



Wednesday 17th December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support and partnership throughout 2025. It makes such a difference to be able to work positively together.

It has been incredibly busy over the past few weeks but wonderful that so many of you have been able to support your children and the wider school community in our many events. We have had outstanding Drama, Dance and Music performances, our GCSE Certificate Evening, rewards assemblies, Year 7 Panto trip, the inter-generational event organised by our students last week which included bingo, a performance by our choir and Ballroom Dancing and a delicious Christmas dinner this lunchtime. Year 7-13 have their rewards events tomorrow and don't forget that we still have the school Carol Concert on Thursday 18th December at Glossop Parish Church in Old Glossop at 7.00pm.

Thank you to all staff for their time and commitment, as always, throughout the year.

Unfortunately, this is also the time of year when we say some goodbyes. Some of our long-serving members of staff are retiring at the end of the year and I'm sure you will join me in thanking them for their hard work and dedication. Mr. Talbot, Site Assistant, retires after 30 years at Glossopdale. Mr. Josefczyk, Facilities Manager, has been here for 33 years and is also retiring. Mrs. Hibbert, Teaching Assistant, leaves us after working here for 30 years. And Mrs. Gilbert, Assistant Headteacher, is retiring after working at Glossopdale for 20 years. Many of you will have known Mrs. Gilbert, possibly have been taught by her yourselves, as she has been so actively involved in forging strong relationships with the community - local charities such as Hummingbird - and organising our once in a lifetime trip to Kenya last year. She has been inspirational to so many staff and students, leading our Personal Development and mental health provision, making a difference to so many lives; she will be very sadly missed. Mr. Stirling, Deputy Headteacher, also leaves us at Christmas and we thank him for his dedication to and support for the school. We wish him well in his next role.

Happily, we have some new members of staff and new appointments in January too. Mrs. Kelly, who many of you will know as our First Aid Assistant, will return to the classroom as an English teacher. Miss Stead starts as Pastoral and Communications Administrative Assistant.



End of term arrangements:

- School will start as normal at 8.40am and finish early at 12.35pm.
- Students will enjoy seasonal activities, Christmas assemblies and an extended tutor time for festive celebrations.
- Festive Non-Uniform Day - Students and staff are invited to wear non-uniform and festive attire such as Christmas jumpers, Santa hats, tinsel accessories or other holiday-themed items. All clothing must be appropriate for school (no crop tops/hot pants/offensive logos).
- A free school meal will still be provided for eligible students. Allowances can be used at breaktime as usual, and sandwiches and drinks will be available at 12.35pm to ensure everyone receives their meal before leaving.

Start of term arrangements: Tuesday 6th January 2026

As we near the end of term, we'd like to highlight arrangements for the start of next term. Monday 5th January is a planning day for staff and school is closed to students. All students return on Tuesday 6th January and we have a staggered start to allow us to complete a re-induction for all year groups. Start times are as follows:

Year 7: 8.35am

Year 8: 10.50am

Year 9: 10.15am

Year 10: 9.50am

Year 11: 8.35am

Uniform:

Please review this reminder of our uniform policy ready for the students' return. The following are prohibited in school:

- nail varnish, gel nails or acrylic nails
- false eyelashes
- facial piercings: this includes nose piercings (if a student has one already, it must be removed before school, it cannot be covered with a plaster)
- jersey/skater skirts or jersey trousers
- socks with logos

Full details of the policy are [here](#)



Dates for your diary:

Monday 5th January - Planning Day, school closed to students
Tuesday 6th January 2026 - Pupils return to school (staggered start)
Thursday 8th January 2026 - Year 7 Parents' Evening
Friday 22nd January - Y8 Report 1 Home
Thursday 29th January - Y11 Parents' Evening
Wednesday 4th February- Poetry Live Trip
Friday 6th February - British Music Experience Trip
Tuesday 10th February - GCSE Science Live
Friday 13th February - School closes for Half Term at 3.10pm
Friday 13th February- London PA Trip (overnight)
Monday 23rd February- Pupils return to school
Thursday 5th March- Y8 Parents' Evening
Thursday 12th March - Y9 Options Evening

Finally, all that remains to say is have a wonderful and restful Christmas break and we look forward to seeing you all in 2026.

Best wishes,

Ms. Smith