



## Parent & Carer Weekly Newsletter

### Date: Friday 6th September

It has been lovely to welcome all students back to school this week and in particular the new Year 7 students who seem to have settled in very well already. All students looked incredibly smart in their uniform and have engaged in their induction programme enthusiastically. We are really looking forward to the term ahead with them.

#### General Information and Reminders

##### **Welcome to our new Year 7**

We have been delighted with our new Year 7s' first two days as Glossopdale School and Sixth Form Students. They arrived super-smart in their new uniforms - probably after all having their photos taken at home - and have been taking part in their induction programme with lots of hard work and enthusiasm. The first days are when the children learn about our high standards, culture and learning routines, so they feel comfortable and prepared to start their lessons understanding our THRIVE values and expectations. We are very impressed with them and would like to thank all their parents and carers for their support in having the children ready to start school with us so positively!



##### **MyChildAtSchool (MCAS)**

As you are aware, we have moved to a new system to communicate with you, this will now be via the "My Child At School" app (MCAS). This will become a 'one-stop-shop' for everything related to school, enabling you to see your child's timetable homework, THRIVE points and more. You will have received communications about setting up MCAS for yourself, please check your spam/junk folders for this information and the letter is linked again here [MCAS Information Letter](#). If you are having any difficulties, please contact [info@glossopdaleschool.org.uk](mailto:info@glossopdaleschool.org.uk)

There is a similar app for students, called the 'Student Portal'. We will be supporting all students to gain access to this over the coming week. In the meanwhile, teachers will still be setting homework and THRIVE points will be given. These will show on your parent app, and teachers will make sure your child is aware of anything they need to complete at home.



### **Reminder -school uniform**

Thank you for your support in ensuring that all students return to school in the correct uniform. It has been fantastic to see so many students returning to school looking incredibly smart!

Please remember that:

- Students wearing Nike Air Force One trainers must remove the silver metal tag for their laces
- School skirts must be knee length and have at least one pleat
- Skater skirts are not permitted. Students wearing them will be asked to change into spare uniform until the skirt is replaced
- Girls must wear plain black socks. Ankle socks, branded socks and white socks are not permitted
- Piercings must be removed and cannot be covered with a plaster

### **Attendance to school**

As we shared last year, regular attendance is key to your child's academic success. We want to remind all parents and carers of the importance of their child maintaining at least 97% attendance throughout the school year.

A 97% attendance rate means your child misses no more than five days of school in the academic year. Consistent attendance allows your child to keep up with lessons, stay engaged with their peers, and maintain steady progress in all subjects. Missed days, even just a few, can lead to learning gaps that are more challenging to recover from. By attending regularly, your child maximises their chances of success, both academically and pastorally.

### **Changes to attendance coding**

You may be aware of the changes to attendance coding from the Department for Education. The new codes help us more accurately track different types of absences and offer clearer insights into attendance patterns. Please find a separate document [here](#) with these codes.

We know that some absences are unavoidable, but if your child's attendance falls below 97%, we will continue reaching out to provide support, just as we did last year. Thank you for your ongoing support in ensuring your child's regular high attendance.

### **Headteacher recruitment process**

The recruitment process for the new Headteacher has begun and the deadline for applications is Monday 16th September. Interviews will take place September 24th and 25th.

### **Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh award**

We are now enrolling students onto the Bronze DofE Award. If your child is in Year 9 and would like to sign up, please complete the initial deposit of £50 via Parent Pay. The full cost is £150 and includes training support, access to eDoF and two expeditions which will take place in June/July. A student and parent information evening will take place on 19th September, where more details will be shared with parents/carers of our Year 9 students. In the meantime, information from DofE is available [here](#).



## Y7,8,9 immunisations

Please visit the NHS online form at <https://nhslmms.azurewebsites.net/session/023e165e>. If you would like your child to receive the flu vaccine in school this year, please complete the yes consent form. If you would like to decline, please complete the no consent form.

The vaccinations will take place on the **27th September**. The link will close on the **20th September**. If your child has already had the Flu vaccine elsewhere since September 2024, please disregard this message. If you have any problems accessing the link, please telephone 0333 3583 397 option 5.

