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Phoebe is the North West Champion!

Phoebe in Year 7 recently competed in a gymnastics event at Robin Park in Wigan, competing against gymnasts from across the region she has achieved so much including:

- 1st place in Vault in Greater Manchester and 1st place overall
- 1st in Vault in the North West and 3rd place overall

We're so proud of Phoebe and can't wait to see what her future in Gymnastics brings!



Key Dates

May 22nd:
Half-term 5 ends

July 1st :
Paris Trip

September 1st/2nd:
Staff Inset Days

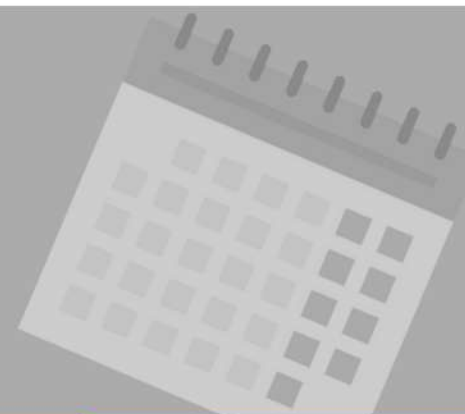
June 1st:
Half-term 6 begins

July 17th:
Half-term 6 ends

September 3rd:
Half-term 1 begins

June 25th:
Transition Day

August 21st:
Results Day



Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to share our Half Term 5 Newsletter with you, providing a glimpse into the vibrant life and achievements of our school community over the past few weeks.

This half term has been nothing short of spectacular, filled with dedication, hard work, and incredible successes across all year groups. We are immensely proud of our students and the exceptional work they do every day.

Among the many highlights, we extend a huge congratulations to our **Year 11 Boys Football Team** for their magnificent **Salford Cup win!** Their commitment, teamwork, and skill were truly inspiring, culminating in a well-deserved victory.

Furthermore, we celebrate the outstanding individual achievement of one of our young **Year 7 gymnasts**, who has secured a **prime position in Manchester** - a remarkable accomplishment for such a talented student.

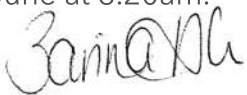
We are thrilled to announce that two of our talented students have reached the finals of the prestigious **Co-op Young Musician of the Year Award!** These students have demonstrated exceptional skill and dedication, successfully navigating a rigorous selection process. They battled hard against hundreds of other talented musicians to secure their spots in the Regional Semi Finals, and now stand proudly as finalists in the competition. This incredible achievement is a testament to their hard work and the quality of our Music Department. We wish them the very best of luck in the final round.

I have been delighted to host a special breakfast club throughout the year for many year groups, dedicated to recognising students' hard work and commitment. These sessions provide a fantastic opportunity for students to ask questions, discuss their current schoolwork and projects, and offer recommendations on how to improve the school. Each year group's session has a unique theme relevant to their specific stage. They have been a great success, and if your child was invited, you should feel immensely proud.

I want to express my immense pride in all our students as they diligently work through their end-of-year exams. A special acknowledgement goes to our **Year 11 students** currently sitting their GCSEs. Their commitment has been truly exemplary, demonstrated by attendance rates of over 90% at intervention sessions, after school revision, breakfast club, and online sessions. This preparation and resilience will undoubtedly serve them well during these critical assessments. We extend our best wishes for this final stage and eagerly anticipate celebrating their future achievements.

These successes, both collective and individual, demonstrate the commitment and potential within our student body. We look forward to sharing more details and celebrating all of our students' accomplishments in the pages that follow.

Have a safe and restful May half term break and we look forward to seeing your child on Monday 1st June at 8.20am.



Champions! Year 11 Secure Historic Cup Victory!

A huge congratulations to our Year 11 boys on winning the Salford Schools Cup, the first time Co-op Academy Swinton has lifted the trophy in 15 years!

An incredible team performance, with standout moments from Miraj (2 goals), Callum F's dangerous delivery, and a brilliant assist from Shehab to George H. The boys showed determination, resilience, and real character throughout.

Huge thanks to the staff and students who came to support, an unforgettable final game together and a well-deserved title as Salford Schools Champions in their last game ever for Co-op Academy Swinton!



