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Co-op Academy Swinton's First Ever Christmas Market!

On December 1st we held our first ever Christmas Markets. It was such a joy to welcome in the local community to browse our selection of independent stalls. A huge thank you to all our stall holders, staff and Year 11 prefects who helped with the running of the event and to everyone who attended making the event such a success!



Key Dates

December 20th:
Half-term 2 ends

January 27th:
Year 11 Mocks begin

February 13th:
Half-term 3 ends

January 6th:
Half-term 3 begins

February 5th:
Year 9 Parents' Evening

February 14th:
Staff Inset Day

January 15th:
Year 10 Parents' Evening

February 13th:
Year 11 Mocks end

February 24th:
Half-term 4 begins

Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians

Thank you for your support this academic term. Our students have had a brilliant term packed with learning, assessments, and lots of extra-curricular activity. We have tried to capture our academy activities this half-term within this newsletter. I would urge you to follow us on X (formerly Twitter) at @swintoncoop to ensure you are kept updated on all the amazing work our students complete on a daily basis.

Our Year 11 students have demonstrated resilience and dedication to their mocks and are now preparing for their next set starting on 27th January. Our Year 10 and Year 11 students have been submitting exam coursework worth 60% to the exam board. This will count towards their final GCSE grades. Our Year 9 students are preparing for their options process that will start in January. This is an also important year for our Year 8 students who are established members of the academy, our Year 8 assessments begin as soon as we return after the break.

We are so proud of our Year 7 students who have transitioned into secondary life and have accepted our ways of being. All our students uphold our Co-op values and we are proud of them all.

Wishing you and your family a healthy, safe and happy Christmas break.

Zanna





Mayoress Visits Co-op Academy Swinton

Last week we were so privileged to be visited by the ceremonial mayor of Salford, Tanya Burch. She discussed her past, her role and the local council giving both the students and staff an invaluable insight. She has even invited our students to visit the council chambers soon! The students were even allowed to look at the Chains of Office which are 15 carat gold with an estimated value of £650,000



Q & A with Baroness for Year 11!

Our Year 11 Citizenship students had the pleasure of a Q&A with Baroness Harris of Richmond, exploring her role and experiences in The House of Lords! They gained valuable insight into what happens in both of the Houses. Huge thanks to Baroness Harris for her time and wise words!



Christmas Jumper Day Raises Money for Year 11 Prom and Valencia Trip

Our staff and students did a great job on Christmas Jumper day! Thank you to all staff and students who got involved raising money for our Year 11 Prom and Valencia trip!





Foundation



Our social action girls, have made 23 Christmas hampers that will be delivered to local families as well as Salford Food Bank. We're so proud of the girls, they've done an incredible job and their work will make a real difference!

5 of our Year 7s were selected by Mr Culkin and Miss Daley to go on a Christmas day out at Chill Factory with Adele! The kids had a great time and behaviour was excellent, Daniel in Y7 commented: 'I had the best day ever!'



Our social action girls have put out a collection of donated coats for anyone who may need one this winter at our reception. These kind donations and effort from the girls will prove vital to those who need it most!



Some of our Year 8 pupils, selected for their hard work and dedication in Drama by Miss Crook, got to attend the musical *Come From Away* at The Lowry thanks to the Manchester United Foundation!



First of Many Cyberfirst Events!

Cyber
First

Year 9 Students this week had the opportunity to take part in a CyberFirst day at HOST Manchester. The students learnt about careers in Cybersecurity and the role Cybersecurity plays in society. They also took part in activities to learn how to use Artificial Intelligence (AI), Robotics, Virtual Reality and open source data mining.

The day was a great success and is the latest in our series of events as we prepare for becoming a CyberFirst School in spring term!



Year 10 Visit The Capital!

40 of our Year 10 students had a fantastic time in London on the annual Social Science trip. The students visited the Natural History Museum, London Eye, London Dungeons and experienced a river cruise. The highlight for most was Winter Wonderland! Brilliant memories were made and the students were a real credit to Co-op Academy Swinton



Year 7 Make Bright Netball Start!

