

MP Visit to Breakfast Club!

We were delighted to once again welcome our local MP, Michael Wheeler, who came to see our Breakfast Club in action.

He took the time to chat with and listen to our pupils as they prepared themselves for a day of success. It was fantastic to welcome him into our school and share the impact of our Breakfast Club.

We're so excited to continue building this partnership and creating even more opportunities for our students!



Key Dates

October 21st:
Half-Term 1 Ends

November 2nd:
Half-Term 2 Begins

November 13th:
Y11 Mocks End

November 19th:
Alumni Presentation

November 26th:
Y7 Parents Evening

December 9th:
Christmas Showcase

December 10th
Y11 S Parents Evening

December 17th:
Y11 T Parents Evening

December 18th:
Half-Term 2 Ends

Open Evening 2026

A huge thank you to everyone who came along to our annual Open Evening!

We loved welcoming so many families into the school and giving them a glimpse of what The Swinton Way is really about. Hundreds of families had the chance to tour our facilities, explore our departments, and meet our wonderful staff!

If you weren't able to make it and would like a tour of the academy, please don't hesitate to get in touch: swin-info@coopacademies.co.uk

























Joining Us
In September 2027?

As part of our commitment to affordability, the trust will provide the first set of all branded uniform items for new Year 7 starters.

Our Year 7 cohort will be entitled to 4 academy-branded items free of charge in September 2027. These are as follows:

Academy blazer
Academy tie
Academy PE t-shirt
Academy PE 1/4 Zip Top

More details to be announced.



Ofsted Good Provider

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Manchester United Foundation

Foundation

Netball Tournament for Local Primary Schools!





We've recently teamed up with the Manchester United Foundation to host local primary schools for a netball tournament!

The competition runs until the end of the year, and the schools are all playing for an incredible top prize, a stadium tour of Old Trafford. Good luck to all the schools competing!





Inspiring Trip to The Cliff for our Girls!

This half-term, a group of our students visited The Cliff, the historic former Manchester United training ground!

The goal was to get girls back involved in sports, and every single one of them represented Swinton with the utmost respect and enthusiasm!

A huge thank you to the Manchester United Foundation for organising such a brilliant day

Old Trafford Tour for our Standout Students!

A special trip to Old Trafford for some of our students, who were rewarded for their excellent attendance and behaviour at the start of the year.

They represented the school brilliantly and were praised for how smart and well behaved they were. The guide even said it was his favourite tour of the day!









Amazing Extracurricular Work in Year 7!

Well done to Year 7 student Angel A, who wrote this lovely poem over the summer holidays as part of her English transition work with Mrs Fagan.

A great piece of writing and a fantastic way to get started with Year 7!



Parliamentary Visit for Mrs Chambers

Mrs Chambers was personally invited to the Parliamentary Breakfast Reception at the House of Commons, representing our school and sharing the story of our Breakfast Club.

The event brought together MPs, school leaders, charities and organisations to discuss the vital role breakfast clubs play in supporting children's wellbeing, attendance, punctuality, readiness to learn and social development, as well as helping working families on a day-to-day basis.

Joined by Miss Sparrow, Mrs Chambers was invited to share our real-life experience of delivering this support every day at Co-op Academy Swinton, showcasing the difference our Breakfast Club can make for our pupils and families.







Geography

This term our Georgraphy Department has launched their Geographer of the Week award! Each week Mr Day, Mrs Rydings and Mrs Monoghan select a student they feel is deserving of the honour. Ranging from their attendance, effort and behaviour to being role models and ambassadors of The Swinton Way, each student has gone above and beyond to earn their certificate and platinium ticket!

Our very first winner was Sasha, in Year 8, who worked incredibly hard and produced some excellent work. Her thoughtful questions and answers demonstrated a superb level of critical thinking, curiosity and confidence.



Connor, Year 11, was a fantastic ambassador for Geography at our annual Open Evening. Connor warmly welcomed and greeted parents, supported our Year 6 visitors, and was a brilliant role model throughout the evening. He truly demonstrated what it means to be a Swinton geographer.



