

# Parent & Carer Newsletter

April 2025

Welcome to the spectacular summer term here at Audenshaw, we have much to celebrate! This edition of our newsletter will cover April, which for the most part was during half term, however, there is still much to update on. I wanted to begin by saying that I hope all families had a very happy Easter. This is clearly a very significant period for many and I do hope you enjoyed the celebrations and managed to enjoy a few tasty treats - I know my own 3 daughters certainly did.



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Amazing experience playing here again with Y9/10 mixed squad



Our Year 9 & Year 10 footballers had a wonderful trip to Valencia. They had a fantastic experience playing football and watching La Liga games and also had time to do some sight seeing and experience the local culture. We place much value on global cultural capital here at Audenshaw and the high quality enrichment this provides really is special. Thank you as ever to Mr Leach and the staffing team for their care, guidance and support. Thank you also to the parents and families - in what is a cost of living challenge just now, we know all too well just how much families are having to make difficult decisions, and the fact you have valued this to the point where you have allocated important funds is admirable and valued by our school. The boys were brilliant as ever and did us proud!



Some of our Year 11 students spent a very productive weekend during April on the Geography Revision Residential Trip. They spent the weekend revising for their upcoming exams and taking part in some outdoor pursuits! Having spoken to our amazing staff who led the trip, team Geography, they did you and the school proud - just wow and well done to all! The Geography final examinations are nearly upon us and we wish all our chaps the very best.



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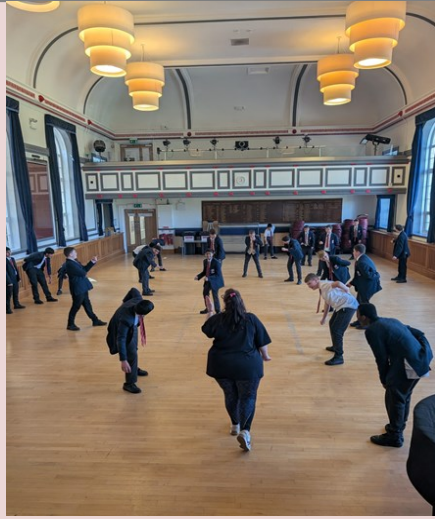
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Also in April, all Year 9 students took part in a drama workshop with NK Theatre Arts, exploring stereotypes and John Godber's play 'Teachers'. It was fantastic to see our students developing their collaboration and creative skills in these sessions. We are really proud of our new Drama offer and already Mrs Snape and the team are thrilled with the way our Audenshaw boys have taken to the new subject, improving confidence, self-esteem and providing a rich cultural platform on which to explore the world around us through Drama.



We were joined during the first week of half term by Alison Cope who spoke to students about the dangers of social media, joint enterprise and the moving story of the death of her son due to knife crime. We have experienced Alison's session before at Audenshaw, a story that will stay personally with many that watched it for some time. The boys were

amazing but the significance of her session in the daily lives of each and every boy who has to navigate his way through the world of teenage choices and society, should not be underestimated. Thank you for the continued support with our personal development offer, it's moments like Alison's visit that remind us all just how important it is. More information about Alison and her session can be found here at [www.Alisoncope.com](http://www.Alisoncope.com)

Mr Leach's gymnastics class has been getting very creative this month with some wonderful human pyramids, how impressive is the images to the right, bravo to all involved and this is great to see. I wonder if I myself could get at the top of such a pyramid, let's not try and find out!



The Y9 Team are plate champions! They were victorious this week in a very convincing 42-17 win. It was an absolute honour to see Mr Donnelly in assembly speak to the whole year group about this accolade. Stunning and we are immensely proud of all involved.



We celebrated EID Mubarak on the final Wednesday in school before the break with some exciting treats available in the canteen. It was an absolute delight to share in such celebrations with our boys, young people coming together some who celebrate EID then others that wanted to share in the celebrations and be part of something really special. We do hope all families that celebrated had an amazing time.



Have a wonderful beginning to May and do enjoy too an extended Bank Holiday weekend.

Mr P Taylor

Principal

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