



Glossopdale School 'Moving Up' Newsletter for Year 6
Parents / Carers
19th May 2025

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the first edition of our 'Moving Up' newsletter! As we count down to the end of the school year, we'll keep you updated every three weeks with key dates, events, and tips to help prepare your child for their exciting move to Year 7 at Glossopdale School and Sixth Form. We hope you find these updates helpful as part of the transition journey.

Transition Clubs: This year's clubs offer something for everyone! We encourage you to sign your child up for as many as they'd like—it's a great way for them to meet our staff and students, explore the school building, and enjoy our fantastic facilities. Activities this year include:

- Cookery
- Animation
- Design Technology
- Wellbeing and Mindfulness
- History Discovery Club
- Dungeons and Dragons
- Chess Club
- PE & Sports
- Computing and Coding
- Bookworms and reviews
- Wind Band
- Musical Theatre
- **Manchester United Foundation Sports & Leadership (A separate letter from the Foundation with links to sign up can be found [here](#))**

And much more...!

The sign-up form, with attached consent, can be found [Transition Club Sign Up Form](#) and the first of the clubs will start after the half-term break week commencing 2nd June. Places can fill up quickly on some of the more-popular clubs so please act quickly to avoid disappointment. Should transport after school be an issue, please contact jgallagher@glossodaleschool.org.uk and we will do our best to assist.

Parents' Information Evening: This will take place on *Wednesday 25th June* and will be at two different times according to your child's primary school as follows:

5.15pm Session A : St Andrews', Tintwistle, St James' Whitfield, Padfield, Dinting, Charlesworth, All Saints', St Mary's

6.30pm Session B: St Lukes', Simmondley, St Charles', Duke of Norfolk, Gamesley & all other schools

On this evening we will present to you about our schools' standards and expectations, along with our vision and values and important information about life at Glossopdale School and Sixth Form. It is not essential to bring your child to this event (although they

are welcome) as much of the content is aimed at parents. Bulldog fashions will also be present for trying and ordering uniform items.

Primary Visits: We are more than half way through visiting all our partner primary schools and it has been fantastic to meet nearly all the children in person. They have displayed lovely manners and a genuine excitement to be joining us as year 7s. We have also met with the Year 6 teachers who have shared useful information with us about the children, which will assist us in supporting them with their transition and throughout Year 7.

Mental Health: We want all the children to feel as confident as possible about their transition. However, we know that some children may become anxious at this time. As a school that really values the importance of mental health in everything we do, we often use resources from Anna Freud. Please see this link to an excellent resource for parents and carers regarding transition here:

<https://www.annafreud.org/schools-and-colleges/resources/supporting-childrens-transition-to-secondary-school-guidance-for-parents-and-carers/>



Ready for Glossopdale bag:

Our 'Ready for 7' bundle will be available to purchase from our school reception from Monday 30th June for £10 (card purchase only please). It contains a useful drawstring bag (great for PE kit), a branded pencil case and a year 7 tie. Ties can also be purchased separately at a cost of £4.65

We are aware that whilst this is an exciting time, there will always be some concerns - for both the children and parents. If you have any queries or need support concerning transition, please do not hesitate to contact us on info@glossopdaleschool.org.uk

With best wishes

Mrs S Gilbert

Assistant Headteacher & Lead for Transition

Dates for your diary:

Week commencing 2nd June - Transition Clubs begin

Weds 25th June - Parents' Information Evening

Friday 4th July - Induction Day

