

Parent & Carer Newsletter

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Extra-curricular activities are a key part of our educational offer and it has been brilliant this month to see a range of very bespoke and highly-skilled enrichment activity take place. Earlier this month students took part in STEM club with Mr Baines, making their own games console controllers,

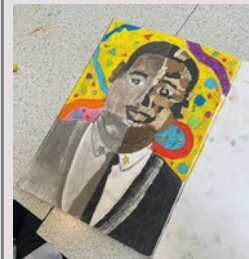


who needs Microsoft or PS5 developers when you have our very own skilled young men? We also had Mr Hardy's Astronomy club investigating why black holes in our atmosphere must evaporate, I mean, just wow! Well done as ever to all staff and students involved in such activities. Please do continue to keep a close eye on our extra-curricular offer and do prompt your son to take part and get involved.



In recent weeks School attendance has gained national attention given the challenges the country is facing around re-capturing pre pandemic high levels of attendance across the state sector. We are therefore even more proud to share we yet again received a nationally recognised award for being in the top 10% of attendance for similar type schools, nationally, and top 25% of all schools for term one. We are in the top percentage due to the extremely strong partnership between both students, staff and families, and, simply because the students enjoy coming to Audenshaw, safe, happy and thriving.

National School Attendance Award
2023/24 Autumn Term
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Top 10% of similar FFT Secondary Schools in England

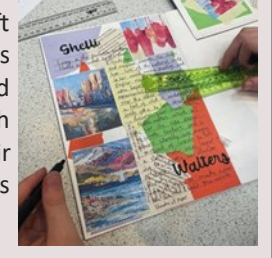


Teaching and Learning – Our Core Purpose

I always like to provide just a flavour of some of the activities as part of learning that are taking place at our school. Our teaching colleagues and support staff really do hold such a passion for what they deliver. See below just a few examples of both the output of this, alongside the enrichment our students get.



Year 8 Artists have been investigating portraiture over the last couple of weeks, such an impressive skill and you can see from the output to the left how impressive the process and final products are. Year 10 Photographers have been producing portraits based on Judith Golden, such inspiration and creativity, Y9 Artists have been producing some fantastic artists research pages in preparation for their landscapes project – again a real variety in their learning. We can see some fantastic skills from our culinary chefs in Food this week by Year 8 & 9's investigating macronutrients and fermentation.



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Tu veux aller au cinéma ?

Speaking and writing another language is impressive, isn't it!? A group of our linguists had the chance this month to visit the cinema and watch a French film as part of their GCSE preparation. We couldn't mention French GCSE without then a segway into the fact 40 students had the opportunity to go to Paris this month, as part of a Languages Trip. What an amazing experience they had, again, they were a real credit to you and the school. Thank you also to the colleagues who led and supported on this trip, Madam Lewis, Miss Feeley, Mr O'Brien & Miss Drysdale, the students will never forget it.



We mention 'milestone' moments frequently at Audenshaw School. Moments are significant for both adults and young people as part of life; this past month we have seen several milestone moments for our Y11s, from mock examinations in the hall, results day, final lessons of period 6 fast approaching, and final matches representing school such as the Rugby Union final game where the chaps were victorious winning 29-19! I want to formally again thank all colleagues who plan, deliver and promote all sporting teams whilst also recognising that such activities would not be as special as they are without our amazing parents and carers supporting come snow, rain or sunshine! Finally in terms of Rugby, the PE staff and those other colleagues who support/run teams, selected the Team of the Season this month! They really did struggle to narrow down the 100 plus boys who represent the school week in and week out, but just about managed to select the

Team of the Season - Congratulations to all those selected and to all those who have represented the School this season.

Odd Arts are a theatre group based in Hulme who came into school this month to talk to our Y9s about county lines. They used drama to demonstrate how young people can be exploited and drawn into criminal activity and give students some ideas about how they could help friends who they might be worried about. Students were engaged and respectful and some also showed off their own acting skills working alongside the group to persuade the main character to stay away from a dangerous situation. We also this month welcomed in The Hive, where our Y8s watched through the medium of Drama, a production centred around LGBTQ+ and brought to the fore key awareness for students to consider and discuss.



In other areas this month, February also saw 26 exceptional young men



get stuck into the careers fair at Old Trafford, looking into their future options and collecting lots of pens – for free. We are so immensely proud of our regionally and nationally recognised outstanding Careers Provision.

That brings a close to February and we are now very much into March already.

Thank you for your continued support for all that you do in both promoting our School, we are currently confirming our admissions numbers for this coming September and the 220 places available, safe to say we will be full and remain over-subscribed for another year, being the school of choice once again. I am so very excited to meet our Y6s soon and be their proud Headteacher for years to come.

Have a wonderful March.

Mr P Taylor
Principal

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