

# AUDENSHAW SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year from myself, the governors, and the whole staff body at Audenshaw School. I do hope this correspondence finds you well and in good health after what I hope was a relaxing break.

Last term I hope you managed to access the Principal's Update. This was delivered by members of my Senior Leadership Team during half term two. The update aims to share just a few of many highlights from each week. I will deliver this week's Principal's update which you can access both via the link sent on Operoo and through our school website.

Students have started the new term extremely well! I know I speak on behalf of all colleagues when I say just how brilliant it was to hear first-hand of the joyful festive break experienced by so many of our students. We are very much 'back to it' now and look forward to having an excellent term ahead as we continue to work in partnership to build 'exceptional young men' who quite simply, thrive in all areas.

## Attendance Matters

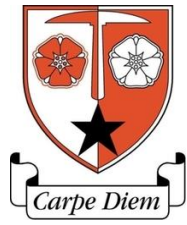
I am sure many of our families will have seen the recent media attention nationally regarding attendance. I have said many times that we aim for **every student to achieve 100% attendance** as we promote excellent habits for life. As part of this we appreciate every single conversation and action carried out by our parents/carers with students to promote the importance of attending school. We continue to **work together in partnership** to help each student to adopt the very best level of attendance. The attendance ladder below provides a really useful tool to help support and scaffold conversations with your son, both to celebrate excellence (green), and discuss any issues arising (orange/red). We currently have the highest whole school attendance recorded since 2018/2019, and remain well above national figures, it's a huge thank you from us all at Audenshaw school to all of our parents/carers for the continued support here – so far so good but we believe this can be even better. Our current in year school figure stands at **94.3%** which is significantly above the **91.4%** national average figure we attain through a database used by schools, this can only be achieved through excellent school/home agreements and continued collective messages of the importance of attending school. **We thank you for the key part you play in this.** Our figures place us well within the top 10% of schools' nationally and we know all too well the direct correlation between attending school and achievement in learning.

Attendance Ladder



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Our Year 11 students returned this past week to the reality that this **is the final full term of their 5 year journey**. When we pause and reflect on this it really does 'hit home'. We want you to know we have never been so relentlessly driven to want the very best for all students especially at this stage, we know all too well just how vital this next term is for our oldest year group. They have only last week received revision packs, key messages of support, guidance and inspiration from their Year Leader Miss Butcher, and Pastoral Manager Miss Hall, alongside Mr Watt and many other year 11 staff members; the direction of travel is very clear – go for it! Attendance not only to lesson but also period 6 after school is vital, alongside engagement in all areas of their learning. I am fortunate to lead such a **talented, hardworking and passionate teaching staffing team** who are best placed to guide all Year 11 students to their summer exams. That said though, the role all families play as part of this cannot be underestimated – **together we are stronger** and the future is bright. Please do also check the website or the link below for the upcoming Year 11 mock timetable where you can the plan for the next few weeks – **CarpeDiem to all!** <https://www.audenshawschool.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/Year-11-PPE-JAN-24-TIMETABLE.pdf>

During this past term it has been a real pleasure seeing our newest members of the school community grow and transition to secondary school so well. We are immensely proud of the way all 237 students in Year 7 have settled into life at Audenshaw and we thank you also for the key support you provide here, we look forward to welcoming many of you to our Progress Evening for **Year 7 on the 25<sup>th</sup> January 2024**.

I wanted to also take this opportunity to mention our new Classcharts system. The feedback we have received here has been superb. We can see already the impact that the new system is having on both families feeling really in-touch with how their child is navigating through each day at our school, and also the way the system can promote even better school to home contact in a really efficient manner. Classcharts is a one stop portal for rewards, behaviour and homework. Parents can track rewards, attendance, punctuality and conduct all in one place. If any parent or carer cannot access their Classcharts please do contact us at [admin@audenshawschool.org.uk](mailto:admin@audenshawschool.org.uk) stating the year group and name of the student.

Thank you to all 981 parents/carers who have signed up and are actively engaging with Classcharts. We hope you have enjoyed seeing all of the achievements of your son last term. Across the whole school this past term there have been over 40,000 achievement points and postcards! Exceptional as ever.

