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Girls Donate 32
Christmas
Hampers!
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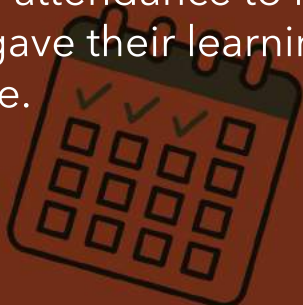
Co-op Academy
Swinton

December 2023

news

Prizes for Students With Full Attendance!

In the lead up to Christmas our students who have achieved full attendance across a week will receive a prize! Our first week saw all those with 100% rewarded with doughnuts. From then on, prizes such as Manchester United Shirts, bowling vouchers, wireless speakers, wireless headphones, sweets, chocolates and more were made available to those students who keep their attendance to high standard and gave their learning the best chance.



Dates for your diary



- 3 January 2024**
Academy re-opens for Spring Term 1 at 8:25
- 10 January 2024**
Year 8 Parents Evening
- 22 January 2024**
Start of Year 11 Mocks
- 31 January 2024**
Year 9 Parents Evening
- 16 February 2024**
Academy closes for Half Term at 3:05
- 26 February 2024**
Academy re-opens for Spring Term 2 at 8:25

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 much 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 22nd 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 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.

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Art Students Display Talents!

There was lots of incredible artwork to shout about recently including this piece by Isabel Grosu focusing on Wildlife

Mo-op Academy Swinton!

Throughout November members of staff sported their best moustaches in support of Movember! £215 was raised for an incredible cause. A huge thanks to all the members of staff who took part!

You can still donate at the QR code below!



Students Meet Veteran to Learn Local History

An incredible experience for our pupils on a school trip to Swinton Memorial Gardens and the Cenotaph. They met the veteran, Glenn Croston, who shared local history and his personal experiences from his time in the armed forces, including conflicts in Northern Ireland. This was part of our students learning about Remembrance Day by receiving first hand accounts of conflict to give both understanding and perspective



32 Christmas Hampers made and delivered with Man Utd Foundation and Students!



In the true spirit of giving, Co-op Academy Swinton has come together to create 32 Christmas Hampers for families in need and the homeless. The generous donations from staff and students made this heartwarming initiative possible.



A special thank you goes to our dedicated Social Action Girls for assembling these thoughtful hampers. Your hard work has made a real difference this holiday season. We also extend our gratitude to everyone who generously contributed to this meaningful cause.

A shout-out to Fred the Red for assisting with the shopping process. Your support has been invaluable.



Thanks to the collective efforts of our school community, these hampers will bring warmth and joy to those who need it most during the festive season. Your generosity exemplifies the true meaning of Christmas.



Local news outlet Salford Now reported on this story which can be found here: <https://www.salfordnow.co.uk/2023/12/04/swinton-academy-students-create-hampers-for-the-homeless-we-are-hoping-this-aids-the-community-during-these-difficult-times/>



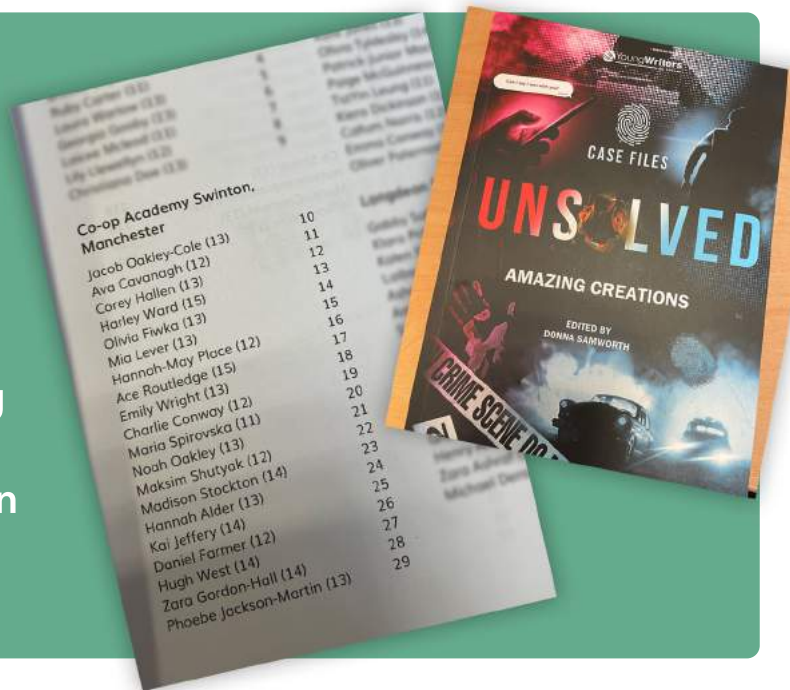
Year 7 Explores Diverse Careers through Salford Foundation Program

