

Carpe Diem

Parent & Carer Newsletter

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A very warm welcome to all of our parents/carers and families that are reading this update, In what is our March Newsletter. It has been somewhat of a busy half term at our wonderful school. As the nights get lighter, spring is in the air and there is a real sense of optimism going into the Easter break. I love this time of year and considering the national challenges faced by so many households at present, we owe it to our students to be full of excitement, optimism and drive as they embark on what will be their final term of the school year. I wanted to begin this newsletter with a heartfelt thank you to each and every parent/carers for the unwavering support this past term. We are extremely proud of the strong trust, faith and partnership that our families show in what we do to support all 1109 students at our school.



Just when we thought we would never be able to top last year's effort staff and students have gone and done it again! Making World Book Day a roaring success, well done to everyone who got involved. I was so very proud! You don't realise sometimes just how special moments like this are for our young people, credit

to all involved. In the art of promoting a democracy I may put to a student vote next year what they would like the principal to attend as, sensible answers only but maybe fun. I am sure I will be reminded of this proposal next academic year!

This month we welcomed an external Ofsted inspection, this was a full two day graded inspection and we are very proud of the students, staff and parents/carers especially during the two day period as we showcased our offer and school. Do feel free to access the results in the link below to just one element of the inspection, parent link, where we gathered over 200 responses, one of the highest I have certainly seen in terms of those families who completed this, thank you.!

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/parent-view-results/survey/result/23384/13>

The full published report should be arriving soon and I will be sure to send this to current and perspective parents as validation of what we know takes place, day in, day out at our school.

International Women's Day was promoted during this month, the key theme of equity being shared and discussed as part of an assembly offer. Part of this was also showcasing some of the many influential women from past and present that have achieved, succeeded and inspired so many, our vision statement to create conditions for exceptional young men to thrive, is in part providing opportunities for those values of equality and equity to shine through, events such as International Women's Day are just one of many opportunities to do just that.



What a month! Our Year 11 cohort completed their mock examinations and then only this week, received their mock results and attended their additional progress evening to discuss their progress with parents and carers. This is a significant period now for our year 11 students, the revision planning, attendance to period 6 for those targeted, independent revision, and, using the forthcoming weeks to be as best prepared as they can be – we wish them well and just know how hard they have and continue to work, being supported at the same time in school by a committed and highly skilled subject teacher.



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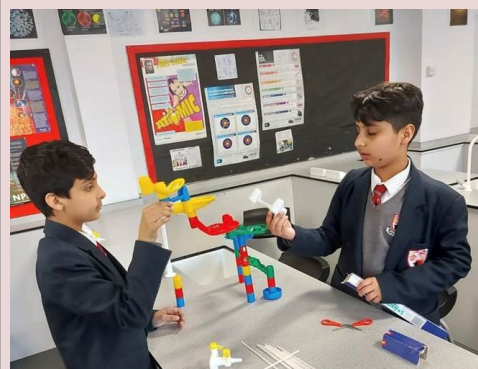
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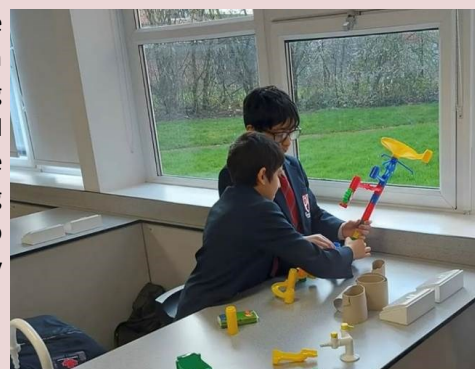


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British Science week took place midway through this half term with the boys throughout school taking part in all sorts of fun and informative Science activities. Here you can see Year 7 who are figuring out some physical connections to make the longest marble run they can.



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Je suis honoré d'être le nouveau directeur de l'école Audenshaw. Nous sommes très fiers de nos élèves exceptionnels, nous collaborons, nous nous défions et nous nous soutenons pour nous assurer que le meilleur dans tous les domaines de la vie scolaire est fourni chaque jour d'école. Je suis fier de travailler aux côtés de nos apprenants talentueux et diversifiés, de notre personnel, de nos familles et de nos partenaires communautaires.

Notre site Web donne beaucoup d'informations très utiles sur notre école, mais nous vous encourageons à organiser une visite pendant la journée scolaire pour avoir une véritable idée de notre communauté scolaire exceptionnelle.

Monsieur P Taylor

In other updates, we have recently added a translator tool to our website, this now means pretty much most languages are able to be clicked to change the written word of our site to 100s of worldwide languages. Here is a screenshot of where to click in order to change the language setting for our families.

Other key moments of this month range from the Whitecroft Lighting Careers trip, Rugby success notably Year 9 winning the Lancashire plate, the stockmarket Challenge, Key Stage 3 Reward Trips and so many more events. As ever our students were an absolute credit to you and themselves.



Goodbye and good luck to some of our Year 10 footballers who are travelling to Milan over the Easter break. They will be training in the San Siro Stadium, playing matches with other school teams and watching local teams play. They will also getting a taste of life in Italy and soaking up the Italian culture!

Finally, this week, a number of colleagues have observed the fast as part of Ramadan, discussing with students their experiences and having a shared understanding of the self-discipline required, commitment and wider values as part of the 30 day fast. It was lovely to receive food from families for myself and others to help us celebrate breaking our fast, so very kind.

We are soon to arrive at Easter, Easter Sunday being the pinnacle day of the long bank holiday weekend.

Many of our families will be celebrating and spending quality time with family members I am sure, enjoy the treats including chocolate that many of our students will no doubt participate in! They have been superb this term and are a real credit to you.

We will see all our students back safe and sound on the morning of the 18th April, a polite reminder that the 17th April is a school INSET day and students are not to attend school until the Tuesday.

P Taylor

Principal

