



Parent & Carer Newsletter

February 2023



Dear Parents and Carers, and our wider community, I do hope this finds you well. In what is a shorter school month we have enjoyed a simply stunning few weeks. Let's begin with some 'sporting highlights' on the rugby pitch!

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Firstly, the year 11 team played their final ever game for Audenshaw. They were victorious against Kirkham Grammar School, winning with a score of 24-10 in an excellent contest. The team have conducted themselves sublimely this year and we are all immensely proud, especially our very own Mr Sutherland who along with Mr Wilkinson in the image above is as proud as punch! It's also worth mentioning

that some of the boys have applied for rugby scholarships at Kirkham who as a school (mostly based on post 16) are ranked 5th nationally for rugby. Some boys are also looking at rugby scholarships to Rishworth School who last year were Yorkshire Cup champions at first team level! Life-changing opportunities that we are all very proud of. We wish the Y11 team, and all other students across this year group the very best of luck in their route now to their exams! We are sure with hard work, determination and that relentless drive, they can achieve some outstanding results this summer.

It would be remiss of me not to mention the Y9 team who have reached the Lancashire plate final. They won by an impressive 54-0 and are showing some real talent in their side, coached by Mr Fox.



On Monday 6th February, children's author Stuart Rowson came in to school see our Year 7 students. The day kicked off with a year group assembly where Mr Rowson discussed his career path towards becoming a writer. Then, Mr Rowson delivered two creative writing workshops to a select group of students, before heading to the library for an exclusive book signing of his debut novel: *Izzy and the Tumble Thunder*. What a fantastic day! Copies of the book can be purchased using the link below.

[Izzy and the Tumble Thunder](#)

Mr Rowson added he hadn't been to a school with such a clear tradition, high standards and unrelenting passion from students, he was genuinely in awe of our Audenshaw students and provided some outstanding feedback. I am sure we will see Mr Rowson again in the not too distant future as he volunteers more of his time.



On the theme of sport – we take immense pride in our academic and sporting achievements. In what is our 90th year as a school we enjoy any opportunity we have to showcase talent and celebrate student successes, even when they have left our school to move onto the next steps of their lives – once an Audenshaw student, always an Audenshaw student! This leads me onto the recent gift to school from the under 18 team captain of Manchester United namely, Rhys Bennet! Rhys is a regular visitor to school and



gives up his time to see our current students in action, often providing inspired team talks to the next generation. Rhys recently enjoyed his full senior team debut for Manchester United and has donated his united shirt to our school which we will display with great pride.

Tea or Coffee with our SENDco anyone?

Miss Kenny is running an event on Monday 20th March 3 – 4.15pm, where parents/carers can drop into school to meet and greet, grab a brew and discuss all things Special Educational Needs. This will be a superb opportunity to learn more about our SEND offer, meet staff who support our SEND learners and also communicate with other families.

Community Litterpick

Date: Saturday 18th February 2023

Time: 11.00am

Meeting point: In the middle of Hawthorn and Hazel Street - Alleyway
Litterpick, Gloves and Bags provided by Team Audenshaw

If you would like to join local whatsapp group, please ask someone at the litterpick on Saturday how to be included!



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It's been another busy month for visitors which I am sure doesn't surprise you, this however makes us, as a school very proud indeed. I cannot stress the importance of such enrichment. We are lucky to have so many amazing staff members who truly invest in your sons, plan trips/experiences and just want to squeeze every ounce out of each student's five year journey at our school.

Continuing with the theme outside of the classroom we have welcomed in Mad Science this month, what a fantastic experience our year 7 Cohort had, fully engaged, developing their understanding of key scientific knowledge and practical skills and simply having lots of fun and learning as you can see from the picture to the left.

Wellbeing and Mental Health Matters –

We had an excellent assembly from the company called Kooth this month with year 10. We know how students feel safe and secure in the knowledge they are only ever one short step or hand up away from a caring adult whilst at school, however, in addition to this the Kooth session provided even more areas of support available and showcased the full offer from Kooth and importance of mental health as a whole.

Our students have also enjoyed visits from Oldham College with a focus on careers and aspiration, the Maths UKMT challenge, MUFC Careers fair for Y10 and Mrs Schofield met with school council for both key stage 3 and 4, I had the pleasure of seeing the meeting in action and again was blown away by how astute and caring our students are about all things 'life at Audenshaw' their voice is integral to all that we do.



Nike? Hugo Boss?? No! All you need is the best brand in the world – Audenshaw branded clothing!

Check out our Audenshaw Shop on the link below. We have lots of great sports wear and accessories for sale which can be customised to read Audenshaw School Rugby, Audenshaw School Football, Audenshaw School Sport or simply Audenshaw School.



And finally, what a lovely bit of news we had this month, We have had confirmation from our local foodbank of the generous donations that were given in December. Audenshaw School's donation was the largest they received last year - it was a massive **758.45kg!** Thank you to all our amazing staff, students, parents and carers. For all those who donated, put together the hampers and drove the collection - it was a phenomenal effort.

Best wishes from all at Tameside East Foodbank

All that is left for me to say is thank you! We are privileged to work with such amazing students and we are immensely proud of each and every one of them. It's been an excellent start to the calendar year and I wish you a lovely half term holiday, students return to school on Monday the 27th February at the normal time.

Kind Regards,

Mr P Taylor

Principal