Our Year 7 Netball did us proud this week! In 2 games they narrowly lost one and won the next 4-0! Miss Sparrow and Mrs Hulton are incredibly proud of the team and the progress they're making!



Silverware for Year 8!

Our Year 8 Girls football team won the EFL cup for Salford schools, scoring over 40 goals and conceding just 1! They'll represent Salford in the NW tournament in January. Their victory was dedicated to Steve West, after last year's semi-final loss. We're so proud!



Year 11 Complete Clean Sweep!

Our Year 11 boys finished their group games with 3 wins from 3! Djacy scored 4, including a first-half hat-trick, with goals from Sagesse and Ersid too. The winning goal was dedicated to Steve West, and the team celebrated with a song on the bus and some cake!



Year 7 Netball Debut is a Huge Success!

Our Year 7s competed in their first-ever netball rally against other Salford schools. They won 2 games and narrowly lost the other 2 by just 1 point finishing in 3rd place! Miss Sparrow and Mrs Hulton are incredibly proud of their effort and teamwork!



Art and Photography



Street Style Graffiti Workshop for Year 8!

A huge thank you to our incredible Year 8 students who participated in the Graffiti Workshop run by Street Style Graffiti! It was a fantastic experience for our students filled with so much creativity and fun. It was amazing to watch the students dive in and channel their inner graffiti artist, express themselves and have high enthusiasm for the session. Students made us proud with their exemplary behaviour during the session. Take a look at some of our students fantastic artwork!



Our Photography Year 10 cohort attended Victoria Baths and Media City to collect photographs for their GCSE coursework.

Our students made us proud with their fantastic efforts, polite and respectful behaviours when touring the baths and walking around Media City.

It was extremely exciting when touring the baths as there were live set crews filming for a new upcoming series/movie... unfortunately despite multiple questions being asked, the crew would not let us know which series, due to signing Non-Disclosure Agreements!

Our students had a fantastic time and truly channeled their inner photographers. A big shout out to George who was frequently found on the floor getting what he described as the 'perfect angles'!



Art Create Display To Show
Respect

We are so proud of our PLC and KS3 Art Students for contributing to a whole school display for Remembrance Day. The students have worked incredibly hard over the weeks creating felt poppies to show their respect to the Armed Forces community. Well done everyone!



Incredible Photography Skills on Display!

Check out the amazing Photoshop skills of Year 10's Summer M. and Riley-Jay A.! Their photos have been framed and are now displayed in our training room so they can be admired and enjoyed by our staff, students and visitors. All of our photographers recieved a golden ticket for their incredible work!



A huge well done to the Year 7, Year 8 students and parents who contributed their time, effort and creativity to the 5-week independent learning Art project! The artwork you produced is nothing short of amazing! From vibrant drawings to 3D intricate designs, your creations showcased your talent, imagination and dedication. It's been a joy to watch all of your presentations in class showcasing your artwork. You have made us all so proud! It made for an incredible display!



Congrats To Our Sparx Maths Champions!

A huge well done to our fantastic Year 7s, Archie, Mayar, Bailey, Naeema and Nma who have been selected as our Maths Sparx Champions. They have shown incredible dedication, hard work to their independent learning, along with effort in class and attendance, to extra curricular activities!

Performing Arts



Winter Showcase 2024

We closed Half-Term 2 with our Winter Showcase! The event was a huge success, performing to a near sold out crowd our students impressed the audience with their drama, dance and music skills! A huge thank you to Miss Crook, Mr Yorkstone and Miss Hughes for organising the event. A huge well done to all our performers!



Make Up Workshop for KS4!

Our KS4 Drama students attended a Media Makeup trip at Future Skills, Salford. They were able to experience life as a college student including use of the lecture theatre, makeup studios, and participating in lessons. Their behaviour and engagement was exemplary. Well done girls!



