



## Parent & Carer Weekly Newsletter

### Date: Friday 2nd February 2024

#### General Information and Reminders

##### **Glossop Chronicle - Glossopdale School and Sixth Form launch new mental health scheme:**

Please see our article in the Glossop Chronicle about our dedicated team of 7 professionals who are in place to provide support to children and families in the Glossopdale area with their mental health. [Click here for article](#)

##### **Children's Mental Health Week - 5th-10th February 2024**

Next week all students will have assemblies raising awareness of the wide range of options and resources we have available in school to support our students and staff with good mental health and wellbeing. Please see the resource link [here](#) which offers some good advice to parents/carers on how to communicate with your child about their wellbeing on a regular basis. Should you have any concerns and require some assistance in the area of mental health and wellbeing for your child(ren), please do not hesitate to contact their year team. All our pastoral staff are fully-trained Youth Mental Health First-Aiders with much experience in this area.

##### **Equipment requirements**

Please help your child(ren) to remember their equipment each day which consists of: A black pen (at least two) / Red pen / Pencil / Ruler / Calculator / Personal Development plastic wallet folder and book / subject specific equipment for the day (subject exercise books, PE kit, Food ingredients and tub). Students are aware of the equipment they are required to bring in each day, and are frequently reminded of this during form time and in lessons. When students are fully equipped for lessons, they access the learning faster and can progress more. However, when students do not have their equipment it can impact on their learning and the learning of others by slowing the pace of lessons, so we give negative "lack of equipment" points when this happens. Every third time a pupil has a "lack of equipment" point, this will result in a 40 minute after school detention. Thank you for your ongoing support in ensuring your child(ren) are equipped.

##### **Attendance**

- Please be reminded of the importance of attending school every day - Students with less than 97% attendance are statistically proven to achieve less than their peers
- On days where students present with minor ailments & sickness, parents / carers can permit school to administer over the counter medication to support their attendance to school
- Well done to our Year 7 students, our best attending year group last week! Keep up the good work!
- Another huge well done to our Year 9 students for the most improved attendance last week!

##### **Appointments in School time Procedure**

There have been a number of instances this term where we are being given last minute advice of appointments for students. As soon as you are aware of an appointment for your child please email [info@glossopdale.school](mailto:info@glossopdale.school) or [attendanceassistant@glossopdale.school](mailto:attendanceassistant@glossopdale.school) with a copy of your appointment, the time you will be collecting your child and their return to school time. Your child would then be given a blue slip signed by attendance or their year manager which they bring to reception at their allotted time. We then know they have been given consent to leave during the school day. Where possible please avoid the school day for appointments.



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### **Lost Property**

Recently we have had a significant amount of lost property handed in which has not been claimed. The process we follow for any lost property is below.

- Clothing/items of school equipment: Items handed in will be checked for identification and where possible will be returned to the owner. Any unnamed items will be dated and held securely for three weeks. After three weeks any unclaimed items will be sent to local charity shops. Students have the opportunity to check for lost items during break and lunch times at the First Aid Office.
- Jewellery, watches, keys, spectacles: we follow the same process and if unclaimed at the end of a term they will be disposed of via a retailer of such goods and the proceeds donated to charity.

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### **Key Stage 3**

#### **Y9 Parents' Evening**

The Year 9 Parents' evening was held last night, 01/02. It was great to see so many parents and students attending. It is so valuable to be able to hold these conversations between parents/carers, students and teachers especially as option choices are in the process of being made.

#### **Training Teachers**

As a school we are proud to help develop the next generation of teachers. Next week we have a group of Primary trainees from the University of Manchester, working in Y7 to help give them an overview of the transition process from KS2 into KS3 and the changes involved with moving from Primary School into Secondary School.

We are also pleased to welcome Dr K Meyer back to the Science faculty to continue her teacher training with Sheffield Teacher Training Alliance.

#### **Year 9 Bronze DofE**

Students should continue to add evidence for their skill, volunteer and physical section. Any students who are struggling to do this need to speak to their DofE supervisor.

