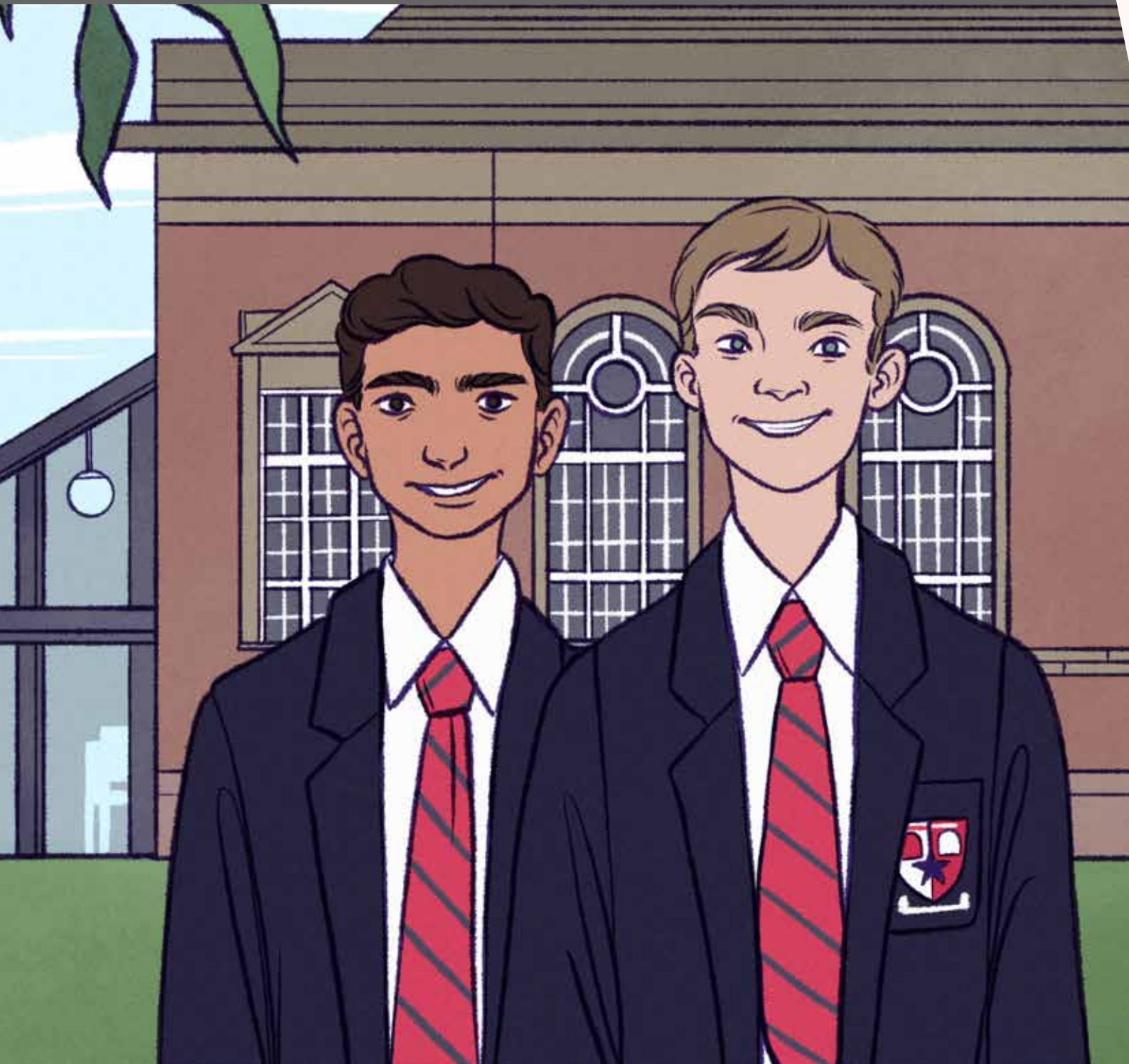




# AUDENSHAW SCHOOL

RESPECT | RESPONSIBILITY | RESILIENCE

This is your guide to Audenshaw School. Inside, you will find all the information you need for a happy and confident start at our fantastic school.

