

Friday 13th June 2025- Parent & Carer Newsletter



General Information and Reminders

Headteacher's Message

Today marks the last official day of the year for our Year 11s. We have a very long and very proud history of commemorating our students' 5 year journey in a (usually highly emotional) celebration assembly. These events are a rite of passage for our students and an opportunity for their teachers so say goodbye (or, more accurately, au revoir), coming together to remember the huge number of events, achievements, trips, successes and collaborations. One of the many things I love about the Glossopdale community is our infinite capacity to share and support. We have posters on the walls of our corridors celebrating last year's Year 11 students, both their individual and collective achievements. In a few short months' time, these posters will show pictures of the fine young people who left today. And in September we will welcome a new cohort of fine young people to join our community, our culture and our traditions. And we will support them and share our values with them.

We wish all Year 11s all the luck in the world as they embark on the next step of their journey, although they do not need it. We will miss them.

Have a lovely weekend.

Ms. Smith

Attendance

Thank you to all of our parents and carers for their continued support in ensuring that our students attend school every day, especially on days when they're not feeling 100%. We've made a fantastic start to this term for attendance, and need your continued support to ensure that this continues throughout the rest of this term.

- Well done to Year 7, our best attending year group last week. Can you keep the top spot for another week? It's looking very close!
- 73% of our students had 100% attendance to school last week – Excellent!
- Well done to 7KOL, 8FWS, 8CPO, 9IED, 10JHA and 10JHA, our best attending tutor groups last week!
- Well done to 10SSK, the best attending tutor group in school last week!

Please remember that parents and carers need to complete the [Glossopdale Request for Leave of Absence Form](#) for all absence requests during term-time. This includes requests to take students on holiday. Any supporting evidence for absence requests should be included when sending in the form.



Push for Perfect Punctuality

As part of our continued efforts to maintain excellent standards, we've been continuing to learn about the merits of being punctual, rather than 'on time'. Students that are punctual arrive before the start of the school day, or their lessons, and are always fully equipped and ready to learn straight away. From the week commencing 16th June, we'll be promoting perfect punctuality, and the students that rise to that challenge will:

- Be awarded an additional THRIVE point for every day of perfect punctuality
- Be awarded a further two THRIVE points for a week of perfect punctuality

- Be added to weekly prize raffles if they have perfect punctuality for a week
- Be added to the termly, grand prize raffle if they have perfect punctuality for the rest of term

As always, the support from our parents and carers is essential. Please remind your child every day about the merits (and potential rewards) of being perfectly punctual, every day.

We're aware that the temporary lights are causing continued and significant disruption in the surrounding area, particularly on the way to school in the morning. If your child uses this route, please ensure that they are setting off to school earlier than normal. Students are expected to arrive to school no later than 8:35am, and a late start to the day can impact student focus and engagement.

THRIVE Highlights

- Well done to Year 9, who were awarded the most THRIVE points in school last week!
- 64% of students were awarded *at least* 5 THRIVE points last week – Well done!
- Well done to 7ABO, 8EFE, 9IED, 10CSH, 10SSK, the highest achieving tutor groups last week!
- Well done to 10SSK, the highest achieving tutor group in school last week! That's a double for SSK – Amazing!

Uniform Review

As we prepare for the new academic year, we are reviewing our school uniform and would like to invite interested parents to join a focus group.

If you would like to participate and share your thoughts, please express your interest by emailing us at info@glossopdaleschool.org.uk.

Thank you

Mr P Stirling

Kenya 2026

A few weeks ago, we launched our bi-annual volunteering trip to Kenya. This fantastic opportunity is open to current Glossopdale students in Years 7 to 11 and offers the chance to volunteer in a range of schools, taking part in projects such as building, teaching, sports leadership, and more. This year's trip also includes a safari and the opportunity to experience the incredible wildlife of the Nakuru nature reserve.

If you're interested in your child joining this unforgettable experience, please use the link to book a place – the form can be found [here](#)

The deadline for the £195 deposit to secure a place has been extended. Final numbers will be confirmed on Monday, 16th June, so there's still time to sign up over the weekend if you haven't already.

