



Parent & Carer Newsletter

January 2025

Welcome to the January Edition of our Parent & Carer Newsletter and 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.



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Happy New Year, or should I write “新年快乐” as this week, we celebrate the start of Chinese New Year!

Students have taken part in a range of activities, assemblies and enrichment activity all with a focus on the celebration of Chinese New Year. The students seem to have really enjoyed the experience. Our proud multicultural student population allows our school to share cultural festivities and provides such a rich insight for all students, something to be very proud of indeed. Thank you to the staff and students who have been involved.

In other news, I know by now you will know just how impressive our school food offer is (perhaps by the amount of food eaten by the young people each day!). We are really proud of this fact and one that in terms of quality I have not seen in any school I myself have ever taught in. Our catering provider, Cucina, has started to share the menu offer covering a 3-week period and this has been sent out alongside this Newsletter for all to access. Feel free to pop it on your fridge at home so you can see the offer in all its glory!

You will see there is a range of meals available from ‘classics’, such as bangers and mash, to roasted squash and feta pie, and we are so proud of the quality of the food served up. Please do though remind your son of their social responsibility to enjoy their dining experience responsibly, with tidying up afterwards being at the forefront of their minds. With up to 1100 students in one space it’s important all boys take that responsibility really seriously and we will always continue to expect the highest of standards – thank you in advance! We have a team of colleagues that do a brilliant job after break and lunch and the boys being considerate of this is part of our school values.

A group of our Year 9 Drama students attended a fantastic performance of **An Inspector Calls** at the Lowry this month. This was a great opportunity to see lots of the new skills they've been learning since starting the Drama curriculum in September. The ushers even commented on the boys' excellent audience etiquette! It's been so pleasing to see our Y7, 8 and 9 boys be exposed to the richness of a Drama curriculum this past term. Bringing a full offer to Audenshaw was a longer-term ambition and it has only enhanced the quality and variety of the overall curriculum, we are already excited about the end of year show: more to follow on this in due course!



We have now seen the Y11 mock exams come to a close. Our invigilation team are long-standing and have served our recent Y11 cohorts well, a comment provided to me overall was this group have been the best they have seen in terms of conduct and attitude. This is something I really wanted to pass onto all families. We know all too well this is a significant period for their 5-year journey and the experience of seeing what is to come in the summer can only serve each student really well – **well done to one and all.**



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Hot off the Press!

We are so pleased to announce that Audenshaw School has been awarded the **Safeguarding Fundamentals Safe Silver Award!** We know how important excellence in all areas of safeguarding is to each and every student and to have this externally verified is a very proud moment indeed.



Sustainability News

Any families or students wishing to take part in the Tameside Community Computers project can donate their old PC or laptop by bringing it into school for Mr Hulley. This great project wants to alleviate digital poverty by recycling unwanted machines and repurposing them throughout Tameside. Just pop any unwanted or old machines into reception at your own convenience. Thank you for your generosity and support



Show me the money! Those of a certain age may remember that phrase from a famous film! This month we had the company **Wiseup** visiting our school and working with Y10s around financial health and wellbeing. They carried out workshops with all of Y10 and the feedback was excellent regarding the engagement of our boys. They covered key aspects like mortgages and taxes in terms of salary deductions and I myself got to see some 'penny drop moments,' from the students making those key links that as they get older their social responsibility around finances will take place, and is something to be aware of – please do ask Y10 students about it.



Finally, I wanted to wish all of our amazing students and families well as we move into February, health and happiness to one and all.

Mr P Taylor

Principal

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