



Year 6 into 7 Parent Information Evening: 16th April 2026



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Welcome to Glossopdale School & Sixth Form



Parent, Child and School - We work well together

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Lead for Transition



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A very warm welcome to all parents, carers, and pupils.

We are excited to begin this journey with you starting secondary school is a big step - we are here to support every stage.





Aims of this evening's session

To welcome you to Glossopdale School & Sixth Form

To provide information on how we will support your child as they transition from Primary to Secondary school



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The Transition Team



The Senior Leadership Team (SLT)



Ms. K Smith
Headteacher



Mrs. C Jesson
Deputy Headteacher
Inclusion: Curriculum &
Outcomes



Mrs. H James
Deputy Headteacher
Inclusion: Culture &
Inclusion Provision



Ms. A Bowden
Assistant Headteacher
Inclusion: Pupil
Premium, Literacy &
KS4 Outcomes



Mr. J Chetwyn
Assistant Headteacher
Inclusion: Attendance &
Alternative Provision



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The Transition Team



The SEND team and Year Manager

Ms. L Barnfather
SENDCO

Mrs. M Johnston
Assistant SENDCO



Mr. M McCrorie
Head of Year 7

Mrs. T Smith
SEND Manager



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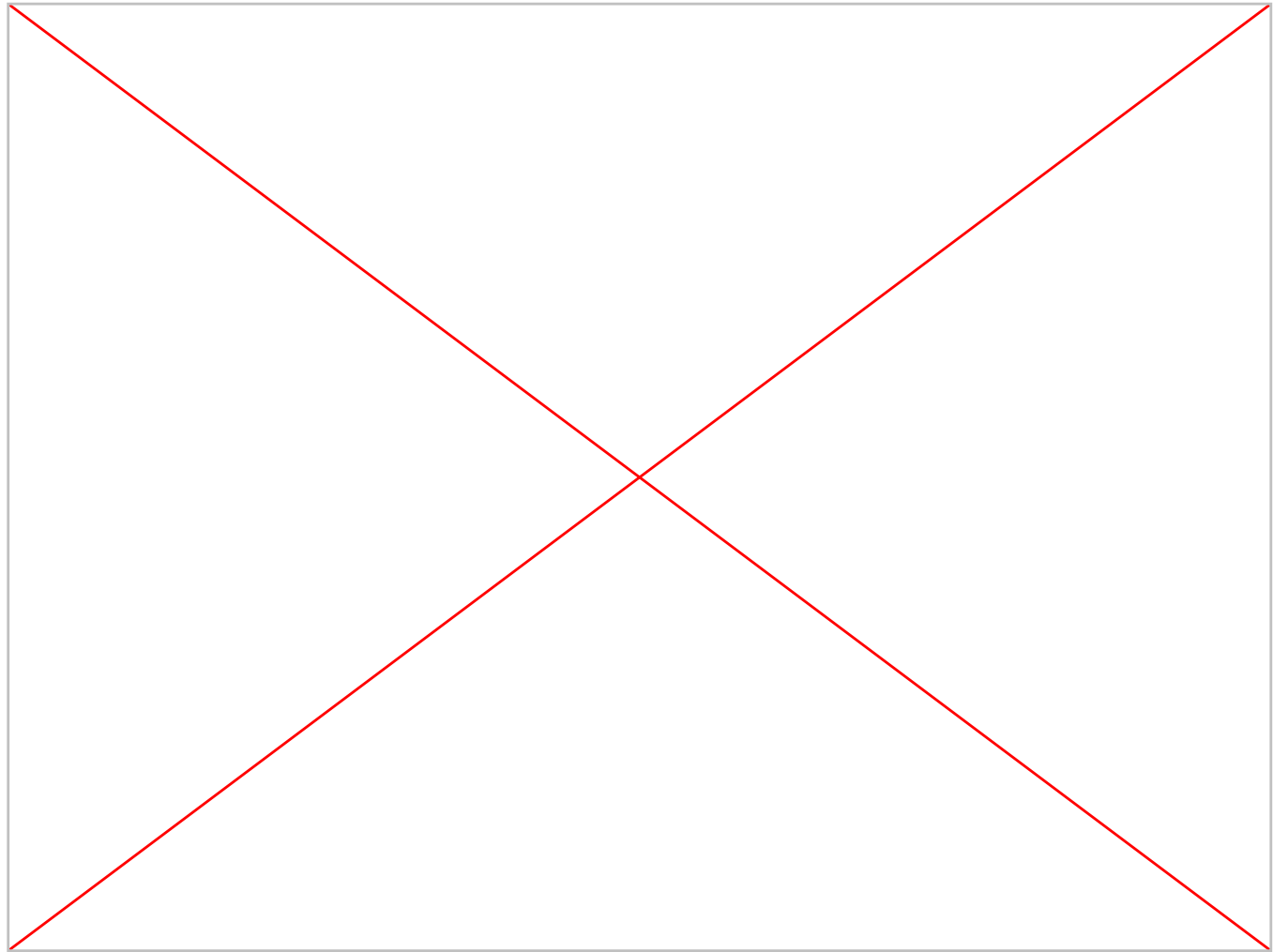
What makes a smooth transition?

