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gives us 'Good'  
in all areas!**

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Co-op Academy  
Swinton

July 2024

# news

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## House of Lords Trip on Election Day!

A group of our Year 9 and 10 students were lucky enough to visit The House of Lords, to add to this it just so happened to fall on election day! Our students had the chance to see the inner workings of Parliament on the day the public got to decide on a new government during Lord Speaker's Day. As it was election day, they were extremely lucky to have a guided tour of both the House of Commons and the House of Lords. They then participated in a workshop, focussed on the role of the House of Lords in making laws. Our visit concluded with a Q&A, where students had the chance to put questions to Lord Haskel. This was a fantastic opportunity and our students were exceptional throughout the day!

## Dates for your diary



### 4 September 2024

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

### 16 October 2024

- Academy closes for Half Term 1 at 15:05

### 28 October 2024

- Academy re-opens for Autumn Term 2 at 8:25

### 20 December 2024

- Academy re-opens for Christmas at 15:05

### 6 January 2025

- Academy re-opens for Spring Term 1 at 8:25

### 13 February 2024

- Academy closes for Half Term 2 at 15:05



# Principal's Message



Dear Parents/Guardians

As we come to the end of this academic year I would like to thank you all for your support. Please do take time to read our newsletter celebrating this half term and our students. On the 11th and 12th June we received a visit from Ofsted. I have summarised the report for you below:

*Ofsted Inspection - 11th and 12th June 2024*

*Overall Effectiveness - Good*

- Quality of Education - Good*
- Behaviour and Attitude - Good*
- Personal Development - Good*
- Leadership and Management - Good*

*What does the school do well (summary):*

- The school has improved the quality of education that pupils receive. Pupils appreciate the positive impact that the school has on their behaviour and on their learning. They value the high standards that the school expects of their academic achievement and conduct.*
- Most pupils live up to these high expectations. Pupils, including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND), follow a broad and ambitious curriculum. They achieve well in a range of subjects.*
- Pupils at the school are articulate and extremely polite. They interact well with staff and appreciate the support that they receive when they are experiencing difficulties or have any concerns. Most pupils' behaviour in classrooms and around the school is calm and orderly. Pupils told inspectors that the school's approach to improving positive behaviour helps everyone to learn well.*
- Pupils are happy in school. Pupils benefit from the wide range of clubs and visits that are on offer. These include sewing, social action and reading clubs. There are also numerous sporting and musical enrichment activities. For example, pupils, including those who are disadvantaged, enjoy participating in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.*
- The school has set out the important knowledge that pupils should learn and when this content should be taught. Teachers are suitably equipped to deliver the curriculum well. Typically, teachers design learning that helps pupils, including those who are disadvantaged, to build a rich body of subject knowledge. The school uses assessment strategies well to check that pupils have secured the knowledge in the curriculum*
- There have been noticeable improvements in the quality of support for pupils with SEND. Pupils' needs are identified appropriately and in a timely manner. Staff use information about pupils' SEND effectively. Staff make suitable adjustments to help these pupils to learn well.*
- The school places a high importance on reading. For example, the school assesses the reading skills of pupils in all year groups so that those who need additional help are identified accurately. These pupils receive bespoke support to become confident, fluent readers. Many of these pupils make rapid progress.*
- Staff said that their workload is manageable and that they feel well supported by the school.*

Have a safe and healthy summer break. I look forward to welcoming back our students on Wed 4th Sept at 8:25am.

*Zanna NG*



## Co-op Academy Swinton Rated 'Good' in all Areas by Ofsted!

We are beyond delighted to announce that Ofsted has marked our academy as 'Good' in all areas. We were inspected across 2 days on 11th and 12th of June. To celebrate the release of the report our students were rewarded with 3 ice cream trucks which our staff also enjoyed just as much! We cannot say a big enough thank you to all our students for demonstrating The Swinton Way over the 2 days!

The full report can be viewed on our website.





# Record Breaking Sports Day!

Team USA emerged victorious in our annual sports day! With the extra motivation of it being an Olympic year our students showed lots of the Olympic values as they competed for gold medals! In total 9 school records were broken! A huge well done to all the students who participated. Thank you to Mr Simmons, Mr Higgins, Mr Frankham, Miss Hughes and Mrs Hulton for organising the day and a shoutout to Miss Bond, Miss Fragoso and Miss Anderson who also competed in events for their forms!



## Our Students Show They Care!

A group of our Year 7s have gifted our principal, Mrs Ali, a happy birthday with some Beetroot grown from our school garden kindly built for us by local company Bunzl earlier this year!



## Care Home Visit Spreads Joy!

A group of our Year 7 and 8 students spread some joy by visiting a local care home! They gave cards to residents, played games and listened to stories. All the residents were so grateful for the time given by our students!



