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Show you  
care

We care about our academy,  
creating an environment of  
trust, safety and respect,  
now and for the future.

Succeed  
together

Success is a measure of our  
determination, we're better  
and stronger when we  
work together.



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Co-op Academy  
Trust Award!

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## Mental Health Boost For Our Students!

This term we have been raising awareness of mental health with both staff and students. We believe supporting one another and putting our school values into practice is essential for our students to succeed. We have had Kooth in school delivering sessions to all year groups, giving an insight into a range of different mental health concerns and signposting where students can access support outside of school. Mental health is an area we are passionate about and emotional literacy will continue to be a focus for the year.



## Dates for your diary



**30 October 2023**

Academy re-opens for  
Autumn Term 2 at 8:30

**3 November 2023**

End of Year 11 Mocks

**27 November 2023**

Year 11 Parents Evening

**6 December 2023**

Year 10 Parents Evening

**15 December 2023**

Academy closes for  
Christmas Break at 3:05

**3 January 2023**

Academy re-opens for  
Spring Term 1 at 8:30

# Principal's Message



Dear Parent/Carer,

I welcome you to the first edition of our newsletter this academic year. Within this newsletter you will find some key events this half term that have made us proud. We constantly upload our good news stories on social media via Facebook (Co-op Academy Swinton) and X, formerly Twitter, (@swintoncoop) - please do follow us.

Our students have demonstrated high standards by arriving at the Academy ready to learn and displaying genuine mutual respect. We are very proud of our year 7 cohort that have settled into life at Co-op Academy Swinton and have aligned with our values and ways of being. Our transition evening was well attended by prospective parents and many of our year 7 and 8 students helped during this evening. Our year 8 students have been working very hard since their return and have demonstrated a mature attitude to their learning. Our year 9 students are preparing to select their GCSE options and we will keep you informed regarding this process. This year we have more option choices for our year 9 cohort. Our year 10 students have settled into their GCSE subjects and selected options very well. Many year 10 students are currently working very hard on their completions of their component 1 submission that will count towards their GCSE grades. Our Year 11 students are currently sitting their first round of GCSE mock exams. They have displayed immense resilience and dedication to their studies and we are so proud of them.

Our student leadership team within the academy have been a key focus for us this half term. We have many leaders within the school including our Senior Prefects. To name some, we have Transition, LGBTQ+, Charity, Equality and Diversity, Climate Change, Anti-Bullying, Sports, Peer Mentor, Council, Reading, Mental Health, Subject Ambassadors and many more! Please speak to your child and ask to see their leadership badge.

As the weather becomes colder, I would ask you to ensure you are sending your child to school with warm clothing such as a coat to wear over their blazer, black tights and gloves. If you require any assistance with warm clothing please do not hesitate to contact us.

Next term our focus will be punctuality to school. As you are aware, being late to school will result in your child losing their morning attendance mark which will hinder their attendance %. This will result in the Academy working with the attendance team and they will follow the national protocol for students who have poor attendance. Our morning registers are taken at 8.30am and it is imperative that your child is in the Academy and walking to period 1 by 8.25am. A student who does not gain an attendance mark at 8.30am is marked as late to school.

Our end of term rewards trip will take place on Friday 15th December 2023 at Planet Ice Blackburn Arena. Our students need a 75% green wheel and attendance of 95% or above to qualify to attend. If your child's attendance or class charts wheel is not at the level required at the moment, please do not panic. You still have enough time to rectify this.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or the year team for any queries you may have. I wish you all a safe and happy half term break.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sanna NG'.

# Tom Honoured with Show You Care Award from Co-op Academies Trust



In a heartwarming display of dedication, Tom, a cherished member of the Co-op Academy Swinton family, has been honored with the prestigious Show You Care award from the Co-op Academies Trust.

This recognition comes as a testament to Tom's exceptional commitment to each and every student under his care. Over the weekend, the Co-op Academies Trust bestowed this well-deserved honor upon Tom. His unwavering dedication and commitment to the students are nothing short of extraordinary. Tom serves as a shining example, embodying all the core values of Co-op Academy Swinton.

Out of a staggering pool of approximately 900 nominations, Tom emerged victorious. This achievement underscores the remarkable impact he has made on the entire Co-op Academy Swinton community. His unwavering commitment and exceptional contributions have left an indelible mark on the institution. Tom's win is a testament to his remarkable character and unyielding support for the school's mission and values. It's a moment to celebrate and appreciate the positive influence he has had on the Co-op Academy Swinton community.

Congratulations to Tom for this well-deserved recognition, and may his story continue to inspire and uplift us all.