- ★ Feeling safe and happy in a new environment
- ★ Building friendships and connections
- ★ Developing independence and confidence
- ★ Strong communication between home and school





Student Voice



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Getting to Know Your Child

- ★ Close work with primary schools
- ★ Sharing important information about learning, needs and interests
- ★ Transition meetings with Year 6 teachers
- ★ Careful tutor group placement
- ★ Early Help Support Team





Transition Events Timeline



Thursday 16th April - Parents' Information Evening

Thursday 30th April - PTFA Big Bingo Bonanza!

Friday 1st May - Applicaa Details Deadline

Wb 16th April - Transition Team Visits to our primaries

Monday 27th April - Transition Club Bookings Open

Tuesday 2nd June - Transition Clubs Begin

Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd July - Induction Days

Thursday 2nd July - Second Parent's Information Evening



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PTFA (Parent, Teacher & Friends Association) Big Bingo Bonanza



We are delighted to invite all our Year 6 families to our PTFA Big Bingo Bonanza—a fantastic family fun evening in a relaxed, social setting. Come along to meet Glossopdale staff, chat with other families who are also joining us in September, and enjoy a warm community atmosphere

Doors open on Thursday 30th April at 6.30pm, with eyes down at 7.00pm. We'd love to see you there for an evening of laughter, prizes and great company.



Glossopdale School & Sixth Form PTFA

GLOSSOPDALE'S BIG BINGO BONANZA

Thursday 30th April 7pm

Doors open at 6:30 - £1 entry - £5 per bingo book - Bar and Refreshments available

www.glossopdaleschool.org.uk/ptfa

Pay here to avoid the queues or pay cash on the night!

Bingo, raffles, challenges, prizes & more!

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Transition Clubs

You will be invited to sign up for clubs via TicketSource.
A link will be sent out, allowing parents to easily register for each club.
Each club listing will include a short description of the club and all clubs are free of charge.

Student Leadership



Windband Rehearsals



Sports



Art



Dungeons and Dragons



Musical Theatre



Cookery



Library





Six into Seven section on the Website

A wide range of information is available on our school website. The Year 6–7 Transition section provides useful information, important dates and helpful guidance for families.

Parents can also access the Parent Handbook, which includes detailed information to support a smooth transition to secondary school.

We also have a designated email address for transition enquiries sixintoseven@glossopdaleschool.org.uk

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Transition Days

This year we will have two full Transition Days in school

- ★ Meeting teachers and new classmates
- ★ Team-building activities with their new tutor groups
- ★ Experiencing lessons
- ★ Exploring the school site
- ★ Beginning to feel part of the Glossopdale community





Student Council Podcast

Our Student Council recently secured funding from the PTFA to purchase new microphones; they are now in the exciting process of creating their first podcast.

If you are interested in being interviewed Mr Wharmby is in The Heart.





Time will fly!



Here are our
Year 11 students
leaving last June -
you in 2031!



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What will life at Glossopdale be like?

