

Parent & Carer Newsletter

November 2023



November has been such an outstanding month at Audenshaw School. As I say myself to both staff and students, this is the month we all show our value of 'resilience' in droves. The dark mornings, dark evenings, the cold temperature drop, it's the month where we really do get that sense of the 'collective spirit' we know permeates through our school.

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We actually started the month with an excellent offer from an external company called Smashed, who raise the awareness of the dangers around alcohol (especially amongst younger people) and the pressures to consider around peer to peer gatherings outside of school. The young people who are part of this company were fantastic, through a staged theatre production and a workshop question and answer session, they were able to really identify the dangers that young people today may face, and, decisions they must make for themselves to be responsible young people. The engagement from our lower school was excellent. This is just one example of our comprehensive personal development curriculum offer ensuring the external challenges or issues that could be relevant to our student's lives are addressed. Secondly, we welcomed into school for Y7,8 and 9, the 'No more Knives Tour' which like the event mentioned above, was a great way to bring to the fore a key issue for our young people around the danger that exists around knives in society, especially for young people.



At the end of October we had the absolute pleasure of observing the 'Spooky Halloween Story' event up in our new library. There were so many outstanding examples of fantastic (and very scary) stories from many of our amazing Year 7, 8 and 9 students. The winners and runners

up as voted for my Miss A Fitzgerald, are pictured above, they did themselves proud! It was one of the many highlights of my term for sure!

As December arrives 'tis the season to be jolly' and our English Department took advantage not only of the Christmas Spirit but of the fact that our Y10 English groups had the opportunity to see a live theatre production of 'A Christmas Carol' in the main hall. This is a key GCSE Literature Text that all boys study, you can see an image here of the production in action. It not only provided them with an experience of seeing theatre in action but also will help with their knowledge retention of the text by seeing it in action, a key reference point for them in exams.



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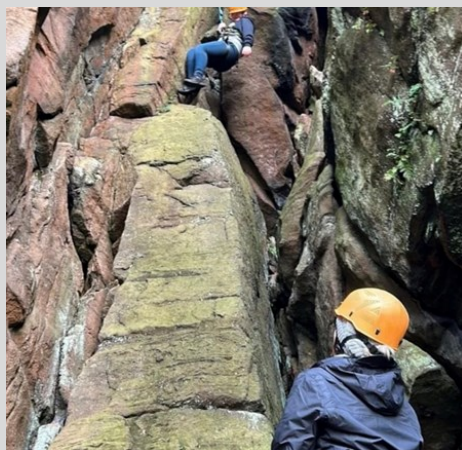
This Month we welcomed a range of colleges and training providers into school to talk to Year 11 students about their options post 16. We also had an assembly on the value of apprenticeships for Year 11 students alongside visits from so many post-16 providers. The moment now is very 'real' for our Year 11s, that the end of their 5 year journey is approaching, the offer of the careers fair in the

Hall was such a fantastic event and the students engaged really well with the many stalls full of information to support them in making the right choice for them! The feedback also from the providers was extremely positive, it doesn't surprise us but it's always great to here. Here is the event in action.



Miss Sheridan and the wider staff body promoted 'World Kindness Day' this month, we know our whole offer is underpinned by this very simple but sometimes overlooked act in society, to be kind. Acts of kindness are very much part of what we do at Audenshaw and it was lovely to have a whole day which allowed for rewards and achievement points for such acts! The students as ever made this happen and did themselves proud. Congratulations to all of our amazing students who showed such kindness and compassion on the 13th November, earning a wonderful 214 kindness achievement points! Special mention to 7D who earned the most Kindness Achievement points across the school.

This month (like any other month), has seen a number of trips/experiences take place for our students. There has been a Year 10 Trip to Whitehall with the focus of the trip to develop confidence, teamwork, and resilience skills and by goodness did they achieve this! Well done boys – great experience for all. You can see our 3 key school values of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience displayed here in this image of two of our Y10s. In other 'trip news' our Y11s have also visited Dovestones as part of their Y11 Photography examination prep and took some outstanding images.



Finally, to end with somewhat of a plea. As we approach the end of term it's also that key time of year when we consider those that will require a little more support around the festive period. I was so very proud last year to see our food bank hampers and couldn't thank you all enough for the generosity in what is a cost of living crisis for all. We open up a plea now for contributions to be sent in with our young people by the 12th of December please, whatever you can contribute however big or small.

Food items needed

- Porridge Pots
- Cereal and cereal bars
- Chocolate bars
- Individual bottles of Water and Cartons of Juice
- Long life milk
- Long life fruit and juice
- Pot Noodles, Pasta Pots, Cuppa Soups, Mug Shots
- Tinned meals; Meatballs, Chilli con carne, Ravioli, Sausage and beans, Irish stew
- Tinned meat; Hotdogs, Stewing steak, Corned beef
- Tinned fruit and vegetables
- Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate and Coffee Sachets
- Biscuits, Chocolate, Crisps
- Reusable shopping bags
- Dried pasta
- Beans
- Sugar
- Tinned spaghetti
- Tinned rice pudding
- Tinned custard

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