

Parent & Carer Newsletter

April 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,
I do hope this finds you well in what is now the month of May, I ask myself, "Where did April disappear to?" It's the fast-paced world of education we are so used to being part of, and given the month was a shortened one (in terms of actual school days), that has certainly 'speeded up' the term in action.

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Although we had broadly a few weeks this month there still is much to report. Audenshaw continues to thrive, we have so many experiences both inside and outside of the classroom that really do benefit each student, it makes me extremely proud as I know you are all very much already aware. I want to formally thank our amazing colleagues (especially at this time of year), who work tirelessly across our school, across so many different roles but all have that common goal of providing the best possible place to learn and thrive for your son.

Our Year 9 Geographers had a very interesting trip to Greater Manchester's recycling centre last week. They had a great time finding out how are rubbish is recycled as part of their key stage 3 Geography curriculum and at the same time, gained that crucial awareness of what responsible recycling looks like in action, as global citizens.



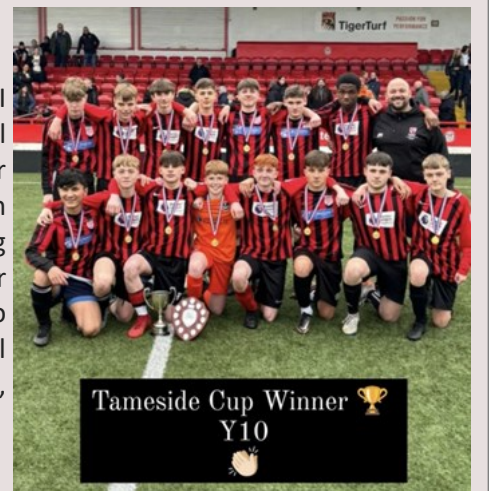
This month the Year 11 Spanish students went to see 'Secaderos' at Home cinema as part of their annual Viva Festival of Spanish and Latin American films. As ever they were a credit to the school and with GCSE exams just around the corner found the experience very worthwhile indeed.



Tameside Cup Winners 🏆

Football Success Newsflash!

It is with great pleasure that I report wonderful football success for Year 8 and Year 10 year groups this month with 2 Tameside Cups being brought back to school for our footballers! Year 7 have also made two finals which will take place later this week, good luck boys!



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There are school events that take place from time to time that really do capture your attention, and, are incredibly moving and powerful in terms of the messages shared. One such event was a visit to Year 9 this month by the mother of a victim of knife crime, Alison Cope. The students were captivated by her inspirational and emotional story. We have a moral responsibility as a school to invest in ensuring the conversation around risk, violence and knife crime is taking place and that we educate our young men about the dangers that do exist, in the

most sensitive but powerful manner. The students were an absolute credit to our families as they sat and listened to one of the most powerful sessions I expect our school main hall has facilitated in 93 yrs. We did also welcome the BBC into school who wanted to film the session, keep an eye on news channels as you may or may not see some footage at our school during the coming weeks dependent on if it is shared.



Year 9 also this month took part in a Soapbox workshop. They had a great time working together to design, manufacture, package, promote and pitch their real soap products. Working as a group to achieve one definitive goal was also key here in continuing to develop those skills such as oracy, organisation and effective group work. After the session the main hall also smelt very pleasant indeed!



Year 11 students have been working hard in their walking talking mocks for English, period 6 classes and then revision this month. We know just how crucial the final weeks before the exams really are for the whole of Y11 and appreciate the challenge and support our families will be providing to each year 11 student. They will thank us in the summer months once their results are in but in the meantime, we are here to help and support with whatever you require. Even at this stage of the year there is such value still to be gained and they are so very close to the end of their 5-year journey. The students will only ever in their life go through this once, let's make sure in partnership it's the very best experience they could wish for with exceptional results to be proud of! I also wanted to acknowledge the tireless work of the subject teaching staff who are planning, delivering, and evaluating each hour of intervention they have with each student and making sure the support they are providing is the best it can be right up until the final exam. The form tutor team also providing that day to day support alongside Mrs Butcher and Miss Hall – what a 'Dream Team' the boys have and will benefit from no end.



Have a lovely May and I will be in touch towards the end of the month with a further update.

Kind Regards,
Mr P Taylor
Principal



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