

Parent & Carer Newsletter

January 2024

Happy New Year!

A very warm welcome to all of our families and wider community. We hope you enjoy reading about just some of the many highlights from this month. It's been a cold one; we navigating through one snow day and are becoming somewhat accustomed to dark mornings and similar evenings. With that all said, it's been a really good month, as we see so much positivity, passion for learning and overall enrichment across our school.



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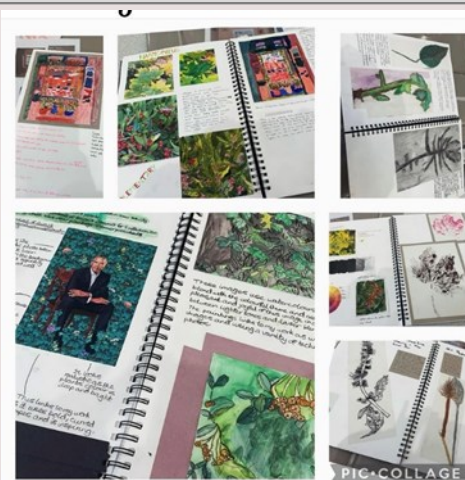


Year 11 students returned after the Christmas break to their mock examinations which took place halfway through the month. This will be the final time that all students experience those conditions in the Main Hall. The 2hr 15 min specific papers (in some subjects) were purposeful. And I must say we were immensely impressed how well the group managed this 2 week experience.

We look forward to our Mock Results Day on Friday the 9th of February when your son will return home with a set of results;

these will validate strengths across key subjects whilst also (and most importantly), provide a very clear picture of where the areas to develop are in what are his final few months of school. One of many online subject specific packages used by students is Century (an English package). It's been brilliant seeing many complete their online learning and we really do appreciate your support in ensuring that students are engaging with the many revision tools/packages we provide.

EXCELLENT USE OF CENTURY THIS YEAR BY YEARS 10 AND 11 FOR ENGLISH REVISION!



Year 10 have been very busy producing excellent investigation work in their sketchbooks and what a delight it is to see : such care, expertise and attention to detail. A snippet of this is shown on the left.

It gives me great pleasure to announce that as of September 2024 we will be adding Drama to the curriculum. Every Year 7, 8 and 9 student will be taking part in Drama lessons. This again shows our ambition for our curriculum to be broad as we expose the boys to the arts in all areas.



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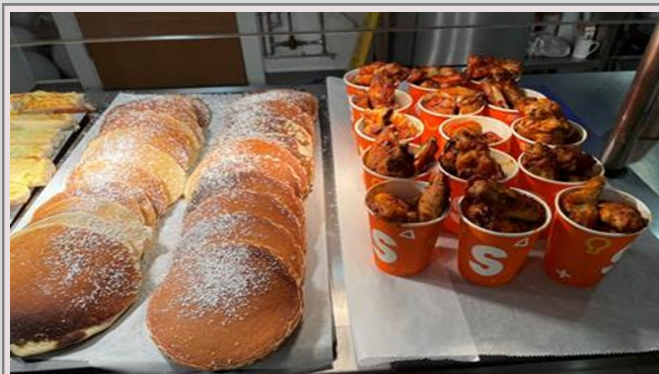
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Our students are well catered for here at Audenshaw, with excellent food provided by Cucina which is available before School, break and lunch times every day. There are hot and cold options including a main meal choice which changes daily, a selection of sandwiches, and the very popular pizzas and paninis. A wide range of hot and cold drinks are available. There are also tempting cakes and treats for those with a sweet tooth! Please remember that we are a cashless school, and continue to top up your son's Parent Pay account to allow them to purchase food.



This year we have moved our Library into a more central place as a hub for all things learning, literacy and reading, under the guidance of Mrs Ridsdale, our excellent Librarian. We also adapted the space to include facilities to ensure as many students as possible are visiting the physical space of the library. I recently mentioned through other means of communication that every single student has now been tested to ascertain their reading age so that we have the most accurate data. We are excited to already be using it as a benchmark to then further accelerate each and every student's ability to read. We believe that an accelerated reading age is one of the main markers for achievement: the evidence nationally certainly suggests this. We are committed to

These wonderful young men from years 9 & 10 embark on a new journey this term into student leadership. Following a successful application process put in place by Mr Sutherland, they have been selected to join our first ever **Sports Leader's Team**. They will hold lunch 'posts' assisting with the PE offer alongside other responsibilities such as coaching, inter form competitions and much more.



realising tangible impact through our reading strategy. The simple message from me is to promote all things reading with your son; reading at home can further help him to thrive.

As you can clearly see, it's been an exceptional start to the year with so much enrichment, activity and growth in so many different areas for our students. We hope this is a sign of things to come throughout 2024 as we continue to do all we can to provide the very best experience for your son #CarpeDiem

With an eye on February, it is a somewhat shortened month due to half term but there's still plenty going on, including; Yr10 Careers Trip; MFL French Cinema trip; Apprenticeship event; MFL Paris Trip; Finance Workshops and an exciting Stock Market Challenge to top off the month!

We wish you, and your family a lovely half term break when it does arrive.

Mr P Taylor

Proud Principal of Audenshaw School

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