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Spelling Bee Success at Angel Square

We're incredibly proud of our students who attended the Annual Co-op Spelling Bee at Angel Square!

It was a fantastic day, and our students were amazing, getting all but one of their spellings correct! Their dedication really paid off, as they spent their own time practising together in the lead-up to the event.

They showed great confidence on stage and represented our school brilliantly. We are so proud of their effort, teamwork, and determination. Well done everyone!



Key Dates

April 2nd:
Half-term 4 ends

April 29th:
Year 8 Parents Evening

May 22nd:
Half-term 5 ends

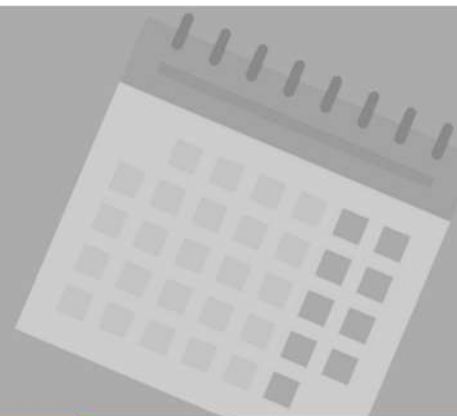
April 20th:
Half-term 5 begins

May 4th:
Bank Holiday

June 1st:
Half-term 6 begins

April 24th:
Culture Day

May 11th:
GCSE Exams begin



Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the Spring 2026 edition of our newsletter. This season often brings a flurry of activity and our students have truly risen to the challenge. We are incredibly proud of the hard work and dedication demonstrated across all year groups. The classrooms are vibrant with the level of engagement in both core subjects and specialist areas is exceptionally high.

Our Year 11 students are working incredibly hard with only a matter of weeks left until their final GCSE exams. To support them through this crucial period, dedicated Easter revision classes will be running throughout the holidays. We strongly encourage all Year 11 students to take advantage of these sessions as they provide invaluable, focused preparation.

Similarly, our Year 10 students are preparing for important upcoming milestones, including their work experience placements and end of year examinations. The results from these exams will be vital in helping them apply for colleges and Post16 pathways, and we wish them the very best in their preparations.

Our younger students are also focused on upcoming assessments. Years 7, 8, and 9 have their end of year Trust exams approaching, and their teachers are actively working with them to prepare for these important internal milestones.

To ensure every student is ready to succeed, **attendance is absolutely key**. We ask that all students be in school and on time every day, as consistent presence in lessons is the best preparation for these exams.

As the Easter break approaches, we hope that all our families will find time for rest and relaxation. This pause offers a wonderful opportunity for students to recharge and prepare for the term ahead.

Beyond the academic achievements, the commitment to our extensive range of extra curricular activities has been outstanding. From cooking challenges to Dragons Den and athletic success on the sports fields, our students continue to explore and excel in diverse areas. We encourage you to read the following sections of the newsletter for specific highlights and details on many of these wonderful activities.

Next term we welcome our Year 6 students who will become part of the Swinton Family in September. All new students to the academy will receive a free uniform to help with the financial burden of starting secondary school.

I wish you and your family a safe and happy Easter and we look forward to welcome our Swinton Family back to school at 8.20am on Monday 20th April.



Sport/PE

This term has been a fantastic one for sport at Co-op Academy Swinton, with success across all year groups highlighting the talent, commitment and determination of our students.

Our Year 11 football team have been outstanding, reaching the cup final after a dramatic semi-final that ended 4-4 before a composed 5-4 penalty shootout victory. Earlier in the competition, they also secured a thrilling 5-4 quarter-final win, putting them within touching distance of becoming Salford School Champions in their final year.

The Year 10 boys also impressed with a dominant 4-0 quarter-final win over Salford City Academy and now look ahead to their semi-final, while the Year 8 team continued their strong form with an emphatic 7-1 victory.

Our Year 7 boys showed great resilience to come from behind and win 4-2 in their Plate competition, and our Year 7 pupils also excelled in Sportshall Athletics, with the girls winning silver and the boys bronze.

It has also been an exciting start to the season for our Year 9 girls' football team, who secured an impressive 7-1 victory against St. Ambrose Barlow High School. It was a fantastic team performance, with Shilo delivering an exceptional display by scoring two hat-tricks, alongside a brilliant debut goal from Ellie. A superb effort from all involved and a result to be proud of.

Overall, it's been an excellent period for the PE department, with students consistently demonstrating teamwork, resilience and pride in representing the school. We look forward to seeing what they can achieve next.



World Book Day!



We had a fantastic time celebrating World Book Day!