To the other parents/carers who have yet to sign up please continue to check your emails to sign in or contact at [admin@audenshawschool.org.uk](mailto:admin@audenshawschool.org.uk).

## **Extra-Curricular Offer 2023-4**

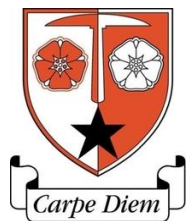
In other big news our 2023-4 'Audenshaw School Extra-Curricular Offer' has now launched and enters its second term. We would love to see as many young people as possible take advantage of the offer of a lunchtime or after school activity. Every single student having access to enrichment both inside and outside of the classroom will always be a key priority. Please see below the extra-curricular offer for the term ahead and do promote your son to get involved, there really is something for everyone!

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Registration</b>		School Band Mr G Taylor, MG2		Year 8 Choir Mr G Taylor, MG2	Year 7 Choir Mr G Taylor, MG2
<b>Lunch Time</b>	Chess Club Mrs Brookes, MG12	Eco-Team Mrs Sykes/Mr Hardy, Sc06  MFL Ciné Club; Year 7-8 MG7  Art Club Miss Mellor, MU51	Chess Club Mrs Brookes, MG12	Computer Science Club; Year 7-9 Mrs Chalmers. Mr Khokar, MU44  Spanish Singing Club; Year 7 Miss Sandoval, MG3	History Club Mr Wilkinson, MG5  Italian Club (beginners and advanced) Ms Ramonet, MG4  Language Leaders; Year 9-10 Mme Lewis, MG8
<b>Library</b>	Year 7-8	Year 7-8	Year 7-8	Year 7-8	Year 7-8
<b>Gym</b>		Year 9/10 Mr Donnelly	Year 10/11 Mr Donnelly	Year 11 Mr Clegg	Year 9 Mr Sutherland
<b>Sports Hall</b>	Year 7 Mr Donnelly	Year 8 Mr Clegg	Year 9 Mr Leach	Year 10 Mr Sutherland	Year 11 Mr Leach
<b>After School</b>	Allotment Club Mrs Hardy, Sc05	Dungeons & Dragons Club Miss Davies, Library	Geography Explorers' Club Mr O'Brien, MG9  Astronomy Club (week 1) Mr Hardy, Sc06  STEM Club (after October half-term) Miss Sowemimo, Sc03  Café Polyglot (week 2) Mme Lewis, MG8	Drama Club NK Theatre Arts, Main Hall	
<b>Homework Club</b>	Miss Dawson, MG21	Miss Dawson, MG21	Miss Dawson, MG21	Miss Dawson, MG21	
<b>Library</b>	Year 11 Revision	Year 11 Revision	Year 11 Revision	Year 11 Revision	Year 11 Revision
<b>Year 7 Sports</b>		Rugby Mr Leach/Mr Wilkinson	Running Club Mr Leong	Rugby Mr Leach	Football Mr Donnelly, Mr Leach
<b>Year 8 Sports</b>		Rugby Mr Sutherland	Running Club Mr Leong	Rugby Mr Sutherland	Football Mr Donnelly, Mr Leach
<b>Year 9 Sports</b>		Rugby Mr Donnelly	Running Club Mr Leong	Rugby Mr Donnelly	
<b>Year 10/11 Sports</b>		Weights Mr Hardy	Rugby (Astro) Mr Clegg, Mr Wilkinson, Mr Hulley	Weights Ms Hall	Rugby: Team Run-Through Mr Clegg, Mr Hulley

The past calendar year has been a really successful one for our whole school community. We look forward now to 2024 (and beyond) as we continue to realise a vision from 'good' to becoming a truly 'great' school in all areas. We are excited about the future landscape and what students' (both currently do achieve), but also in the future will also accomplish as Audenshaw school continues to move forward as a school community where each and every student thrive. With your continued advocacy and support I have no doubt this will continue to be achieved.

On a personal note, as I enter my third calendar year as Principal of our fantastic school, I take great pride in what the whole student and staffing team have achieved – working together - I remain even more excited as to what is yet to come. I am very proud myself to be the Principal of Audenshaw School and know how much our school means to not just only to our internal staff and students, but also our families.

I wish you, your family and students the very best health and happiness this spring term,

Kind Regards,

Mr P Taylor  
Principal

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