

July 2026

news

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Co-op Academy
Swinton

Swinton - Public Speaking Champions!

We are delighted to announce that, last week, three of our Year 8 pupils won the trust-wide Public Speaking Competition. The team, consisting of Freya, Naomi and Tammy won the Best Academy award as a team, whilst Freya won the Overall winner prize for the best speech. Tammy also won a Highly Commendable Speech award.

The three pupils, throughout the past few months, showed great dedication in improving their oracy and rhetorical skills; they also demonstrated amazing bravery in speaking in front of an audience of their peers.

A massive congratulations to Freya, Naomi and Tammy!



Key Dates

July 17th:
Half-term 6 ends

September 3rd :
Half-term 1 begins

October 19th:
Y11 mocks start

August 20th:
Results Day

September 24th:
Y11 Careers Evening

October 21st:
Half-term 1 ends

September 1st/2nd:
Inset Days

September 30th:
Open Evening

November 2nd:
Half-term 2 begins

Paris 2026

Our pupils enjoyed an unforgettable trip to Paris, filled with iconic sights, exciting sporting experiences and memories that will last a lifetime. The visit included breathtaking views from the Eiffel Tower, a behind-the-scenes tour of the legendary Roland-Garros, home of the French Open, and a visit to the impressive home of Paris Saint-Germain, giving pupils a fascinating insight into two of the world's most famous sporting venues.

The trip provided a fantastic opportunity to bring learning beyond the classroom, allowing pupils to experience the culture, history and sporting heritage of one of Europe's greatest cities. Throughout the visit, they represented the school exceptionally well, demonstrating enthusiasm, respect and curiosity at every stop. We are incredibly proud of the way they embraced every experience and supported one another, making the trip a huge success for everyone involved.



Goodbye 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!





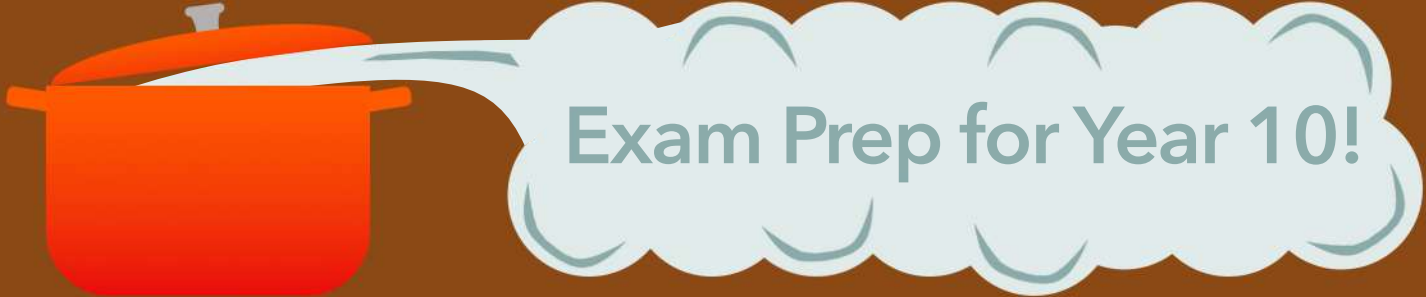
Prom 2026

Our annual Year 11 Prom did not disappoint! It was the perfect send-off for our latest leavers.

Congratulations to our Prom King and Queen, Heidi and Joseph, and thank you to everyone who attended for your fantastic behaviour and, most importantly, for bringing your dancing shoes!

We can't wait to see you all on Results Day. Good luck!





Exam Prep for Year 10!

Our Year 10 Hospitality students have been preparing for next year's exams by working through a previous assessment task, giving them valuable experience with the planning, creativity and practical skills required for success.

Using the theme of the 'Paradise Bay' food truck, students were challenged to create a dish that catered to the needs of two different target clients: teenage surfers and adult walkers. They considered the nutritional needs and preferences of each group before developing their own recipe, writing an ingredient list and method, and then bringing their ideas to life in the kitchen.

The task encouraged students to apply their knowledge in a real-world context while developing confidence in recipe design, food preparation and presentation. It was fantastic to see the variety of creative and delicious dishes produced, with each student showcasing their own unique ideas and skills.