Manchester United Foundation

Nine Year 10 girls took part in an inspiring Women in STEM Day at the University of Manchester. Throughout the day, they participated in three engaging workshops designed to showcase the wide range of opportunities within STEM subjects and careers.

The workshops included:

- A Chemical Engineering challenge, where students explored energy outputs and how engineers develop efficient energy solutions.
- A problem-solving workshop focused on using engineering principles to tackle real-world challenges.
- A hands-on stadium-building activity, encouraging teamwork, creativity, and structural design skills.
- The experience gave students valuable insight into STEM pathways while building confidence, collaboration, and practical problem-solving abilities.



Six of our Year 9 students were selected to represent the school at the North West Competition at Old Trafford with Manchester United Foundation. They competed against teams from other schools in a series of exciting underwater robotics challenge.

One of their tasks was to design and build an underwater robot that could support marine biology research and exploration. The competition encouraged teamwork, creativity, and problem-solving while inspiring students to explore real-world applications of engineering and environmental science.



Foundation

Manchester United Foundation

A group of Year 10 students recently took part in an exciting educational trip with Manchester United at Manchester Metropolitan University. The visit aimed to inspire BTEC students by exploring future careers in sport, health, and performance. Students enjoyed a range of hands-on activities, including fitness testing, performance analysis, and speed training. They also experienced advanced sports science techniques, such as VO_2 max testing using specialist equipment. The trip gave students a real insight into university facilities and potential career pathways. A special mention to Callum, who achieved the highest VO_2 max result across all three schools involved!



Year 10 Pupils Explore Careers in Nursing, Midwifery and Ambulance Services at MMU

A group of Year 10 Health and Social Care pupils visited MMU to learn more about careers in nursing, midwifery and the ambulance service. They took part in a range of activities including conducting vital signs assessments, performing CPR and measuring fundal height, this will give them a vital insight into what a career in Health and Social Care can look like and deepen their understanding as they look towards their exams next year .



Book Fair Success!



A huge thank you to everyone who helped make our recent Book Fair such an incredible success. Thanks to the amazing support from students, staff, and families, we raised an impressive £424.87!

As part of the rewards scheme, the school will receive 40% back in rewards, which will be used to purchase new books for our library. We are delighted to already have some fantastic new additions for students to enjoy.

A special mention goes to Mrs Monaghan, whose support helped take us over the £400 mark, an amazing achievement! We would also like to give a MASSIVE thank you to Mr Pasha, who generously bought 2 books at the book fair to donate to the school library.

All students who bought anything from the Book Fair were entered in a raffle which was drawn on Friday, congratulations go to Arwen in Year 7, who won the £25 voucher to spend at the fair!

Thank you again to everyone who supported the Book Fair and helped make it such a wonderful event!





Co-op Academies

Young Musician

of the Year

A huge congratulations to April and Suraya on their fantastic success in the Co-op Academies Trust Young Musician of the Year competition! Out of 244 submissions, only 50 acts progressed to the Regional Semi-Finals, where both students impressed the judges with their outstanding performances.

April wowed the audience with a powerful rendition of "Listen" by Beyoncé, while Suraya beautifully performed "Part of Your World" from The Little Mermaid. Following their incredible performances, we are delighted to announce that both students have now officially qualified for the Grand Final on July 7th!

They will compete against some of the best young musicians from across the Trust, and we are incredibly proud of their achievement. We wish them the very best of luck and hope they can follow in the footsteps of our 2024 winner, Daisy!

Further details for anyone wishing to attend the final will be shared in due course.



Culture Day 2026

Our annual Culture Day was a huge success once again and continues to be one of the highlights of the academic year, highly anticipated by both staff and students each year. Students and staff came together to celebrate the incredible diversity within our community through a range of exciting performances and activities, including a vibrant catwalk and energetic dance routines.

A huge thank you to everyone who took part and helped make the day so special. Your enthusiasm, creativity, and pride truly showcased the spirit and diversity of our community.





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Students Find Their Voice in Speak Out! Workshop

We were delighted to host an oracy and debate workshop with The Speaker's Trust.