Year 7 students collaborated with the Salford Foundation and professionals from ten companies to explore diverse career paths. The interactive sessions, covering education, automotive, retail, finance, and digital services, aimed to inspire future career goals. Positive feedback was received from both students and professionals. Thanks to the Salford Foundation and industry partners for their valuable contribution, aligning with our commitment to real-world exposure and empowering students for future success.



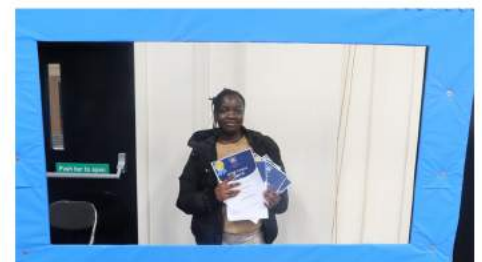
33 Students published in Young Writers Competition

33 of our talented students have recently been published via the Young Writers Organisation. We couldn't be more proud of our young authors who have shown wonderful amounts of creativity and imagination as they crafted their stories.



Former Students Recognised

We celebrated a fantastic evening with our 2023 Year 11 graduates at their Presentation event! Alumni and parents reunited, certificates in hand, honoring a remarkable year group. Special shoutouts to students recognized for outstanding efforts with subject prizes.



Pantomime Trip for Nurture Students

Such a heart-warming experience during Year 7 and Year 8 Nurture students' trip to the pantomime at St Helens Theatre Royal! Watching our students being brought up on stage and becoming part of the show was an incredibly exciting experience for them that they won't soon forget!



Bowling Triumph!

Co-op Swinton bowling superstars strike again - bagging the runner up position in the Regional Panathlon Finals at Hollywood Bowl, Middlebrook. With three players achieving extra certificates for scoring over 100 points, this really was a special day for the team. Declan Moyo deserves a special mention- scoring spare after spare as the game went on. William, Matin and Joseph - the 100 score superstars- played a magnificent game supported by their teammates Bradley and Dylan. Pupils performed and behaved impeccably demonstrating our Co-op Values across the North West Region



£723.75 Raised for Children in Need!

Via a non-uniform day Co-op Academy Swinton managed to raise a huge £723.75 towards Children in Need. A huge thank you to all our staff and students for getting involved and raising money for those who are less fortunate



Bake Sale!

On the last week of term we held a bake sale to raise extra funds! All cakes were donated by members of staff with giving up their own time and showcased some incredible talent! We are so grateful to all the staff who contributed and everyone who enjoyed any of our baked goods!

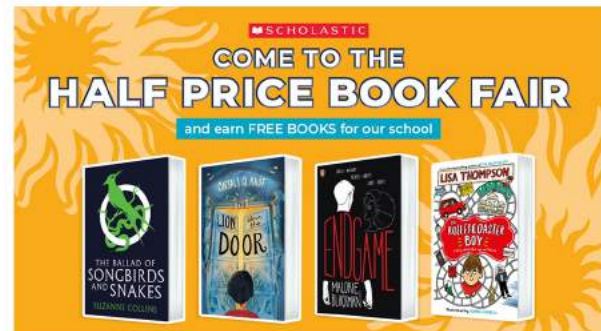
Award-winning Author Supports Drama Students

The school's Drama club is bringing the award-winning book 'I'm Reggie Rokit' to life on stage. We are honored to have author Carl Wheatley supporting us at weekly rehearsals! Save the date for our performance at The Globe in the summer term.

Author Carl Wheatley's take on our Reggie Rokit project: "The Drama students are a joy to work with. Their upbeat and passionate nature ensures this project will be a huge success. Their creativity and confidence at such a young age is inspiring."