A wonderful opportunity to build both their planning and practical Hospitality skills. Well done to all students on their outstanding efforts and creative, delicious creations!



Manchester United Foundation

Tournament Win For Girls' Team!

A huge well done to our Girls' Football team, who were crowned champions at the Manchester United Foundation Girls' Football Festival!

The girls were fantastic throughout the day, showing great teamwork, determination and attitude to come away as tournament winners. We couldn't be prouder of how they represented our school.



Six of our Year 9 students had the exciting opportunity to get behind the wheel of a manual 2024-plate car at the car park of Old Trafford.

Under expert supervision, students practised key driving skills, including steering around cones, manoeuvring safely, and reaching speeds of up to 40 mph. The experience gave them a fantastic introduction to driving, helping to build their confidence, awareness, and independence.

A brilliant experience for all involved, and one that our students thoroughly enjoyed!



Foundation

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Year 7 Magician Wins Sportsmanship Award

One of our Year 7 students entered the Manchester United Foundation talent show! Our contestant was Magician, Ashton 'The Trickster', the first magician ever seen at the annual event!

Ashton won the award for sportsmanship for his constant enthusiasm and encouragement for other pupils and performances. Izzy, our Manchester United Foundation officer, had so many compliments throughout the day on how Ashton was lovely to all the school giving out high fives!



Building Money Skills At Old Trafford

This week, 15 of our Year 8 students visited Old Trafford with the Financial Literacy charity FT FLIC to take part in an engaging financial literacy workshop.

The trip focused on developing essential money management skills, helping students learn how to budget, make informed financial decisions and understand the importance of managing money responsibly.

A fantastic opportunity to build valuable life skills that will support them both now and in the future!



Foundation

Wet Sponge Throw

Mr Fagan and Mr Kellett raised an incredible £260 for the Time for Change Foundation through a wet sponge throw event!

With a selection of their favourite staff members bravely taking their place in the stocks, our students jumped at the chance to get their own back on the teachers.

A huge thank you to Mr Fagan, Mr Kellett, Mr Lacey, Mr Frankham, Mrs Fagan, Mr Cavanagh and Mr Davies for risking life and limb in the stocks! Your support helped make the event a fantastic success!



Year 10 Meet Marco Pierre White at Old Trafford Cooking Competition

This term, four Year 10 students attended Manchester United Foundation's annual cooking competition at Old Trafford stadium. This is the fourth year the competition has been held but the first time they have had the privilege of welcoming a celebrity chef, and who better than world renowned, 3 time Michelin star chef, Marco Pierre White.

The day started with an informative and insightful conversation with Old Trafford Executive Chef, Stuart, about the history of the stadium and the logistics of cooking for tens of thousands of people on match day. Students were then tasked with creating a dish of their own choice from an abundance of ingredients to present to Marco Pierre White for judging.

Students had 1 hour to pick their dish, collect their ingredients and cook a beautifully presented and delicious meal with the help and expertise of a number of the stadium's very own chefs. Students also had the opportunity to have a Q and A session with Marco Pierre White, asking a variety of questions about his career, his favourite meal, his travels and love of cooking.

Oriyomi and Anna created a fantastic creamy bacon and chicken pasta with a side of garlic bread, whilst Dante and Jack put their own spin on burgers and chips and the biggest onion rings imaginable! All students showed amazing teamwork, creativity, time management and confidence.

Our students may not have been triumphant in the competition but they have walked away with an abundance of knowledge and memories of an unforgettable experience.

'Hard work gets you knowledge. Knowledge is your passport to freedom' - Marco Pierre White.



Attendance Rewards Kick Off with World Cup Wednesday!

Our Attendance Team has been celebrating students who consistently arrive on time and make positive choices throughout the school day with an exciting new attendance reward initiative. As part of World Cup Wednesday and Football's Coming Home Friday, students who arrive on time for their Period 1 lesson and demonstrate a positive attitude to their learning have the opportunity to receive Panini stickers and trading cards.

