

## Parent and Carer Newsletter 12.1.24

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and we wish you a happy and healthy New Year.

### General Information and Reminders

#### **Parent Parking in the Community**

Can we please ask parents and carers to be mindful of our local community when parking near school at the start and end of the day. This includes driving at safe speeds and ensuring that pavements and walkways are not blocked.

#### **2024/2025 Term Dates and INSET Days.**

The holiday dates for the next academic year have now been added to our website. Please click on this link, where they can be found by scrolling down the page underneath the current academic term dates. [Glossopdale School & Sixth Form - Term Dates](#)

#### **Adverse Weather**

It is the time of year when the weather can deteriorate and we get heavy snowfall. Can you please familiarise yourself with our procedures in the event of severe weather: [Adverse weather procedure](#)

#### **Attendance**

As we welcome students back for a new school term, we have been asked by the Department for Education (DfE) to provide you with a clinical and public health perspective on mild illnesses and school attendance. It is usually appropriate for parents and carers to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses. This would include general cold symptoms: a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat. However, children should not be sent to school if they have a temperature of 38°C or above. I know it is sometimes difficult to know if it is appropriate to send your child into school or not and therefore the link below provides you with useful advice. [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#)

#### **Water Bottle Filling Station**

We now have a water bottle filling station in the Heart. Students are encouraged to bring in their own water bottle, or other suitable drinking container, and fill it up during their break or lunch time to stay hydrated. In a bid to reduce waste and be kinder to the environment, we are no longer able to provide disposable cups. However, bottled water and other drinks can still be purchased during both the break and lunch time service in the Heart.

#### **Punctuality to Lessons**

We continue to have a whole-school drive to ensure punctuality to lessons. It is vital that all students make every possible effort to arrive at their lessons on time. This is because every minute a student is late for a lesson is a minute of lost learning time for them. This can quickly build up when a student is regularly late to their lessons! Students that are regularly late to lessons or school will be issued a 40 minute after school detention.

**Equipment Reminder** - Your child must have the following equipment with them every day. This supports independent organisational skills and the development of effective learning habits:

- Black pens (at least two)
- Red pen
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Calculator
- Personal Development book and folder
- Subject-specific equipment for the day (subject exercise books, PE kit, food ingredients)

Daily checks of equipment take place and persistent failure to bring these essential items will result in a same day 20 minute detention.

### **Key Stage 3**

#### **Bronze DofE**

Meetings will continue this term and students will be working on their First Aid. Students should continue to add evidence to their eDofE account to show that they have continued with their physical, skill and volunteer sections. Some meetings may now have moved to another school day as the students have been grouped and paired with a teacher. Details of the groups are available on the DofE Google Classroom for your child to access.

#### **Y8 THRIVE Day: Tuesday 16th January 2024**

The Year 8 THRIVE Day will be focusing on future pathways, apprenticeships and careers; with sessions presented by visiting speakers and our staff. This will take place on Tuesday 16th January 2024. Students should come in normal uniform with their PD books and pencil case.

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### **Key Stage 4**

#### **Year 11 Parents' Evening**

Thank you to all parents and carers who joined us at the Y11 Parents Evening on Thursday, we hope that the opportunity to discuss your child's progress and achievements with their teachers was valuable. We appreciate that some of you may have missed appointments as the evening was so popular and some appointments exceeded 5 minutes. If you would like the opportunity to speak to your child's teacher please email [info@glossopdale.school](mailto:info@glossopdale.school) and the year team and faculty will coordinate and get back to you.

#### **Sixth Form Applications**

Interviews for the Sixth Form continue this week. Any Year 11 students who have not yet applied to the Sixth Form for September 2024 and who wish to do so should speak to a member of the Sixth Form team as soon as possible.

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### **Sixth Form**

#### **UCAS Application**

This is the final week for applications to be submitted 'on time' to universities. Many students have now received their offers and are working hard towards achieving the grades in the summer exams.

#### **Exams**

Many of our vocational courses have public examinations over the next few weeks, a timetable for which can be found [here](#).

#### **Student Development Day**

Our next Student Development Day will take place on the 26th January and the focus will be on Health and Wellbeing. We have a number of workshops and outside speakers organised and students will focus on areas such as: sexual and physical health, emotional wellbeing, CPR training, yoga and relaxation.

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#### **Dates for your diary**

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| Tuesday 16th January   | Y8 THRIVE Day                           |
| Friday 26th January    | Y9 THRIVE Day                           |
| Tuesday 30th January   | 49 x Y11 Students attending Poetry Live |
| Wednesday 31st January | Intermediate Maths Challenge            |

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| Thursday 1st February   | Y10 THRIVE Day   |
| Wednesday 7th February  | SEND Parent Forum  |
| Monday 12th February    | Y11 THRIVE Day   |
| Wednesday 14th February | Y10 Macbeth Performance (In the day, in the school Theatre)  |
| Thursday 15th February  | Young Musician of the Year Competition (Evening event)       |
| Friday 16th February    | Performing Arts (PA) Trip to London (Y9/10 & 11 PA students) |

Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter.

Best wishes from all at Glossopdale School and Sixth Form