Our Mission:

Glossopdale School and Sixth Form strives to be a model of true inclusivity and teamwork, with high expectations for all, underpinned by our THRIVE values. We expect excellence to be the norm.



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What will life at Glossopdale be like?

Our ethos:

- We are a strong and cohesive community
- We are an inclusive community
- Every student belongs to the Glossopdale community
- We know that having high expectations of every child enables them to reach those expectations
- We work in partnership with the wider community, particularly parents and carers





What will life at Glossopdale be like?

Our routines:

- We are clear and consistent in order to create a calm, reassuring and orderly environment
- We have a clear set of expectations for how all students should behave: at morning line-up, at the start, during and at the end of lessons, at social times and during assemblies
- Staff and students will practise the routines so that they are natural, automatic and part of our culture



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What will life at Glossopdale be like?

Our rewards:

- We believe that all successes and achievements should be publicly celebrated and rewarded
- Rewards take many forms throughout the year
- THRIVE points, golden tickets, rewards events and trips, certificates, celebration evenings, progress and attainment Top 50 letters and noticeboards, rewards assemblies and many, many more...



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What will life at Glossopdale be like?

Our partnerships:

- We believe in consulting with all members of the community to make our school even better
- Regular student voice on behaviour, the school environment, anti-bullying
- Parent voice: information evenings, forums, surveys, communications helpdesk, parents' evenings
- Student council and student leadership team





What will life at Glossopdale be like?

Our opportunities:

- Student Leadership roles
- Extra-curricular activities after school
- Trips and in-school events
- Competitions
- Fundraising and charity events



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What will life at Glossopdale be like?

Our teams:

- **Year team:** Head of Year, Year Managers and tutors
- **Learning Support Team:** SENDCO, Assistant SENDCO, Teaching Assistants
- Family Support team
- Attendance team
- Curriculum Leaders and teachers
- Senior Leadership Team
- Communications and admin team
- Site team
- Community team



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What will life at Glossopdale be like?

Our support:

- Pastoral team
- Learning Support
- Family Support Work
- COMPASS and counsellors
- Literacy and the Library
- THRIVE team
- Careers Advisor
- Free breakfast every day



Mental Health Support Service for children and young people in Derby and Derbyshire

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Free Breakfast
Every School Day, For Every Student

Served from 8.15am each morning in the Heart

Students can come and help themselves to some toast along with some juice

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Culture of reading

- Library and library lessons
- X2 Reading Weeks per year
- Tutor time literacy programme
- Staff as reading role models
 - Student librarians
 - Whole school events
- Reading menus in the Heart

Literacy in lessons

- Deliberate vocabulary instruction
 - Tracking the text
 - Reading with purpose
 - Reciprocal reading
 - Oracy

High quality intervention

- NGRT
- Fresh Start
- Rapid Plus
- Buddy Reading
- Bespoke SEND literacy interventions





Reading for pleasure is one of the most powerful ways to support your child's success at school. Research consistently shows that children who read regularly:

- develop stronger vocabulary and comprehension
- perform better across all subjects, including maths and science
- build concentration, memory and independent thinking skills
- reading also supports emotional wellbeing.

Over the summer, we would love families to support their child in enjoying regular reading, whether that's books, graphic novels or audiobooks.





There will be a Parent Handbook available at our next information evening.

This contains all the information you need about life at Glossopdale School and Sixth Form. From uniform to homework, ParentPay and lunches to lockers.

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Uniform

Uniform for School

- Black school blazer with school logo
- White shirt (shirts not blouses) - short or long sleeved.
- School tie - year specific colour (Year 7 is orange with blue stripes)
- Regulation black tailored black trousers; (Students must wear their blazer around school at all times. They may remove their blazer during lessons only with the permission of the teacher.)
- Tailored black school skirt - medium length/on the knee with at least one pleat
- Optional black logo jumper - this must be worn under and in addition to the blazer
- In warm weather shorts may be worn - black, with no logos
- Suitable and sensible leather/leather look black shoes or black Nike Air Force One Trainers.
- Black socks - no other branded trainers are permitted. Socks must not be above knee level. Shoes must not contain white, coloured logos or Nike silver shoelace adornment
- Plain black ankle socks or black opaque tights
- School bag fit for purpose