The initiative has already got off to a fantastic start, with some students uncovering incredibly rare cards worth hundreds of pounds. A special congratulations goes to Kwaku, who, during our very first World Cup Wednesday, pulled an extremely rare Cristiano Ronaldo Golden Baller Panini card simply by arriving on time for Period 1!

This exciting reward scheme is a great way to recognise excellent attendance and positive attitudes while adding a little extra fun to the school day.



Welcoming our Future Year 7s!

We had a fantastic transition period as we welcomed our September 2026 Year 7 cohort to school! During two successful transition days, Year 6 pupils embraced every opportunity to experience life at our school, making new friends, meeting staff and taking part in a range of activities. Despite the hot weather, they showed great enthusiasm and resilience, and we can't wait to welcome them back in September as their journey in The Swinton Way truly begins.

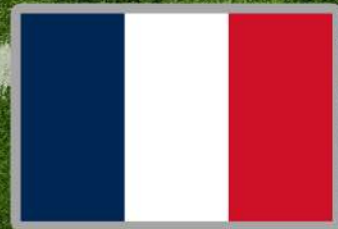
We also hosted our annual Primary Olympics, welcoming pupils from Mossfield Primary School for a day filled with fun, teamwork and friendly competition. Students competed in a variety of athletic events, including the long jump, 25-metre sprints and relay races, demonstrating excellent sportsmanship throughout.

A huge thank you to our student leaders for helping the day run so smoothly and making our visitors feel so welcome. Congratulations to our winning team, and well done to everyone who took part!



Sports Day 2026

A huge well done to all our pupils who competed in Sports Day! It was a hugely competitive day battling the intense heat as students competed for Gold in both track and field events! A huge congrats to Australia who took the top prize followed by France and Jamacia. An extra shoutout to this year's record breakers!



Co-op Academies

Young Musician

of the Year

A huge congratulations to our Young Musician of the Year finalists, April and Suraya, who represented our school with passion, confidence and resilience in the final. Although they didn't take home the award this time, we couldn't be prouder of them

They were joined by a number of our talented students at this fantastic celebration of music, featuring performers from 12 Co-op schools. Our Swinband also gave an amazing performance of their original song, Story of Our Lives. Well done to everyone who took part!



Summer Showcase

What a fantastic evening at our carnival-themed Summer Showcase!

Our Drama department opened the show with a special performance from our Year 11 star, Kate, followed by the Drama Club's original production, *The Demon Headteacher*.

During the interval, Ashton wowed audiences with his close-up magic while Mia kept our younger visitors smiling with her amazing balloon creations.

The second half celebrated our talented musicians, featuring performances from new band Ocean Waves, our Year 10 band, and our choir, who rounded off the evening with a wonderful selection of songs.

A huge well done to everyone involved in making it such a brilliant night!



Maths Olympics Success

Four students proudly represented Co-op Academy Swinton at the Maths Olympics this week against the other Co-op schools. They showed incredible teamwork throughout the competition. Although we didn't come away with the win, they did themselves and our school proud. Well done to all four!



Year 10 French Students Prepare for Exam Success

This term, our Year 10 French students have been working hard to prepare for their upcoming speaking and listening exams.

As part of their revision, they have been revisiting key language skills, including how to communicate confidently in both the past and present tenses. They have also been practising answering common speaking exam questions, helping them to improve their fluency, pronunciation and confidence ahead of their assessments.

Through their dedication and consistent effort in lessons, our students are putting themselves in the strongest possible position for success.

Bonne chance pour vos examens! We wish all of our Year 10 French students the very best of luck in their exams.



Art and Photography

Five of our students attended the Trust Art Competition, This Is Me, results event at Angel Square.

They represented the school brilliantly throughout the day, taking part in creative activities such as a paper-dress making competition to further challenge their creativity, hearing an inspiring talk from artist Rebecca Davies, and seeing their artwork displayed in the exhibition.

We are especially proud to share that Staish was awarded the Artist's Choice 1st Place Award, an incredible achievement and the second consecutive year that Swinton has received this prestigious recognition!

Well done to all of our talented students who took part. We are incredibly proud of you all!