Holiday Activities and Food Programme – 'It's About Me'

We're excited to share that the *Holiday Activities and Food Programme*, known locally in Derbyshire as **'It's About Me'**, continues to make a big impact in our communities. Funded by the Department for Education, the programme offers free holiday club places for eligible children aged 4–16, right in their local areas.

Over the past three years, *It's About Me* has supported more than 800 holiday clubs, provided nearly 200,000 nutritious meals, and created fun, active experiences for children and young people across Derbyshire.

Beyond supporting families, the programme has boosted our local economy too, investing over £5.8 million into local clubs and helping to train and upskill more than 500 staff, coaches, and volunteers.

We're proud of the difference this programme is making for children, families, and the wider Derbyshire community!

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HOLIDAY CLUBS IN DERBYSHIRE

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Derbyshire's Holiday Activity and Food Programme

2025/26

MORE INFORMATION

Did you know that as well as free school meals during term time, your child can also benefit from Department for Education-funded spaces at holiday clubs in your local area?

Thanks to the Holiday Activity and Food Programme, known in Derbyshire as 'It's About Me', your child can experience holiday clubs filled with fun, learning and healthy meals at no cost to you!

If your child is aged between 4-16 years old* and is eligible to receive benefits-related free school meals, they're entitled to access It's About Me holiday clubs.

With a wide range of activities such as sports, arts and crafts, cooking, dance, music and more, there's something for everyone! Plus, every session includes a nutritious meal to keep them energised and happy throughout the day.

Each club offers a unique programme depending on its location and type—there's so much to explore!

Not eligible? Many clubs also offer paid places, so every child has the chance to join the fun.

IMPORTANT DATES

SPRING

Bookings open: 17th March 2025

Holiday clubs open: 7th April 2025 - 17th April 2025

SUMMER

Bookings open: 30th June 2025

Holiday clubs open: 28th July 2025 - 3rd September 2025

WINTER

Bookings open: 1st December 2025

Holiday clubs open: 22nd December 2025 - 2nd January 2026

All dates exclude bank holidays and weekends.

HOW TO BOOK

- 1 Get your unique IAM/ HAF code from your child's school
- 2 Go to our website itsaboutmederbyshire.co.uk
- 3 Follow our handy [How to Book Guide](#)
- 4 Sign-up to receive It's About Me updates



*See website for full eligibility criteria.



MORE INFORMATION:

itsaboutmederbyshire.co.uk



The Queen's College Translation Exchange Competition



The Queen's College Translation
Exchange
for participation in

*The Anthea Bell Prize
for Young Translators*

Charlotte Ryland

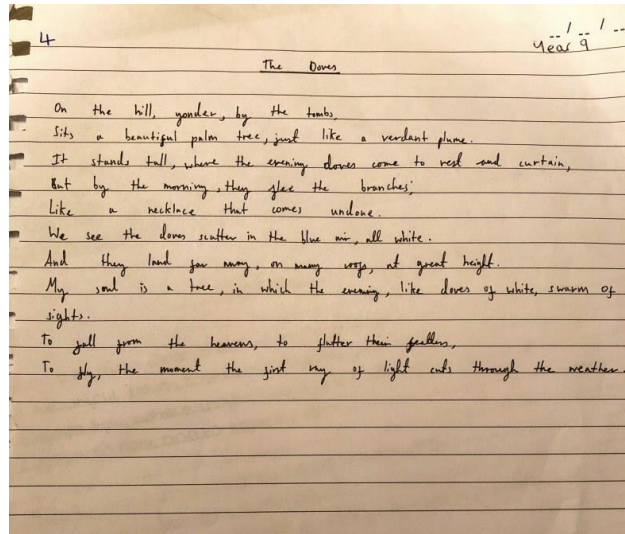
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The Queen's College Translation Exchange

Some of our Y9 students recently took part in the Queen's College Translation Exchange, an exciting competition run by the University of Oxford. The challenge was to creatively translate a French poem into English without the help of online translators!

