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Holly Cavanagh
(Yr 9) has her artwork
displayed at
the Co-op Live!

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February 2024 news

Daisy Allen reaches the semi finals in the Young Musician of the Year Competition

We're proud to share the fantastic news that Daisy Allen, one of our talented students at Co-op Academy Swinton, has triumphed in the Young Musician of the Year competition! Out of 186 submissions, Daisy's exceptional performance captured the judges' attention, earning her a well-deserved invitation to the regional semi-finals.

Scheduled to take place at The Yard in Manchester on 28th February 2024, the regional semi-finals promise to be an unforgettable event for Daisy and her supporters. With her passion for music and dedication to her craft, Daisy is sure to shine brightly on stage.

Join us in congratulating Daisy on her remarkable achievement and wishing her the best of luck as she continues her musical journey. Stay tuned for more updates as Daisy represents our school with pride in the upcoming competition!



Dates for your diary



16 February 2024
Academy closes for
Half Term at 3:05

26 February 2024
Academy re-opens for
Spring Term 2 at 8:30

4 March 2024
Y10 Assessment Week

13 March 2024
Year 11 Parents Critical
Evening

28 March 2024
Academy closes for
Easter at 3:05

15 April 2024
Academy re-opens for
Summer Term 1 at 8:30

Principal's Message



Dear Parents/Guardians

As we come to the end of another half-term I cannot emphasise how proud we are of all our students. This has been a busy 6 weeks packed with much learning, culture day, mocks assessments and many wider curricular activities. Our social media and this newsletter highlights some key successes and emphasises the dedication and resilience our students display.

I wish you and your family a safe half-term break, and we look forward to welcoming our students back on Monday, February 26th at 8:20am

Zanna O'Leary



Holly Gets Incredible Artwork Displayed at Co-op Live!

Year 9 student, Holly Cavanagh, has recently won in the Co-op Live's Art Design competition. Her artwork has been chosen for display in Co-op Live's Backstage Bar, a new, 700 capacity exclusive area aiming to be a Manchester take on a New York dive bar.

Following a brief built around the lost art of fly posting Holly created her piece inspired by Harry Styles that will adorn the soon to be completed venue.

Holly has earned 2 tickets to a show of her choice at Co-op Live with upcoming gigs including Liam Gallagher, Niall Horan, Eric Clapton and James amongst others.

Students Thrive in Army-led PE Sessions, Embracing Teamwork and Personal Growth Opportunities



In January we had the Army in to deliver some team work and physical tasks to some of our pupils in their PE lessons. Pupils enjoyed the participation and engaged with army staff and some pupils commented on how they enjoyed enhancing their personal development.

"This session gave me a great experience in team and problem solving, it was such a fun and exciting time".
- SI, Year 11

"Thank you for hosting our team today. We engaged with about 248 young people from your school, the students are a credit to your Academy. They conducted themselves in a very positive manner. All were well engaged and took on every task, giving it their all. Several of your students asked about the different careers within the Army (and Armed Force)".

- D Naylor, Armed Forces

Year 7 Students Shine at Co-op Academy Tournament

The Year 7 students at our school showcased their remarkable talent at the Co-op Academy tournament. Despite the boys narrowly missing out on the win after a tense penalty shootout, they secured the runners-up position. In contrast, the girls' team dominated the competition, cruising to victory and claiming the first-place title. Their exceptional performance reflects the true spirit of teamwork and sportsmanship, making the school proud of their achievements on the field. Congratulations to all the Year 7 students for their outstanding efforts!



Year 8 & 9 Combined Team Secures Silver Medal in Co-op 5-a-side Tournament!

The combined Year 8 and 9 team showcased their exceptional talent and teamwork by clinching a well-deserved silver medal in the Co-op 5-a-side tournament. Throughout the match, they displayed remarkable resilience, losing only one game by a single goal. Their dedication and skill shone brightly, earning them a commendable achievement in the tournament. Congratulations to the team for their outstanding performance!