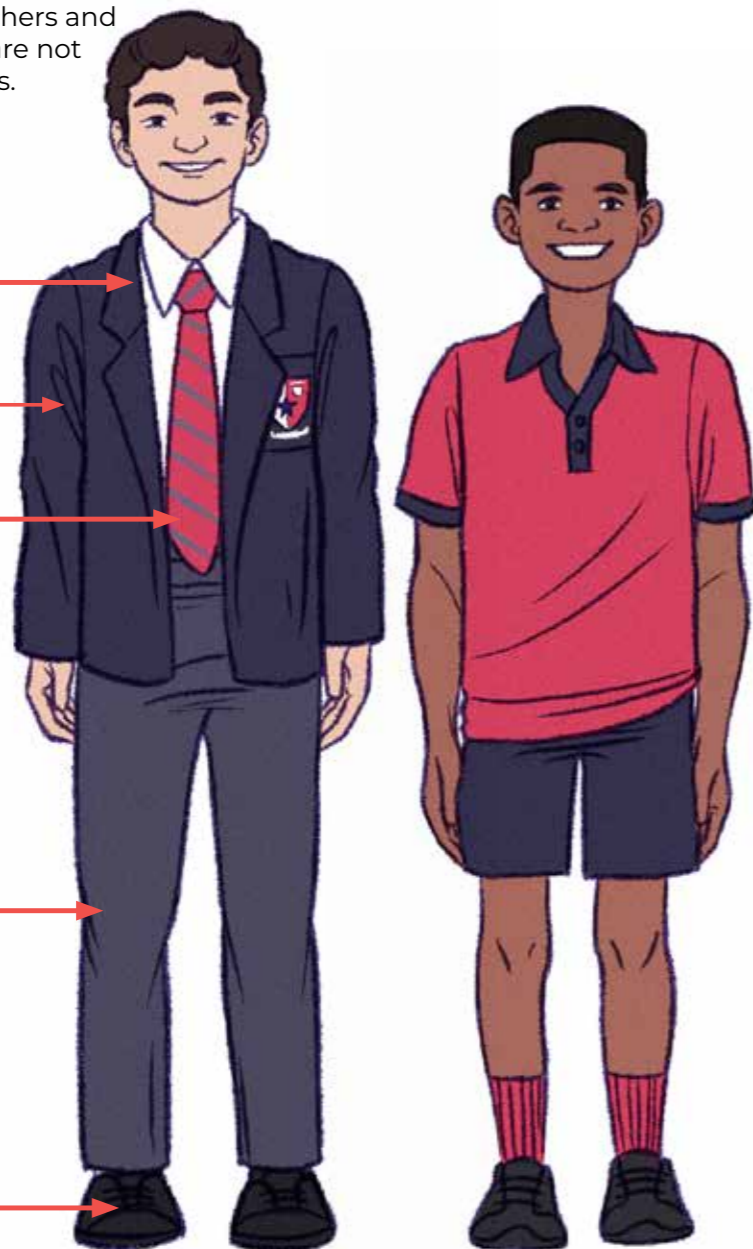


# WHAT DO I NEED FOR MY FIRST DAY?

**AT AUDENSHAW SCHOOL, WE WEAR OUR UNIFORM WITH PRIDE, AND WE EXPECT YOU TO WEAR THE CORRECT UNIFORM FROM THE FIRST DAY.**

## Uniform

You should always look smart. You must wear your blazer at all times, in class and around school, unless you have politely asked your teacher if you can take it off. You should always have your shirt tucked in, and your tie must show at least five stripes. You can check how your teachers and prefects wear their ties. You are not allowed to wear black trainers.



White shirt

School blazer with badge

School tie

Grey jumper (optional), with badge and school name

Mid-grey trousers

Black leather shoes

## PE kit

**For indoor PE, you will need:**

- White t-shirt with single red chest band
- White rugby shorts
- White sports socks
- Trainers with soles that do not leave marks

**For outdoor PE, you will need:**

- Red and navy reversible rugby shirt
- Navy rugby shorts
- Red socks
- Trainers, football/ rugby boots (no blades)

## What equipment will I need?

You will need a suitably sized bag for carrying:

- School books
- PE kit when needed
- Reading book
- Black pens
- Green pens
- Pencils
- Rubber
- Ruler
- Pencil sharpener
- Calculator (Casio fx-85GT CW preferred) and geometry set
- Timetable



You should also bring a water bottle, which you can fill at the water fountains across the school.

