



Co-op Academy  
Failsworth

# Christmas Newsletter 2021



# We wish you a Happy New Year



Dear Parents / Carers

As we close for Christmas can I thank you for your fantastic support on what has been a really positive term. I really do appreciate the faith and trust you placed in us to keep the students learning during the pandemic.

We have worked hard to keep students learning at an accelerated rate as well as being safe both mentally and physically and I would like to thank the students and staff for their strong sense of community during this time.

Wishing all of our students and their families a very Happy Christmas and New Year. We look forward to the challenges and opportunities of 2022 and to seeing all our students return refreshed and ready for a new school term on Thursday 6th January 2022.

Phill Quirk  
Headteacher





# End of term arrangements

## Tuesday 21st December

School will close on Tuesday 21 December

We reopen for all students on Thursday 6 January 2022.

On Wednesday 5 January 2022 school will be open for optional Lateral flow testing.

If you would like your son/daughter to be tested please complete the online consent form via the link below.

<https://forms.gle/e67KekphsP7Wn79J7>



# Lateral flow testing - January 2022

## Wednesday 5th January 2022

| Year Group | Timings           |
|------------|-------------------|
| 7          | 8:30am -9:15am    |
| 8          | 9:15am -10:00am   |
| 9          | 10:00am - 10:45am |
| 10         | 11:00am -11:45am  |
| 11         | 11:45am -12:30pm  |

Testing will take place in the New Sports Hall and students are to enter via the west end doors (Sports Centre car park). We welcome parents dropping off students, but we would ask that you remain outside the building whilst students are completing their test.



# Admissions Consultation

We are consulting on our admissions policy.

For further information please see the link below.

Link: <https://failsworth.coopacademies.co.uk/admissions-consultation/>

The closing date for responses is 31 January 2022

# Academy Holidays and Term Dates

## 2021 - 2022

|                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| Christmas holiday        | Wed 22 December 2021 to Wed 5 January 2022      |
| <b>School returns</b>    | <b>Thursday 6 January 2022</b>                  |
| <i>Staff Training</i>    | <i>Friday 28 January 2022</i>                   |
| <b>Last day of term</b>  | <b>Wednesday 16 February 2022</b>               |
| Spring Half Term holiday | Thursday 17 February to Friday 25 February 2022 |
| <b>School returns</b>    | <b>Monday 28 February 2022</b>                  |
| <b>Last day of term</b>  | <b>Friday 8 April 2022</b>                      |
| Easter holiday           | Monday 11 April to Friday 22 April 2022         |
| <b>School returns</b>    | <b>Monday 25 April 2022</b>                     |
| May Day                  | Monday 2 May 2022                               |
| <b>Last day of term</b>  | <b>Friday 27 May</b>                            |
| Summer Half Term holiday | Monday 30 May to Friday 3 June 2022             |
| <b>School returns</b>    | <b>Monday 6 June 2022</b>                       |
| Summer closes            | Last day is Friday 22 July 2022                 |

**The Academy is closed to pupils on Staff Training days**

### **Staff Training Days:**

Friday 28 January 2022





# The Community Fridge

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# Failsworth

# Community



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# Fridge

The Community Fridge is a place you can access FREE food. This food comes from donations from supermarkets, parents, staff and students. There is tinned and dried food as well as fresh food available. There are also sanitary products available all free of charge.

The ethos is to:

*'Take what you need, and leave what you can.'*



As a Co-operative school we do not want anyone in our community to go without the essentials. Please feel free to grab a bag of food or some sanitary products when passing.

## Where:

The Community Fridge is based on the Failsworth Soccer Centre car park just off Brierley Avenue facing the school.

## Opening times

During term time:

Monday to Wednesday - 2pm - 3pm  
Thursday - 1pm - 2pm  
Friday - 1:30pm - 2.30pm

# Community Fridge update...



The Community Fridge was launched in May of this year and has been a huge success. The ethos of the community fridge is 'leave what you can and take what you need'. The food comes from a range of different sources and donations from staff and students at the academy and local residents. We also receive donations from Co-op food stores and other supermarkets.

Students in the Hub help to run the fridge by organising stock and bagging up the food and during this festive period we have been on a huge drive for donations. These donations have enabled the students to make festive hampers which will be delivered to families who are less fortunate than others.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff, students and parents for the kind donations. Your kindness has made a difference!

Merry Christmas and all the best for 2022

From all the staff and students at the Hub



# Food Technology Events

## Year 7 Key Stage 3



### Mr Aspen (Technology Teacher)

The new year 7 Key Stage 3 provision looks to give students the chance to develop skills and meet new people.

At the moment the Key stage 3 provision have been following Marcus Rashford Full Time recipes to produce some tasty treats to take home to their family. Each pupil gets the opportunity to rustle up some fantastic food and take home a recipe designed to allow tasty and filling meals to be cooked on a “shoestring”.