Joseph, Year 9 consistently works hard, asks insightful questions, and thinks critically about the world around us. His written work is always completed to an exceptionally high standard. Well done Joe! Keep up the fantastic effort!



Hubert has made a fantastic start to Year 7, showing an excellent commitment to the subject. He consistently works hard on every task with laser focus and always asks interesting questions whenever given the opportunity. Well done, Hubert! Keep up the fantastic effort!



Sport/PE

A huge congratulations to our Y7 pupils who took part in the Co-op Academies Trust, Greater Manchester Dodgeball competition.

The pupils showed fantastic teamwork and effort to earn themselves a bronze medal. A special mention to Gustavo and Isla for winning the 'Show You Care' awards, selected by the sports leaders on the day.





Our Year 7 Netball team have gotten off to a great start this year! In their first games representing Co-op Academy Swinton, they have managed 2 out of 3 wins!

Miss Sparrow and Mrs Hulton are so proud of the progress they're making and how they've come together as a team so quickly!

Our Year 8 boys kept their unbeaten start alive with a hard-fought 2-1 win over Star Academy, with goals from Louie and Charlie and crucial saves from Man of the Match Walter.

Building on their previous 1-0 win against Salford City Academy, the team are on great form!



Meanwhile, our Year 9 boys delivered a dominant performance against Albion Academy, turning a 1-0 lead at the break, thanks to Kwabena's magnificent opener, into a clinical 5-1 victory with two goals apiece from Kurtis and Mikey, supported by resolute defending from Will, Marley, and Max.



To celebrate National Poetry Day, our Poet Laureate, Holly R from Year 10, wrote this wonderful piece!

We're delighted to share her work and celebrate her creativity and talent!

National Poetry Day

A World of Words

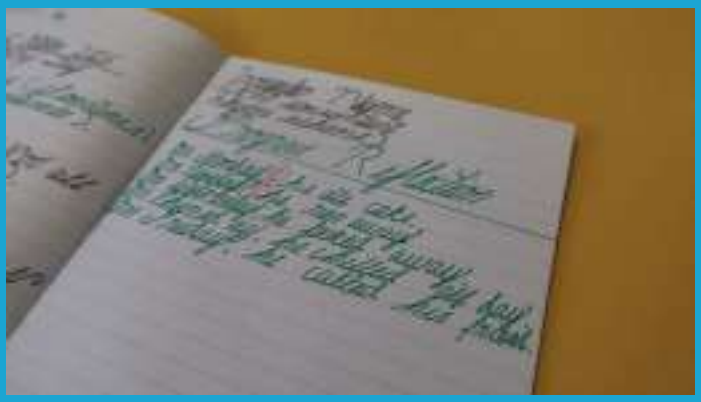
Holly R, Year 10
Poet Laureate

Uncap the pen and and let the silence bleed,
It's time to write your story and
let your thoughts be freed.
Allow your ideas to run wild,
Offering a sense of power to every child.

Poems don't have to rhyme,
each one takes you to another place in time.
Limericks, sonnets and odes,
each story is one of its own.

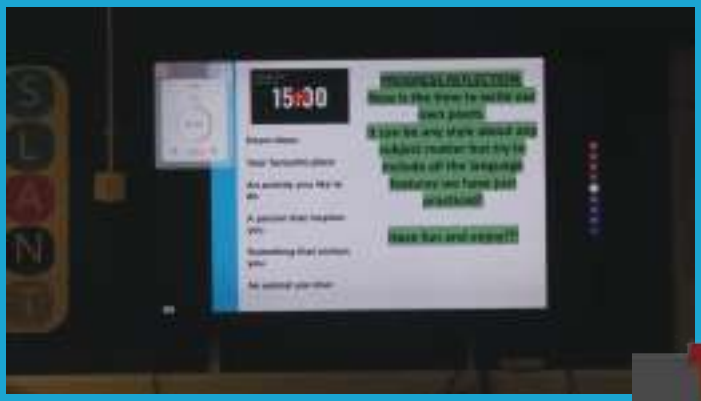
Create a word that anyone can explore,
poetry is something many people adore
Now I have one thing to say,
Happy National Poetry Day!

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National Poetry Day

Our students had the chance to celebrate National Poetry Day!