Staff and students impressed us with some incredible costumes, bringing many much-loved book characters to life throughout the day.

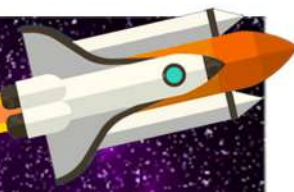
Pupils also enjoyed a range of activities, including the Premier League World Book Day Quiz, a Harry Potter workshop, discussions about how reading has inspired celebrities, and some relaxing mindfulness colouring.

It was a brilliant day celebrating the joy of reading and the power of books to inspire imagination.

A huge thank you to our English department for organising such a great day!



Out of This World Learning Experience



Some of our Year 8 and 9 students had the fantastic opportunity to take part in an exciting workshop all about space, focusing on the challenges of human survival beyond Earth!

Through hands-on activities, students explored what happens to the human body in the vacuum of space. One highlight was a practical demonstration using a marshmallow in a syringe to show how materials (and bodies!) expand under pressure, bringing complex science vividly to life.

Even more exciting, students got the chance to try on a real pressurised space suit and helmet, both decommissioned from Russian and Chinese space programmes!

A huge thank you to The National Space Academy and the UK Space Agency for delivering such an engaging and insightful workshop, and for showcasing the wide range of opportunities available in the rapidly growing space sector!



DRAGONS' DEN

We had a fantastic time at our annual Dragon's Den event!

We were joined by five local primary schools for our annual Dragon's Den event with the Manchester United Foundation. Each team came up with their own creative ideas inspired by Man Utd, from remote control cars to colour-changing shirts and even stadium cleaning equipment. The effort and imagination and research was incredible!

The pupils also got to play Manchester United-themed games, dance along with Fred the Red, and win lots of Man Utd-themed prizes, making the day even more exciting!

A big thank you to our judges, Miss Daley, Mrs Chambers, and Jason Williamson from the Manchester United Foundation, for their feedback, questions and time!

Well done to all the pupils who took part, and a special congratulations to Grosvenor Road Primary School for being crowned winners!



Foundation

Swinton Stars!

Swinton Stars is all about celebrating our pupils and the fantastic work they are proud of. Pupils were invited to nominate pieces of their own work where they felt they had gone above and beyond, showcasing effort, progress, and achievement. Teachers also nominated outstanding work from across their classes, making this a wonderful whole-school celebration of learning.

Miss Worth presented our second round of Swinton Stars awards during Strive and Period 5, and it was fantastic to see so many pupils recognised for their dedication and pride in their work across a range of subjects.

Well done to all of our Swinton Stars, a thoroughly deserved achievement!

Keep an eye out for more opportunities to submit work for Swinton Stars in the near future.





Culinary Competiton 2026

A huge congratulations to our Year 9 students who took part in the Co-op Academy Trust Culinary Competition! It was a brilliant day, and the level of talent on show was amazing. Judged by SLT's Mrs Fagan, Head Governer Alan Stockton and a represetative from Foundation 92 the students were tasked with creating a Pizza from scratch with plenty of ingredients available to add their own personal flare.

Well done to Shania and Harmony, who were the winners of the Swinton heat. Their dishes really stood out, and we're so excited to see them go on to represent Team Swinton at the Grand Final at Angel Square in June. Good luck - we'll all be cheering you on!

A big congratulations as well to Phillip and Ollie, last year's winners, who came back and achieved a fantastic second place. That's a great achievement, and a real testament to their hard work.

We're incredibly proud of all the students who took part. The standard was so high, and every dish showed real effort, creativity, and confidence.

Thank you to everyone who supported on the day and to our judges for giving their time!



History

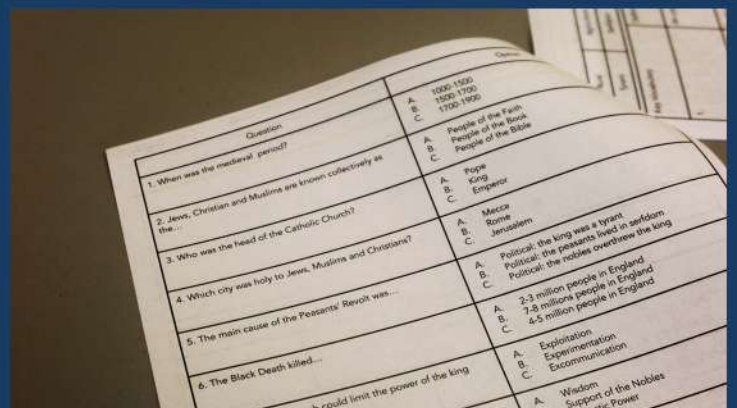
Year 7 have spent this term exploring Medieval England with Mr Pilling.