Pendleton College Visit

Our Year 10 Art/Textiles students, led by Miss Anderson and Miss Tremble, visited Pendleton College for the end of year A Level and Vocational Exhibition.

It was a fantastic and informative visit with lots of discussions around careers, university, and college aspirations.

We're excited to continue working with Pendleton College in the future!



Art and Photography

Across the Year we have had some absolutely incredible artwork. Please enjoy some of these incredible examples.



Ava C - Textiles



Daisy A - Christopher Relander Response



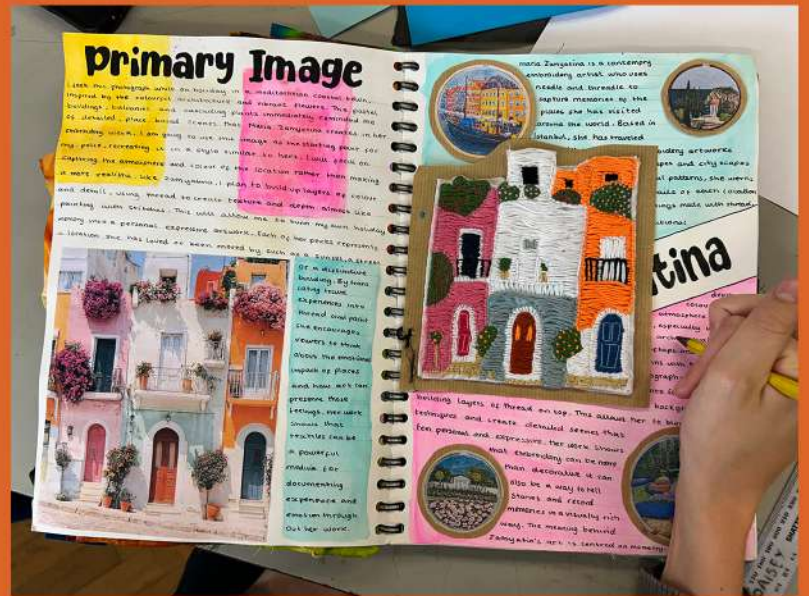
Courtney S



Ema N - Brno Del Zou Response with Colour Splash Eye



Ersela H - Art



Freya P - Textiles



Francesca B



Hannah May P - Textiles



Violet D - Ugly Doll



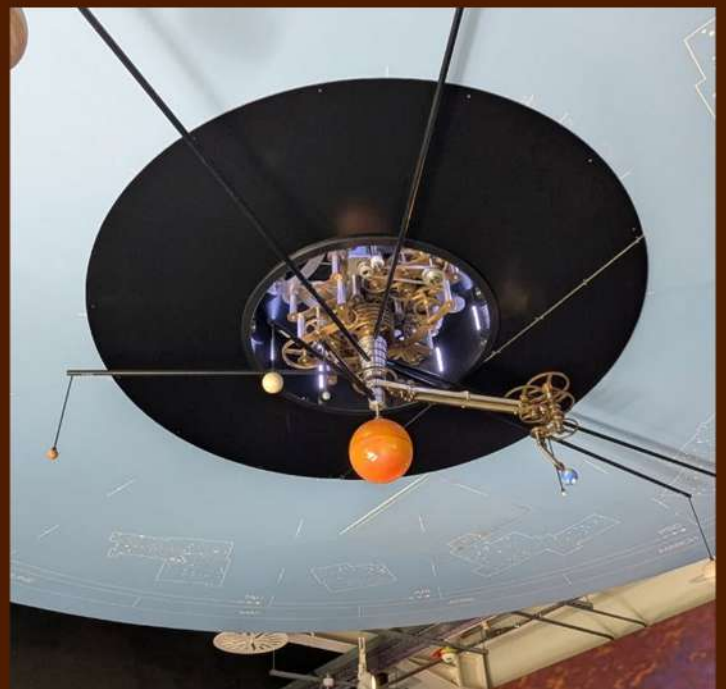
Rutendo and Beth - 9 Lino printing topic in response to Andy Warhol



Year 8 Explore Jodrell Bank

35 of our Year 8 students visited the infamous Jodrell Bank Observatory, home to the UK's largest radio telescope, the Lovell Telescope. During the trip students attended a Telescope Talk to learn all about the Lovell Telescope, its construction, its purpose and what it does, followed by an immersive film of Jodrell Bank's 'We Are Stars' Space Dome show.

