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Sweep for
Y7/8 Girls!

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Co-op Academy
Swinton

Swinton Ark Showcases Year 10!

On January 16th-17th Swinton Ark was projected onto Salford Civic Centre. The lightshow featured stories from 'Carousels of Us', a local film project that was assisted by our Year 10 Drama students. Residents were able to enjoy this incredible display every 15 minutes across the 2 evenings!

Thursday 16 + Friday 17
January 2025

Swinton
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Key Dates

February 13th:
Half-term 3 ends

February 24th:
Half-term 4 begins

April 2nd:
Year 8 Parents' Evening

February 13th
Year 11 Mocks end

March 6th:
World Book Day

April 4th:
Half-Term 4 ends

February 14th:
Inset Day

March 19th:
Year 11 Parents' Evening

April 21st:
Half-term 5 begins



Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians

As we come to the end of another half-term I cannot emphasise how proud we are of all our students. This has been a busy 6 weeks packed with much learning, mocks assessments and many wider curricular activities. Our Year 11s are fast approaching their final exams having completed their mock exams and our Year 9s are selecting their GCSE options. It's a crucial time in the academic year and we're so proud of all the hard work and resilience our students are displaying. Our social media and this newsletter highlights some key successes and emphasises the dedication and resilience our students display.

I wish you and your family a safe half-term break, and we look forward to welcoming our students back on Monday, February 24th at 8:20am

Sanna Ali



Year 7/8 Start Year on a High!

They made an amazing start to the year reaching the semi-final of the Utilita EFL North cup whilst representing Salford City Football Club, The team was unlucky to lose 5-4 on penalties in the semi final to Crewe, who went on to win the tournament.



They have also won the Co-op Academies tournament, scoring 18 goals (2 from Jess and 16 from Shilo!) and conceding a staggering 0!



The girls have now won 2/3 tournaments, conceding 0 goals in matches and having their only loss across all tournaments on penalties

Extra Curricular Activities

Day:	When?	What?	Where?	Who?	Day:	When?	What?	Where?	Who?
Monday	Before School	Homework Club	Library	Mrs Hughes	Wednesday	Before School	Well-being drop in	Library	Mrs Hughes
	After School	KS4 Art Coursework Support	AR1/AR2	Miss Anderson & Miss Tremble		Break	Weightlifting Club	Tech Block Gym	Mr Higgins
		Y7 Football	Changing Rooms	Mr Davies & Mr Higgins		Lunch (1 / 2)	Well-being drop in	Library	Mrs Hughes
		Volleyball	Changing Rooms	Mrs Hulton			Well-being drop in (1&2)	Library	Mrs Hughes
		Y11 Drama Intervention	PA1	Miss Crook		After School	Games Club (2)	IT5	Miss Khan
Tuesday	Before School	Homework Club	Library	Mrs Hughes	Thursday	After School	Girls' Football	Rec	Adele
	After School	Homework Club	Library	Mrs Hughes		Before School	Weightlifting Club	Tech Block Gym	Mr Higgins
		KS3 Art Club	AR2	Miss Tremble		After School	KS4 Art Coursework Support	AR1/AR2	Miss Anderson & Miss Tremble
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		Sports Studies Intervention	IT1	PE Staff			Dance Intervention	IT1	Miss Hughes
		Dance Club	Dance Studio	Miss Hughes			Y11 Drama Intervention	PA1	Miss Crook
		Basketball	Rec	Adele			Y10 Further Maths	TE3	Mr Bradshaw
		Science Club	SC3	Mr Hunt			Book Club	Library	Mrs Hughes
		KS3 Drama Club	PA1	Miss Crook			Enterprise Intervention	IT5	Miss Khan
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Friday	Before School	Well-being drop in	Library	Mrs Hughes	Friday	Before School	Well-being drop in	Library	Mrs Hughes
	Lunch 2	Breakfast Club	Library	Mrs Hughes		Lunch 2	Chess Club	IT5	Miss Khan
		KS4 Art Coursework Support	AR1/AR2	Miss Anderson & Miss Tremble		After School	KS4 Art Coursework Support	AR1/AR2	Miss Anderson & Miss Tremble
	After School	KS4 Design Intervention	TE2	Mr Sanderson & Miss Boden			KS4 Design Intervention	TE2	Mr Sanderson & Miss Boden
		Well-being drop in	Library	Mrs Hughes			Well-being drop in	Library	Mrs Hughes

Extra Curricular Activities are a huge part of school life and we're delighted to offer such a wide range of options for our students! Find our latest timetable [here!](#)



Foundation



A group of our Year 7 students got the chance to go on a stadium tour of Old Trafford!

. All the students said they had an amazing day alongside Miss Howarth and Mr Culkin!