Uniform for PE

Students are expected to change for PE lessons, again this can be purchased at a number of retailers including Bulldog Fashion in Glossop. The PE uniform consists of:

- Black polo shirt with school logo
- Black tight-fitting shorts, e.g. cycling shorts, or if knee length (optional) not 'hot pants'
- Black football socks or plain white sports socks
- Black hoodie with school logo (optional)
- Black plain, jogging pants/leggings (optional)
- Black shower proof jacket (optional)
- Outdoor sensible sports shoes

We want students to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for students to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels. For reasons of health and safety we do not allow them to be worn in our school. Neither do we allow students to wear trainers to school. Whilst appropriate for sport and leisurewear, this footwear is not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. We require all students to wear shoes as stated in the uniform list.

Jeans, leggings, tracksuits, hooded tops, open toe shoes, sandals or high heels are not allowed and jewellery is only allowed in extreme weather conditions.

Tops of ears and other visible body piercings are not allowed.

Makeup, nail varnish or other visible body styling is not allowed. Earrings are not allowed in dyes. Hair should not be styled with trammelines, sculpting or shaving. False nails or eyelashes, nail extensions and nail polish are not permitted.





School Information System

Accessing Your Child's School Information with MyChildAtSchool (MCAS)

Our school uses Bromcom, a secure and comprehensive school information system, to manage student data and communication. As a parent or carer, you can stay informed and engaged with your child's education through the MyChildAtSchool (MCAS) App.

What is MyChildAtSchool? MyChildAtSchool (MCAS) is a user-friendly app and web portal that allows you to view important information about your child's school life, including Attendance records, Academic progress and reports, Timetables, School announcements and messages

How to Get Access: To use the MCAS app, you must be listed as a student contact in our school system. You must be registered as a parent or carer on our Bromcom system. A valid email address must be recorded for you in our records. Once this information is in place, you will receive an invitation email with instructions on how to set up your MCAS account. If you haven't received your login details or need assistance accessing the app, please contact us at info@glossopdaleschool.org.uk

Equipment

In line with our whole school expectations, all students are expected to have the following equipment every day:

- Pens (a supply of blue/black and at least one red).
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Calculator
- Reading book
- Personal Development (PD) folder/book
- Any equipment required for specialist lessons including PE Kit.

Students will be sanctioned if they do not have the correct equipment in every lesson.

Lunches, Snacks & How to Pay



Year groups share their lunchtimes and Year 7 will have a dedicated seating area that they can use if they wish.

Chartwells manage the catering at school, their menus and prices lists can be found on our website: www.glossopdaleschool.org.uk (Students > Lunch Menu)

Please encourage your child to eat as healthily as possible. Our canteen offers a range of healthy, seasonal meals. Chips are only available once a week and have to be purchased as part of a meal. Students cannot bring unhealthy snacks into school and fizzy drinks, drinks cans, energy drinks, sweets, lollipops and all other sugary snacks and drinks are not permitted. Please be aware that any student carrying these will have them confiscated by a member of staff.

Students who have packed lunches eat their lunches at the same time as students who have school dinners.

Water is available to buy in bottles. Students are encouraged to bring a bottle of water to school with them - please bring water in a sports/screw top bottle. Bottles can be filled using the water fountain in the Heart and near the Sports Hall.

Students are not allowed to leave the site at lunchtimes unless permission is given by parents for an appointment. Students are not allowed to leave the site to buy food elsewhere.





What you can do now to help your child prepare?

1. Visit our website together and read our school Facebook posts, too.



2. Talk about your own positive experiences of secondary school – you survived!



3. Have a practise walk to school using the route they will take & invite the friends they'll be walking with.



4. Practise packing their school bag with all the correct equipment. Have fun buying some new stuff!



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5. Read together & discuss the story. All year 7s are expected to read regularly – don't get out of the habit.





Next steps:

- Complete the Applicaa form
- Enrol for the transition clubs
- Read the 3 weekly newsletter and review the Transition page on our website
- Email sixintoseven@glossopdaleschool.org.uk with any questions