In their English lessons, they read and explored different poems, looking at techniques such as personification, before having a go at writing their own.
There was a great mix of topics, with poems about everything from football teams and social issues to their pets!

Our staff also got involved by putting their own favourite poems up on their classroom doors, giving everyone the chance to discover and enjoy some poetry around school!

There was a real buzz in our English lessons and throughout the school as students explored poetry with creativity and enthusiasm. An exciting day for all our students with some incredible poems being written.



Year 7 Get Some More Classic Literature!

Year 7 have had the chance to hit the ground running in English and delve into some essential and classic literature this term! In Mrs Tennant's English class, students have been getting stuck into Charles Darwin's Oliver Twist.

Through the book they've built historical context of what life was like for children unfortunate enough to find themselves in a Victorian workhouse as well as gaining a real working knowledge of the Darwin classic!



Careers Evening 2026

A huge thank you to everyone who attended our annual Careers Evening, the attendance was absolutely amazing!

We had around 20 brilliant stall holders, from colleges to organisations and foundations, who gave up their time to inspire and inform our students. We also held workshops on different pathways, college courses, apprenticeship routes and post 18 education!

Careers is a vital part of our academy's key value of succeeding together both with students and parents.





Swinton Stars!

Our first Swinton Stars Spree Week took place this term! Every day for a whole week students were able to take their outstanding work to Miss Worth, where she was awarding those students who had gone above and beyond, or work exceeded expectation with a prestigious Swinton Star!

A huge congratulations to all our winners this term, wear your badges with pride! Your work has absolutely blown us away!

Keep an eye out for our next spree week!





Green Light for Future Engineers!

Our Science Department was delighted to welcome Dr Kane Williams, Technical Specialist in Electronics from the University of Manchester, to introduce our Year 9 students to the exciting world of electronics and engineering!

During the hands-on session, students were challenged to put their technical skills to the test by constructing a working circuit that mimics a traffic light using step-by-step instructions. The practical task truly exercised their problem-solving abilities, grounding fundamental concepts in circuitry while encouraging them to consider the diverse and rewarding career pathways these STEM areas can lead to in the future.













Year 7 World of Work Day

Our Year 7 students had a brilliant and inspiring day taking part in their World of Work Day, held in collaboration with the wonderful team at the Salford Foundation!

Throughout the session, students had the valuable opportunity to connect directly with representatives from a wide range of local businesses, colleges, and training providers. From interactive speed-networking discussions to insightful Q&A sessions, our guest speakers generously shared their career journeys, highlighting the endless pathways, skills, and qualifications open to young people today.

A massive thank you to all the local employers, colleges, and volunteers who took time out of their busy schedules to visit us. The room was buzzing with curiosity, and our students absolutely loved the experience, giving us glowing feedback about what they learned. It has certainly given them plenty of inspiration and food for thought as they start imagining where their own interests might take them in the future!









