



5th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you have all had a wonderful summer with the opportunity to enjoy the time with family and friends. It's not been a great six weeks in terms of sunshine but just as we come back to school the sunshine has reappeared! We are really looking forward to welcoming the students back this week.

Hopefully you will have seen some of the press coverage about our 'A' Level and GCSE exam results. There were lots of very happy students on both days collecting their results and we couldn't be more proud of them.

You can read our press releases on our website and there are pictures from the day on our facebook and X(previously Twitter) here:

[GCSE Results Day - Press Coverage](#)

[A-Level Results Day - Press Coverage](#)

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

<https://twitter.com/GlossopdaleSch>

Please see below a reminder of some of the important information you may need ready for your child's return (or start) to school.

### **Start of Term September 23-24**

Students will return to school tomorrow, Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September. In order to allow us to have a really effective induction with all of our students, there will be a staggered start to the first week. Please see details below:

**Wednesday 6th September** - Year 7 (all day 8.40am - 3pm) & Year 12 (11.30am - 3pm) - students from these year groups only will be in school for induction.

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September** - Please see below the start times of each year group:

Y7 - 8.40am

Y8 - 8.40am

Y9 - 8.40am

Y10 - 11.30am

Y11 - 11.30am

Y12 - 10.45am

Y13 - 11.45 am

**Friday 8th September** - 8.40am start time for all students



All students should arrive in full school uniform/Sixth Form dress code, with all of their equipment.

As a reminder, essential equipment for all students is:

- Black pens
- Red pen
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Calculator
- PE kit (on days where students have PE)

Further details about our standards and expectations can be found in our Parent Handbook here:

[Parent Handbook 2023-24](#)

### The School Day

Please see below a chart of how the school day is carried out for each year group.

**School Day September 2023**

	Tutor (Time)	P1 (60 min lesson) 9.15-10.15am	P2 (75 min in total) L - 60 min lesson B - 15 min break 10.15-11.30am		(60 min lesson) 11.30-12.30	P4 (90 min in total) 60 min lesson (L) plus 30 min Lunch 12.30-2.00pm			P5 (60 min lesson) 2.00pm-3.00pm	
Y7	8.45-9.15	L-60mins	B- 10.15-10.30	L-60mins	L – 60 mins	L-30 mins	Lunch 1.00-1.30 Heart	L-30 mins	L-60 mins	
Y8	8.45-9.15	L-60mins	L- 60 mins		B-11.15-11.30	L – 60 mins	L-60 mins		Lunch 1.30-2.00 Heart	L-60 mins
Y9	8.45-9.15	L-60mins	B- 10.15-10.30	L- 60 mins	L – 60 mins	Lunch 12.30-1.00 Conservatory	L 60 mins		L-60 mins	
Y10	8.45-9.15	L-60mins	L- 60 mins		B-11.15-11.30	L – 60 mins	L-60 mins		Lunch 1.30-2.00 Conservatory	L-60 mins
Y11	8.45-9.15	L-60mins	B - 10.15-10.30	L- 60 mins	L – 60 mins	Lunch 12.30-1.00 Extension	L 60 mins		L-60 mins	
P16	8.45-9.15	L-60mins	L- 60 mins		B- 11.15-11.30	L – 60 mins	L-60 mins		Lunch 1.30-2.00 P16 View	L-60 mins



## School Uniform

Glossopdale School expects high standards from all students and uniform and appearance is no exception. The school aims to prepare students for every aspect of life including the establishment of acceptable dress and appearance. This uniform policy has been created to ensure that all students can be confident through their smart appearance and that they represent the school appropriately at all times.

Please can we draw your attention to the following recent updates to the uniform policy:

- Black tailored medium length/on the knee shorts may be worn in the warm weather; they must be plain, not sports, jersey or tight shorts and with no logos
- Skirts must be tailored and have at least one pleat: they may not be jersey or skater skirts
- Black tight-fitting shorts are permitted as part of PE uniform (including for Sports Days), e.g. cycling shorts, only if knee length and not 'hot pants'

The introduction of tailored shorts as part of standard school uniform began on Monday 19th June 2023. The rule on PE shorts came into effect on Monday 26th June 2023. If students already had a jersey or skater skirt; they were able to wear these until the end of the year but all of these items are prohibited from September 2023.

Please be aware that students will be asked to roll down the waistband of their skirt if they have rolled it over at the waist to shorten it. Sanctions will be issued for students who do not comply or have their skirt rolled up at any point in the day. The policy on the website has images of the uniform that is and is not permitted in order to be as clear as possible for students and parents. If you are unsure, please contact your child's Year Manager. Here is a link to the full policy:

[Glossopdale School Uniform Information](#)

If your child has had false eyelashes, facial piercings or gel nails during the holidays can you please ensure they are removed before the start of term to ensure a positive start to the school year.

We hope to see all the students looking smart and in the correct uniform from Wednesday September 6th. If you are experiencing financial hardship and are having difficulty affording the uniform please contact your child's Year Manager.

## Ties for school year 2022/23

Please make sure that your child has the correct tie ready to start on 6<sup>th</sup> September.

Year 7: orange with blue stripe

Year 8: gold with blue stripe

Year 9: royal blue with gold stripe

Year 10: navy blue with orange and royal blue stripe

Year 11: black with gold and blue stripe



Finally, work has been carried out around the site over the summer to ensure that access to the school throughout the day is secure. New fencing and a new automated gate at the entrance to the school car park has been installed and access to the school car park will be restricted throughout the school day. The gates will be open to staff, and parents with a permit to drop their child off at the school entrance, up until 8.45am. They will then remain closed throughout the school day and reopen at 3.00pm to allow students to leave. Access to The Place will be through a pedestrian gate with parking available in the visitor car park at the top of the drive. Blue badge holders visiting The Place will be able to use the intercom to allow access through the automated gates in order to park in a disabled bay in front of the school's main reception area.

I will write to you with more details once we are ready to implement this, however, any parents that have a permit to drop off their child due to a disability or other additional need will continue to be able to do so. Also, any parent that has an appointment to see a member of staff will be able to access the school via a pedestrian entrance and will park their car in the visitor car park at the top of the drive.

We do not allow any cars, unless they hold a valid permit, to come onto the driveway up to the gates as this is a health and safety issue and puts students at risk of harm.

If you have any questions, please email [info@glossopdale.school](mailto:info@glossopdale.school)

We are really looking forward to welcoming all our students back this week and thank you for all your support in ensuring a smooth start to the school year.

Best wishes,

Debbie McGloin

Headteacher