

AUDENSHAW SCHOOL

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EXCEPTIONAL YOUNG MEN.

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Dear parents and carers,

Re: Confirmation of changes to the length, timings and structure of the school day from 1st September 2026

I am writing to confirm the changes to the length, timings and structure of the school day here at Audenshaw School from 1st September 2026, in light of the feedback shared with us during the stakeholder consultation phase.

The changes to the length and timings of the school day are necessary to meet the Department for Education's minimum expectations of a 32.5 hour school week. The change to the structure of the lunch break will allow us to meet the expectation that **all** students participate in enrichment.

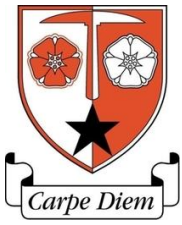
Timings & Length of the School Day (from 1st September 2026)

- The school gates will continue to open at 7.30am. Students should continue to go straight to the Dining Room if they are in the school building before 8.20am, as they do now.
- On Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, the school day for students will begin at 8.25am with AM Registration. On Wednesdays, the school day for students will begin at 8.45am with Period 1.
- The school day will finish at 3.00pm every day.
- Lunch time will take place from 1pm – 2pm every day, and will incorporate dining for Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 separately, and a lunchtime enrichment programme for all students.

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				Staff CPD: 08:00 - 08:40		
Form	08:25 – 08:45	REGISTRATION/ ASSEMBLY			REGISTRATION/ ASSEMBLY	
Lesson 1	08:45 – 09:45					
Lesson 2	09:45 – 10:45					
Break	10:45 – 11:00	BREAK				
Lesson 3	11:00 – 12:00					
Lesson4	12:00 – 13:00					
Lunch & Enrichment	13:00 – 13:30	KS3 Enrichment & KS4 Lunch				
	13:30 – 14:00	KS4 Enrichment & KS3 Lunch				
Lesson 5	14:00 – 15:00					

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We have notified the school bus company, the Road Safety Crossing Patrol and local schools. We will also notify Northern trains and the Bee Network as providers of public transport links used by students.

Dining & Enrichment

- The Lunchtime Enrichment Programme for all students will embrace the 5 Areas of Enrichment as outlined in the Curriculum & Assessment Review (November 2025) and the Schools White Paper *Every Child Achieving & Thriving* (February 2026). These 5 areas are:
 - Civic Engagement
 - Arts & Culture
 - Nature, Outdoor & Adventure
 - Sport & Physical Activities
 - Developing Wider Life Skills
- After school enrichment (e.g. sports practices and rehearsals) which is optional for students, will continue.
- We are confident that the student dining experience will be improved as there will be more time (30 minutes) for fewer students (Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 separately) to access the Dining Room and toilets.
- Food and drinks will continue to be served before school and during breaktime.
- Students may bring their own packed lunches and snacks into school to be eaten at break and lunchtime.
- Quiet spaces will continue to be provided in the SEND department for students who prefer to eat their lunch in this environment.

We are currently in the process of working out now the arrangements for Dining and the Lunchtime Enrichment Programme so that we are ready for September 1st 2026. For those of you keen to know more, we will be holding a Year Ahead meeting in the new academic year for all parents and carers (all year groups) on Tuesday 8th September 2026 at 4.30pm.

We remain of the firm belief that the changes will be beneficial to our whole school community, and will have a positive effect on your son's all-round education, allowing him to develop not only academically, but also socially and holistically.

Yours sincerely,

Holly Eckhardt
Principal

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