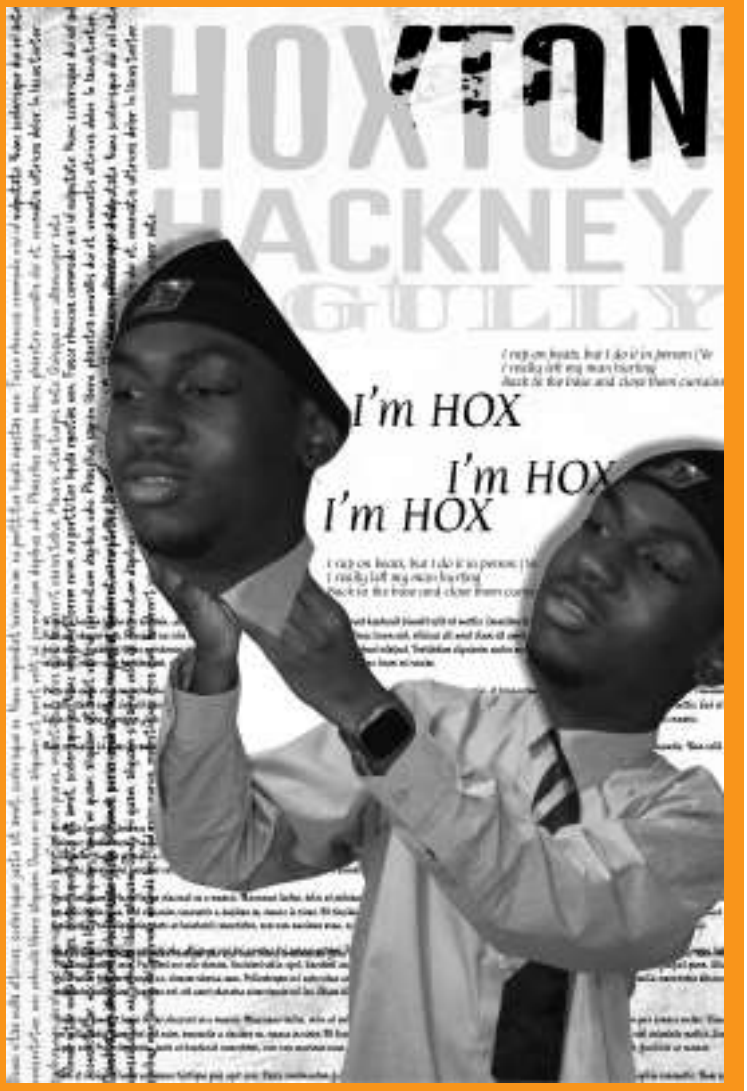
Art and Photography

Every term our students produce absolutely breathtaking work and this half-term has been no exception! In our Art and Photography department there has been so much to shout about and we're so proud to showcase some of it here! Under the guidance of Miss Anderson, Miss Tremble, Miss Glorioso and Mr Haslam there's so much talent and creativity on show!