Across the term, they've built up a really strong picture of what life was like during this period. They've explored the power of the monarchy and the Church, and how these institutions influenced not just who was in charge, but how people lived their daily lives and what they believed.

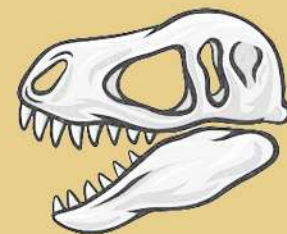
Students have also taken a closer look at everyday life in rural villages, where most people lived, thinking about the roles and responsibilities of peasants and the challenges they faced within a strict social system. This has helped them better understand how different groups in society experienced life very differently.

One of the most engaging parts of the topic has been learning about the Black Death. Students have explored how it spread so quickly, how people at the time tried to make sense of it, and the lasting impact it had on England and its population.

It's been great to see their enthusiasm throughout the term, with lots of thoughtful questions, discussion, and a growing confidence in their historical understanding.



Exploring Careers at Manchester Museum



As part of National Careers Week, a group of our Year 10 students visited Manchester Museum to explore the wide range of career opportunities connected to the museum sector. From research and conservation to education and public engagement, students discovered just how many different roles contribute to bringing history, science, and culture to life. It was a fantastic opportunity to see the many pathways available within this exciting industry.



Inspiring Hands-On Science with the Royal Institution

We welcomed the Royal Institution into school for an exciting hands-on science session.

Students took part in practical demonstrations exploring how diseases spread and affect the body, helping them develop a deeper understanding of infection and transmission.

It was fantastic to see so much curiosity and enthusiasm from our students. Thank you to the Royal Institution team for an inspiring visit!



Science

This term we celebrated National Science Week.

During the week, students tried out a bunch of hands-on science activities. One of the highlights was in Mr Kellett's Year 7 class, where students took part in a teamwork challenge.

The task was to recreate a drawing using a pencil attached to several strings, with each person controlling one string. The groups quickly found out that success depended on working together and communicating clearly.

It was really fun to watch the students figuring it out, helping each other, and getting the pencil to move in the right way. They were learning about teamwork, and a bit of physics, without even realising it.

National Science Week was a great week, and it was brilliant to see everyone getting involved.



Eco-Warriors in Action at Co-op Live



Our students attended the Co-op Academies Eco-Warriors Conference at Co-op Live!

They took part in interactive workshops with eco-conscious organisations Fair and Funky and Groundwork, where they learned about sustainability and created a draught excluder using upcycled materials.

The trip also included a tour of Co-op Live and a fun pizza-making activity, which the students loved!

Each academy was also asked to put forward a Water Pledge to help protect this vital resource... watch this space!



Principal's Breakfast

We were delighted to host another Principal's Breakfast this morning, celebrating our incredible Year 11 students and their continued dedication as they prepare for their upcoming GCSE examinations.

Following the recent completion of their mock exams, it has been wonderful to see results that truly reflect the hard work, determination, and resilience our students have shown. These outcomes are a testament not only to their commitment to their studies, but also to the positive attitudes they bring to their learning each day.

The Principal's Breakfast provides a valuable opportunity to recognise and celebrate these efforts, and it was a pleasure to spend time with students who are striving to achieve their very best. Moments like these are an important reminder of the impact that perseverance and focus can have, particularly at such a crucial stage in their education.

We are extremely proud of all our Year 11 students and look forward to supporting them as they continue their journey towards their GCSEs. Well done to everyone involved, and we encourage them to keep up the fantastic work in the weeks ahead.



Celebrating Our Year 11 Stars

Our Year 11 students attended their final assembly before the Easter break. It was a special afternoon, where each student received a personalised 'Proud Letter' written by a member of staff.

The letters were handwritten from teachers who have seen our Year 11s develop over 5 years of academic achievement. Our staff have been privileged to see this year group flourish both academically and personally and it was an amazing opportunity to reflect on the incredible journey they've been on with us.

We know how demanding this final push can be, so it was a chance to celebrate their hard work and remind them just how proud we are of everything they have achieved so far. We wish them a restful Easter break and look forward to seeing them for the final stretch.



Welcoming the Co-op National Member Council to Our School

We were incredibly proud to host the Co-op National Member Council on Friday 27th March. The Council brings together 100 Co-op Members and colleagues from across the UK four times a year. It's a vital space where they dive into our business operations, ask the tough questions, and influence decisions to ensure we are always acting in the best interest of our members and local communities.

While the discussions were inspiring, the real stars of the evening were our student prefects. Their impact didn't go unnoticed:

Outstanding presence: We received glowing feedback from nearly every guest in attendance.