2 of our Year 7 students have been lucky enough to get the opportunity to meet some of the Manchester United Women's Team players such as Leah Galton, Emma Watson, Jayde Riviere amongst others.



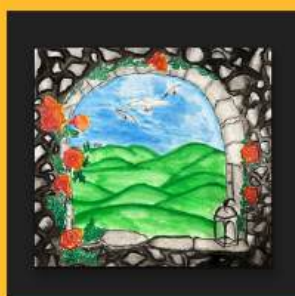
Our annual Dragons Den event happens at the end of the month! Primary schools will come up against each other pitching their ideas for that much wanted investment from one of our panel of star studded dragons!



Art and Photography



All Co-op schools in Manchester have taken part in an Art Trust Competition for Year 9 students responding to the theme - Belonging. Thank you to all our fantastic students who took part in the competition each Friday STRIVE with Miss Anderson, you have all worked incredibly hard. Five students have been selected for their outstanding effort and their work has now been submitted, photographed and placed into an exhibition



Yr 9 Students Shine at Trust Art Competition as Nicole C. Wins Prestigious Artist Choice Award!

Five Year 9 students took part in the Trust Art Competition at Angel Square, creating artwork on the theme Belonging alongside peers from Manchester-based Co-op schools. The event included an inspiring talk from artist Dan Callaghan and creative discussions.

While we didn't secure a top-three spot, Nicole C. won the exclusive Artist Choice award, personally selected by Dan. A huge well done to all our students—your fantastic artwork will now be proudly displayed in school!



Well done to Neave Y10 who has produced a fantastic artist research page and response to the artist Stephanie Jung. Neave has used a primary photograph which was taken from one of our recent visits to Media City!



Huge congratulations to 7RKH for surpassing their 100 Book Challenge! Since 14/10/2024, they have read an impressive 105 books! Their dedication, enthusiasm, and love for reading has been truly inspiring. Well done, 7RKH!



The National Literacy Trust - Wicked Writers Competition

Fiona (Y7):
Raise Awareness, Make People Careless

Hannah (Y7):
Hope

Freya (Y7):
Schools - Not The Changes We Want, But
The Changes We Need

Nola (Y7):
Mindfulness

Daisy (Y9):
Swinton, A Vision For A Better Future



A few of our students have entered The National Literacy Trust's Wicked Writers competition focused on positive change in our local community! We're so proud of their efforts!

GCSE Students Immerse Themselves in Spectacular An Inspector Calls at The Lowry

Over two afternoons in January, GCSE students had the opportunity to go and experience Stephen Daldry's award-laden West End and Broadway production of J.B Priestley's classic thriller An Inspector Calls. It was performed just on our doorstep: The Lowry. Pupils came away with a deeper understanding of the play - particularly its setting and symbolism: there was both rain and fire on stage along with a collapsing house. Miss Lovell even received compliments from the general public regarding the outstanding behaviour of our school group.



Spelling Bee Success!

Three of our students competed in the Co-op Academies annual Spelling Bee! Each year 3 students go in and compete against other schools across the trust! Elizabeth, Archie and Feyisayo in Year 8 all competed and did amazingly representing the school. We're so proud!





Croy Academy
Teacher

Ahead of the start of Half-Term 4
be ready to learn and for success by
ensuring the following:

- You have full school uniform, including:
- Shoes.
 - A blazer.
 - A tie.
 - A school bag (Not a handbag)
 - Full set of equipment (including a calculator, black pen, green pen, pencil, ruler, rubber.
 - No false nails.
 - No false eyelashes.
 - No brightly coloured hair.

We hope all our students, parents and carers have a safe half-term break. We look forward to welcoming all our pupils back on Mon Feb 24th at 8:20. Be ready for success by being prepared with the following!

Year 10 GCSE Art Students Shine in Inspiring Workshop with Renowned Artist Ian Murphy!

What a fantastic end to a busy half term for our GCSE Art students! Year 10 took part in an all day workshop run by the renowned artist Ian Murphy. Our students amazed us once again by showcasing their talent and skill and producing high quality pieces of work which will go towards their GCSE grade.



Congratulations to these students who have recently been awarded platinum tickets for their contribution to curricular and extracurricular Drama activities. Miss Crook is very proud of you!



Y9 Students Embark on Reach Project with Bunzl, Gaining Valuable Workplace Skills!

Last week a group of Y9 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!



Safeguarding Team

At times, you may feel worried and stressed or you may have problems that you're finding hard to talk about

Any member of staff is trained in looking after your safety, we're here to help, always.

If you have a worry or an issue you can speak to **any** member of staff you feel comfortable speaking to, but our **Safeguarding Team** in school are listed below who are always available to speak to during the school day and term time:



Miss MacGregor
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead
(Safeguarding Office, by History
Corridor)



Miss Chadwick
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead
(Safeguarding Office, by History
Corridor)

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