**Students are not allowed to have mobile phones on the school site.**

## Your school day will look like this:

Please note that school starts at 8.40 on Wednesday and you will go straight to Lesson 1.

08.20	Form Time
08.45	Lesson 1
09.45	Lesson 2
10.45	Break
11.00	Lesson 3
12.00	Lesson 4
13.00	Lunch
13.35	Movement Bell - to indicate time to finish lunch and go to next lesson
13.40	Lesson 5
14.40	End of School Day

We will give you a copy of your timetable with classroom numbers and subject details. You will soon get to know your timetable. We will help you find your way around and support you until you are settled in.

You will see your Form Tutor every day, so you will get to know them well. In secondary school, you will have different teachers for your lessons, and you will move between classrooms. Don't worry if you get lost. Just ask an adult or an older student, and they will show you the way. Everyone at Audenshaw will be happy to help you.

## Getting to school

There are many different ways to get to Audenshaw School. Some students walk, others cycle, travel on a school bus or public transport, or are given a lift by their parents or carers.

If you decide to cycle in, you must get permission from school. Your bike must be roadworthy. If you do not wear a helmet, your bike will be confiscated. The school cannot accept liability for loss or damage to your bike, so please talk to your parents or carers about getting it insured.

## TIPS FOR THE FIRST DAY

- If you have never made the journey to Audenshaw before, practising the journey before you start is a good idea.
- Remember to get your equipment and uniform ready the night before.
- Check your route and times for public transport before you set off in the morning.

# WHAT WILL I STUDY?

You will study a wide range of subjects in Year 7, including:

- Art
- Design and Technology
- Drama
- English
- Geography
- History
- Computing
- Modern Foreign Languages
- Maths
- Music
- RE
- PE
- Science



## Homework

In Year 7, you will have between 45 and 90 minutes of homework a day. You can do your homework at home or attend homework club at school. Your homework will include writing, reading and research or online tasks. Your teachers will set homework on ClassCharts or Microsoft Teams, where you can follow the instructions. We will reward homework done well by giving praise in class or displaying it on boards around school. Teachers can also reward Achievement Points, or letters or postcards, which we will send to your home. There will be sanctions if you do not complete homework on time.

## What are the facilities like?

We are very proud of our fantastic facilities at Audenshaw. They include playing fields where our successful rugby, football and athletics teams train. We have 11 fully equipped science rooms, six specialist design and technology rooms, including two for food technology, and nine information technology suites.



You will find specialist facilities for art and music, a fully equipped sports hall, a professional-standard gym, and an all-weather pitch.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND ADVICE

## What if I need help or I am worried?

If you have any worries or concerns, the first person you should speak to is your Form Tutor, who is a member of our pastoral team. You will see them each morning, and you can talk to them whenever you need to.

We want all our students to thrive, and we have a wide range of services to help you when needed, such as:

- A team of mental health first-aiders
- A School Counsellor
- Bereavement Counselling
- NHS Mental Health Support worker sessions
- School Nurse
- PRU Outreach Worker

## What do I do if I get lost?

Don't worry! Just ask a member of staff or an older student. Everyone will be happy to help.

## How do I pay for my food and drink?

We use ParentPay at Audenshaw. Your parents will top up your ParentPay account, and you will pay for your food and drink electronically.

## What if I need the toilet?

You should get in the habit of going to the toilet during break and lunchtime.

## What happens if I feel ill?

You should tell your teacher or another member of staff. We have staff who can help you.

## What do I do if I am late?

If you are late you will receive a lunchtime detention.

## How should I plan for doing homework?

Set up a weekly schedule so you can complete your homework on time and to the best of your ability.



It is important to have a balanced life so make sure you include other interests, such as sports or hobbies, in your schedule.

## What happens if I have a medical, dental, or opticians' appointment?

Your parents or carers should try to ensure your routine appointments are after school or during school holidays. If a hospital or orthodontist has given you an appointment during the school day, you should try to come to school before and after the appointment.

You must show your appointment card or letter to Student Services, and your parent or carer will need to sign you out of school.

## What if I am being bullied or see someone who is being bullied?

Bullying is unacceptable, and we want you to report bullying, whether you are being bullied or know someone else is being bullied. There are lots of ways you can report bullying to peer mentors, prefects, form leaders, or use the online reporting button.

