

Newsletter 21.10.21

Thank you to all parents, carers and students for your support this term. It has been a great term overall and wonderful to have students back into learning routines once again. I know there have been interruptions to the learning for the students that have tested positive but we have not had to send bubbles of students home to isolate like we did last year so this is progress! Thank you for your support with the extra control measures we brought in two weeks ago. The students have all complied brilliantly and we intend to go back to 'normal' after the half term break which will mean face coverings will no longer be mandatory and students can once again attend assemblies in the theatre. We will be holding the first two parents' evenings remotely but will review this towards the end of next term for future events.

Here is a round up of this week's important notices.

Celebration Bulletin

Please click on the link below to view our termly bulletin which celebrates the events and achievements of the last term. Thank you to all staff and students for working so hard and contributing so much to our school community, we're so proud of the teamwork and dedication that has been required.

https://www.glossopdale.derbyshire.sch.uk/docs/Celebratory_Parent_Bulletin_211021_Whole_school_pptx.pdf

Flu Vaccinations

These will take place in school on 15th and 16th November. All students in Y7-11 are eligible to have the vaccine. Attached is a letter that details how to give consent, and contact details for Derbyshire Community Health Services if you have any queries.

Covid

Students should continue to test twice weekly using home testing LFD kits; kits were sent home with students yesterday (Thursday 21st October).

If your child tests positive, please email:

covidpositivetest@glossopdale.school

This is preferable to ringing the absence line or emailing info@ as the relevant staff can pick up this message quickly, easily and at any time. Work for students is uploaded to Google Classroom on a weekly basis so, if your child is well enough to complete work, it can all be completed online. If you have any questions about the work, please refer to the class teacher or the Year Leader.

If your child tests positive with an LFD test, please let us know and book a PCR test. Can you also please email the address above with the result of the PCR test.

If your child is isolating and entitled to free school meals, we can provide either packed lunches or a food hamper. Please email info@glossopdale.school to request this.

Financial support

Please click on the link to the Derbyshire website detailing forms of support available for families experiencing hardship throughout the Autumn:

<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/community/lottery-funding/covid-19-winter-grants/covid-19-grants.aspx>

Parents' Information Evenings

We held three separate parents' information evenings this term, one for each Key Stage, to communicate details of our curriculum, expectations, rewards and how parents can support their children with their learning at home. These were all virtual events. If you were unable to attend but would like to review the information, all the presentations can be found on our website here:

<https://www.glossopdale.derbyshire.sch.uk/-Parents/Parent-Information-Evenings/>

Dates for your diary

Sixth Form Open Evening (planned to be in school): 24th November from 5.30pm. Letters with the personal timetable of subject talks that students have signed up for in school will be sent out after half term.

UCAS internal deadline for Yr 13 university applications: 22nd October

Parents' Evenings

Post-16 Parents' Evening and Yr 13 Progress Reports: 4th November (virtual - letters sent this week)

Year 8 Parents' Evening: 11th November (virtual - letters sent this week)

Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter. We hope that you all have a safe and restful half term.

Best wishes,

All at Glossopdale School and Sixth Form