## Drama Studio Makeover thanks to Bunzl!

Over the summer holidays international distribution and services group, Bunzl, came in and painted our Drama Studio ahead of the new school year! We are so grateful to all the volunteers and know our students will both appreciate and benefit from their efforts. We look forward to working with Bunzl on more projects in the near future!



# Students' Work Published

21 of our students will have their work published in The Young Writers 'Unsolved' book. Selected from thousands, they crafted gripping 100-word unsolved mysteries. Stay tuned for the November launch!



## Art Students Explore Natural Forms

There's been some incredible art coming from our Year 11s! Students James Surtees, Demi Martin, Ersida Pana, and Rian Haims are showcasing their talents, exploring natural forms with oil pastels and watercolor.



## Manchester United Foundation Practical Careers Day

Some of our pupils in Year 8 and 9 were selected to go on a careers event to Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue service for a practical careers day. Pupils engaged in a tour of the safety centre along with a practical session of 'finding the fire hazards'. They also took part in a bonfire safety session and had an introductory session of how to become a fire cadet. Pupils really enjoyed the day and found a lot of elements to it very beneficial.

"I really enjoyed today because it had practical things going on. Like we got to see the hazards in different rooms, and we got to go in a room on what it looks like after a fire, all burnt. It was really fun, I really enjoyed it". Logan Matthews- Year 8 pupil





# Year 11 Prefects Selected

Year 11s had the chance to nominate themselves to become this year's Prefects. Aimed at embodying the values of our school and moulding them into future leaders we are so proud of them as they enhance both their own skills and develop that of the wider school community



## BBC Bitesize talk to Year 7 - 10 about Careers

In September we were visited by BBC Bitesize who came into school to speak to years 7-10 about careers.

It was made extra special as they brought Noah Valentine, the star of Waterloo road, with them to talk about his career and his pathway into acting. Presenter Ross Fiddes interviewed Noah about his school life and acting career. Noah and Ross also gave the students lots of practical advice about how to successfully pursue their chosen career.

Students also had the chance to ask Noah questions about his acting, roles and life. Some of our Year 10 GCSE Drama students also stayed behind to ask Noah for advice.



# Year 11 Get a Taste of the Future at Careers Evening!

In September we hosted our Careers Evening that brought together students, parents, and professionals. The event featured networking opportunities, interactive workshops, inspirational speakers, and valuable resources, emphasising the importance of early career exploration. By fostering mentorship, encouraging parental involvement, and providing essential guidance, the evening left a lasting impact on our students, empowering them to pursue their dreams with confidence.



## Spooky Spectacle!

Year 7 Drama students have been studying the foundation skills of Drama through the story of Swinton Manor.

Students took Y6 students and their parents/carers on an immersive journey, as Mrs Black, PC Latham and ghosts of the manor during our annual open evening



## Library Update

In a bid to encourage more reading we have updated our library stock based on recommendations by our students!



# Open Evening

Recently we held our annual Open Evening! Over 500 families joined us to see our fantastic facilities and meet our amazing staff. It was a glimpse into the future for our year 6 students, showing them the endless possibilities and strong values at Co-op Academy Swinton.

Each department put on an experience for our future students to show them what they can expect when they become a member of our community.



## Year 11 Mock Exams

From Monday 16th October Year 11 will be completing their mock exams ahead of their final exams in June. These will finish after half term on Friday November 3rd

	Monday 16th	Tuesday 17th	Wednesday 18th	Monday 30th	Tuesday 31st
Period 1	Biology 1.15/1.45	Enterprise 2 hrs	History Crime 1.15	Maths Paper 2 1hr 30	Chemistry 1.15/1.45
Period 2					
Period 3	Maths Paper 1 1hr 30	English Lit 2hrs 15 min	Geography Paper 1	English Lang 1hr 45 mins	French/Spanish Reading
Period 4			50 mins		45/60mins
Lunch 1					
lunch 2	Performing arts 60 mins	French/Spanish Listening 45 min	Sports studies 60 mins		Geography Paper 3 45 mins
Period 5					
	Wednesday 1st	Thursday 2nd	Friday 3rd	Monday 6th	Tuesday 7th
Period 1	Design 2hrs	Computer science 1 hr 30 mins	Maths Paper 3 1hr 30	French/Spanish Writing 60/1hr 15min	Photography 2hrs/mop ups
Period 2					
Period 3	Drama 1hr 20mins	Physics 1.15/1.45	RS 1hr 45	Art 2hrs	Mop up
Period 4					
Lunch 1					
lunch 2	History Anglo	Creative Media	Music	History Germany	Mop up
Period 5	55 mins	60 mins	60 mins	1hr 20mins	

## Year 7 Summer Home Work Winners!

Students Billy Latham, Vienna Nassari, Masie Gratix, Carson Musgrave were awarded by Principal, Mrs Ali, for their efforts over the summer on their homework projects



# Manchester United Foundation Reward Outstanding Students

Some of our pupils were gifted match tickets from Adele, our Manchester United Foundation officer. Pupils were selected from their Heads of Year for outstanding starts to the new academic year.

