department (Claire Rowley) - Cooking without sugar; Tasha's Shakra Shed - Reiki and Dancercise from Sarah.

Students took part with great enthusiasm and learned a lot about this important topic. Our visitors commented on how much the Year 8s enjoyed the sessions and represented the school so well. A great day was had by all.



Y7 Thrive Day 10.11.23: Cultures

Year 7 Thrive day took place on Friday 10th November. Students enjoyed an enrichment timetable on the theme of 'Cultures' and were fantastic, inquisitive learners as they took part in workshops from our staff and visiting presenters as follows: 'Modern Britain - our diverse society'; The Christian Faith - Tim Cooling, Elim Christian Centre; Hate Crime - Derbyshire Constabulary, Brian Buller; The Ukraine - Humanitarian Aid - Val Cochrane; Cuisine from different cultures - Food Technology; Building Design - Maths and Art; Sharing our families' cultures - Student Council Members; the story behind the Arab/Israeli conflict - Manchester Middle East Centre; Festivals - Beliefs and Values.

A special credit goes to our student leaders who led presentations to their peers; sharing their own cultural heritages and encouraging students to think about their own.

Forming part of the PSHE Curriculum, these enrichment days are wonderful opportunities for our students to learn about the wider world and other beliefs and cultures.

DofE Bronze

Year 9 meetings will take place every Monday 3pm to 4pm, in the computer rooms, for students who have enrolled on the Bronze Award. If we have received the initial £50 deposit via Parent Pay and a completed enrolment from then an eDofE account will have been created for your child. The email address provided on the enrolment form will be used to send the login details to.

This term we are supporting the students with their physical, skill and volunteer sections. Details about suitable activities can be found [here](#). Activities do need to be submitted and approved on eDofE, please take care not to commit to a new activity that has not been approved for DofE as it may not fit the criteria.

It's not too late to sign your child up, please visit Parent Pay to pay the deposit and complete an enrollment form, available from the Humanities office. Please note the full award costs £150 and the first £50 is non-refundable as the eDofE accounts are purchased from the DofE, they do however stay live until your child is 25 years old!

Key Stage 4

A Christmas Carol Production In School

On Thursday 9th November, the English department invited Quantum Theatre to perform A Christmas Carol to our KS4 students. Students and staff were treated to an excellent text-accurate adaptation of this classic GCSE text. It really brought the text to life for our Year 10s who are currently studying it, and it was an excellent revision opportunity for Year 11! Thank you to our KS4 parents and carers for your ParentPay contributions so far to support us in hosting GCSE Literature productions like this. The students really appreciated it.



Key Stage 4 Revision Guides

We now have a range of GCSE revision guides available to purchase via Parent Pay, once we receive your payment, your child can go to the Key Stage 4 office to see Mrs Hoyle who will be able to issue the books / flashcards.

Year 11 Trial Exams

The Year 11 trial exams will commence on Monday 20th November. A copy of the timetable can be found at https://www.glossopdale.school/_site/data/files/users/7/0221379424B2DD1F0D261598A1E831DD.pdf

Students should attend the full school day as normal throughout these trial exams. Some lessons will continue as timetabled in between exams, as some vocational courses are not holding exams on this occasion. Your child's teachers will share revision topics and exam information with the students via classroom and information on how to revise can be found on the school [website](#). During the Key Stage 4 Parent Information Evening we shared information about how to support your child at home with revision and independent study, details of the main talk can be found [here](#)

Key Stage 5

Sixth Form Applications

Applications for our Sixth Form can be made by following this link:

<https://www.glossopdale.derbyshire.sch.uk/page/?title=Applying+for+the+Sixth+Form&pid=46>

Year 13 Trial Exams

These begin next week. Students have been preparing for these important assessments and a timetable for the exams can be found [here](#) Most exams have been timetabled during subject lessons in order for lessons outside of these to continue as normal.

Year 12 Safe Drive Stay Alive

On Monday 13th November all our Year 12 students will be taking part in Greater Manchester's Emergency Services presentation about driving safety, the responsibilities of being a driver and the consequences of bad driving decisions. Students will leave school at 11.45 am and return for the end of the school day.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 15th November	School Musical Production- Frozen Jr
Thursday 16th November	School Musical Production - Frozen Jr
Friday 17th November	School Musical Production - Frozen Jr
Saturday 18th November	Glossopdale PTFA Christmas Markets
Tuesday 21st November	GCSE Certificate Presentation Evening
Wednesday 29th November	THRIVE day Y9
Thursday 30th November	Y7 Parents evening
Friday 1st December	Inset Day

Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter.

Best wishes from all at Glossopdale School and Sixth Form