This was a unique and demanding task, pushing students to think deeply about language, meaning, and creativity. It was a fantastic opportunity for them to experience French in a completely different way than they do in regular lessons. Well done to everyone who took part!

Well done to Willow W-B who received a commendation for this competition, Willow's piece can be found in the picture attached.



Student Leadership Applications Now Open!

We are excited to announce the launch of our **Student Leadership Program** for the upcoming academic year. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to develop their leadership skills, make a positive impact in our school community.

Student leaders will:


- Take part in school-wide initiatives and events
- Represent the student voice in key decisions
- Build valuable skills in communication, teamwork, and problem-solving.

Please see the attached picture for how the students can apply.

How to Apply: The Process

Years 7-9

- Submit an application for your chosen role
- Attend a friendly interview with staff
- Share your ideas for our school



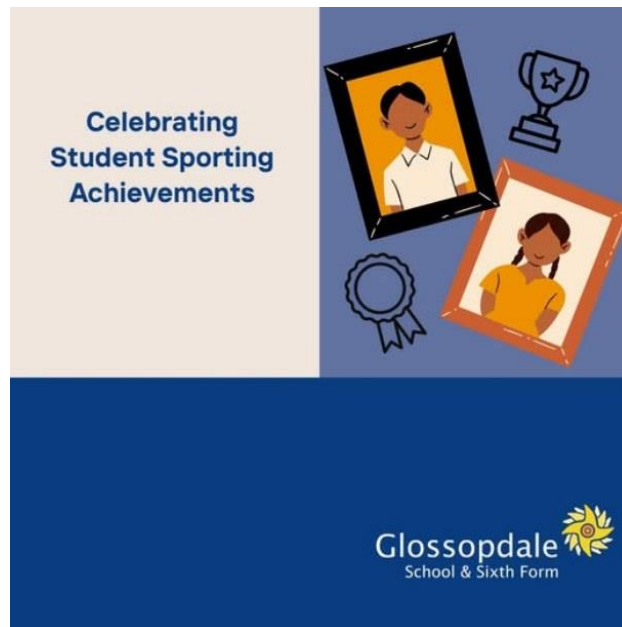
To aspire, endeavour and thrive together.

Celebrating our Student Athletes

We would like to celebrate our student athletes by showcasing their photos and representative achievements on public display in the PE area for viewing by pupils, staff and visitors. If your child has competed at a representative level (such as Academy, district or county), and would

like your child's picture to be displayed in school, we kindly ask that you please complete the consent form

<https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSeyk9ywYS0.../viewform...>. Once this is complete, please send a picture of your athlete in their representative attire to etroisi@glossopdaleschool.org.uk by Friday 20th June 2025.



#MissingTheMark- YoungMinds Campaign

Please see the attached poster form YoungMinds and the link is [here](#).



Duke of Edinburgh's Award – Practice Expedition Update

We are finalising arrangements for the upcoming Practice Expedition taking place on Friday 20th, Saturday 21st, and for Silver participants, Sunday 22nd June.

To ensure everyone is fully prepared, all participating students must attend a planning session on Monday 16th June from 3:15pm to 4:00pm. During this session, students will complete their route planning and menu preparation for the expedition.

Please check your MCAS inbox for further details, which were sent out earlier this week.

Bronze Award Achievement – Congratulations!

A huge congratulations to the following students who have successfully completed all three sections of their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award: Physical, Skill, and Volunteering. This is a fantastic achievement and a testament to their commitment and perseverance.

Well done to:

- Olivia B
- Autumn B
- Ellie B
- Mia F
- Louis G
- Reuben H
- Ashleigh S
- Hope M
- Lily M
- Jude S

We're incredibly proud of your hard work and dedication!

Key Stage 3

Y8 Parents' Evening

It was fantastic to see so many parents and carers on Thursday 12th June for the Y8 Parents' Evening. Parents and students were able to discuss their progress with their class teachers. If you attended, we hope that you found it a valuable experience and that it has provided you with further information to support your child as they make the transition from Y8 into Y9.



