



# Parent & Carer Newsletter

March 2025

"If we had no winter the spring would not be so pleasant." —Anne Bradstreet

I thought I would begin this newsletter with a quote. To me this reflects the 'changing of the seasons' but also the challenges that a cold British winter brings, there is then a real additional appreciation of the season of spring, warmth, colours and optimism regarding the summer ahead! March was such a marvellous month with so much to report on it's taken me slightly longer to pull all the information for the newsletter together!



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Work book day took place on the 7<sup>th</sup> March and was a great success yet again with many staff and students dressing up for the occasion. There were so many reading activities to take part in over the day and prizes for the best costumes for staff and student alike. To the left and below are just a few of many examples but there really is no place like Audenshaw school on a day like World Book Day and it's a privilege to represent such an amazing group of invested staff and students.



Careers Week also took place this month. Audenshaw hosted many amazing events associated with careers. The visual shows just how many there were and the boys certainly did get an array of support and inspiration regarding careers. Please do note, we have done an excellent job of placing so many of our Y10 boys with a work experience placement in May, thank you to all families for support although we do still have a number of placements still to find – should you or someone you know be able to help please do contact our school directing any communication to Mr Bond.

## Careers week 2025

- Dragons Den
- Cryptography
- Interview skills
- CSI
- Academy 92 talks
- Bank of England - future jobs
- Author hosts
- CV writing and so much more ....



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This month has been a busy month for Rugby players with 2 tournaments right here in school and several tournaments at other schools. The Brian Bason U12 7's and The Dean Schofield U15 7's events were a great success. Thank you again to all the families who support both ensuring the chaps are ready to play with relevant kit etc but also after school and weekends, our Audenshaw hoops certainly cast a large print across the Greater Manchester region and beyond, we are very proud of the boys.



Our Training and Development Centre hosted a chess tournament this month with teams travelling from Rayner Stephens and Great Academy Ashton, to battle with the Audenshaw team. Mr Kay and the team did an amazing job and it's outstanding to see the boys progress in the great strategic game that is chess.



Audenshaw boys competing with Rayner Stephens and GAA currently in the TDC



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March saw the first ever first PI day at Audenshaw and the Maths Team led us in celebrating PI day with the whole school getting involved in competitions. I attempted myself in briefing to recite PI from my own GCSE days and failed miserably, how many decimal places past 3.....can you remember? It was a fantastic day/event led by Miss Lane and the team.



## International Women's Day 2025

## NewsFlash!

We celebrated International Women's Day this month too via varied means including assemblies, form time activities, an international women's post hunt and the opportunity for students to nominate their own inspirational woman. There were so many examples of such a variety of influential women that inspire all 120 + staff and 1122 students each and everyday here at Audenshaw. I also wanted to extend a belated Happy International Women's Day to all of the inspirational Audenshaw/Tameside women who are a significant part of the lives of so many.



Tournament news.....

Our Under 13 team won the Kings 7's Tournament at the weekend becoming the first Audenshaw team to do so since the tournament started in 1979! Well done to all the boys and their coach Mr Hulley.

### Times Tables Rock Stars



The Times Tables Rock Stars Competition took place this month with a students versus teachers competition, teachers eventually came out on top but what a battle! A great competition and bravo to Mr Hulley and the team involved.

It's live. It's massive. It's TT Rockstars Staff vs Students!



March also saw the festival of Languages take place during the 17<sup>th</sup> and the 21<sup>st</sup> March, we enjoyed that same week our Sign Language Week too! The Languages department arranged lots of exciting and fun events to mark the festival of languages with lots going on in form time and at breaks and lunch. Students have also been learning about Sign Languages this week and learning some basic signs. You can see the images to the side and I even had the pleasure myself of having a Sign Language expert join me for the Principal's Update.



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This month saw Miss Mason do an amazing job leading the charity/Year 11 rewards trip Sky dive competition. Many of you may already know this but Miss Mason publicly challenged me to join her up at 15,000ft sky dive to take part in March, to which I accepted. We managed to raise approximately £1600 for Sam's Gift charity which supports young people who have been diagnosed with cancer. And we also raised over £1000 for rewards that will go such a long way to making Year 11's final few weeks here all that more memorable. Here are some pictures of the jump! Miss Mason is the star of the show and I joined as her second in command. Gulp!

Thank you to all families for the incredible support. We even had the media in to interview us both about the event.

Teacher celebs!!

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### Tameside Indoor Athletics Championships

Year 8 are the latest Year to be crowned the Tameside Indoor Athletics Champions! So we have won all three of the competitions which have so far happened, Year 8, Year 9 and Year 10!



Finally, I wish all families celebrating Easter an amazing experience, whether it be Easter services, easter egg hunts or just family time it really is always a special occasion.

Have a restful break and we will look forward to seeing students back here on site on Wednesday 23rd April 2025 following our INSET day.

Mr P Taylor

Principal

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