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Students Cheer on Mr. Culkin at Trafford FC

Six of our students cheered on Mr. Culkin as he played for Trafford FC on Non-League Day. Despite a hard-fought match, the team fell 2-1 to Stafford Rangers.

Mr. Culkin has been in top form, recently earning Man of the Match for his incredible performance against Hednesford Town including a penalty save. Well done to him and our students for their support!



Key Dates

April 4th:
Half-term 4 ends

May 5th:
Bank Holiday

May 21st:
Year 7 Parents' Evening

April 22nd:
Half-term 5 begins

May 12th:
Y11 Exams begin

May 23rd:
Half-term 5 ends

April 25th:
Culture Day

May 19th:
Y10 Mock Exams begin

June 2nd:
Half-term 6 begins



Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians

As the curtain draws down on another half-term here at Co-op Academy Swinton, I am reflecting on another busy six weeks of academic life.

We have had much to celebrate and enjoy in and around the school, with National ScienceWeek, World Book Day, the STEM Truck, an AI trip, and a Cambridge University Workshop all highlights of a half-term that has also seen the emergence of a lesser-spotted being known as the Sun!

This good weather has allowed us to play host to football fixtures, which I was delighted to see were very well attended by students and staff alike. It fills me with joy when I see our community come together and I was pleased to see the passionate yet good-natured support that our school demonstrates on occasions like this, embodying our core value of Succeed Together. I must congratulate the Year 9 Boys in particular, who have qualified for the Plate final and I'm sure you'll join me in wishing them well for that fixture after the Easter break.

Of course, without meaning to be the bearer of bad news, we are on the cusp of exam season and I encourage all parents/guardians of Year 11 pupils to keep an eye on our Easter School programme, ensuring your child maximises the opportunities given to them even during the holidays. I am grateful to my staff who always show excellent dedication by coming in and putting on high-quality sessions in their own time. This ability to Do What Matters Most is a key cornerstone of our life here at Swinton and it is showcased never more than in the lead-up to GCSE examinations.

Finally, although as a school we may see this as the 'Easter Holidays' I want to wish each of you a safe and prosperous two weeks whatever faith system you belong to. One of our greatest strengths as a community is our diversity, something we will commemorate in our second annual Culture Day on April 25th and again I encourage you to begin setting the wheels in motion on what it is that your child may wish to wear on this day, celebrating an element of their cultural heritage, whether it be from thousands of miles away or just round the corner we all have a heritage to acknowledge and be proud of, I am delighted that this day is a firm part of our calendar.

Have an enjoyable break and we look forward to welcoming your child back on the morning of Tuesday 22nd April at 8:20am.



Students Meet Ceremonial Mayor at Salford Town Hall!

Members of our Student Council and Citizenship pupils had the opportunity to visit Salford Town Hall and have breakfast with the Ceremonial Mayor. Students explored the Mayor's office and were able to develop their understanding of the role and how the Mayor's office works!



Y11 Prefects Attend Iris Prize Film Festival to Explore LGBTQ+ Cinema and Representation

A group of Year 11 prefects attended the Iris Prize Film event at Angel Square. The film festival is an event that celebrates the best in LGBTQ+ cinema and consisted of 3 films followed by interactive workshops focusing on LGBTQ+ representation in society and culture.



Another Kind Donation From Our Partners!

We'd like to say a big thank you to Amoria Bond and our partner group Bunzl for a generous donation of laptops that can be used by our students! These will make a huge difference to our students in class and will help our GCSE students to complete their coursework!



Year 9 Students Kick Off Reach Project with Bunzl, Gaining Workplace Skills and Showing Exceptional Maturity

A group of Year 9 students completed their first of three sessions with our partners at Bunzl to start their Reach project. They gained experience into the world of work and acquired key workplace skills. They shown a high level of maturity and represented the school well!





Foundation



2 of our Year 10 pupils, as part of Green Week, made kit bags out of recycled Man Utd tops! They were also treated to a meet and greet with Leah Galton and Phallon Tullis-Joyce!



A group of our Year 11 students had the opportunity to flag bear for the Europa League game vs Real Sociedad thanks at Old Trafford! One pupil described the experience as 'electric and a night I'll never forget!'



In March we held our annual Dragon's Den event! With our star studded panel of Dragons, including the Ceremonial Mayor of Salford, Tanya Burch, teams from local primary schools pitched their products in hopes of investment! Well done to all the students involved for their incredible and well-researched presentations!



Athletic Success for Year 8!

Our fantastic Year 8 pupils performed amazingly well having managed to win medals during the Co-op indoor athletics event held at Walkden. The girls won overall after being level on points due to having the most event wins, with the boys coming in 3rd place.



We celebrated World Book Day with some fantastic costumes! From classic characters to new favourites, the whole school got involved and brought books to life. So many brilliant costumes – it was amazing to see the creativity and love of reading across our school!

Fun, Football, and Famous Faces: Booky Footy Quiz for World Book Day!

We had a blast at the Booky Footy Quiz for World Book Day! We didn't win, but our learners had fun and even met stars like Ella Toone, Joshua Zirkzee & Joe Hart! 27,300 books are being given to UK schools, amazing! Watch the quiz on YouTube via The National Literacy Trust.





Science Week 2025



Throughout National Science Week, our students have been diving into hands-on experiments, from making fizzy bath bombs to balloon races and the mesmerizing flame test! The hands on practical activities were a fun and engaging way of helping our pupils understand scientific concepts!

Bangs and sparks flew as our Year 8 and 9 groups were treated to a show presented by the Royal Institution. Students learnt all about energy transfers with the aid of demonstrations by Ri Scientist Usmaa Choudry.

A great way to celebrate science week!



Art and Photography



Year 10 Artists Kick Off Independent Projects with Stunning Title Pages and Creative Flair!

Our talented Year 10 artists have officially embarked on their independent project journey, and what a start they've made! Their title pages are looking incredible and demonstrating true artistic individuality. From bold typography to intricate designs, each piece sets the tone for their unique themes. We can't wait to see how their projects develop over the coming weeks! Shout out to Stefania. A, Kate.J, Heidi.C, Holly.C, Neave.S, Tia.M, Hayden.W, Nicole.M and Victoria.S.



Careers Week Vision Board Competition winners!

Congrats to:
Year 7: Enya
Year 8: Isabella
Year 9: Ava

There were so many amazing entries from Year 7, 8, & 9 students. All winners & runners-up received their prizes today in the rewards assembly!



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