



# Parent & Carer Newsletter

## February 2025

Welcome students, parents and carers, and the whole Audenshaw school community to the February edition of the Audenshaw school Newsletter. Although the month consisted of a week's holiday there are still so many events, activities and highlights to share from our wonderful students.



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Before half term, 870 students from Year 7 – 10 visited the Explore Careers event in our Main Hall to get a taste of some of the many pathways available to them for their future careers. It was a pleasure to see so many young people engage confidently with college employees and be exposed to so many different areas they may choose to move into.

Some of our Year 7 and Year 9 students took part in the Young Reporters Festival in the middle of March. Students have learned more about the roles of journalists, writers, producers and social media stars. Its important young people are exposed to the sheer variety of opportunity and pathways available should they wish to have a career in the media. By all accounts, it was a brilliant event and thank you as ever to Miss Thompson and the group for making it happen.



A selection of students across the school took part in the Tameside Spelling Bee earlier this month at Great Academy in Ashton, against students from all over Tameside. The event was watched not only by the competitors but also by the whole of Great Academy's Year 7! We are very proud of the boys and the way they represented the school. They showed great confidence, assurance and skillset which was inspiring to the younger students who were watching on.



Our Year 10 Photography students had a great day out at the University of Huddersfield in February taking part in a Photography workshop. The students again were able to apply their learning in an external setting and by all accounts used the opportunity really well to showcase their talents. You can also see the images of this in action to the right.



The trip to Paris during February was a great success with students and staff having a wonderful time. They managed to cram in many of the iconic sights of Paris, even including a visit to the Louvre,



they immersed themselves in the Parisian experience and made memories to last a lifetime, alongside of course, speaking French and developing those key language skills.

Some of our Year 7's visited Longley Lane Recycling Centre this month to see how Greater Manchester's recycling is arranged and organised. It's a significant operation and as part of global sustainability. This is one of many ways we can continue to build that social action ensuring our young people take civic responsibility for their lives, and, in this case, recycling their waste. Thank you to Team Geography for arranging this experience.



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Our Chess team were invited to Rayner Stephens for a friendly tournament this month. They had a great time alongside Mr Kay and won the tournament. Bravo to our budding chess stars and who knows, maybe we have the next Magnus Carlsen within our ranks!



Whitecroft Lighting kindly hosted some of our Year 10 Engineering students this week on a Workplace Safari to learn about life in the workplace. As you can see in the image, the boys had first hand experience of seeing industry in action, from the sales floor and office space to production. We are very proud, as ever, of the feedback received regarding the impression they made.



Our current Year 11s are hard at work as ever, attending period 6 after school sessions and revising in their own time. This month they also had the 'Mock Results Day' experience as our boys opened their grade slips to see how they had done. It's a crucial time to now set targets for the remainder of the year, which when broken



Well done to all the year 11's

down, is a matter of weeks away now not months until the first exam. Good luck to all students and remember, CarpeDiem!



Students can take part in a competition to mark National Storytelling Week during March by collecting information on Staff members current reading material. We have vouchers and

chocolates up for grabs for the winners. As we also have focused on Children's Mental Health this month, it's worth noting that as little as 10 minutes reading a day can have a positive impact on mental health and well-being.



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It's nearly that time of the year again and we are all very excited for World Book Day which will take place on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025. We can't wait to see all the

The countdown is on for World Book Day 2025!

HAVE YOU GOT YOUR COSTUME READY YET?

Of course!

Not yet!

This year, we have lots planned, including:

- MASKED READER
- Can you guess which teacher is reading which passage from a beloved children's book?
- Will you read all 100 words slips in our Word Hunt?
- Will you enter our writing competition launched by our wonderful Double Literacy Leaders?

amazing costumes. Thank you in advance to all of our families for their support here getting our chaps ready for action. The variety each year of what students are dressed as is always a sight to behold.

Our Year 11 Under 16's Rugby team played their last match this week pulling on the jersey for the last time this month. What an outstanding 5 years worth of memories made by so many young people who have represented Audenshaw incredibly well too.



February was the month that had students participating in assemblies around the theme of 'know yourself to grow yourself' in order to help them understand that we all have emotions and that this is ok, it's also "OK not to be OK". Students also had the opportunity to complete the be well survey, a regional survey to gather young people's lived experience of the world around them. Information on how to help your child with their mental health also was sent out to parents and carers.

Finally, towards the end of the month, we entered the period of Ramadan which many of our families and young people will also be observing. As you can see from the poster, the fantastic Audenshaw staff took part in observing a fast for the day on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> of March in support of our young people who take on the challenge of fasting during this holy period. It always stimulates excellent conversation with the young people around their own lived experience during Ramadan.

Best wishes to all our families taking part in Ramadan.

Mr P Taylor

Principal



Today, some of our staff will be taking part in a staff fast to show respect and solidarity with those observing Ramadan. Fasting is a time of reflection, self-discipline, and community—values that link to our school's core principles:

- **Respect** – Understanding and appreciating different beliefs and traditions.
- **Resilience** – Overcoming challenges, just as those fasting show patience and strength.
- **Responsibility** – Supporting one another and giving back to the community.

Ask staff about their experience and take the opportunity to learn more about Ramadan!

Ramadan Mubarak to all who are observing!



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