

Culture  
Day is a Huge  
Success!

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# news

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## Local MP visits our Citizenship Students

Worsley and Eccles Member of Parliament, Michael Wheeler, came in to speak to our Citizenship GCSE students. He spoke of the process of Parliament, how issues are dealt with at both a national and local level and famous politicians/figures he's worked with before opening up the floor for students to ask questions for an even deeper insight into his work.



## Key Dates

May 23rd  
Half-term 5 ends

20th June:  
End of Y11 GCSE Exams

July 18th:  
Half-term 6 ends

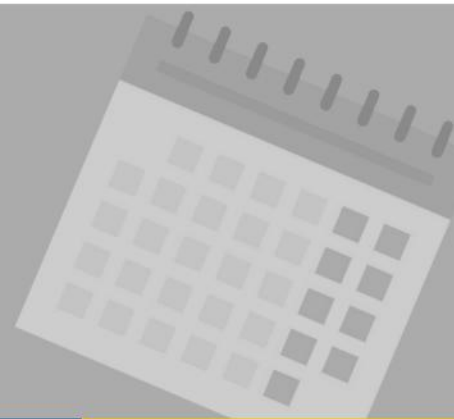
June 2nd:  
Half-term 6 begins

July 2nd:  
Year 11 Prom

September 3rd:  
Half-term 1 begins

June 13th:  
End of Y10 Mock Exams

July 10th:  
Sports Awards Evening



# Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians

As we come to the end of half-term 5, I cannot tell you how proud I am of our students and their consistent dedication to their school day. Our end of year exams are taking place and our GCSE students in Year 11 are working tirelessly with their teachers by attending breakfast, after school, online and Saturday revision sessions. Our Year 10 GCSE students are submitting coursework and also preparing for their end of year exams. Our Year 7, 8 and 9 students begin their end of year exams shortly after half-term.

This half-term has been a colourful one that included Culture Day, a highlight of our school calendar. Our students have participated in so many extracurricular activities as you can see from our social media and this newsletter.

I wish you and your family a safe half-term and look forward to welcoming our students back on June 2nd at 8:20 for another half-term full of success.





# Culture Day 2025

Culture Day is an incredibly important day to us in our school calendar. It gives us an opportunity to celebrate the incredible diversity across our school and community whilst also building tolerance and understanding. Both our students and staff took part to make it a really special day! We held a Fashion Show and a Dance Show along with lots of other activities built around celebrating different cultures! A huge thank you to everyone who got involved and made the day a huge success!



## Drama Club Make Most of the Weather!

Our Drama Club has made the most of the amazing Spring/Summer weather we've had taking Drama Club outdoors!



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**magic  
breakfast**  
fuel for learning

## Co-op Academy Swinton Join Magic Breakfast!

On Monday, 12th May, we become a Magic Breakfast School! The charity aims to transform children's learning and wellbeing by making sure they have a healthy and balanced breakfast. Being part of the programme will allow us to expand our breakfast club range including more cereals, crumpets, toast and more!



# Foundation

Our Y10 girls visited the Uni of Manchester! They were introduced to careers in STEM and opportunities for women while taking part in activities related to structural engineering and robot coding. They even built a football stadium to showcase their skills!



## Our New Safeguarding Team



**Mrs Coote**  
Designated  
Safeguarding Lead  
(By IT Corridor)



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



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

At times, your child may feel worried and stressed or may have problems that they find hard to talk about. Our new safeguarding team are on hand to be a safe space where they can openly talk about any issue they may be having.



# Library Holds Summer Book Fair!

Our Library held our Summer Book Fair! We managed to raise an incredible £482.77 meaning we will receive half of that in book vouchers for our library!

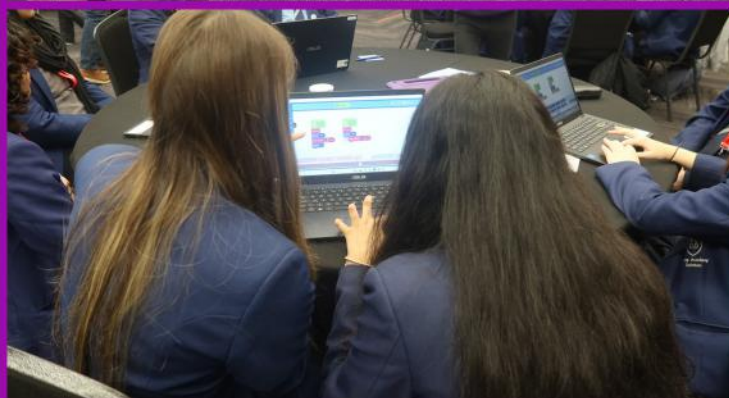


# Cybersecurity Experience for Year 9!

Dr Curley took some Y9 students to attend CYBERUK in Manchester with Dr Curley. Organised by the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) and the UK Government this is the flagship Cybersecurity event and Co-op Academy Swinton was one of only 7 schools to be invited to this major event.

The teams took part in activities using AI, Coding, Cyber security, the human aspects of cybersecurity and Cypher breaking. Coming second overall in the challenges, they learned about potential careers in the lucrative Cyber Security industry which is a major employer in Manchester with both the Government and Industry recruiting for over 6000 jobs in Manchester.

The event was part of Co-op Academy Swinton's process of becoming an accredited Cyberfirst School.