Year 9 Engages in Inspiring Film & TV Masterclass with Northern Heart Films

Year 9 students recently took part in an enriching film & television masterclass with Northern Heart Films. They delved into the essence of authentic relationships in documentary filmmaking and explored the myriad career paths within the industry. We eagerly anticipate further collaborations with this esteemed Northern production company.



Co-op Academy Swinton has 230 Published Authors!



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We have 230 published authors at our school!

Thanks to the entries received for the three prestige writing competitions held in partnership with Young Writers over that last 12 months. We are so proud that so many were selected for publication. This is a huge achievement for our pupils and they are super excited to see their name in print, each pupil has been awarded a certificate and a bookmark for their efforts.

It has been delightful to read so many amazing pieces, from disturbing, dark unsolved mysteries to deeply passionate poetry and some alternate reality pieces in the Glitch! We definitely have the next Oscar Wilde or Suzanne Collins amongst us!

Please look out for more competitions coming up this year. If you have any questions about past or future creative writing ideas then please speak to Miss Wilks.

Year 11 Half-Term Revision Timetable

Revisions sessions will be taking place across February Half-Term. All Year 11s are heavily encouraged to attend.

Monday 19th

10am-1pm History MJO
10am-1pm Maths Foundation SBA
10am-1pm Geography JHA

Tuesday 20th

9am-12pm Health and Social CCH

Wednesday 21st

9am-2pm- Art CAN

Thursday 22nd

10am-1pm Design MSA
10am-1pm Drama HCO

Friday 23rd

10am-12pm Maths Higher SCX
12am-2pm Maths Foundation SCX

Swinton Impress in Spelling Bee

Friday 9 February was the Trust-wide Spelling Bee! The fantastic event was held at Co-op's Headquarters, where 25 teams from both Co-op Primary and Secondary school's competed. To qualify to be part of the team, our pupil's competed against each other for a coveted place. Our Co-op Swinton team consisting of Sharon, Samuel and Princess were brilliant during the Spelling Bee portion of the competition - every single word was spelt correctly during our rounds including common misspellings that adults make such as necessary, Mediterranean, miscellaneous and guillotine. Unfortunately, due to a tricky anagram round, the Swinton team missed out on placing in the top three.

Miss Bond and Miss Lovell are extremely proud of the Swinton team.



Year 9 Options Deadline

Come September our Year 9s will be pursuing their options that they will study throughout Key Stage 4.

Completed pathway forms must be handed into the main office by 10am on **Monday 26th February**

Even More Art Talent on Display in Year 11!

We're so lucky to have so many talented students here at Co-op Academy Swinton! This term we have been left speechless by Year 11's Jayden Taylor-Rose drawings! Take a moment to appreciate the time, skill and effort that has gone into his work!



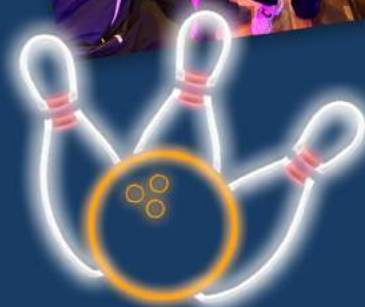
Co-op Academy Swinton are Regional North West Champions!

We are thrilled to announce a remarkable achievement by our Year 7 and 8 students who recently competed in the Panathlon Ten Pin Bowling Finals against schools from the north of England. Following their outstanding performances, we are proud to declare our students as the North West Regional Champions!

Having secured their place in this prestigious event by triumphing in both the Salford and Greater Manchester competitions, our students showcased their exceptional talent and dedication on Wednesday, 7th February.

In a display of remarkable skill and teamwork, our pupils outperformed their opponents, claiming victory in the North of England finals. This accomplishment is a testament to their hard work and commitment to excellence.

One standout performance came from Matin Etehadpoor, whose remarkable score of 153 points not only contributed significantly to our team's success but also earned him the coveted 'Hot Shot' trophy. Matin's achievement is made even more impressive by the fact that his score was the highest recorded in any of the tournaments held this year.