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# Year 7 Girls Make Their Rounders Tournament Debut!

Our Year 7 girls competed in their first rounders tournament and performed brilliantly! They showed plenty of skill and desire to win across the competition!



# Silver Medal for Madison!

Madison in Year 10 has won the South Manchester Girls League with Ordsall Lightning FC. She played in the National Aces tournament in Nottingham where her team finished 2nd out of 24 top teams across the country. Playing 160 mins with just 1 sub, it was an amazing achievement!



# Medal Haul Across All Years!

Earlier in the term, pupils from Years 7, 8, 9 & 10 competed in the Salford School Athletics Competition. We're so proud of how well our pupils represented the academy, coming away with a range of gold, silver and bronze medals.



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# Miss Conroy Recieves Award!

Our academy was visited by Co-op Academies Trust CEO, Chris Tomlinson, who presented Miss Conroy with the Co-op Academies Pioneer Award! Only the 9th recipient of the award, Miss Conroy has been awarded for going above and beyond in her role both in school and in the wider community! #DoWhatMattersMost



## Liam Wins Penalty Shootout!

Congrats to Liam, Y8, who is the winner of our penalty shootout competition with the Manchester United Foundation. Liam will receive 2 Manchester United Tickets after the summer holidays.

Another congrats to Quentin, Y8, who wins a £20 voucher from the draw including the names of all pupils who took part!



Foundation



Group A			
	PLD	PTS	GD
1 Swinton	12	31	33
2 Bute Hill	12	29	40
3 Kingsway	12	24	9
4 Werneth	12	20	33
5 Levenshulme	12	19	5
6 MEA	12	17	0
7 Corp Acad. y NM	12	17	-4
8 Bolton St C. Inst	12	16	-2
9 Copley	12	14	-8
10 Middleton Tech	12	10	-8
11 Deans Tru. Wick	12	9	-16
12 DTRB	12	3	-26
13 TDAN	12	2	-36

## Football's Coming to Swinton!

Our Year 7 girls are Manchester United Hub Tournament champions! They played 12 games, winning 11 and drawing 1, they didn't concede a single goal across the whole tournament which was described as a first for a Manchester United Foundation tournament!

Our year 10 art students attended a trip to Access College in Manchester who work in partnership with the Manchester United Foundation. The college offer alternate art courses which pupils were lucky to have a hands on taster too. These workshops included, photoshoping, 3D modelling, graphic design and

"I found today enjoyable and I had some really fun experiences. I also was able to receive more opportunities for future chances with the college".

Jamie, Year 10



## Reggie Rockit Teaches Students To Be Themselves!

Our Year 7 and 8 Drama students performed I'm Reggie Rockit, adapted from the award winning book, a story about how important it is to be yourself! Our students have worked so hard for months to create this production with the help of Miss Crook and Mr Yorkstone and last night it paid off! A huge thank you to the book's authors, Carl and Simon, who gave up so much time to help develop the play with the kids!



#BeYourselfAlways

## Saadaya's Maths Ability Shines!

Saadaya in Year 7 has shown great application as she has attended Year 10 maths workshops. She has been recognised by her form tutor Miss Richardson for her outstanding work!



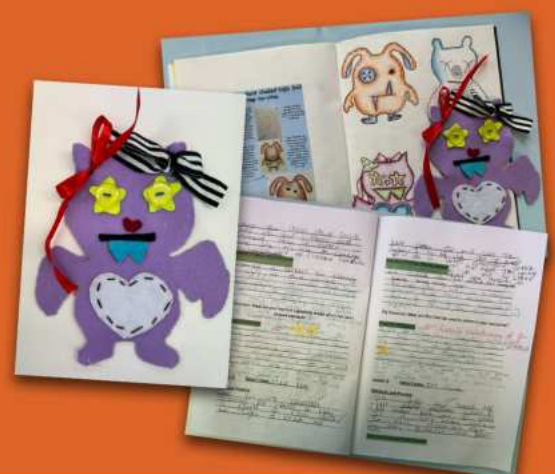
## River Exploration for Year 10

Year 10 went to the River Wyre and measured the width, depth and velocity of the river. The students had a fantastic time looking at how a river changes downstream, looking at the amazing scenery and skipping rocks in the river. Data was collected from the middle, upper and lower course of the river. This will help our Y10 students prepare for their GCSE Paper 3 exams.



## Art Talent on Show

Layla, Y7, is showing exceptional dedication towards her Ugly Dolls project. She has designed 4 unique Ugly Dolls using the technique gradient shading and has now brought her design to life! Well done Layla, we can't wait to stuff the dolls next lesson.



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# Community Pantry

We're excited to announce our partnership with MCKS, where we aim to provide support to the Swinton community.

