



March 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to the Glossopdale School and Sixth Form community.

Congratulations on the confirmation of an offer of a place for September 2025. We are really delighted that you have chosen to join us and we're excited to meet you and your child.

Our school is a warm, welcoming and happy community where children have every opportunity to thrive in all aspects of school life. We create an ethos of belonging as our students progress from Year 7 to Year 13; ensuring that they are well prepared for their chosen path and equipped to achieve their ambitions.

Our vision is '**To aspire, endeavour and thrive together**', this encapsulates our determination to ensure that we will empower and inspire your child so they leave Glossopdale School and Sixth Form the best that they can be. We will do this by nurturing and building ambition in each of our students and providing opportunities for them to thrive.

Our mission is to develop in each of our students the academic skills, learning habits, values and character traits necessary to thrive and achieve excellence.

We place great emphasis on building strong character traits in all of our students. We firmly believe that strength of character is the fundamental cornerstone of academic success.

We use the word **THRIVE** as an acronym to encapsulate our values. We want our students to develop:

Tenacity - show motivation and determination in the face of challenges, adopting a 'can do' attitude;

Hard work - recognise that only sustained effort, working conscientiously and trying your best at all times will lead to achieving your ambitions;

Responsibility - we are part of a community and with this comes a duty to ourselves and others;

Independence - organise time, resources and tasks, meeting deadlines and demonstrating maturity;

Visionary - have self-belief in long-term aspirations and recognition of the sacrifices required to achieve these;

Excellence - strive for the highest standards of work, behaviour, uniform, attendance and punctuality.

Transferring to a secondary school can be both exciting and daunting for children. We will visit all the primary schools and find from talking to students that they have many questions about starting secondary school with us. We look forward to working with you over the next few months and have highlighted some key aspects of our transition programme which aims to raise the confidence of our incoming students and answer some of their questions.



The transition programme includes:

- Dedicated transition section of our website www.glossopdaleschool.org.uk/Transition
- Visits to your child's primary school to meet the children and gather information from Year 6 teachers
- A transition evening for Year 6 parents on **Wednesday 25th June 2025**, 6.30pm - 7.30pm.
- Induction day to be held on **Friday 4th July 2025**

Year 6 transition events begin with a range of extra-curricular opportunities to sign up for. Please look out for the timetable of exciting activities in which all children can become involved. This will be forwarded to you in the coming weeks.

A Parent Information Guide will also be provided on the Transition Evening including important information about uniform, the My Child at School (MCAS) app, ParentPay, Rewards and our standards and expectations.

We have an admissions platform called Applicaa which streamlines the collection of data for all new students joining us in September. More information and login details will be sent out to you in the next few weeks.

If you have any questions or would like to speak to us prior to your child starting in September 2025, please contact Mrs Gilbert, Assistant Headteacher, sgilbert@glossopdaleschool.org.uk. Or, if your query relates to any additional educational needs for your child, please contact our SENDCO, Mrs Barnfather, sendco@glossopdaleschool.org.uk.

I am confident that your child's time with us will be happy, full of satisfying yet challenging experiences, with lots of opportunities to achieve success.

I look forward to meeting you soon.

Yours faithfully

Ms K Smith
Headteacher