Networking pros: They engaged with delegates with maturity and poise.

True leadership: They stepped up to represent our values with incredible confidence.

Hosting such a prestigious event was an honor, but seeing our young leaders shine while networking with Council members was the highlight of the evening. We couldn't be more proud of them!







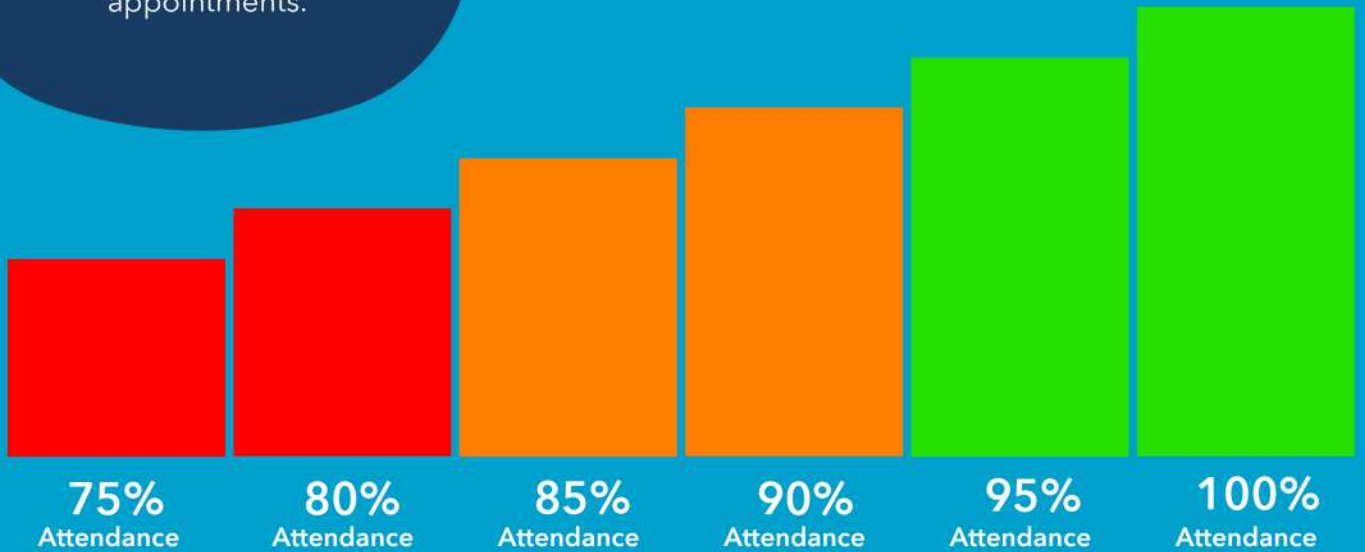
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Good Attendance Equals Good Results!

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.

Safeguarding

Dear Families,

We know that children are more likely to face online risks during holiday periods. Here are some links to help you keep your child safe online:

Our Trust broadband provider, LGfL, has some really useful parental guidance and top tips:

<https://parentsafe.lgfl.net/>

UK Safer Internet Centre provides tips, advice, guides and resources to help keep your child safe online

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

Educate Against Hate provides practical advice and support on protecting children from extremism and radicalisation

<https://www.educateagainsthate.com/category/parents/>

Childnet provides advice for parents and carers to help support children and young people in their safe and responsible use of the internet.

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/>

We wish all parents, carers, pupils and colleagues a happy and safe Easter Holiday.

Your Safeguarding Team



Mrs Coote
Designated
Safeguarding Lead
(By IT Corridor)



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



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

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 above who are always available to speak to during the school day and term time.

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.

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

- Whittakers, 123-125 Chorley Rd, Swinton, Manchester M27 4A
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For our full list of uniform requirements please visit:
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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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Year 11 Easter Intervention Sessions

Tuesday 7th April

English Lit - 10am - 12pm

MFL - 12pm - 2pm

Wednesday 8th April

R.S. - 10am - 12pm

Art/Photography - 10am - 2pm

Thursday 9th April

Enterprise/Creative iMedia - 10am - 2pm

Friday 10th April

Sport Studies - 10am - 2pm

Monday 13th April

Biology (Separate) - 10am - 12pm

Music - 12pm - 2pm

Tuesday 14th April

English Language - 10am - 12pm

Music - 12pm - 2pm

Wednesday 15th April

Citizenship - 10am - 12pm

Health and Social - 12pm - 2pm

Thursday 16th April

Geography - 10am - 12pm

Maths - 12pm - 2pm

Friday 17th April

Drama - 10am - 2pm



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