For more information visit IntraHealth online at [www.intrahealth.co.uk/Derbyshire](http://www.intrahealth.co.uk/Derbyshire)

## New York trip

An exciting trip that has been planned for all year groups is to go to New York! There is still time to register your interest and pay a deposit by 16/09/24. Please read the letter linked below if you are interested for your child.

[New York Trip 2025](#)

### STEM TRIP – NEW YORK 2025/26

Date : Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2025 to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025

There are 40 places available on a 5 days / 4 nights trip to New York

You will stay in the YMCA which is situated in an excellent Upper West Side location opposite Central Park,



- The Cost of the trip is £1695.
- The cost will be spread over monthly installments.
- There are only 40 places available.
- There will be information sent to all parents in the coming days

# New York



There are 8 different places we will visit :

- Visit to the Maths Museum
- Visit to the Science Museum
- Ferry to Liberty and Ellis Island
- Guided walking tour of Manhattan
- Visit to the Edge
- Visit to the 9/11 Memorial
- Visit to High Line Park
- Sports Fixture TBA (Ice Hockey/Basket Ball Game)
- 2 course meal and soft drinks at the Hard Rock Café
- Dinner Buffet and soft drinks at Sbarro Restaurant





## Responsibility - supporting child cancer research

Our Year 11 student, Emma N, is newly-appointed as our Student Leader for Equality and Diversity. As a patient ambassador for children's cancer charity 'Kidscan', Emma will be selling Kidscan pin badges in exchange for a £2 donation from next week. Please support this important charity - nearly every family is affected in some way, at some point by this terrible disease in their lives - and the donations go towards vital research! <https://kidscan.org.uk/>

## Student bulletin

To keep you in the loop of the opportunities and information your child has at Glossopdale, please have a look at the student bulletin linked below. This will be presented to all pupils throughout next week.

[Student Bulletin](#)



### **Year 11 students visit the new Sixth Form**

Year 11 students were invited to the new Sixth Form building this week to get a taste of the facilities on offer as they will start making their post-16 choices soon. They experienced first hand the amazing new building with all the added facilities such as; bespoke classrooms, outside eating and study areas, a large social space and separate food hut exclusively for our sixth form students. They also took part in workshops around future choices and three of our recent Year 13 leavers came back to speak to them about their journey, the benefits of coming back to a smaller, more bespoke Sixth Form and the many positive memories they take with them onto university and apprenticeships. The Sixth Form Open Evening will take place on 27th November and we would like all of our Year 11 students and their parents to attend.

### **Sixth Form**

It was fantastic to welcome our sixth form students back into the brand new Sixth Form building this week. It was a very positive start to the year and students engaged with all we asked of them in a lively and enthusiastic way. We were able to share with them the achievements and destinations of this year's leavers as well as outlining our high expectations of them this year in their subjects. In the afternoon we organised a series of ice-breaking activities, including laser tag, table tennis, table football and board games so that the new Year 12 got to work more closely with each other and our Year 13 students. The staff are very much looking forward to working with our Sixth Form students this year and if the start of the year is anything to go by we are certain it will prove to be a fun filled, challenging and rewarding year ahead!

There is a Sixth Form Parent information evening next Tuesday 10/09/24, a letter has been sent to all parents of Year 12 and 13 parents a copy can be found [here](#) we look forward to seeing you there.

### **"The Place" summer club engagement**

The Place (our community lettings facilities) held some fantastic clubs over the summer, such as NGage , Football for Fun, Laser Tag, Glowkicks. More details of the events can be found [here](#), and you can find out more about The Place on our website or by following them on facebook.

<https://www.glossopdaleschool.org.uk/the-place> @ GSthePlace

### **Dates for your diary**

Tuesday 10th September

Tuesday 17th September

Thursday 19th September

Friday 27th September

Friday 27th September

Year 12 and 13 Parents' Information Evening

School Photos

DofE Recruitment Evening

Flu Vaccinations (Y7,8 &9)

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter.

Best wishes from all at Glossopdale School and Sixth Form