25 Year 10 students took part in the one-day event, building confidence, developing critical thinking, and sharpening their persuasive speaking and delivery skills. Their positivity and professionalism throughout the day made us incredibly proud. This will help them communicate and deliver ideas in a more effective and concise way, aiding them not just in their education but giving them incredibly valuable life skills!

The English Department also received specialist training to support all Year 10 students in preparing for the Spoken Language Endorsement element of GCSE English Language later this year.

The day will culminate in an assembly final, with one student going on to represent the school at the inter-school Speak Out! Challenge in Manchester this July. We'll keep you posted!



Principal's Breakfast

We were delighted to host another Principal's Breakfast this half-term, celebrating our incredible Year 11 students and their dedication as they prepare for their upcoming GCSEs.

With their exams being just round the corner they have been rewarded for their hard work, commitment, and resilience they've shown thus far. We are so proud to recognise their efforts and achievements at this important stage in their journey.

During the breakfasts, students had the opportunity to discuss exams and Year 11 life with Mrs Ali, members of the Senior Leadership Team and their Year Teams, while enjoying fresh pastries and breakfast treats.



Geography



Recently, our Geography department specially selected a group of Year 10 students to take part in the UrbanPlan workshop delivered by the Urban Land Institute.

Working in teams, students were challenged to design and develop a brand-new town, balancing a range of real-world priorities including budgets, return on investment, housing, transport links, community facilities, and green spaces. Throughout the day, they worked alongside five volunteer architecture and engineering industry professionals from local companies, gaining valuable insight into the complexities of urban planning and sustainable development.

The workshop was an engaging and immersive experience, giving students a hands-on understanding of how Geography connects to careers in architecture, engineering, planning, and development. A huge thank you to all of the industry experts who volunteered their time and expertise to inspire the next generation.



Art and Photography

We're incredibly proud to share the artwork and personal reflections from our five Swinton students selected for this year's Trust Art Competition

The theme, "This Is Me," inspired many of our talented Year 8 and Year 9 students to create powerful and personal pieces, with just five chosen to represent our school as finalists.

Congratulations to Staish, Tammy, Naeema, Anaiah and Addison. These students will attend the exhibition at Angel Square on 15th June, where they'll see their work displayed and find out the results of the Trust-wide competition.

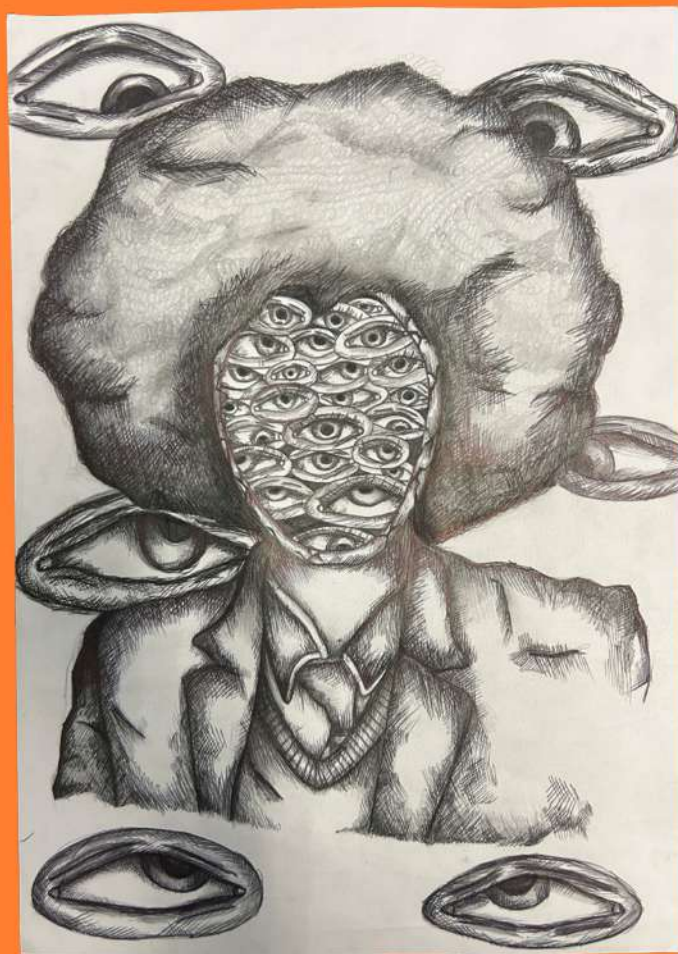
Please take a moment to explore their artwork and read their moving statements, they truly capture the spirit of "This Is Me." Be prepared, they're emotional and incredibly powerful!

