



Parent & Carer Newsletter



December 2023



A very warm welcome to our Audenshaw Parents and Carers. I do hope this finds you well and you are ready to enjoy the festive period that is now upon us. Although a shortened month in terms of weeks in school for our students, there is still 'much to report' given the superb offer our students receive, daily.

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We started our month with a school INSET day on the 1st of December 2023 when our fantastic colleagues came together to collaborate and work in partnership to share best practice. We carried out significant professional development to enable us to continue to provide the very best educational experience possible for our students.

The day itself also featured a guest appearance from our very own Mancunian Olympian, Diane Modahl, who shared her own story of achievement and made clear the influence colleagues can and do, have on the lives of the students in their care.



In previous newsletters I have mentioned the importance of attendance, this term our whole school attendance figures are in line with the strongest percentile nationally, at approximately 95% (broadly speaking significantly above national figures).

This is an achievement in itself but has been realised due to two clear reasons; students enjoy coming to Audenshaw school and thrive; our amazing families value each and everyday and work with us to send their children into school on a regular basis. All that is left to say here is **thank you**, now let's begin to look to above 95%!

This term we had our annual Christmas card competition. A big well done to M Zuman in Year 10 and B Duke in Year 8 on winning this year's Audenshaw School Christmas card competition. We couldn't choose between them as they are both so good! Well done boys.



Languagenut UK competition

1412 UK schools

AUDENSHAW SCHOOL RANK 17

209,595 students

MERHOZ H. SU RANK 3

Languagenut

Languages Department

Languagenet UK Competition

In other matters, an amazing achievement this month for our linguists when Audenshaw School came 17th out of 1412 UK Schools in a language competition! Fantastic effort from all Year groups and especially M.Hussain who came 3rd in the whole country. We are very proud.



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It is 'Panto' season of course and there genuinely was no better way to begin our week than to watch Y7 deliver an exceptional pantomime - Aladdin. The students have been working hard on the production with Miss Fitzgerald their Tutor for weeks and it went down a storm with the audience who were just as impressive in terms of their conduct seeing a live peer to peer performance. Well done to our budding superstars and who knows, Hollywood or a Netflix series may follow in the future – dream big!



This month students and families have been so very generous and donated food as part of festive hampers which will be dropped off to East Tameside Food bank this Friday. The response has been phenomenal! We really do thank you all for the generosity you have shown here – together we are stronger.



Our Y11 students have conducted themselves extremely well this month. They have attended additional revision period 6 sessions on a regular basis, taken part in mock examinations and, most importantly, are doing all they can to progress as they prepare for the most significant period in January 2024 of their 10 years in education. I know I speak on behalf of Mrs J Butcher, Miss R Hall, and the whole Y11 teaching team when I say thank you for working in partnership here in what is a very important year indeed for each and every student.

Finally, I wish all of our families celebrating the Christmas period the very best. I also extend warm wishes to all of our families school wide in whatever it is you are planning to do this next few weeks. Be kind to yourselves.

Yours Sincerely
Mr P Taylor
Proud Principal