This term we have been working through the First Aid training and all students need to make sure that they have completed the booklet fully. Certificates will be awarded once this is completed. Next term we move onto map work and navigation training. If you have any questions please contact Miss Geary on [lgeary@glossopdale.school](mailto:lgeary@glossopdale.school)

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### **Key Stage 4**

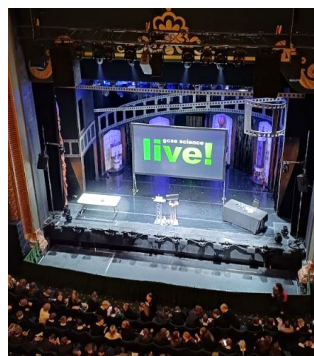
#### **UKMT Maths Challenge <https://ukmt.org.uk/>**

Some of our students in Year 9 and 10 took part in the UKMT intermediate Maths Challenge earlier this week. We'll have to wait a few weeks for questions to be marked, but we're anticipating some fantastic results from these budding mathematicians. Thank you to Mrs Edge who coordinated this extracurricular activity and well done to all of the students who took on this challenge.



### Science Live Trip

On Thursday 25th January, 65 students from Year 10, 11 and Sixth Form attended the Science Live event. The students had the chance to see and hear five of Britain's top scientists, all working at the cutting edge of their specialisms. This included Professor Robert Winston and Dr Tim Gabriel. They also received top tips on examination success from an experienced science examiner.



### Poetry Live Trip

On Tuesday 31st January, Y10 and 11 students watched Poetry Live. All students seemed to really enjoy seeing poetry come to life and took the opportunity to take copious amounts of notes from key poets and from Poetry examiners. It was great to see such engagement and many students took valuable hints and tips back to the classroom with them, that can now be applied to their exams. It was such a success and the students represented our school phenomenally.



### Year 11

This week the Year 11 students completed a science skills study session as part of their Personal Development programme, Mrs Spacey and Mrs James talked to the students about exam skills and how to maximise their marks in the exam. Students completed exam style questions on data interpretation and gained useful information about completing these questions effectively.

### Passport to the Prom

Miss Gregory has explained the passport to the prom criteria to all Y11 students. The Prom is on Friday 5th July at Kenwood Hall in Sheffield and all students need to meet our passport to the prom criteria. Parents/carers of Y11 students will receive a letter outlining how to book a place on the prom as soon as your child has successfully secured their place and met the reward trip criteria of: *Attendance in school is good or excellent, Punctuality to school and to lessons is good or excellent, Exemplary behaviour in school, Good or excellent attitude to learning, Attendance at all the interventions and study lessons that students are required to attend.*



### Y10 THRIVE Day

All Year 10 students took part in their THRIVE day on Thursday. The focus of the day was careers and future pathways. Students attended workshops delivered by guest speakers including PCSO Brian Buller from Derbyshire Constabulary, Stacey Bedwell from The Bureau and Lisa Gregory and Shannon Coulding from Reuben's Retreat. Other sessions delivered by teachers included P16 skills, Rights and Responsibilities and careers information via <https://icould.com/> and <https://www.youthemployment.org.uk/>. If any students want a careers interview with our careers advisor Ms Rush, please contact [krush@glossopdale.school](mailto:krush@glossopdale.school) or ask your child to speak to the year team who will arrange this.

### Sixth Form

#### Rocket Launch

As part of our enrichment curriculum our Year 12 Physics students are embarking on a project to build and launch a rocket. Although we may not be competing with NASA - nonetheless we will be engaging with our own small bit of astrophysics.

#### Dates for your diary

Wednesday 7th February	Y7 THRIVE Day <b><i>SEND Parent Forum 4.30pm-5.30pm - Cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.</i></b>
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)   Last Day of Term
Thursday 29th February	x30 Y9 Students attending British Music Experience
Friday 1st March	Y8 THRIVE Day

Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter.  
Best wishes from all at Glossopdale School and Sixth Form