Students receive their Young Leaders Awards

The Manchester United Foundation recently awarded a group of remarkable students with their esteemed Young Leaders Awards, acknowledging their exemplary leadership abilities. This recognition highlights the Foundation's dedication to fostering youth empowerment. As these students serve as inspirational figures for their peers, they exemplify the values of leadership, motivating others to effect positive change within their communities.



Archie Delighted by Surprise Encounter with Manchester United Star

Before the Christmas break, Co-op Academy Swinton had a special surprise for one of its students, Archie Girdelstone. Nominated by our hub officer, Adele Howarth, Archie was chosen for his outstanding commitment to our school's foundation and his cheerful attitude towards everyone.

Archie thought he was going to Carrington training ground for a routine interview about his work with Adele. But imagine his surprise when his favorite Manchester United player, Lisandro Martinez, appeared during the interview, bearing gifts for him. Archie's face lit up with joy, making the moment truly magical for everyone present.

Assistant Headteacher Miss Chambers described the experience as heartwarming, emphasizing how such moments make a lasting impact on students. Archie, still in disbelief, couldn't contain his excitement, saying, "I cannot believe what's just happened. I've just met Martinez; it doesn't feel real."



Stan Venables Wins Gold in Thailand!

We're thrilled to announce the outstanding achievement of Stan Venables, a Year 9 student, who recently clinched the Gold Medal at the WBC Muay Thai festival in Bangkok, Thailand. Competing in the Semi Finals for the world championships at Lumpini Stadium, Stan showcased remarkable skill and determination, defeating Team Ireland and securing the top spot in the 42 kilogram category for ages 12-13. Stan's victory not only highlights his exceptional talent but also his unwavering commitment to his sport, serving as an inspiration to his peers and a source of pride for our school community. Congratulations to Stan on this incredible accomplishment, and we eagerly anticipate his continued success in the future.



Drama Students Work with Award Winning Author!

Our students are lucky enough to be working with award winning author Carl Wheatley on a production of Reggie Rockit, a story of teaching children to be who they want to be. The production will premier this summer!



Year 10 Get A Taste of University Life with MMU

Our Year 10 students had an informative and enjoyable day at Manchester Metropolitan University (MMU), where they actively participated in creating and presenting their own societies. Guided by MMU's facilitators, they gained valuable insights into societal structures and governance. This hands-on experience sparked their curiosity and fostered teamwork, highlighting the importance of experiential learning in their education. We're grateful to MMU for providing this opportunity and look forward to more enriching experiences for our students.



Extra Curricular Timetable

We're delighted to be able to offer a wide and diverse range of extra curricular activities for our students across the whole week. Our timetable is laid out below.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES - MONDAY			
WHAT?	WHEN?	WHERE?	WHO?
WEIGHTLIFTING CLUB	BEFORE SCHOOL 7:40 - 8:10	TECH BLOCK GYM	Mr Higgins
BASKETBALL	LUNCH 2	REC	Mr Higgins
DRUMMING CLUB	AFTER SCHOOL 3:10 - 4:10	PA2	Mr Keller
KS3 DANCE CLUB	AFTER SCHOOL 3:10 - 4:10	PA4	Miss Hughes
SPORTS STUDIES	AFTER SCHOOL 3:15 - 4:15	IT1	Mr Higgins

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES - TUESDAY			
WHAT?	WHEN?	WHERE?	WHO?
Y8 FOOTBALL	AFTER SCHOOL	FIELD	Mr Simmons
Y9 FOOTBALL	AFTER SCHOOL	FIELD	Mr Frankham
NETBALL	AFTER SCHOOL	REC	Miss Sparrow
SPORTS STUDIES (Y10&11)	AFTER SCHOOL	IT1	Mr Higgins & Mrs Hutton
KS3 DRAMA CLUB	AFTER SCHOOL 3:05 - 4:15	PA1	Miss Crook
GUITAR CLUB	AFTER SCHOOL 3:10 - 4:10	PA2	Mr Keller
GIRLS FOOTBALL MATCHES	AFTER SCHOOL 3:10	VENUES TO BE ARRANGED	Mrs Hutton