Key Stage 4

Year 10 Exams

Our Year 10 students will sit the rest of their GCSE trial exams next week. If you are the parent or carer of a Y10 student, please check the MCAS app to view which exam your child is sitting and when it is timetabled to take place. Students can also see their timetable in the student portal.

Your child should arrive at each exam with black pens, pencil, ruler and calculator that they are familiar with using. If your child misses an exam due to absence, there will be an opportunity to complete some of the assessments during lessons in the following weeks. Teachers will coordinate this. Advice on how to revise is on our [website](#).

Celebrating Year 11 Success – A Memorable Milestone!

Today marks a special moment for our Year 11 students as they officially completed their time in timetabled lessons. We are incredibly proud of how well they have performed in their GCSE exams so far. Their hard work, tenacity and responsibility have truly shone through, and we couldn't be more impressed with their efforts.

To celebrate this milestone, students enjoyed a well-deserved break from revision —spending time with friends, signing shirts, and attending their final Year 11 assembly. It was a joyful and emotional occasion, filled with laughter, memories, and a strong sense of community.

While today marks the end of their regular timetable, the exam journey continues. A reminder that the next exam is GCSE Physics on Monday 16th at 9am. All students must be in school by 8:40am line up, dressed in full school uniform and equipped with everything they need for the exam.

Let's keep the momentum going and finish strong!

Well done, Year 11—we are so proud of you! (More pictures to follow via the Year 11 Yearbook)



Year 11 Yearbook

We're excited to announce that the Year 11 Yearbook is now available to order. Packed with memories, photos, messages, and highlights from the past five years, this special keepsake is the perfect way to celebrate the journey of our amazing Year 11 students.

The yearbook is available for just £5 and can be purchased via ParentPay. Collection will be on results day in August.

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Our free Universally Manchester Festival returns with fun activities for all!

Join us on **Saturday 14 June, 11am - 4:30pm** for a jam-packed day of inspiring Bee Curious talks, hands-on science activities, creative sessions, performances, tours, and the chance to meet with our staff, students and community partners!

From poetry to physics, music to medicine and computing to creative writing, there's loads to discover and do – with activities on offer for all ages.

Together we'll explore what makes for a greener, healthier and fairer world for everyone.

Our Universally Manchester Festival is free and open to everyone. Discover more of our family friendly activities at: universallymanchester.com

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Glossopdale School & Sixth Form

Art Exhibition

Join us on Wednesday
2nd July, from
4:30–6:00pm in the Sixth
Form Building for a
special preview of our
annual Art Exhibition.

Featuring work by our
talented Year 11 and 13
students, this is a
wonderful opportunity to
celebrate their creativity
and dedication.

All students and families
are warmly welcome.



Please find a list of all the key dates next term up until the end of this academic year.

School Calendar

- Friday 20th June - Planning Day: School Closed to Students
- Monday 23rd June - Y12 Manchester Geography Trip

- Thursday 24th June - Y9 THRIVE Day
- Wednesday 25th June - Y6 Transition Evening for Parents
- Thursday 26th June - Y12 Biology Field Trip
- Friday 27th June - Y13 Leavers Meal
- Friday 27th June - Silver DofE Training Expedition
- Wednesday 2nd July - Annual Art Exhibition - 4:30pm-6:00pm.
- Wednesday 2nd July - Sports Day (Y7-10)
- Thursday 3rd July - Summer Performing Arts Concert
- Friday 4th July - Y6 Transition Day/Y11 Prom
- Monday 7th July - Bronze and Silver DofE Expedition
- Tuesday 8th July - Bronze and Silver DofE Expedition
- Tuesday 8th July - Y8 Celebration Evening
- Tuesday 15th July - Y9 Celebration Evening
- Wednesday 16th July - Y10 Celebration Evening
- Monday 21st July - Sixth Form End of Year Rewards Trip
- Tuesday 22nd July - Y7 Celebration Evening
- Thursday 24th July - School closes for Summer

Please see the term dates for 2025/26 [here](#)

Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter.

Best wishes from all at Glossopdale School and Sixth Form