

July 2025

news

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Co-op Academy
Swinton

Local MP visits our Citizenship Students

As part of the RFL Inspiring Futures Programme with Swinton Lions pupils explored inspiration, thinking about inspiring characteristics inspiring figures. The session was led by Warrington Wolves and Great Britain prop Paul Wood, followed by a practical on tackle technique and passing



Key Dates

July 18th:
Half-term 6 ends

October 22nd:
Half-term 1 ends

January 5th:
Half-term 3 begins

August 21st:
Results Day

November 3rd:
Half-term 2 begins

February 13th:
Half-term 3 ends

September 3rd:
Half-term 1 begins

19th December:
Half-term 2 ends



Principal's Message

Dear Parents, Students and our Swinton Community,

As we come to the end of this academic year I would like to start by thanking you for all your support this academic year.

We are so very proud of all our Swinton students who have worked very hard and just completed their end of year exams. Our students have demonstrated resilience and aspired to achieve the best they possibly can.

Our GCSE students in Year 11 have completed a successful journey with us and we are providing a record number of subjects hitting national average.

We finish this week with Sports Day, Rewards Day and rewards assemblies, allowing us to celebrate each and every individual.

I wish you and your family a very safe and healthy summer break.

We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 3rd September at 8:25.



Student Leadership Team For 2025/2026 Selected!



After a rigorous process, we have appointed the new Head Boy/Girl and Deputies for the next academic year as well as both our senior prefects and prefects. We had 84 Prefect applications and 30 Head Boy and Head Girl letters of interest. It was a phenomenal standard and we are so proud of every single student that has taken their time to complete the application process. 15 students were shortlisted to go through to the first round of interviews. After the first round of interviews, we then shortlisted 7 students to go through to interview with Mrs Ali.

**The Student Leadership Team
for 2025/26 is as follows:**

Head Girl - Angel Chen
Deputy Head Girl - Olivia Fiwka

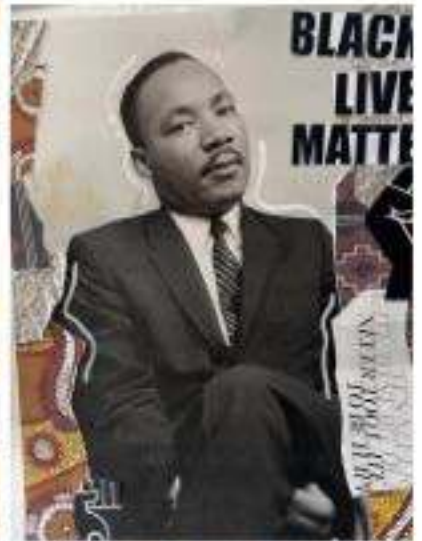
Head Boy - Joseph Cooney
Deputy Head Boy - T.S.



Art and Photography

A group of our Year 8 students took part in a Workshop planned by the Art Department in collaboration with the external company BUNZL. The focus of this session was to celebrate culture and diversity and develop an understanding of the lack of representation in the media for children from ethnic minority backgrounds and how Art can impact this.

Students researched influential people they thought deserved representation in school and who make our students feel included and seen. We're so proud of the maturity demonstrated during this session and of the fantastic artwork produced!



We are so proud of the incredible work our students produce! The Art Department has produced a whole school gallery display for our hardworking photography students - we hope you all enjoy seeing your own artwork each day!



Foundation

10 Year 8 students visited the Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue training centre to focus on 'Fire safety in the home' and water safety sessions 'Safe4Summer'. This involved taking part in activities such as house safety searches, rescuing casualties and fire prevention checks



Year 9 and Year 10 pupils visited the NHS dentistry training hub in Altrincham where they took part in workshops based on careers in dentistry. All students got to be hands on with the equipment and ask questions to dentistry professionals about career paths into the industry.



15 Sports Studies pupils were invited to take part in a sport medical event at University of Bolton. Students experienced practical workshops based around careers in sport medicine such as physiotherapy, rehabilitation, return to play fitness testing and injury prevention.





Poetry in Motion at The Portico Library

Students explored The Portico Library through movement, games, and sound, tuning into its atmosphere and acoustics. They wrote and performed poems inspired by the space, building confidence, presence, and having a brilliant time.



Year 9 Girls Inspired at Maths4Girls Conference

Our Year 9 girls were lucky enough to attend a Maths4Girls virtual conference hosted by Estelle Keeber, where our pupils learned about working in social media, the places this exciting career could lead them, and of course the different ways in which maths is involved!



Year 7 Shine in Time for Change Project

A huge well done to a group of our Year 7 students! Naomi, Mia, Grace, Tia, Scarlett, Jacob, Jaazaniah and Athena who took part in the Time for Change project, creating a presentation to present to other schools at Angel Square! They did us proud!