### Opening times

The community pantry will be open in JB's:  
Tuesdays 2-4pm  
Wednesdays 7:30-10am  
**TERM TIME ONLY**

Entry is via the leisure centre



# Community Pantry Opens!

We've opened up our very own Co-op Academy Swinton Community Pantry! We have created a space in the back of JB's and we will be opening up the doors from JB's to The Rec twice a week to the local community. Please spread the word to anyone who would like access! Please note our pantry is open during term time only!



## Wet Sponge Prom Fundraiser!

A massive thank you to everyone that came to our wet sponge fundraiser! A big shoutout to Mr Dodd, Mrs Fagan, Mr Culkin, Mr Davies, Mr Rigby, Mr Stanley, Miss Howarth and Miss Richardson who all put themselves in the stocks!

## Year 6 Get A Taste of Our School!

We held our annual Year 6 Transition Days and we welcomed all our new Year 6 students who will be joining us in September! Over 2 days they gained experience in a wide array of subjects across the school! We're so excited to welcome the class of 2029 into our Academy!





# We Say Goodbye to Year 11!

We said goodbye to our Year 11s with our annual leavers assembly and Prom! We're so proud of everything this year group achieved across their 5 years! There's so much to celebrate about this group and we feel we did it justice across the assembly and prom!



## Creative Writing is Through the Ruth!

We're thrilled to have Ruth Awolola as our first Writer in Residence! Ruth, a Nigerian Jamaican poet and performer, will work with students to boost their creative writing skills with First Story. We can't wait to see the amazing work our pupils will create!



### PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2024

[moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free](https://moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free)

#### LAS IGUANAS

Join 'My Las Iguanas' via the App & Niños eat free with every adult main

#### ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day. Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

#### SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

#### PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

#### THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

#### TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase an adult's main meal (App needed)

#### PUREZZA

Children under the age of 10 get free pizza at Purezza with every adult meal purchased

#### TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

#### IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

#### SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

#### BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

#### PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

#### MORRISONS

Spend £4.49 and get one free kids meal all day, every day.

#### TESCO CAFES

1 Free Kids meal with every 60p Spend. Available from July 1st Scotland and NI - from July 22nd England & Wales

#### GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

#### YO! SUSHI

From Monday 1st July - Friday 30th August 2024, kids eat free all day Mondays to Fridays at YO! Sushi (min adult spend £10).

#### WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

#### BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

#### COCONUT TREE

One child (aged 10 and under) eats free per paying adult. Valid Daily, 12pm - 6pm from Monday 22nd July to Friday 6th Sept 2024.

#### DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES

At Dobbies, for every adult breakfast or lunch purchase, kids eat for FREE. Every Day!

#### TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

#### HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

#### FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.

## Money Saving Central's Guide to Where Kid's Eat for Free This Summer Holidays!

Money Saving Central have published their list of places kids can eat for free (or for £1) throughout the summer holidays to help keep the costs down this summer!



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## Important information for Parents, changes as of 19th August 2024 to the issue of Penalty Notices for Non-School attendance.

Dear Parent,

### The Education (Penalty Notices) (ENGLAND) (AMENDMENT) Regulations 2024 No. 210

New Legislation comes into force on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024 regarding the issuing of penalty notices relating to none school attendance. The following changes will come into force for penalty notice fines issued after 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024.

#### **New National Threshold**

There will be a single National Threshold for when a penalty notice must be considered by all schools in England and Wales of 10 sessions of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10 school week period.

These sessions do not have to be consecutive and can be made up of any type of unauthorised absence.

From **19<sup>th</sup> August 2024**, the fine for school absences across the country will be **£160 discounted to £80 if paid within 21 days, or £160 if paid within 28 days.**

**If a parent receives a second fine for the same child within any three-year period, this will be charged at the higher rate of £160 with no discount given for early repayment.**

1. The **first time** a penalty notice is issued for unauthorised absence the amount will be £160 per parent, per child paid discounted to £80 if paid within 21 days.
2. The **second time** a penalty notice is issued for unauthorised absence (within 3 years) the amount will be £160 per parent, per child, paid within 28 days.

Any term time holidays that are taken after the start of the 2024/25 academic year will be treated under the new Legislation as the new rules apply to any offences committed from 19 August 2024, regardless of when the holiday is booked.

Should a **third absence** be taken within the three-year period, a parent may be summonsed to the Magistrates Court for knowingly failing to secure good attendance at school (Section 444 (1A) of Education Act 1996).

For more information please see the following:

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/02/29/fines-for-parents-for-taking-children-out-of-school-what-you-need-to-know/>

Salford local authority and schools are committed to providing the best possible future for your child. If you have concerns about your child's attendance at school or if you are experiencing any difficulties, please contact your school and ask for support.