Musical Trip for Year 11!

Our Drama students had a fantastic trip to the Palace Theatre in Manchester to watch Willy Russell's classic: Blood Brothers. Despite the cold weather our students' behaviour and engagement was exemplary! Well done, Year 11 Drama students!





During the current Y9 Drama scheme of work, students have been having a go at special effects makeup, check out some of the bruises and wounds they have created! Well done, Y9! Keep up the great work! Watch this space for the costume and set design installment!



Daisy Amazes Once Again!

Daisy (Y9) amazed yet another audience with her singing, this time at the annual Being Co-op Awards at Co-op Live. Daisy sang three songs (including her award-winning rendition of Fall on Me), receiving a standing ovation from some very highly esteemed attendees. Well done, Daisy! We even got to see Holly C's award winning artwork on display!

Students Contribute to Remembrance Day Display

In honour of Remembrance Day our students have written messages on Poppies that have been displayed outside the school. Our pupils also learnt the origin of the Poppy symbol of what it means to display one. We're so proud of the respect shown by our students yesterday as they prepared their poppies for our remembrance display. Their messages expressed their gratitude for those that made the ultimate sacrifice.



Community and Beyond



We received this incredible delivery of hygiene products from Co-op Academies! This will make such a huge difference to our school and to the wider community as well some being pledged to local charity, Salix Homes!



Annual Mission Christmas Donation is A Huge Success!

A huge thank you to everyone who donated to our annual Mission Christmas appeal! All the presents have been delivered and will help to support less fortunate families over the festive period.



Our students from our PLC group have been preparing bags to support families over the festive period! Filled with essentials they'll offer vital support for those who need it most!

Councillors Impressed With Students!

This term we welcomed local councillors, Councillor Cammell and Councillor Hinds. They engaged with our pupils and were very impressed with the students behaviour and enthusiasm! A huge thank you to both councillors for their time.



Be kind to yourself this festive season



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Talk about your feelings
Sharing how you feel about Christmas with someone you trust may help them understand how best to support you during this time.

Be who you are
You might feel pressured to buy presents, cook or entertain but you don't have to. Everyone has a right to be who they are and walk their own path.

Take a winter walk
Winter weather can make us stay at home and feel sluggish but getting outside for a walk will not only make you feel better but is a chance to connect with nature as well as others.

Take time for yourself
Christmas can feel quite daunting with various demands and expectations. Remember to take a break from it and do something that restores you.

Eat a balanced diet
Christmas can be a time of overindulging on food and alcohol but an excess of sugar or alcohol can have an effect on your mental health and wellbeing. Moderation is key.

Do more of what you enjoy
You might join a local group, take up a new hobby or volunteer at a local charity. Whatever makes you feel happy and positive can boost your sense of wellbeing.

Mental Health Support:

Childline

Childline provides online information and resources 24/7, as well as live counselling services (speak to a Childline counsellor online or on the phone) between 9am and midnight. Call 0800 1111.

The Mix

If you are under 25, The Mix are here to help you take on any challenge you're facing - from mental health to money, from homelessness to finding a job, from break-ups to drugs. Phone the helpline on 0808 808 4994, open between 3pm and midnight every day. You can also contact them through email, their Crisis Messenger and 1-2-1 Chat.
www.themix.org.uk/

Samaritans:

If you are going through a difficult time, you can get in touch with Samaritans. They are there, day or night, for anyone who's struggling to cope, who needs someone to listen without judgement or pressure. Call 116 123 or drop them an jo@samaritans.org.

SHOUT 85258

For free, confidential support, 24/7, text SHOUT to 85258. If you are struggling to cope and need to talk, trained Shout volunteers are available day or night.

Shout can help with urgent issues such as:
Abuse / Anxiety and stress / Bullying / Depression or sadness / Loneliness or isolation / Panic attacks / Self-harm / Suicidal thoughts

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