Harry Walter, Year 11 was selected by Head of Year, Miss Cope and Assistant Head of year Mr Culkin due to his engagement in lessons, change in attitude and overall good behaviour around school. Well done Harry!

Joseph Rabbit, Year 10 was selected by Mrs Fearnhead, Assistant head of year for being one of the stand out students for his fantastic attendance and achievement points since the start of term.

Oscar Jones, Year 7 was selected by Head of year 7, Miss Daly for his positive start to high school and kindness around school. Oscar always has a smile on his face and is willing to give a helping hand to and pupil or staff member.

Oliver Brett, Year 9 was selected by Mrs Stevens, Head of Year.

"Oliver has had completely turned his behaviour and focus around. So much so he's now one of our number one, well behaved, top students. I'm very proud of him and hope he enjoys the tickets that Adele and the foundation have gifted".



## Creative Writing added to Library Selection

During lunch and break times, a handful of students have added a new dimension to our library. Their creative energy has flowed into the creation of their own short stories, which are now part of the library's collection.

The students take pride in their work, and we're delighted to share a few of their stories with you. Please take a moment to acknowledge and congratulate **Amela Osmani, Jackson Lowe, Georgia Hewitt, Marcel Okonofua, Mohammed Ahmed, and Kathusga Sasikumar** writing talents. These young authors have contributed significantly to our school community.






# Physical Education Extra Curricular Time Table


We're very lucky to have a dedicated PE Department who are running a host of extra curricular activities for our students every day of the school week before, during and after the school day. Our children get a huge range of options meaning there is something for everyone!

**Physical Education & Performing Arts Extra curricular timetable**

	BEFORE SCHOOL	LUNCH TIME		AFTER SCHOOL
		Y7 Y8 Y11	Y9 Y10	
<b>MONDAY</b>	WEIGHTLIFTING GYM MR HIGGENS (TECH BLOCK GYM)	INDOOR FOOTBALL (Y8) MR FRANKHAM	BASKETBALL MR HIGGENS (Top Yard open)	Y7 FOOTBALL - MR FRANKHAM - FIELD WEIGHTLIFTING - MR HIGGENS - TECH BLOCK GYM DANCE - MISS HUGHES - PA4 Y7-10 SAMBA - DRUMMING - PA3 GCSE DRAMA INTERVENTION - PA1/2
<b>TUESDAY</b>	GIRLS YOGA ADELE (GYM)	BASKETBALL MR SIMMONS TABLE TENNIS ADELE	Y9 TOP YARD K34 DANCE MISS HUGHES	Y8 FOOTBALL - MR SIMMONS Y9 FOOTBALL - MR FRANKHAM NETBALL - MISS SPARROW SPORTS STUDIES - Y10 & Y11 - MR HIGGENS & MRS HULTON - IT1 Y8-10 MUSIC PRODUCTION/SONGWRITING - PA2 Y7-10 DRAMA CLUB - PA2
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>		BASKETBALL MR SIMMONS Y8 FILM CLUB TEB	BASKETBALL MR HIGGENS & MRS HULTON (Top Yard open) GUITAR CLUB PA2	GIRLS FOOTBALL - ADELE
<b>THURSDAY</b>	FUTSAL ADELE (REC)	INDOOR FOOTBALL (Y11) MR FRANKHAM & MR SIMMONS	Y9 TOP YARD	Y10 FOOTBALL - MR HIGGENS - FIELD Y11 FOOTBALL - MR FRANKHAM - FIELD K34 DANCE INTERVENTION - MISS HUGHES - LIBRARY VOLLEYBALL - MRS HULTON - REC
<b>FRIDAY</b>	WEIGHTLIFTING GYM MR HIGGENS (TECH BLOCK GYM)	INDOOR FOOTBALL (Y7) MR FRANKHAM	BASKETBALL MR HIGGENS (Top Yard Open)	WEIGHTLIFTING - MR HIGGENS - TECH BLOCK GYM Y7-10 KEYBOARD CLUB - PA2
















## Manchester United Foundation Donate Banner

It's a thumbs up for our new school banner from Fred the Red and our 2023/24 new Manchester United Foundation, Student Voice Captains- Daisy Church and Archie Girdelstone.