



# Parent & Carer Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers, **January 2023**  
Happy New Year!

Maybe a little belated, but given this is a capture of the month of January at our wonderful school, the sentiment remains the same. On behalf of the staff, governors and school community we wish you a very healthy and happy 2023.



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To say it's been a busy month is an understatement. As ever our students have been involved in so many exceptional experiences at Audenshaw school. Although this won't capture every single one I do hope it provides a flavour of the educational experience students have at our school, and present opportunities to ask them about it all.

Our enrichment this term has continued to showcase cultural capital at its finest, from orchestra experiences, parliament visits, The Imperial War Museum and sporting fixtures. Then in-house, the launch of our new Drama Club (alongside many other extra-curricular activities), and a robotics e-fit event; it really is just a snippet of what we know our students have the opportunity to take part in, each day/week at Audenshaw School.



## Audenshaw School – We care about our environment. Energy Efficiency Poster Competition

We are an eco-friendly school, in many ways linking with our school values of **Respect, Responsibility and Resilience** in all that we do. The physical space our students thrive in is a historical 90 yr. old building and site. The character our building has is very much a beacon of pride for our area built on years of success, we do though remain as committed as ever to be a clean, tidy and environmentally friendly school. We would really appreciate your support here in re-affirming the importance of **keeping both the surrounding areas of our school site, and, the site itself tidy especially at break and lunch. We are very proud of our school site and expect the highest of standards.** We have approximately 1100 students on site and all must take responsibility for using the bins (which are plentiful on site) which is the case for so many students. We recently added further bins to site for student use. We are also working with the student council in this key area to raise awareness around our core value of responsibility. In terms of the aim to become more energy efficient, please see the fantastic winning entry for our saving energy poster campaign below. This is a stunning example and it was a pleasure to award a principal's postcard for this to E Avci in Yr 9. This poster will be displayed across school as we all do our bit to save energy and costs!

**How To Be More Energy Efficient**

Recycling saves energy by costing less to produce new plastic.

Turn lights OFF. It costs nothing, helps save the environment and money.

SAVE MONEY - SAVE ENERGY - SAVE THE PLANET

**50%**

Keep warmth in. Close doors and turn down radiators.

Renewable energy from on-shore wind-farms is less than 50% of the energy from gas and coal.

Saving water can reduce CO<sup>2</sup> by using less energy to pump water.



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## Friday 27th Jan

Register, mark and protect your bike!



Bring your bike to school to sign up for free.

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January the Tameside Police came into school to mark bicycles for students. This is part of a safety campaign to ensure all bikes are marked to protect against theft and help with identification. We will continue to all we can to support students, in this case having their prized possessions protected.

This month we have had our Yr 9 language leaders working with Aldwyn Primary school, such talent and a fantastic experience by all accounts. The more partnership work we can do with local primary schools the better. Here is the feedback from Aldwyns Primary, and below, one of many images that were shared of the visit;

“The language leaders that came with you were a credit to Audenshaw and conducted themselves very well when speaking to the whole group and in supporting the smaller groups. I hope that we are able to carry out more sessions with you in the future.”

We continue to be very proud of the bespoke support we provide students through the personal development curriculum at our school. We also have more targeted bespoke support for those students who require such expertise. The wellbeing of students and staff is a key priority and to put it simply, health matters. I recently had the privilege to be invited to talk about the subject of wellbeing and mental health as part of a national Secondary Education podcast, alongside some extremely impressive and well qualified guests. Feel free to click the link below to access the full podcast, we also are proud of reflecting on a national platform just how impressive our provision is. <https://bit.ly/3k1b6Y9>



### Attendance Matters!

**National Attendance awards from FFT (Fisher Family Trust) top 10% of similar schools, nationally!**

It was a pleasure this term to receive the recognition from FFT (Fisher Family Trust), of the excellent attendance we recorded for the autumn term – September to December. This is a collective effort, every conversation to praise the excellent attendance from home and in school, rewards given, and just genuine interest from all staff and parents/carers is key to achieving such figures. We also know we have a moral duty to want this to be even better especially after the last few years, we will continue to strive for the **highest attendance possible**.



I will end this newsletter with the excellent feedback we received at the Year 11 progress evening earlier this month. **Just under 100%** of all parents and carers that attended felt that the evening was well organised, extremely useful and a quality experience from which they feel clear on how to support their son, moving forward. We will be relentless in our approach to ensure that all achieve their full potential at such a pivotal stage in their lives, as with any student.

We firstly thank all parents/carers who attended the important event, the attendance was outstanding which comes as no surprise. Also, the feedback we received in terms of the quality information from our teachers who hold such expertise, passion and knowledge for their relevant subject areas. The journey towards the summer has very much begun, we will be sharing a summary of that following this newsletter to inform parents and carers of Yr11 the expectations of what will be in place – **with your support we know it promises to be another outstanding summer for the class of 2023.**