# WHAT WILL YOU EXPECT FROM ME?

**WE WANT YOU ALL TO BECOME EXCEPTIONAL YOUNG MEN WHO ARE WELL-PREPARED FOR YOUR NEXT STEPS AFTER YOU LEAVE US. BY FOLLOWING OUR THREE CORE VALUES OF RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY AND RESILIENCE, YOU WILL BECOME HEALTHY, INDEPENDENT, RESPONSIBLE AND READY FOR YOUR NEXT CHALLENGES.**

## Respect

To have pride in everything you do. To have a high opinion of yourself and those around you.

## Responsibility

It is your duty to deal with something you have done, to have morals, and to know right from wrong.

## Resilience

To recover quickly from the difficulties you may face with a positive attitude.

## These are our expectations:

- We open and hold doors for members of staff and our peers.
- Uniform should always be perfect.
- We are respectful of property.
- When speaking to or being spoken to by a member of staff you always say 'sir' or 'miss' after your answer.
- When a member of staff comes into the classroom students stop what they are doing and stand-up as a sign of respect.
- When walking around school, we walk sensibly and on the left-hand side of the corridor.
- We always use our manners.
- When someone is talking (staff or student), we listen and do not talk over them.
- We do not eat or drink in classrooms or in the corridors.
- We clean our rubbish away in the dining room after lunch.



## Character programme

Through our character programme, you will have the opportunity to focus on our School Values during form time. Your form time sessions will also allow you to develop key skills, such as communication and organisation. Your Form Tutor will run practical sessions to enable you to reflect on your strengths and work to improve your outcomes academically and in life.

You will also be able to complete your LORIC qualification, developing skills in leadership, organisation, resilience, and communication.

## Community

You will take part in charitable events throughout the year. We have raised money for charities, including The British Legion, The Ukraine Appeal, the Scouting Association, Macmillan, The British Heart Foundation, and Tameside East Food Bank. We also hold an annual Christmas Hamper Appeal to provide food and treats for families across Tameside.

## Curriculum for Life (C4L)

You will study Curriculum for Life, which focuses on our School Values of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience.

C4L will help you develop your thinking, social and emotional skills, raise your confidence, self-esteem, and resilience, and teach you to understand and accept those in your local and wider communities.

You will also learn about the possible dangers and risks in everyday life, the choices you make, and the possible consequences of your choices, both positive and negative.

## Student Leadership

We offer lots of opportunities for you to demonstrate your leadership skills during your time at Audenshaw, including roles in the Prefect Team and School Council. Other roles include:

- Emotional Wellbeing Ambassadors
- LGBTQ Ambassadors
- STEM Ambassadors
- Sports Coaches
- Character Ambassadors
- The Duke of Edinburgh's Award activities
- Year 7 Buddies
- Reading Partners

## Rewards

We believe it is important to praise and reward excellent behaviour and outstanding progress. We give Achievement Points to students who demonstrate our School Values of Respect, Responsibility, and Resilience. Your parents or carers will be told about your Achievement Points through the ClassCharts system. We will recognise your achievements each half-term through Youth Leader Rewards assemblies and the Principal's Values Reward.

Other ways we reward you include:

- Postcards home
- Gold Principal postcards
- Curriculum Leader Subject Awards
- Reporting home and attitudes to learning grades
- Positive comments in class
- Celebration of achievements shared in the school assemblies or on the website
- Certificates awarded in assemblies or at the Annual Presentation Evening
- Going on school rewards trips
- Featuring you on our social media forums



# WHAT CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES CAN I DO?

THERE ARE LOTS OF EXCITING CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES FOR YOU TO ENJOY AFTER SCHOOL AND AT LUNCHTIME. THEY ARE AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE NEW FRIENDS WHILE FOLLOWING A HOBBY OR TRYING SOMETHING NEW.

## We have clubs for all interests, including:

- Art
- Computer Science
- School Band
- Chess
- STEM
- Running
- Drama
- Italian
- Choir
- Allotment
- Rugby
- Football



## School Prayer

*Enter with us, O God our Saviour  
Upon the life of this day  
be thou our companion in all that we have to do  
in our difficulties grant us guidance  
in our weakness send us strength  
help us to do our duties earnestly  
to bear our troubles bravely  
to serve thee and our fellows with wisdom and cheerfulness  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
Amen*



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