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# October 2024 news

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## Open Evening 2024

We held out annual open evening at the start of October. It was a delight to welcome so many parents, carers and future students to show them The Swinton Way in action! Our Year 11 prefects did us proud as our tour guides showing everyone our informative and engaging departments across the whole school!



## Mock Exams Under Way!

Our Year 11 mock exams have begun! Running from October 14th to November 14th, make sure your child is as prepared as they can be!



# Principal's Message

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 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. 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.

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, and gloves. If you require any assistance with warm clothing please do not hesitate to contact us.

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.





## Year 11 Prefects Selected

Our latest group of Prefects have been selected! 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. We can't wait to follow all their success over this academic year!



## Podium Finish For Year 7 Girls!

Our Year 7s competed in their first-ever netball rally against other Salford schools. They won 2 games and narrowly lost the other 2 by just 1 point finishing in 3rd place! Miss Sparrow and Mrs Hulton are incredibly proud of their effort and teamwork!



## PE Extra Curricular Timetable

Our PE department offer a wide range of extra curricular activities! Our full timetable can be found here.

### PE Extra Curricular Clubs

Day	What?	When?	Where?	Who?
Monday	Weightlifting Club	Before School	Tech Block Gym	Mr Higgins
	Y7 Boys Football	After School	Changing Rooms	Mr Higgins & Mr Davies
	Y7&8 Girls Netball	After School	Changing Rooms	Mrs Hulton & Miss Sparrow
	Y9 Basketball	Lunch 1	Rac	Mr Frankham
Tuesday	Basketball	Lunch 2	Rac	Mr Higgins
	Sports Studies Intervention	After School	IT1	PE Staff
	Dance Club	After School	Dance Studio	Miss Hughes
	Basketball	After School	Rac	Amber
Wednesday	Table Tennis	Lunch 1	Gym	Mr Simmons
	Games Club	Lunch 2	RS2	Miss Khan & Amber
	Girls Football	After School	Changing Rooms	Amber
	Y9 Basketball	Lunch 1	Rac	Mr Frankham
Thursday	Table Tennis	Lunch 1	Gym	Mr Simmons
	Basketball	Lunch 2	Rac	Mr Higgins
	Dance Intervention	After School	IT1	Miss Hughes
	Y6&Y9/11 Boys Football Training	After School	Changing rooms	Mr Frankham, Mr Higgins, Mr Simmons
Friday	Weightlifting Club	Before School	Tech Block Gym	Mr Frankham
	Y11 Basketball	Lunch 1	Rac	Mr Frankham
	Table Tennis	Lunch 1	Gym	Mr Simmons

# Xaverian Give Year 11 a Glimpse of the Future.

Xaverian College Vice Principal Mr de Paola came in to talk to Year 11 about their post 16 options. His informative presentation helped our students understand the process of applications, what to expect and give clarity ahead of some huge decisions our students will have to make. A huge thank you to Mr de Paola for his time and talking to our students after his presentation.



## STEM Workshop for Year 9!

Mr Lacey organised a STEM workshop for our Year 9 students through GM Higher. The lucky students, who were selected off the back of their effort and hard work in term 1, were shown how important STEM is in day to day life and the kind of careers it can lead to! They discussed it's daily uses and what it'll lead to in the future.



## Annual Careers Evening a Huge Success!

Our annual careers evening was a huge success! With an all time high record attendance from Year 11 they were given the chance to speak to 21 colleges, employers and local providers. They gained valuable insight into their next steps once they leave school. A massive thank you to all the providers who attended, our students gained so much!




# Year 10 Learn about Breast Cancer Awareness

A group of year 10 students had the opportunity to visit The Nightingale Centre at Wythenshawe Hospital with The Pink Ribbon. The students were commended on their behaviour and contribution to the conference! The highlight was even getting Westy in a Tutu!



## First Poet Laureates Named!

As part of National Poetry Day we named our first ever Poet Laureates! Congratulations to Daniel F and Mena O who both wrote incredible original poems. Our students studied the poetry of Caleb Femi and Lorraine Mariner throughout the day with staff sharing their favourite poems by displaying them on their doors! Beatrice in Year 11 also wrote 2 fantastic pieces of original poetry which can be seen here:

  
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### Sinking


Found myself sinking as the rain washed off the clean surface above.  
Found myself sinking in bright colours that were only bright above.  
Found myself looking for the parts of me I could not see.  
I could hear the trembling sound running across my veins as I turned to speak, the more I thought, the more the floor creaked.  
Is this where I am meant to be?  
Or is this just the part of me that was never to be seen.  
Maybe in another universe I will see.



  
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### You Never Saw It

I had enough before the sky saw it, movement of hearts brought us back to the moment.  
Grudging on to everything we had, my stomach saw it.  
The perfect sight as you call it.  
Though there was no order, I knew somewhere in that ache, you would consume it.  
I knew somewhere in that drizzle, you would assume it.  
Reminding ourselves of the perfect moment.  
Excitement in my eyes soon turned into hatred, as for the perfect sight; you never saw it.



## Saadaya Impresses Again!

The Technology department are so amazed by Saadaya in Y8's standard of work. Her work is beautifully presented and deserves to be showcased! Well done Saadaya!



# AI Experience For Year 9!

In September 27 Year 9 students took part in a CyberFirst day at HOST Salford. In4.0 group hosted us and the students took part in sessions looking at the uses and the ethics of Artificial Intelligence (AI) as well as using AI to create images, the use of Opensource data and data mining as well as using Virtual Reality (VR) technology for codebreaking and programming of mini robots.

Part of our CyberFirst project this was the first of many more events and training we will be running at Coop Academy Swinton, enabling our students to broaden their knowledge and skills and gaining valuable insights into the world of technology and career opportunities.



## New Drama Production on its Way!

We are holding auditions for Co-op Academies Trust's latest drama production, Sweeney Todd! This is an incredible opportunity to develop drama and acting skills, confidence and teamwork! Any students looking to be involved should get in touch with Miss Crook.

Sweeney Todd auditions will be held on Tuesday 29th October 2024 from 3:30pm - 5:30pm in the Music Area (PA2 and PA3).



## Summer Drama Production Students Awarded!

Our cast and crew of last year's Drama production 'I'm Reggie Rockit', with award winning author Carl Wheatley, were awarded certificates yesterday for their involvement and watched a screening of the production as well! Well done to all involved in such a successful production!



# Art Students Make Impressive Start!

A fantastic first term for our new GCSE Artists! We are incredibly proud of the start our students have made and are very impressed by the dedication from our below students. Heidi.C, Holly.C and Kate.J. Amazing work everyone - well done!



## Year 10 Photography Gain Focus!

Our Year 10 Photographers had a fantastic first term as well! With a focus on single object macro photography, responding to the artist Edward Weston. We can't wait to see the Photoshop edits from the photographs! Well done Miss Anderson's and Miss Tremble's class!



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