Naemma



Identity, to me, is how I act around others and the surroundings around myself, based on my experiences, but my identity is also how I see myself at the end of the day, who I see as my reflection. The person in the mirror is me, whilst the one staring into it is who I am to fit in.

Anaiah



The reason why I created this piece of art for the theme identity is to represent constant judgement, observation and self-awareness. Instead of a single identity, there are many perspectives layered on top of each other, suggesting that who we are is influenced by how others see us. I've also made this piece to create a sense of discomfort, portraying that the figure no longer has a clear identity.

Tammy



This artwork shows a young black girl (representing me) with black stereotypes surrounding her. She is asked various questions i.e "Is that your real hair?" Which seemingly makes her uncomfortable.

A white hand is carrying a book named 'How to be black'. This represents the media and internet trying to shape and put a label on how black people (especially girls) should behave and if you don't fit into that standard, you are seen as 'not black enough'.

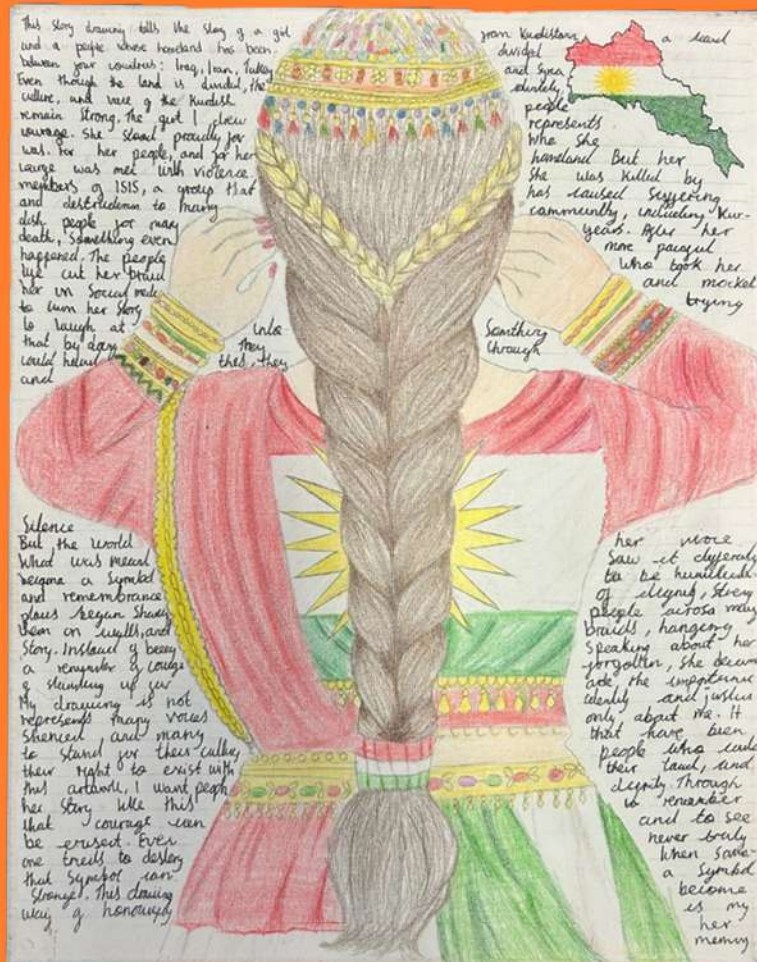
The lighter smudge on her left cheek represents how the media affects young girls and how they try to fit in whilst losing a piece of themselves.

The All Lives Matter banner was my response to the racial based issues and violence in the world today. Everyone matters and no one is more important than the other.

I hope this artwork truly inspires everyone seeing this to be themselves and not try to change for anyone! Being unique is good and not something to be looked down upon or judged. We are all beautiful in our own ways.

I added famous black people to show that no one is limited to the colour of their skin. So yeah this is me, not perfect, awkward, weird and silly but always trying to see the world in a better light.