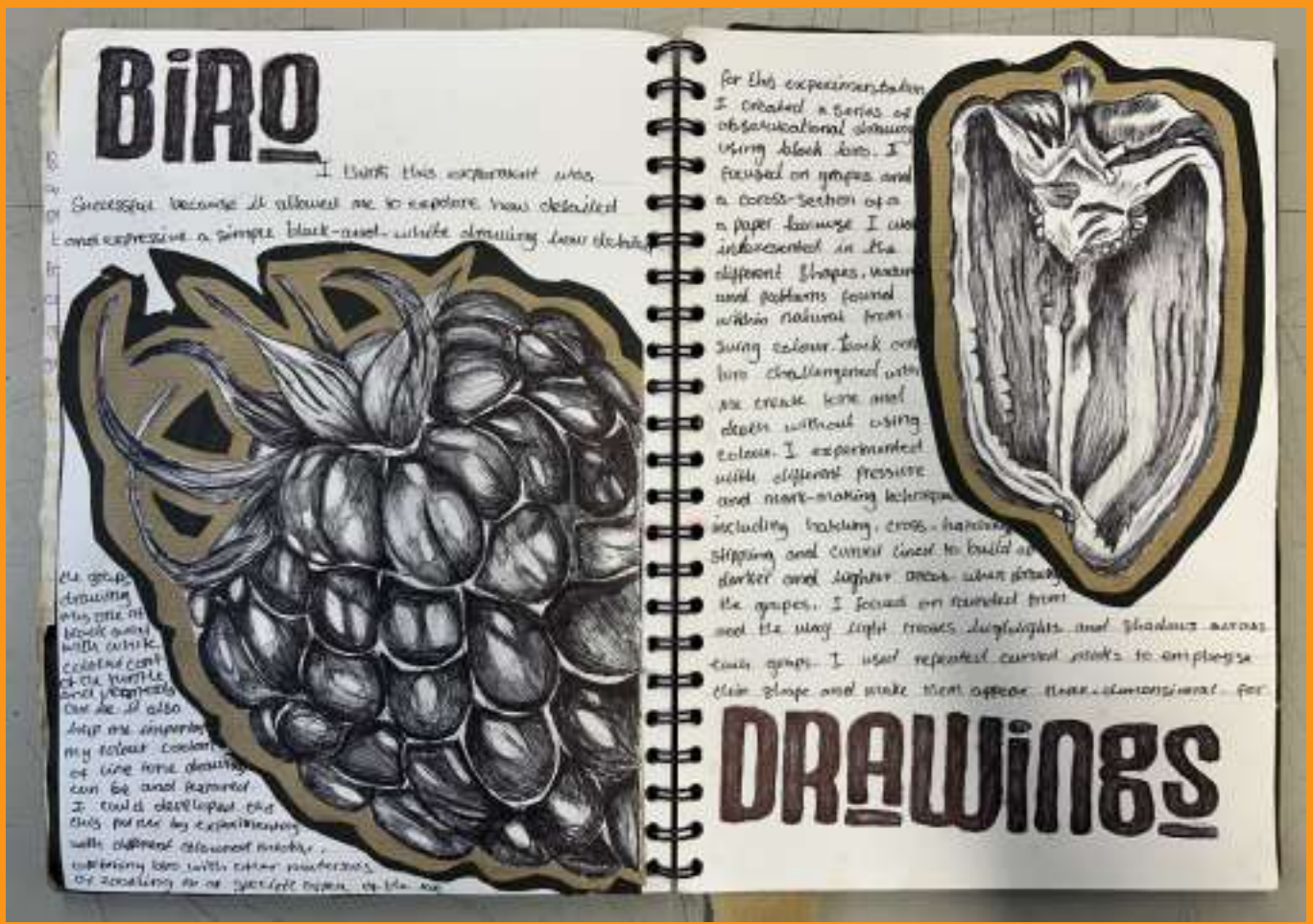









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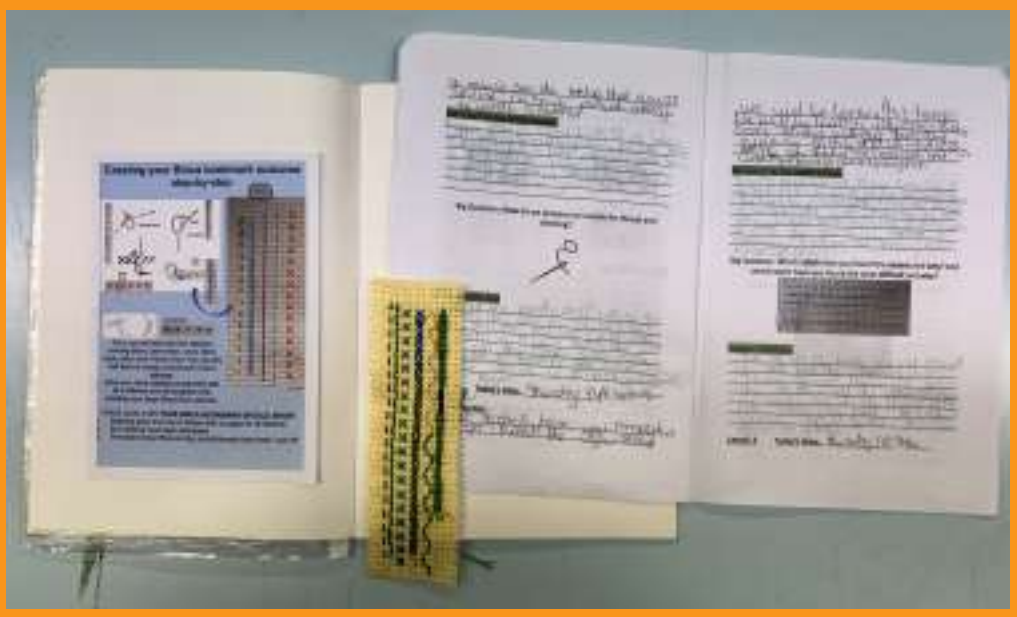

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I think this experiment was successful because it allowed me to explore more detailed and expressive a simple black-and-white drawing can achieve.
for this experimentation I created a series of observational drawings using black biro. I focused on grapes and a cross-section of a paper because I was interested in the different shapes, textures and patterns found within nature. I then swung colour back on to the drawings with pencil crayons and oil pastels without using colour. I experimented with different pressure and mark-making techniques including hatching, cross-hatching, stippling and curved lines to build up darker and lighter areas when drawing the grapes. I focused on rounded form and the way light creates highlights and shadows across these grapes. I used repeated curved marks to emphasise their shape and make them appear three-dimensional. For
DRAWINGS






Fossils
Flowers
Water
Plants
Shells
Food






Accept what
is
let go of
what was
have faith
in what will
be.



