

Parent & Carer Newsletter

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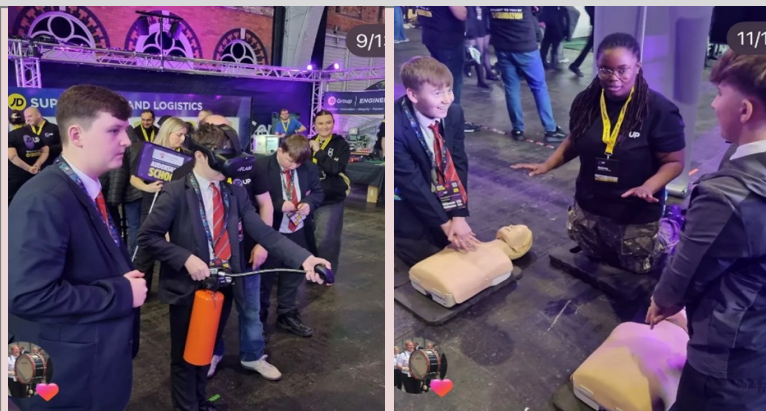
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February is often an underrated month – quietly powerful in its own way. The initial energy of the new year has settled into something steadier and more purposeful, and that’s exactly what we’re seeing across Audenshaw School. Our young men are getting their heads down, building momentum in their learning and showing real maturity in the way they approach both the daily demands, and in the case of Year 11 students, the bigger challenges ahead.

With lighter evenings slowly returning and after school interventions, mock exams and spring fixtures on the horizon, there is a real sense of focus and determination across all year groups. It’s in these quieter, less celebrated weeks that the values of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience often matter most, and our students are rising to the occasion.



Careers Exhibition

Some of our Year 10 students visited Manchester Central this month to see the massive JD UP Careers exhibition. The students had the chance to test out HGV Simulators, DJ Booths and speak to pros from Nike and Adidas. With 28 departments on show including tech, law and design they had a great time investigating their options.

KPMG Visit

This month we took some of our Year 9 students to the KPMG offices in Manchester where they explored different career routes into Business and Finance. They took part in interactive workshops and met with professionals from different areas of the company.



 **HIVENORTH**

A big thank you to Hive North who visited school earlier this month to speak to Year 8 students focusing on the LGBTQ+ community, antibullying and understanding how our attitudes can impact others.



As Lunar New Year fell in the half term holiday, we celebrated the week before in school with a special Chinese menu and decorations in the canteen. The food went down a treat and the boys enjoyed the atmosphere and marking the Year of the Horse together.



Year 9 had a visit from Wize Up in February, who provided financial and employability skills workshops to help with the transition into adult life.



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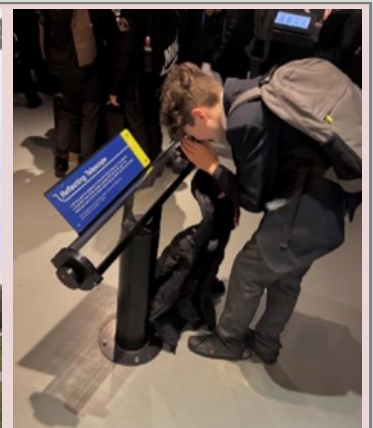


Our GCSE drama students attended a high energy, performance-based weekend residential in Anglesey, where they explored a multitude of skills in preparation for their devising exam.

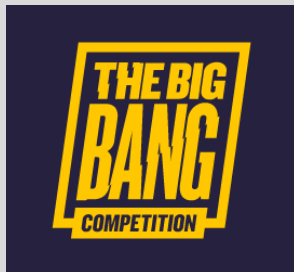


Spanish Education Office: Good Practice Day

Miss Ojeda Zorilla, our Spanish Assistant, was selected to give a short presentation on "Culture and games as key drivers for meaningful learning" in London earlier this month. Bravo!



Our budding scientists and engineers have been working hard on their entry to the Big Bang Competition this month. This competition is open to all young people in the UK aged 11 –1 8 and inspires creative minds to think big, challenge facts, ask questions and invent solutions. Good luck in the competition boys!

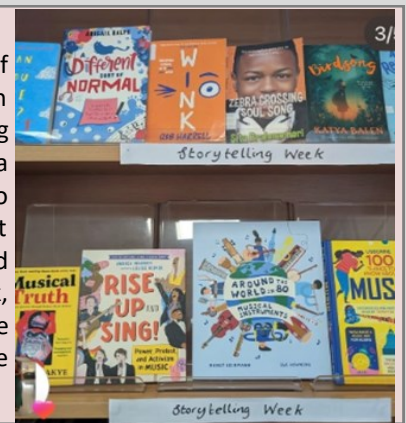


Jodrell Bank Trip

A group of Year 7 students went to Jodrell Bank on a STEM trip this month. The boys took part in interactive workshops and explored the exhibitions and hands on activities.

6 in 2026

As part of our offer during the National year of Reading, students are being invited to take part in various competitions and events that we will be running throughout the year. Most recently, there was a competition for National Storytelling Week (winners to be announced). Students collected information about the books that staff were reading from posters around school. Prizes will be given to our winners next week, but everyone who entered that competition will be entered into our 6 in 2026 competition where there are lots of different prizes on offer.



Thank you, as ever, for your partnership and support at home. The progress our young men make is never down to school alone - it's built on your encouragement, the routines, and the high expectations you set for them every day. As we move into the second half of the spring term, please do keep in touch with school if there's anything we can do to help. Together, we will continue to ensure that every student at Audenshaw has the support and challenge he needs to achieve his very best.

Holly Eckhardt

Principal



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