Pupils Get a Taste of The Swinton Way

We've been holding our Year 6 transition days where pupils took part in a secondary school taster session, offering them a valuable introduction to the next stage of their education and a chance to experience life beyond primary. It was a pleasure to introduce them to The Swinton Way!

Farewell Year 11!

This term we said goodbye to our Year 11s with our annual leavers assembly. We're so proud of everything this year group has achieved in the last 5 years and can't wait to watch all their future success! From joining us during lockdowns to now they've overcome so many challenges and been a credit to our school!



Prom 2025

We held our annual Year 11 prom on Wednesday July 2nd and it did not disappoint! It was the perfect send off for our incredible Year 11s who all looked absolutely incredible! Well done to our Prom King and Queen and to all the award winners. We're going to miss our departing pupils but we will see you all on results day for more celebrations! More photos on the next page!





Top Prize Win at City in the Community Event

We had a fabulous day at Co-op Academy Failsworth for a City in the Community event with Kellogg's. Our pupils did a range of events showing great communication, resilience, motivational skills and which culminated in that lifting the top prize! Well done to all our students involved!



Athletics Success at Salford Competition

Well done to the students who represented our school at the Salford athletics competition. All pupils were fantastic showing character and resilience.

Also, well done to our 4 champions, Jazzaniah for winning the Year 7 shot putt, Shilo for regaining her 200m title, Callum for winning the Year 9 400m & finally George for winning the Year 10 400m



Community Comes Together for The Big Lunch

The Big Lunch was a wonderful opportunity for the community to come together, enjoy good food, and connect with local support services. Families, friends, and neighbours gathered to share a meal and engage in activities designed to strengthen community bonds.

Local organisations, including Barnardo's, were present to provide information and support, making the event not only enjoyable but also a valuable resource for attendees.





Students Explore Law at Freshfields Visit

Our students had an incredible opportunity to visit Freshfields law firm in Manchester, where they took part in The Big Legal Lesson! They worked alongside real lawyers, explored the many roles within the legal profession, and took part in lively debates on key legal topics.

A truly inspiring day that opened their eyes to the world of law and the exciting career paths it holds.



Year 9 Pupils Step into the Courtroom with Mock Trial Experience at Loreto College

A group of our Y9 pupils got the chance to visit Loreto College where they participated in a mock Crown Court Trial!



Year 10s Pitch Big Ideas at Bunzl Workshop

A group of our Year 10 students attended a Bunzl work experience workshop, creating their own meal deal and then using their ideas to create a pitch which was judged by their peers and members of staff.

Year 10s Impress in Virtual Work Experience Final

Over 6 weeks, our Year 10s have worked with local companies for virtual work experience. The grand final saw top groups present to the year. Huge congrats to the winners who worked with Bunzl and won Man Utd kits! Big thanks to all our brilliant partners for their support!



Sports Day 2025

A huge well done to all our pupils who competed in Sports Day! It was a hugely competitive day as students competed for Gold in both track and field events! A huge well done to China who took the top prize followed by Japan and Jamacia.

A shoutout to this year's record breakers!

















Jazzaniah Y7
Shotput - 8.95m

Mashat Y9
Shotput - 11m

Jamacia/9CAN
Y9 Boys Relay - 53.62s

Jayden Y10
100m - 11.83s



	Country	Y7 Form	Y8 Form	Y9 Form	Y10 Form	TOTAL	
	Australia	91	55	50	45	241	
	China	68	88	76	73	303	
	France	40	88	51	67	246	
	GB	56	66	57	64	243	
	Jamaica	77	46	73	77	273	
	Japan	73	63	76	66	278	
	Netherlands	64	68	66	45	243	
	USA	59	52	72	83	266	

The full league table for sports day can be found here!
 Another huge well done to all our students who got involved in Sports Day through events or cheering their peers on!

Our staff even competed in their own relay in the most anticipated event of the day! 4 staff teams faced off against each other with Miss Heap, Mr Simmons, Mr Frankham and Mr Higgins coming out victorious!



Rewards Day

We love to celebrate our pupil's hard work, dedication and success across a school year! Our students were treated to a Rewards Day at the end of term where they were allowed to choose from a wide range of activities. Ranging from Inflatables to Rock Climbing to Baking to Arts and Crafts, all our students were catered for and had a brilliant day!



Co-op Swinton Hold First Summer Fair!

We held our first summer fair and it was a huge success! With a huge variety of local vendors delivering goods from around the world ranging from refreshing drinks to exotic cuisines and handmade gifts there was something for everyone. We want to say a huge thank you to everyone who attended and to all our stall holders who made our Summer Fair what it was! We can't wait to do the again next year!



Your School Uniform



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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:

Skirt (Must be worn with plain black tights, Denier 60+), Trutex navy blue, stitch down pleat

Trousers, must not be skinny fit/tight fit. Can be straight, bootcut, flare fit.



