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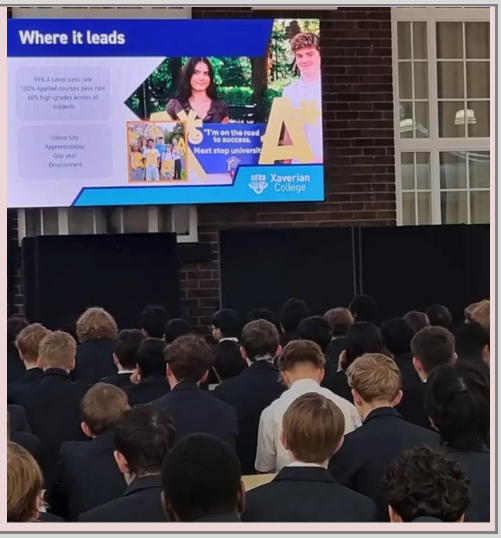
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As we reach the end of our first half term, I want to begin by thanking you. The start of a school year sets the tone for everything that follows, and the way our boys have returned this September, with purpose, good manners and a real willingness to work hard, owes a great deal to the support you give them at home.

It has been a joy to watch our new Year 7s settle so quickly into Audenshaw life. They have already found their place in their forms, their Houses, their classrooms and the wider school community. Across all year groups, I have seen boys taking on responsibility, adjusting to the new school year, trying new things and supporting one another. Our older students have also set a strong example to those coming up behind them as was evident at Open Evening, and it was a pleasure to share the platform once again with Lewis, Harry and Mehroz, our Head Boys.





College Assemblies

Our College assemblies for Year 11 students continued this month with Xavarian, Loreto, and Oldham Colleges coming in to speak to the boys about what they have to offer them in their next steps. Thank you very much.



National Year of Reading 2026

We were delighted to be selected as the winner of the Learning Management System's Summer Term Participation prize this month thanks to our engagement with the National Year of Reading initiative. The prize is the ultimate INSET day package for school and we look forward to learning more about promoting reading to our students at an upcoming INSET day.

Careers Fair

October saw the return of our annual Careers Fair. Over 500 students from Years 9, 10 & 11 were able to visit the fair to speak to the contributors to help them gain an insight into what life after Audenshaw might look like for them.





Volunteer referees

A huge well done to Daniel and Jim, two of our Year 10 students who spent an afternoon of their spare time this month refereeing a inter schools tag rugby tournament and passing on some of the Rugby skills they learnt here at Audenshaw. Well done, chaps!





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Our annual Halloween Poetry Competition has been a fantastic success, receiving an incredible **112 entries!** After reading through all the brilliant submissions, we welcomed our talented finalists to our Halloween Read-In event, where the lads performed their spooky poems and stories with fantastic confidence, creativity and enthusiasm.

It was wonderful to see so many students embracing the opportunity to share their work and showcase their literary talents. A huge thank you to the English Department for supporting the competition, and to everyone who helped make the event such a success. Well done to all our entrants and finalists – you should be incredibly proud of your achievements!





A group of Year 8 & Year 9 students are currently on a jam packed visit to India! Starting in Delphi, they then visit Jaipur and Agra for some unforgettable experiences before heading home. They can be seen visiting a Sikh prayer hall where food is provided 3 times a day free of charge to anyone who needs it.

This week, students in the Hub developed their oracy, fine motor, and teamwork skills through a pumpkin-carving activity. The finished pumpkins were judged this morning by the Principal, who was impressed by the creativity, collaboration, and effort shown by all participants.

Congratulations to the winning team, well done to everyone who took part.







Quarry Bank Mill

The Quarry Bank Mill trip was a great success as the 60 Year 8 students learned about the development of the Industrial Revolution in Manchester. It was a great opportunity for students to experience local history. Their behaviour was perfect. The National Trust guides who took us around the mill commented on how perfectly they behaved and praised their engagement and questions.



On the 8th October we were delighted to welcome 385 families to our annual Open Evening. Current staff and students gave the visitors a flavour of day to day life at Audenshaw and we look forward to welcoming many of them back as students in September.









As we break for half term, I hope every family gets the chance to rest, spend time together and recharge. The second half of the autumn term will be a busy one, especially for Year 11s who have Mocks, as well as Remembrance and the Christmas Concert. So a proper break now will set the boys up well for it.

Thank you, as always, for your partnership. When home and school work together, our boys thrive, and I am grateful to you for the part you play in that every single day.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 2nd November.

Holly Eckhardt

Principal

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