Staish



This drawing tells the story of a girl from Kurdistan, a land and a people whose homeland has been divided between four countries: Iraq, Iran, Turkey, Syria. Even though the land is divided, the identity, culture, and voice of the Kurdish people remain strong.

The girl I drew represents courage. She stood proudly for who she was, for her people, and for her homeland. But her courage was met with violence. She was killed by members of ISIS (Syrians), a group that has caused suffering and destruction to many communities, including Kurdish people for many years.

After her death, something even more painful happened. The people who took her life cut her braid and mocked it on social media, trying to turn her story into something to laugh at. They thought that by doing this, they could humiliate her and silence her voice. but the world saw it differently.

what was meant to be humiliation became a symbol of dignity, strength, and remembrance. People across many places began sharing braids, hanging them on walls, and speaking about her story. Instead of being forgotten, she became a reminder of courage and the importance of standing up for identity and justice.

My drawing is not only about one girl. It represents many voices that have been silenced and many people continue to stand for their culture, their land, and their right to exist with dignity.

Through this artwork, I want people to remember her story, to understand the pain behind it, and to see that courage can never truly be erased. Even when someone tries to destroy a symbol, that symbol can become stronger.

This drawing is my way of honouring her memory and reminding others that behind every story like this is a human life, a dream, and a voice that deserves to be heard.

Addison



Belonging isn't always a physical place for me. Sometimes it's a story, a character, or a world I can step into. I drew five of my favourite anime characters because they represent the comfort and connection I find in anime. When I draw, I disappear into the lines and colours, it feels like home. Going to anime conventions with my family strengthens that feeling even more. Surrounded by people who share the same passion, I feel seen and understood. My artwork reflects how these experiences shape my identity and given me a sense of belonging. This is me.

A Day of Discovery at the Childhood Festival

This month, our students from Years 7 to 10 attended the Childhood Festival at the Manchester Science and Industry Museum. It was a fantastic day filled with discovery, energy, and inspiration.

The event, run by the Children's Commissioner, provided a unique platform for young people to have their voices heard while exploring the world of science and innovation. Our students were right at the heart of the action, diving into various STEM activities that challenged their problem-solving skills and sparked their curiosity. From interactive experiments to high-energy workshops, they fully embraced the opportunity to learn outside the classroom.



Year 11 GCSE Exam Timetable

1/6/2026	Italian Writing Higher	9:00	1.15hr
2/6/2026	Physics Paper 1 Higher	9:00	1.45hr
2/6/2026	Combined Physics paper 1 Foundation	9:00	1.15hr
2/6/2026	Combined Physics paper 1 Higher	9:00	1.15hr
2/6/2026	Statistics paper 1 Foundation	13:00	1.30hr
2/6/2026	Polish Listening Higher	13:00	45min
2/6/2026	Polish Reading Higher	13:00	1hr
2/6/2026	Urdu Writing Higher	13:00	1.15hr
2/6/2026	Persian Listening Higher	13:00	45m
2/6/2026	Persian Reading Higher	13:00	1:05hr
2/6/2026	Arabic Writing Higher	13:00	1.25hr
2/6/2026	Portuguese Listening Higher	13:00	45m
2/6/2026	Portuguese Reading Higher	13:00	1hr
2/6/2026	Russian Listening Higher	13:00	45m
2/6/2026	Russian Reading Higher	13:00	1.05hr
3/6/2026	Mathematics paper 2 Foundation	9:00	1.30hr
3/6/2026	Mathematics paper 2 Higher	9:00	1.30hr
3/6/2026	Geography Paper 2	13:00	1.30hr
4/6/2026	History Paper 2	9:00	1.50hr
4/6/2026	French Writing foundation	13:00	45m
4/6/2026	French Writing Higher	13:00	1hr
5/6/2026	English Language Paper 2	9:00	1.45hr
8/6/2026	Biology paper 2 Higher	9:00	1.45hr
8/6/2026	Combined Biology Paper 2 Foundation	9:00	1.15hr
8/6/2026	Combined Biology Paper 2 Higher	09:00	1.15hr
8/6/2026	Creative Media Paper	13:00	1.30hr
8/6/2026	Further Mathematics Paper 1	13:00	1.45hr