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



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

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

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

Safeguarding

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the summer break is fast approaching, we would like to share some useful tips that could help to safeguard students over the 6 week holidays. While the summer holidays can provide much needed excitement or recuperation, the additional freedom can also offer some dangerous situations.

FUN FOR ALL: NEW YOUTH ZONE SALFORD

Salford has an amazing new youth club facility that offers fantastic opportunities for young people ages 8-19 years old, including supporting children with additional needs. At only 50p per visit this opportunity is perfect for the summer holidays! It's also open 7 days a week!

The Youth Zone will play host to an unbeatable mix of sports, creative and performing arts, enterprise and loads of other stuff to do. Whether you want to make your own beats in the studio, or get your nails done in the salon, create your CV or use the gym... there's something for everyone. You can even just come in and have a brew and chat with a youth worker.

<https://salfordyouthzone.org/what-we-offer/>

WE ARE SYZ

We are a charity for Salford's young people, set up to give them the opportunity to discover their passion and their purpose.

The city's new Youth Zone will be opening its doors in June 2025.

We will give young people from a diverse range of backgrounds access to incredible facilities in a vibrant, purpose-built space packed with engaging activities, the opportunity to make friends, develop new skills, unlock their potential and have fun.

OUR VISION

Children and Young People in Salford are inspired to lead health, happy, safe and successful lives.

OUR MISSION

Salford Youth Zone provides children and young people with somewhere safe to go, something positive to do and someone trusted to talk to.



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Safeguarding

Water Safety:

<https://rnli.org/youth-education/education-resources/lower-secondary>

The campaign key messages warn people of the dangers of open water but also educate them on what to do if they get into difficulty, or see someone else in trouble, in the water. These are: 193 people accidentally drowned in the UK in 2024. Don't become a statistic, stay safe around water.

Jumping into open water can be fatal. Cold water shock kills and you don't know what's lurking beneath the surface.

If you encourage your mates to go in the water, it could be the last time you see them.

Respect the water - if you get into difficulty in the water, float to live (external website).

Respect the water - if you see someone in difficulty in the water remember 'call, tell, throw' (call 999 and ask for fire if inland or the coastguard if by the sea, tell the struggling person to try to float on their back and throw them something that floats).

What should you do if you get into difficulty?	What are the dangers of swimming in open water?
<p>However you end up in the water, if you end up in difficulty, float to live!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tell your head back, with ears submerged.• Breathe and try to breathe normally.• Move your hands to help you stay afloat.• It's okay if your legs sink, we all float differently.• Spread your arms and legs to improve stability. <p>If the effects of cold water shock pass and you regain your calm, take the next step to safety. This could be swimming to a safe place, calling for help or holding onto something to help you float.</p> <p>Make sure your loved ones know what to do if they get into difficulty too. Help them learn how to float.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There is no supervision.• The cold water temperature can claim your life in minutes - even if you are a strong swimmer.• It's difficult to estimate the depth of the water. It may be much deeper or much shallower than expected.• There are often no suitable places to get out of the water due to steep, slimy banks or sides.• There is no way of knowing what lies beneath - there could be weeds, pipes, shopping trolleys, sharp metal or broken bottles.• Swimming in open water can lead to a variety of serious illnesses.• There may be hidden currents. Flowing water or swimming in the sea can be especially dangerous.• Alcohol and swimming don't mix - perception and capability are both affected by drinking.

Online Safety:

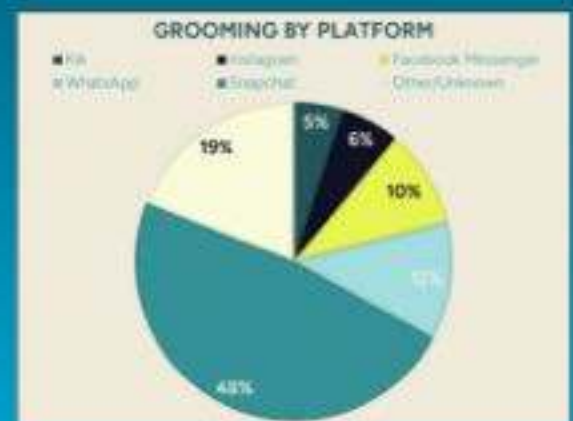
As the young people have more social time over the Summer they are likely to spend longer on social media. Please take this time to speak with them about the dangers of communicating with strangers on the internet.

Recent statistics show:

To support your conversation with your child, please access the following link:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

We wish all of our students and families a fantastic summer, and are looking forward to welcoming you back on Wednesday September 3rd 2025.



From all of the staff at Swinton Co-op Academy, Happy Summer!

Mrs Coote - Designated Safeguarding Lead and Assistant Vice Principal

Miss Chadwick - Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Miss Fildes - Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead