



Glossopdale School 'Moving Up' Newsletter for Year 6
Parents / Carers
30th June 2025

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the third 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 have been extremely well-attended with over 180 students taking advantage of the opportunity! There is still time to sign your child up for as many as they'd like in the final weeks of term—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](#). Should transport after school be an issue, please contact jgallagher@glossodaleschool.org.uk and we will do our best to assist.

Parents' Information Evening: Thank you to everyone who attended this. If you were unable to attend, there are links to the two presentations [here](#) and [here](#). Parent Handbooks will be posted out to all who did not get them on the night; which answers many of the most-common queries to support your child's transition.

Primary Visits: We have now completed these visits 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.

Induction Day - Friday 4th July 2025: only 4 days to go ! This exciting day is the opportunity for the children to experience their first 'real' school day as Glossopdale School and Sixth Form students. It will include (for most) meeting their tutor and peers who will be in their tutor groups, some induction into our routines and three, sample lessons in a range of subjects. The day will run as follows:

- **Arrive at school from 9am for a 9.15 start** - Dinting Gate will be open and staffed to welcome the children from 8.55am, please do not send the Y6 children earlier (even if they have older siblings)
- **9.15am Welcome assembly** and allocation of tutor groups
- **10.00am break** - toast will be provided free of charge
- **1.00pm lunch** - lunch will be provided (vegan/vegetarian option)
- **Celebration assembly for a 3.15pm end to the day**

We're looking forward to welcoming the children!

Please send them in their primary school uniforms (leavers' hoodies are absolutely fine) and wearing trainers, as some will be taking part in PE activities. They'll also need a water bottle, which they can refill at our water fountains, and a bag with a few basic school supplies—just a pencil case with pens and a ruler will be great.

To help foster independence, we kindly ask that parents/carers *do not accompany children onto the school site*, whether by foot or by car. There will be plenty of staff and student buddies along the way to guide and support them into school safely and confidently.

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 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

Our Weekly Newsletter: For your reference please find the latest weekly newsletter [here](#)

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 or the Head of Year 7, Mrs Thornton jthornton@glossopdaleschool.org.uk

With best wishes

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Head of Year 7 2025/6

Dates for your diary:

Friday 4th July - Induction Day

Monday 8th September - First day of School