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES - TUESDAY			
WHAT?	WHEN?	WHERE?	WHO?
HISTORY CLUB	LUNCH 1 (Y7&8)	H1	Mr Piling
KS3 ART CLUB	AFTER SCHOOL (KS3)	AR2	Miss Tremble
SEWING CLUB, ALL YEARS	AFTER SCHOOL	AR1	Miss Bodan

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES - WEDNESDAY			
WHAT?	WHEN?	WHERE?	WHO?
BASKETBALL	LUNCH 1	REC	Mr Simmons & Mr Frankham
	LUNCH 1	TS 8	
BASKETBALL	LUNCH 2	REC	Mr Higgins & Mrs Hutton
MUSIC PRODUCTION AND SONGWRITING	7.30AM to 8.15PM	PA2	Mr Keller
MUSIC PRODUCTION AND SONGWRITING	LUNCH 2		
GIRLS FOOTBALL	AFTER SCHOOL	REC	Adelle

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES - THURSDAY			
WHAT?	WHEN?	WHERE?	WHO?
FUTSAL	BEFORE SCHOOL	REC	Adelle
BASKETBALL	LUNCH 1	REC	Mr Simmons & Mr Frankham
SCIENCE CLUB	AFTER SCHOOL	SC2	Miss Lundrigan & Mr Leary
BASKETBALL	AFTER SCHOOL	REC	Ron
Y11 SPORTS STUDIES	AFTER SCHOOL	IT1	Mrs Hutton & Mr Simmons
KS4 ART	AFTER SCHOOL	AR1	Miss Bodan
WEIGHTLIFTING CLUB	AFTER SCHOOL	TECH BLOCK GYM	Mr Higgins

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES - FRIDAY			
WHAT?	WHEN?	WHERE?	WHO?
WEIGHTLIFTING CLUB	BEFORE SCHOOL 7:40 - 8:10	TECH BLOCK GYM	Mr Higgins
Y11 FOOTBALL	LUNCH 1	REC	Mr Simmons & Mr Frankham
BASKETBALL	LUNCH 2	REC	Mr Higgins
KEYBOARD CLUB	AFTER SCHOOL 3:10 - 4:10	PA2	Mr Keller
DODGEBALL	AFTER SCHOOL 3:15 - 4:30	GYM	Mr Higgins

Co-op Academy Swinton Hosts Inaugural Culture Day: A Triumph of Diversity, Unity, and Celebration!

On Friday 16th February we held our very first Culture Day, and what a day it was! Students participated in a range of lessons covering cultural topics such as food, music and art. Both students and staff dressed for the occasion, wearing clothing to express their culture and themselves. Highlights of the day were the fashion show (lots of fantastic show stopping outfits!) and the multi-cultural dance performance. Students really displayed their values during the day and it was so wonderful to see our school community coming together and exploring one another's cultures. Here's to making lots of Co-op Academy Swinton memories! Continued on next page.



Culture Day Continued



Valencia Trip 2025



We are delighted to be able to offer our current Y7 and Y8 pupils the opportunity to travel to Valencia, Spain in the February 2025 half term.

Departing on Friday 14th February and returning on Monday 17th February 2025, pupils will have the opportunity to be coached by Valencia CF full-time coaching staff using the Paterna training facilities, compete against local opposition in competitive fixtures and experience a behind the scenes tour of the Mestalla Stadium (as well as much more!)

The unique experience of participating in a residential trip is highly recommended for many reasons, but to mention a few:

- The opportunity to learn about and enjoy healthy, physical activity and to compete in a new environment.
- To help build self-awareness, self-confidence and a sense of achievement
- To improve and form relationships with the peer group, with other people and better rapport with teaches, which can also lead to improved motivation in the classroom.

Letters can be collected from Mr Higgins in the PE department, which contain a proposed payment plan. We will host an information evening for pupils and parents/carers which will be held by an Inspire Sport representative and will take place on Thursday 14th March at 15:30 in the globe.

Any questions in the meantime can be sent to liam.higgins@coopacademies.co.uk