9/6/2026	Spanish Foundation Listening	9:00	35m
9/6/2025	Spanish Higher Listening	9:00	45m
9/6/2026	Spanish Foundation Reading	9:00	45m
9/6/2026	Spanish Higher Reading	9:00	1hr
9/6/2026	History Paper 3	13:00	1.30hr
10/6/2026	Mathematics paper 3 foundation	9:00	1.30hr
10/6/2026	Mathematics paper 3 Higher	9:00	1.30hr
10/6/2026	Design and Technology Paper	13:00	2hr
10/6/2026	Greek Listening Higher	13:00	45m
10/6/2026	Greek Reading Higher	13:00	1:05hr
10/6/2026	Russian Writing Higher	13:00	1.25hr
11/6/2026	Geography Paper 3	9:00	1.30hr
12/6/2026	Chemistry Paper 2 Higher	9:00	1.45hr
12/6/2026	Combined Chemistry Paper 2 Foundation	9:00	1.15hr
12/6/2026	Combined Chemistry Paper 2 Higher	9:00	1.15hr
12/6/2026	Statistics paper 2 foundation	13:00	1.30hr
12/6/2026	Hospitality and Catering Paper	13:00	1.20hr
12/6/2026	Polish Writing Higher	13:00	1.15hr
12/6/2026	Persian Writing Higher	13:00	1.25hr
12/6/2026	Portuguese writing Higher	13:00	1.20hr
15/6/2026	Physics Paper 2 Higher	9:00	1.45hr
15/6/2026	Combined Physics Paper 2 Foundation	9:00	1.15hr
15/6/2026	Combined Physics Paper 2 Higher	9:00	1.15hr
15/6/2026	Further Mathematics Paper 2	13:00	1.45hr
16/6/2025	Spanish Writing Foundation	9:00	45m
16/6/2025	Spanish Writing Higher	9:00	1hr
17/6/2026	Greek Writing Higher	9:00	1.25hr

Your School Uniform 2025/26



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Be ready to learn with all the uniform you need for the new term!
Here is what your child will need:

- Academy Blazer
- Academy Jumper
- Shirt, light blue, plain
- Academy Tie (clip-on)
- Shoes, plain black only

Students can choose between wearing a Skirt or Trousers (until July 2026):
Skirt (Must be worn with plain black tights, Denier 60+), Trutex navy blue, stitch down pleat

- Trousers, must not be skinny fit/tight fit.

Reminder - From Sept 2026 our new uniform policy will come into place. Please see the next page, or our website for more details to ensure your child has everything they need.



PE Kit

Our PE Kit is now fully Unisex, your child will need a range of the following items:

- School Branded Navy Shorts
- School Branded 1/4 Zip Long Sleeved Jersey
- School Branded Navy Leggings
- School Branded Navy Hoodie
- School Branded Navy Jogging Bottoms
- Navy or Black Knee Length Socks

All your school uniform needs are easily available at our uniform suppliers:

- Whittakers, 123-125 Chorley Rd, Swinton, Manchester M27 4A
- Debonairs (online only)
<https://debonairschoolwearwythenshawe.co.uk>

Everyday Equipment

- Black Pen, Green Pen, Pencil, Rubber, Pencil Case, Scientific Calculator and Ruler

- A Rucksack, able to accommodate PE Kit, A4 sized books and all other equipment



For our full list of uniform requirements please visit: <https://www.swinton.coopacademies.co.uk/parents/uniform>

Your School Uniform 2026/27



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Be ready to learn with all the uniform you need!
Here is what your child will need
From Sept 2026:

- Navy Academy Logo Blazer
- Academy Tie
- Grey V-Neck Jumper (optional)
- Plain Light Blue Shirt, traditional with collar.
- Plain Black Smart Shoes (not trainers)
- Any Headscarfs or Headbands must be plain black



Plain Black Tailored Trousers

- Can be wide leg, straight cut or bootcut and must be made of proper school trouser material.
- Skinny fit, gym wear/lycra and knitted material is not permitted.

Trousers can be purchased from stores such as George/Asda, Tesco, Matalan, Sainsburys and other suitable suppliers.

