

To **Aspire, Endeavour** and **Thrive** Together

31st March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of the spring term it has been lovely to see so many of our students involved in so many school events. The school production this year, Mary Poppins, was amazing and it highlighted yet again what talented students we have at Glossopdale School. It was particularly nice to see students from all year groups involved, ranging from Year 7 right up to post-16. I know that the relationships and memories they build when rehearsing and performing in these shows stay with them for life. Obviously, a show as good as this does not happen just by chance; there are hours and hours of after school and weekend rehearsals that take place behind the scenes run by our staff and volunteers and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them publicly for their outstanding commitment and dedication.

I would also like to say well done to all of the students who qualified for the rewards trips this week and received recognition in our end of term rewards assemblies. It is wonderful to see so many of our students thriving and being celebrated for their excellent achievement and conduct.

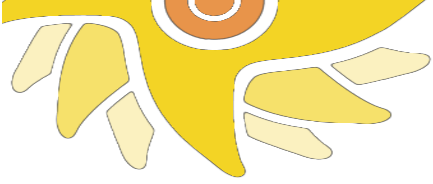
We are delighted to be welcoming 265 Year 6 students into our Glossopdale family in September, the highest number yet, exceeding our pupil admission number of 240. Although we are now oversubscribed - which is testament to the continued success of the school and its excellent reputation in the local community - we will always endeavour to ensure that there will be a place at Glossopdale for all children in the Glossop community.

GCSE and 'A' Level Exams

Students in Year 11 & Year 13 have been studying very hard for their GCSE and A-Level examinations that they will sit next term. There is a revision programme on offer at school over the Easter holidays and we would encourage all students to attend the relevant sessions. Details of the Easter revision programme can be found [here](#) for Year 11 and [here](#) for Year 13.

KS3 Exams

Y7, 8 and 9 students will be taking a series of examinations in their core subjects: Maths, Science and English during the first three weeks after Easter. These are excellent preparation for sitting external exams in the future and help teachers to identify each student's strengths and next steps. We know how hard our students have been working towards them. All parents have received a letter home detailing the content of each exam as well as information about resources to support revision. Please help your child plan and complete their revision so that they are fully prepared when they come to sit their exams.



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Key Dates

A reminder that today, Friday 31st March, is the last day of the Spring Term. School will re-open to students in Y11 and 13 on Monday 17th April and on Tuesday 18th April for students in Y7, 8, 9, 10 and 12.

Thursday 20th April: Sixth Form Parents' Evening

Monday 24th & Tuesday 25th April: Y9 Exams

Thursday 27th April: Year 10 Parents' Evening

Monday 1st May: Bank Holiday (school closed)

Tuesday 2nd & Wednesday 3rd May: Y8 Exams

Monday 8th May: Bank Holiday (school closed)

Tuesday 9th & Wednesday 10th May: Y7 Exams

Monday 15th May: External GCSE and 'A' Level Exams begin

Friday 26th May: Students finish for May Half Term

Monday 5th June: Students return for Summer Term 2

Friday 23rd June: Planning day (school closed to all students)

w/c 3rd July: Sports Days for Y7-9

Tuesday 11th July: Y7&8 Celebration Evening

Tuesday 18th July: Y9&10 Celebration Evening

Friday 21st July: last day of term

Finally, please take the time to review our wonderful end of term celebration bulletin showcasing the many, many amazing events and achievements that our students have been involved in this term:

<https://www.glossopdale.school/attachments/download.asp?file=719&type=pdf>

Thank you for your support this term and I wish you all a wonderful Easter break with lots of warm sunshine.

Best wishes,

Debbie McGloin

Headteacher