Harry Shows He Cares

One of our key values here at Co-op Academy Swinton, Show You Care, has been perfectly demonstrated by Year 11's Harry Walters. Harry has handcrafted baby hats and gloves for science teacher, Dr. Taylor who has just welcomed his new-born into the world. Harry is a credit to himself and truly embodies what we want to see in our students



Half Price Book Fair

From December 12th to 17th we hosted a half-price book fair. We believe reading is a huge part of a child's education and access to books they are interested in is a key commitment of ours



Foundation

Year 10 Students Spark Enthusiasm at Growth Company's Electrician Trade Career Day in Manchester

In early November some of our year 10 pupils who expressed interest in the electrician trade, took part in a 'give it ago careers day' at the Growth Company in Manchester. Pupils were given an insight into some facts of the electrical trade and were given some individual practical tasks as well. The one that proved most popular was learning how to wire a plug socket. Miss Howarth our Manchester United Foundation officer set them a challenge of who could complete the wiring correctly first, but also to survive what the tutor named 'the pull test'. This fun test wasn't easy and all pupils gave it a fantastic effort, but Bailey Millington ended up being the group winner and received some golden tickets as a reward.

"All pupils had a brilliant day, I think they were quite shocked as to how technical the trade can be. Seeing some of them complete the plug wiring was my favourite part as some really struggled to start off with but they soon got the hang of it. - Miss Howarth, Manchester United Foundation Officer.

*All ties were taken off for pupil's health and safety in the workshop



Co-op Academy Swinton's Year 9 Girls Shine at DXC Event, Inspiring STEM Passion with VR, Robotics, and Computer Vision Activities!

Adele Howarth took some of our year 9 girls who have a keen interest in STEM to a DXC event that was being held at Old Trafford. The aim of the day was to introduce and inspire students to pursue their interests in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM). The four workshops that they took part in were all technology-based activities such as; VR Set, Computer Vision, and Robotics. All 10 pupils were a credit to Co-op Academy Swinton, staff were continuously commenting on their polite manner and efforts throughout the duration of the morning.

Heidi Clegg and Mena Omadhebor were selected by the DXC staff for outstanding engagement and performance throughout and both received match tickets to a Manchester United game. The girls were also amongst other high schools within the foundation, so the standard was very high. Well done!

Mena Omadhebor:

"I'm grateful for this learning opportunity and enjoyed all the STEM related activities we learnt today. We learnt more about AI and machine learning, took a tour on a virtual world on laptops, learnt about coding and robotics and the highlight of our day, the VR activity."

Heidi Clegg

"I feel really really grateful for the opportunity from the United foundation to be able to go to Old Trafford and engage in stem related activities. It was mint to be able to use new technology and it really opened up my mind to other career options. I want to say a massive thank you to school and United for the opportunity."

SWINTON'S GOT TALENT

The last week of term saw the first ever Swinton's Got Talent take place!

Both parents and pupils were blown away by the talent that Co-op Academy Swinton had to offer which included singing, dancing and piano performances. A huge congratulations to everyone who performed and a huge thank you to everyone who attended!

The winners were:

1st: Yan Kwan (Y11)

2nd: Daisy Allen (Y8)

3rd: Sofia Druzhynets (Y7)



90% is to be celebrated on an exam but with attendance this means you are missing 19 school days a year.

Descriptor	Threshold attendance	Actual attendance	Whole days absent	Learning hours lost
Excellent	100%	190 days	0	0
	99%	188 days	2	10
Good	98%	186 days	4	20
	97%	184 days	6	30
	96%	182.5 days	7.5	37.5
Cause for concern	95%	180.5 days	9.5	47.5
	94%	179 days	11	55
	93%	177 days	13	65
	92%	175 days	15	85
Unsatisfactory	91%	173 days	17	
	90%	171 days	19	95
	89%	169 days	21	105
	88%	167 days	23	115
Serious cause for concern	87%	165 days	25	125
	86%	163 days	27	135
Critical	85%	161.5 days	28.5	142.5
	84%	159.5 days	30.5	152.5
	83%	158 days	32	160
	82%	156 days	34	170
	81%	154 days	36	180
	80%	152 days	38	190

*Figures based on 190 (whole year) expected attendance

We have put a big focus on attendance this academic year. Having anything below 96% will lead to almost 50 hours of learning lost which will make a huge difference to your child. Their attendance is vital to their success and is reflected in results. Please make sure you do all you can to ensure your child is in attendance and punctual every school day.