PE Kit

- Navy Academy Logo PE Multi-top
 - Navy Academy Logo PE T-Shirt
 - Plain Black Tracksuit Bottoms or Navy Shorts/Skorts
- Girls may wear plain black leggings in winter.
- Trainers

Everyday Equipment

- Black Pen, Green Pen, Pencil, Rubber, Pencil Case, Scientific Calculator and Ruler
- A Rucksack, able to accommodate PE Kit, A4 sized books and all other equipment



Our September 2026 Year 7 cohort are entitled to the following 3 academy-branded items **free of charge**:

- Navy Academy Logo Blazer
- Academy Tie
- Navy Academy Logo PE T-Shirt

Vouchers for uniform items will be collected in school. More details to follow.

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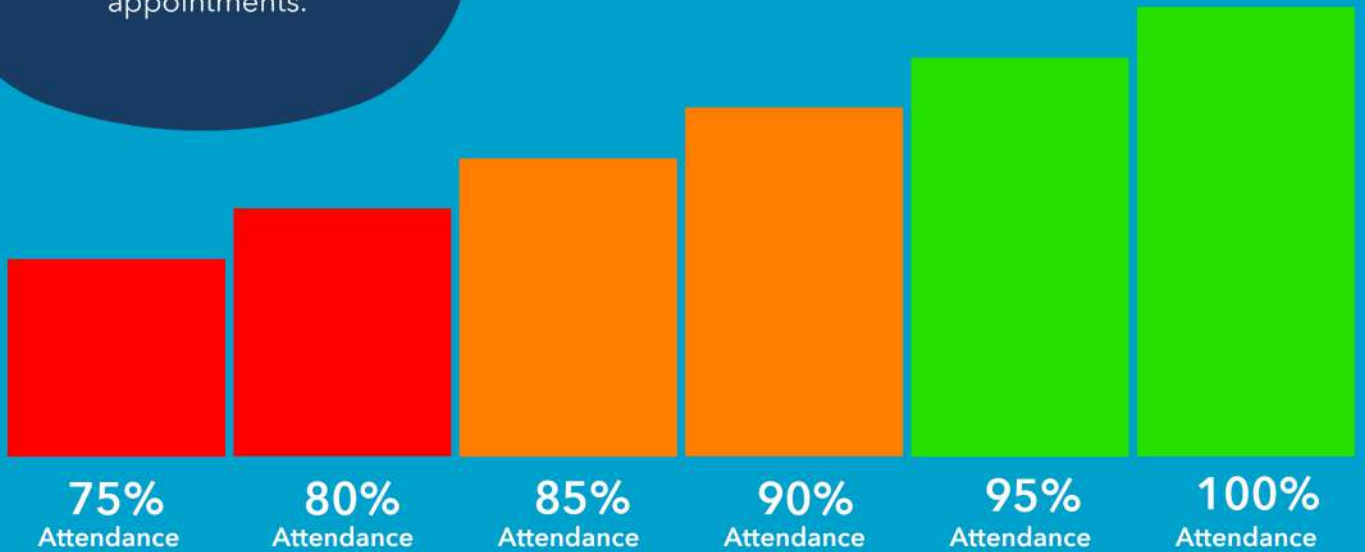
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Good Attendance Equals Good Results!

Students with less than 96% attendance will lose 80+ hours. It is vital to the success of learning that students have high attendance!

175 Non-School Days A Year

There are 175 non-school days during the year to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments.



<p>Serious Concern</p> <p>Serious Concern. Serious impact on education. Students leave with limited GCSE grades.</p>	<p>Worrying</p> <p>Poor Attendance. Less chance of student success. Makes it harder to make progress. Concerning!</p>	<p>Good</p> <p>Excellent Attendance. Best chance of success, Gets you off to a flying start. Well done!</p>
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Great attendance means being in school at least 97%

Did you know? A two week holiday in term time means that the highest attendance you can achieve is 94.5%



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In line with national guidance Attendance below 95% will follow procedures leading to a fine.



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Co-op Academy Swinton 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
Tuesday 2:00pm - 4:00pm
Wednesdays 7:30am - 10:00am

TERM TIME ONLY

Entry is via the leisure centre



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