Safeguarding

As Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools become an everyday part of our student's lives, we want to ensure our pupil's stay informed about both the benefits and the emerging concerns of this technology. In line with our core co-operative values, we are committed to working together to support our young people in navigating AI safely.

While AI offers innovative ways to support learning, recent information highlights serious online safety concerns that require immediate attention. Here is what you need to know about the current AI risks and how we can collaborate to keep our students safe online.

Current AI Risks to Be Aware Of:

Failed Safeguarding on AI Apps: Many platforms claim to have child safety features however, a landmark October 2026 study rated recently launched teen chatbot modes as "unacceptable risk". Studies reveal that these built in features often fail to alert parents/carers during sensitive conversations regarding mental health, self harm, eating disorders, etc.

Academic Learning Disruption: Chatbots easily bypass the learning process by simply providing answers instead of helping students to actually understand/learn the material.

Deep Fakes: There is a growing rise in the misuse of AI photo/editing tools. Ordinary images can be manipulated to create convincing fake images or explicit content used for cyberbullying and digital harassment.

Data Privacy: A current trend involves uploading photos into AI tools to remove watermarks or alter the image. Uploading any identifiable student photos to AI platforms grant these companies default rights to the date, creating potential privacy risks for your child.

Scams/Grooming: People are utilizing advanced AI tools to create highly convincing fake profiles. They are sometimes used to trick teenagers into revealing personal details, social media credentials and more.

Safety Tips for Parents:

To help protect your child, we recommend taking the following proactive steps at home:

Initiate Open Conversations: Talk to your child about how, when, why they use AI. Remind them that chatbots are automated programs and not their friends. Children should never replace professional mental health support or trusted adults during a crisis.

Review Privacy Settings Together: Check the privacy policies of the apps your child uses. Turn off the data sharing features where possible, and strictly advise them against uploading personal details, location information, or selfies into any AI platform.

Establish Academic Boundaries: Reinforce the importance of academic integrity. Encourage your child to use AI tools as a brainstorming or a research platform, rather than a tool to generate finishing homework, coursework, exams, etc.

Use School Resources Securely: Remind students that they can access verified learning resources safely from home on any device via the The Co-op Swinton Library This dashboard includes secure links to our official revision and homework platforms (Sparx, Seneca, etc).

If you discover that your child's likeness has been used in an authorised deepfake, or if you have any safeguarding concerns regarding their online activity in general, please report this to the Police immediately.

Thank you for your continued partnership in keeping our students safe and equipped for the digital world!

Sincerely,

The Safeguarding Team.

Co-op Academy Swinton

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.



75% Attendance	80% Attendance	85% Attendance	90% Attendance	95% Attendance	100% Attendance
Serious Concern		**Worrying**		**Good**	
Serious Concern. Serious impact on education. **Students leave with limited GCSE grades.**		**Poor Attendance.** Less chance of student success. Makes it harder to make progress. **Concerning!**		**Excellent Attendance.** Best chance of success, Gets you off to a flying start. **Well done!**	

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.

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.

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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

MCKS
Charitable Foundation UK

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Community Pantry

We're excited to announce our partnership with MCKS, where we aim to provide support to the Swinton Community

Please ask our reception for more details.

Term time only



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Christmas Makers Market

Saturday 5th December 2026
11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Location: Co-op Academy Swinton,
Sefton Road, Swinton, M27 6JU
Entry: £1 per person
(all proceeds go towards school rewards and trips)

- Handcrafted gifts and local crafts
- Delicious food stalls
- Raffle and grand prizes

Calling all stallholders and local businesses!

We are looking for stallholders to help make this year's market extra special! We have space for 20 stalls, and stall spaces are available for £10 each.

If you, or anyone you know, would be interested in securing a stall, please email:
Charlotte.Chambers@coopacademies.co.uk

