

# Parent & Carer Newsletter


October 2024

I do hope this finds you well and hopefully you are looking forward to plans over half term. October isn't a full month in school, however we still have much to celebrate and share as part of this month's newsletter!



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## Open Evening 2024



What a fantastic event our annual open evening was, with over 360 students visiting our school across year 6 and year 5 with their amazing families. The feedback was superb which although doesn't surprise us, is always great to hear! Nearly 90% of those families that did attend had Audenshaw School as their first choice and that in itself is an example of the excellent reputation our school holds,

something we are immensely proud of and so too should be our students – they bring the energy, skills and success by engaging so well with their expert staff and teachers.

We wish all our families well in what I am sure will be a milestone period for their sons and hope you will take up the opportunities to visit if you didn't have chance to attend the evening, visitors are always welcome.



## Attendance Matters

**96%** is our current in-year figure. This places us in the very top, nationally, of schools and is something we want to rightly celebrate. **Thank you for the key support** you provide here especially as we enter into the winter season

## Mental Health Support

Looking for support for your son's emotional health and well being?

Scan the QR code to the right from our Mental Health Support worker - Jo Sykes



## Senior Prefect Team

The senior Prefect team has had a fantastic start to the half term as Senior Prefects. They have led the most successful Macmillan event to date at Audenshaw they have created new clubs for Literacy and Digital Leaders and delivered assemblies, spoken at Open Evening and recorded the first ever Student Update, giving Mr Taylor a run for his money for sure!



## Naked Truth Event

Year 11 were visited this week by the Naked Truth Team who spoke to them about the dangers of online content. Please do ask your son about this, it's another way that school can raise the key topics that we know could influence our young people and parents/carers can use that awareness from school to hold relevant conversations at home.




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## Drama

During September and October, we have seen all year 7, 8 and 9 students take part in Drama as a taught part of the school curriculum for the first time. Mrs Snape (Curriculum leader of Drama) has been so impressed by the way the boys have engaged and performed in the new subject offer. We are really proud of the varied curriculum choice students have access to at Audenshaw and it really is something to celebrate.

The exceptional young man that during a school day may recite a monologue in English Literature, solve a quadratic equation in Maths, re-enact act a famous Shakespearian play in Drama, develop photography skills in the afternoon then finished off with a great try in the rugby match – I think you get the idea of why we have such pride in every single young man.

On the theme of drama, we had a visit from Odd Arts this month who provided a thought provoking and impactful workshop on child exploitation to year 8 as part of our personal development curriculum offer. All students conducted themselves really well and many got involved at the same time showing off some outstanding acting skills.



**Being in the food room, you witness so much care and support between our year 11's**



It's been a busy and very productive month in Year 11 as it has for all at Audenshaw. Our Y11 have reached the final year of their 5-year journey and they can sense that those final GCSE Examinations are very much on the

horizon. The work they carry out now will only help them be ready for summer 2025 and the support from home especially around revision and study will be as important as ever. See below for some 'action photographs' of our Y11 boys engaged across the curriculum offer.



**Real chemistry!**



**Amazing 3D coursework from Mrs Jarvis's year 11 pupils!**



**Thank you Oldham college for coming to visit our year 11's**



**Standards are high in year 11**



**Year 11 art lesson going beautifully!**

I wanted to end the newsletter with a big message of congratulations to all of our Year 7 students and families. To reach the October half term is always a milestone for all as part of a successful transition and we know just what an outstanding impression all boys have made, you should be very proud of each and every one of them and we wish all families a lovely half term break.

Mr P Taylor  
Principal

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