

Parent & Carer Newsletter

January 2026



As we return to school for the spring term, I hope this message finds you and your families refreshed after the Christmas break. January has brought with it that particular sense of possibility – a fresh page in the calendar and an opportunity for our young men to build on the strong foundations laid in the autumn term. Whether it's setting new academic goals, committing to a new extra-curricular activity, or simply approaching each day with renewed focus and determination, this is a moment when small changes can lead to significant progress. At Audenshaw School, we're ready to support every student in making this their best term yet, grounded in our core values of Respect, Responsibility, and Resilience.

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Tameside Indoor Athletics Championships

Tameside champions again 🏆

And we've done it again 🏆



Well done Y9 indoor athletes 🙌



Y8 athletes become Tameside Indoor Champions 🏆

Our Year 9 and Year 8 Athletes have shown the rest of Tameside how it's done this month, with wins for both year groups at the Tameside Indoor Athletics Championships. A fantastic achievement; well done boys!

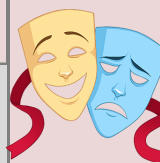


Medicine, Dentistry and Vet Event

Some of our Year 10 pupils went on a trip to Ashton Sixth Form College in January with Miss Matthews. The day was inspiring and provided insight into future careers in Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Sciences. There were also some Biology, Chemistry and Psychology lessons to try. The boys were fantastic ambassadors for our school and worked really well on the day. Well done boys!

BBC
BITESIZE

Thank you to the BBC Bitesize team who came into school to support the Key Stage 3 raising aspirations programme at the school giving students valuable information on careers to help inform their future pathways.



Earlier in January the Drama department invited Squire Stage Combat into school to teach Year 9 and GCSE drama students the art of stage and screen fighting!

We were shown how to use the combat moves used in movies and television - inspirational!



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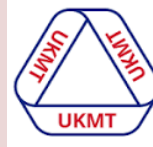
Harry B from Year 9 completed his 250th Junior Parkrun at Hyde Park over the Christmas holidays. He's the first junior in Tameside and the 150th junior in the world to achieve this milestone! What an achievement! Harry will be appearing on BBC Newsround to talk about his involvement with Parkrun.



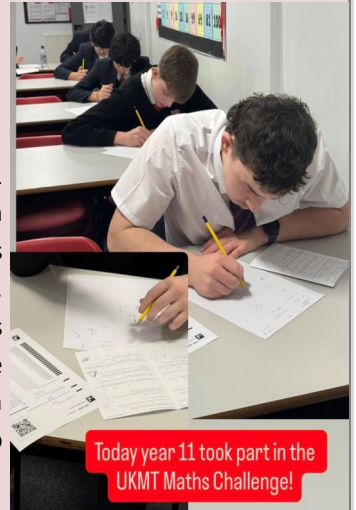
Our Debate team entered their very first competition earlier this month in the Urban Debate League. Not only did they hold their own, but they won both of their debates and are through to the next round. Impressive!



Year 10 were treated to a theatre visit earlier in January when we had a performance of 'A Christmas Carol' in our Main Hall. The boys have been studying the book in English so it was really useful for everyone to see a live performance.



Some of our Year 11 students took part in the UKMT Maths challenge this month. The competition is designed to challenge students with stimulating problems to solve.



Today year 11 took part in the UKMT Maths Challenge!

Year 7 took part in a speed networking event this month where they met people who do a wide variety of different jobs, the visitors spoke to them for 15 minutes about what they do for a living and how they got there, with the opportunity for the students to ask questions afterwards.

The aim of these events is to broaden our students' horizons, getting them to meet people that they would usually never usually see. The phrase, "You can't be what you can't see" is central to broadening our students' experiences. It was also lovely to welcome back to school Toby Shaw, a former student (see photo) who shared his memories of Audenshaw and what he is doing now.

We will be holding a Year 8 speed networking event in March; if anyone would like to volunteer 2 hours of their time to support the event please contact us via the school admin email.



Thank you, as always, for your continued partnership in your son's education. The energy and commitment our students bring to school each day is a testament to the support they receive at home from parents and carers, and we are grateful for the trust you place in us. As we move through this term together, please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns – we're here to work alongside you in developing the exceptional young men we know our students can become. Here's to a productive and rewarding spring term ahead.

Holly Eckhardt

Principal



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