Students also had the opportunity to explore the interactive spaces and exhibitions across the site, in particular, the magic of the Whispering Dishes, allowing students to hear each other from tens of meters apart. An insightful and informative day enjoyed by all.



Year 9 Team Crowned Manchester Minesweeper Champions 2026!

Congratulations to our amazing Year 9 team, who have been crowned Manchester Minesweeper Champions 2026!

After spending several weeks designing, building and programming their own robot metal detector with support from the University of Manchester, they took on 10 other schools from across Greater Manchester in a series of engineering challenges. They also impressed the judges with a presentation showcasing their ideas for using their robot to detect contaminated water in hard-to-reach areas.

Their hard work and determination has paid off as they brought the trophy home and we are so proud of them!



Year 10 Students Shine at North West Final



Huge congratulations to our talented Year 10 students, Jax and Daisy, who represented Swinton at the first ever North West Final of the National Speak Out Challenge, organised by The Speakers Trust.

After finishing as winner and runner-up in our school final, they competed against 13 other finalists from across the North West at Manchester's Contact Theatre. Both delivered outstanding speeches and were recognised with participation certificates.

A massive congratulations to Daisy, who was crowned Overall Champion for her confident and engaging speech on 'Happiness is a Choice'. We are incredibly proud of both students for their hard work, dedication and fantastic achievements. Thank you to Ms Sofo, Mr Philips, Miss Wilks, our staff, and their families for all the support that helped make this success possible.



Rewards Day 2026

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!



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?

However you end up in the water, if you end up in difficulty, **float to live**:

- Tilt your head back, with ears submerged.
- Relax 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.

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.

Make sure your loved ones know what to do if they get into difficulty too. Help them learn how to float.

What are the dangers of swimming in open water?

- 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:

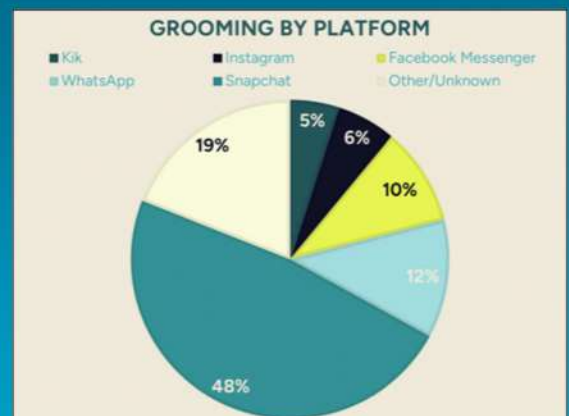
As the young people have more social time over the Summer they are likely to spend longer on social media. Please take this time to speak with them about the dangers of communicating with strangers on the internet.

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 Thursday September 3rd 2026.



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 Suleman - Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

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
- Debonairs (online only) <https://debonairschoolwearwythenshawe.co.uk>

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



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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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Are you looking for
support with the
cost of living?



Not sure which benefits
you should be getting?

We're here to help you for free

Families in your area are missing out on £100s
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| ☒ Budgeting advice | ☒ Council tax support |

Contact us using this QR code:



Contact Clara, from Citizens
Advice Manchester, who is our
Financial Inclusion Officer. Once
you have provided your details,
Clara will contact you to
arrange a time to speak.





The service has been extremely helpful. I struggled to understand what I was entitled to. I was helped with numerous things and I feel like I always have someone to go to for support. I also felt empowered after the help and advice to do some things for myself. It's made a big difference to me and my family.



What we can help with:

I can assist with all sorts of things from **checking your benefits and managing debts to applying for discounted utility bills, free school meals and support with household items.** In addition, **we can discuss housing, family issues, energy and immigration advice, referring you to specialist support where needed.**

****What you are entitled to depends on your circumstances.****

This is a free, independent and confidential service. We're here to listen, support you, and help you explore your options in a safe and non-judgemental way.