



Parent & Carer Weekly Newsletter

Date: Friday 25th October 2024

General Information and Reminders

Timetables

We are conscious that some of our students have been repeatedly losing their timetables this term, often leading to students being late to lessons. To support students to attend their lessons on time, we have created a sticker version of each student's timetable that should now be stuck to the back of their Personal Development (PD) folders. This should alleviate any confusion caused by missing or lost timetables.

From Tuesday 5th November (the start of term 2):

- A students' PD folder/timetable will be added to the list of required equipment
- This will be checked by tutors every morning during tutor time
- Students that forget their PD folder will be issued a C2 for lack of equipment
- Students that lost, or forget their timetable for 2 days in a row, will be issued a 20 minute detention

Please can you as parents/carers support your child by ensuring they bring their PD folder to school everyday. Organisation and punctuality are key characteristics that are important to develop and reinforce. We hope that removing the barriers created by lost or missing timetables will dramatically reduce poor punctuality and lost learning time.

Adverse Weather Procedure

As winter approaches, we have reviewed our Adverse Weather Procedure for the 2024/25 season. Full information is available [here](#). Please take the time to read this as it explains the procedure to follow should snowfall force closure of the School either during the day while in session, or if overnight snowfalls are experienced.

Receiving communications from school

You may have received this newsletter via your My Child At School (MCAS) app or via email. Thank you to everyone who has activated an account for the app for their child. We will continue to send newsletters and communications via both methods next term, but with effect from January 2025 all information will be sent via the app. If you need help to log on please email info@glossopdaleschool.org.uk when school restarts.

#Wake up Wednesdays

With increasing societal pressures, many children struggle with managing emotions, facing challenges and processing failure in a healthy way. This guide from the National College #Wakeupwednesday campaign, provides practical strategies for parents, carers and educators to help children develop a resilience and a positive mindset. Please see the 10 top tips for supporting young people to build emotional resilience [here](#).

High School Musical Jr

The students and Performing Arts staff have been working incredibly hard getting ready for their performance of High School Musical Jr, rehearsing three nights a week and even coming in at weekends! We would love for you all to come and see the finished performances on Wednesday 13th, Thursday 14th and Friday 15th November at 7pm. You can purchase tickets through this link:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/glossopdale>





Key Stage 3

Year 8 and Year 9 Parents' Information Evening

It was great to see so many of our Year 8 and Year 9 parents and carers at our Parents' Information Evening (PIE) on Tuesday. Hopefully you found the evening informative and useful. The presentations from the evening and the booklet will be available on our website.

Key Stage 4

Y10 THRIVE Day

The Year 10 Thrive day on the 24th October 2024 was a resounding success, bringing together students, staff, and the wider community to celebrate growth, resilience, and well-being. The day aimed to foster a culture of support and positivity within our school environment. The day featured a diverse range of activities, including workshops and interactive sessions on study skills, and mock interviews with members of the local community.

As part of our ongoing commitment to student development, the Mock Interview initiative aimed to prepare students for future academic and professional opportunities by building their confidence and skills. The mock interview sessions allowed students to practise common interview questions in a supportive environment. This provided them with the chance to refine their responses and receive constructive feedback. As a result of this, students reported feeling significantly more prepared and confident for their upcoming interviews for part time jobs and Post 16 courses. Many expressed appreciation for the practical skills they gained, which they felt would be invaluable in their future endeavours.



Primary School Dance Day

Mrs Nevin was joined by our High School Musical cast and her Year 10 BTEC Dance students to deliver an exciting dance workshop to our local primary schools. The primary schools were treated to a preview performance of one of the show numbers "Stick to the Status Quo". Then students were all in this together as they *bop bop bopped to the top* to create their own versions of the dance. Everybody worked with so much enthusiasm, it was great to see such great team work!





Glossopdale Street Reds

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Street Reds will be continuing through the holiday week! The 29th October will run as normal, girls only 6-7pm and boys/mixed 6-7pm.

Every Tuesday evening

Girls Only 6:00-7:00pm
Boys/ Mixed 6:00pm- 7:00pm

Join us for **FREE** football every Tuesday evening on the 3G pitch right here at Glossopdale. Your parent or carer must complete the online consent prior to your attendance. You can sign up via the QR code below. This free provision is open to all students at school.



Or visit www.mufoundation.org/streetreds



Sixth Form

Sixth Form Film Night

On Wednesday evening we hosted our first Sixth Form social, a film night with pizza, popcorn and hot chocolate. Students got comfy in the Common Room and enjoyed a halloween themed film on a giant screen. The next film night will be in December and Christmas themed!



Safe Drive trip

Every year, our Year 12 students travel to Middleton Arena to hear Manchester Fire and Rescue, North West Ambulance Service and Greater Manchester Police talk about the importance of road safety. Students will be attending on Tuesday 5th November and need to be in school for 8.45am.

Sixth Form Trial Exams

These take place in the week beginning the 11th November and are for Year 13 students only. The normal Year 13 timetable will be suspended for the week to make way for the exams so students will have study leave between them. Year 12 students do not have trial exams until later in the year and their lessons will carry on as normal. The trial exam timetable can be found [here](#).

Sixth Form Open Evening

On Wednesday 27th November we will be opening our new Sixth Form building to our Year 10 and Year 11 students for our 2024 Open Evening. This night is a great opportunity to talk to staff about courses you might study, hear from the Sixth Form team about what we offer, and look around our newly refurbished building. Further details will be sent out after half term.



Parent Teacher and Friends Association (PTFA) News



Thank you to everyone who turned up to raise funds for all those extras for pupils at Glossopdale School and Sixth Form. The family fun quiz was great and ended in two tie break questions! Our next event is the Christmas Market on 16/11/24, we hope to see you there.



Dates for your diary

- Tuesday 5th November
- Wednesday 13th November
- Thursday 14th November
- Friday 15th November
- Saturday 16th November
- Tuesday 19th November
- Friday 22nd November
- Tuesday 26th November
- Wednesday 27th November
- Wednesday 27th November
- Thursday 28th November
- Friday 29th November

- School reopens to pupils
- School Production - High School Musical Jr
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- PTFA [Christmas Markets](#)
- GCSE Certificate Presentation Evening
- Intrahealth in school to administer Flu Vaccines
- Ski Trip Parents Information Evening 6-7pm
- Y9 THRIVE Day
- Sixth Form Open Evening
- Y11 Photos
- INSET Day

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