# Environmental Awareness for Year 9!

On Tuesday, May 13th, a cohort of Year 9 students welcomed external guests from Bunzl, who conducted a workshop focused on global sustainability. The session included an exploration of how various brands illustrate and influence their operations through packaging, an examination of diverse career paths in sustainability, and a hands-on activity where students designed or modified packaging to enhance its customer-friendliness and sustainability in daily life. The workshop concluded with a question-and-answer session, allowing students to engage in discussions about sustainability and career opportunities.



## Incredible Bike Donation!

A huge thank you to Men in Sheds Reddish for their bike donation. The bikes will be included in our attendance drive and end of year awards.





# Town Planning Workshop for Year 10!

Some of our Year 10 students were given the opportunity to take part in an urban planning workshop. They were given job roles linked to urban planning and then introduced to 3 industry professionals. The challenge given to the teams was to design and plan the regeneration of an urban area whilst considering the requirement to provide sustainable features and affordable housing. It was a pleasure to watch students work together with the industry professionals to better understand the challenge and begin to create their designs. The practical sessions were fast paced and challenged students to demonstrate work related skills such as co-operation, critical thinking and leadership. All 4 groups got the opportunity to pitch their plans to the industry professionals who then asked questions and provided feedback. All 4 groups did amazingly well, with the winning group winning an all expenses, VIP trip to London in July.





HALF TERM BREAK			
2/6/2025	AQA	8633/LH	Italian Listening
2/6/2025	AQA	8633/RH	Italian Reading
2/6/2025	AQA	8648/WH	Urdu writing
3/6/2025	Pearson	1PG0 1H	Portuguese Listening
3/6/2025	Pearson	1PG0 3H	Portuguese Reading
3/6/2025	AQA	8688/LH	Polish Listening
3/6/2025	AQA	8688/RH	Polish Reading
4/6/2025	Pearson	1MA1 2F	Mathematics Paper 2 Foundation
4/6/2025	Pearson	1MA1 2H	Mathematics Paper 2 Higher
5/6/2025	Pearson	1H10 2A-2W	History Paper 2
5/6/2025	AQA	8658/WF	French Writing F
5/6/2025	AQA	8658/WH	French Writing H
6/6/2025	AQA	8700/2	English Language Paper 2
6/6/2025	AQA	8035/2	Geography paper 2
9/6/2025	AQA	8461/2H	Biology Paper 2
9/6/2025	AQA	8464/B/2F	Combined Biology paper 2 F
9/6/2025	AQA	8464/B/2H	Combined Biology paper 2 H
9/6/2025	AQA	8633/WH	Italian Writing
9/6/2025	OCR	R093	Creative iMedia
10/6/2025	AQA	8698/LF	Spanish Listening F
10/6/2025	AQA	8698/LH	Spanish Listening H
10/6/2025	AQA	8698/RF	Spanish Reading F
10/6/2025	AQA	8698/RH	Spanish Reading H
10/6/2025	Pearson	1H10 30-33	History Paper 3
11/6/2025	Pearson	1MA1 3F	Maths paper 3 Foundation
11/6/2025	Pearson	1MA1 3H	Maths paper 3 Higher
12/6/2025	AQA	8035/3	Geography paper 3
12/6/2025	WJEC	5409UB0-1	Hospitality and Catering
12/6/2025	AQA	8365/1	Further Mathematics paper 1
13/6/2025	AQA	8462/2H	Chemistry paper 2
13/6/2025	AQA	8464/C/2F	Combined Chemistry paper 2F
13/6/2025	AQA	8464/C/2H	Combined Chemistry paper 2H
13/6/2025	AQA	8688/WH	Polish Writing
13/6/2025	Pearson	1PG0 4H	Portuguese Writing
16/6/2025	AQA	8463/2H	Physics paper 2H
16/6/2025	AQA	8464/P/2F	Combined Physics paper 2F
16/6/2025	AQA	8464/P/2H	Combined Physics paper 2H
17/6/2025	AQA	8698/WF	Spanish Writing F
17/6/2025	AQA	8698/WH	Spanish Writing H
18/6/2025	OCR	J310/01	Design and Technology
18/6/2025	AQA	8365/2	Further Mathematics paper 2

## Y11 Exam Timetable

This is a crucial time for our Year 11s, make sure they're familiar with all their exams to give them the best chance of success! All our Year 11s have done amazingly so far, just keep it up for a little longer!

## Y11 Half-Term Revision

**Tuesday May 27th**

English Language, 10am-12pm

**Wednesday May 28th**

Geography, 10am-12pm

**Thursday May 29th**

Maths, 10am-12pm



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We are running some revision sessions for our Year 11 GCSE students across the May half-term ahead of upcoming exams. Attendance to these sessions is strongly encouraged, our staff are taking their own time to put on these sessions and revision with them can prove invaluable! We look forward to welcoming all our students in attendance next week!



## Year 11 Prom

**Prom Payments are now due!**

Prom eligibility can be found on Arbor

**Deadline for payments is 4th June!**



## Prom Payments Due!

The deadline for Y11 prom payments is fast approaching! Payments can be made via Arbor, don't miss the June 4th deadline as this will not be extended!



# University Experience for Dance Students

Our students Freya, Olivia, Sofia, Amira and Evie represented the school in the last UCLAN Dance showcase - In Motion. They were extremely professional and their performance was outstanding.

It was an amazing experience to dance alongside established companies and uni students.



# Peel Park Visit for Photography Students

Our Year 10 students recently visited Peel Park for a photoshoot as part of their GCSE coursework - and what a fantastic trip it was! The students demonstrated excellent behaviour throughout the day and showed real creativity and dedication in capturing their shots.

Well done to all involved.







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