All those involved seem to be loving what they are doing in the kitchen and each week they look forward to what they will be sitting down to eat at the end of an amazing lesson.





# Technology Event

## Year 9 Construction Trip

Year 9 construction students were lucky enough to get the opportunity to visit the site of the new Co-op Live during its construction. The students were given talks by industry leading professionals; such as the lead engineer and building services advisor, the head of marketing who focused on the links with the local community, as well as the impact on the local environment and how they are using new and emerging technologies.



We were fortunate enough to be able to go out on site where we saw the initial infrastructure being established. The students had a thoroughly good day and were keen to ask questions to the people there. This was a very unique opportunity where we got to see one of Manchester's newest and most hi-tech buildings in its construction phase.

Miss Blears and Mr Merrill (Technology Teachers)

# Green Ambassadors



We have a new and exciting opportunity for student leadership around school. We are looking for innovative young people to join our team of 'Green Ambassadors' that will help make a meaningful difference to our community and our planet. Being part of this inspirational team you will be involved in lots of projects, organising events and influencing others to act more responsibly. Our planet needs our help. It's time to step up and take action!

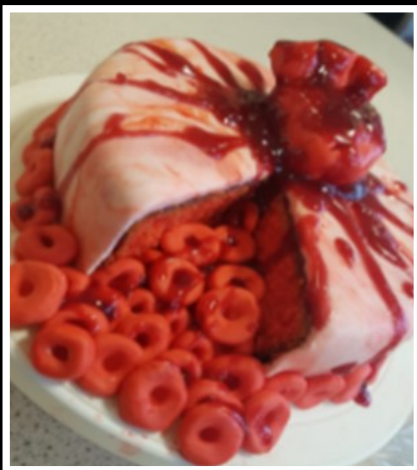
Miss Blears (Technology Teacher)

# Science Department



Lots of brilliant pieces of homework have been coming in from year 7 – 9 students in Science for an award - 'Einstein of the term'. A big well done to all those participating!

Students have been involved in making specialised cells with some very creative ideas such as cakes representing cells! Here are a few examples and where we could we have displayed some of these on the Science wing.



# ICT and Business Years 10 and 11



This term Year 10 and 11 Creative iMedia students had the opportunity to meet the owner of a Web and Graphic Design company. They discussed the design, research and creative process from a client brief to the finished product. Students behaved exceptionally well and asked really interesting questions. Thanks to Ben @elect1ccircus for giving up his time and sharing his company's work.

Mrs Markland (ICT & Business Teacher)

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# Languages Event Years 7, 8 and 9



Mrs Zheng arranged for a Kung Fu teacher to come in to teach a group of our year 7,8 and 9 students.

The students had lots of fun and are asking when the next session is, so they can perfect their skills.

Mrs Zheng (Languages Teacher)

# Citizenship Event

## Year 9



# BLACK HISTORY MONTH



October saw the celebration of Black History month. All year 9 students in Citizenship were tasked with creating an informative piece of work that educated others about a famous black figure. These were displayed for the whole of the month so that all students and visitors to school were able to be a part of the celebration.



Pupils in years 7 and 8 also took part in a Black History Month quiz, the prize winners were:

Eric Lin Yr8  
Kayden Thompson Yr8  
Klayton Skyes Yr8  
Mehrin Sheikh Yr7  
Jewel Solomon Yr7  
Skye Miller Yr7



Miss Littlehailes  
(Head of Citizenship)

# Year 10 GCSE Citizenship

A group of our year 10 students have been working hard to run some special events for Christmas around our academy.

Erin Willcock, Phoenix White, Georgia Ford and Alyssa Leech have all been volunteering their time to prepare Christmas hampers to be delivered to a range of care homes in our community.

Ellie Hickling, Lily Murphy, Sophie Fieldhouse, Precious Aboguin, Believe Enabulele, William Allison and Chelsea McLoughin-Milward have all been working hard to organise a chocolate tombola and a Christmas raffle to raise money for the community fridge.

Thank you very much to J.W. Lees, Spectrum Brands, Nasty Gal, Bonnie Armoas, Vue Printworks, and MCFC for the amazing prize donations you have made for our Christmas raffle, this could not have gone ahead without your kind donations.

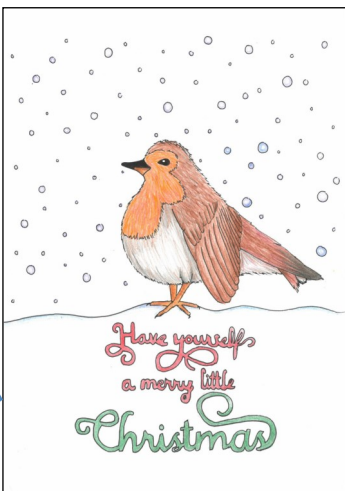


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# Year 10 Citizenship

A couple of our year 10 students have created some fantastic academy Christmas cards this year.



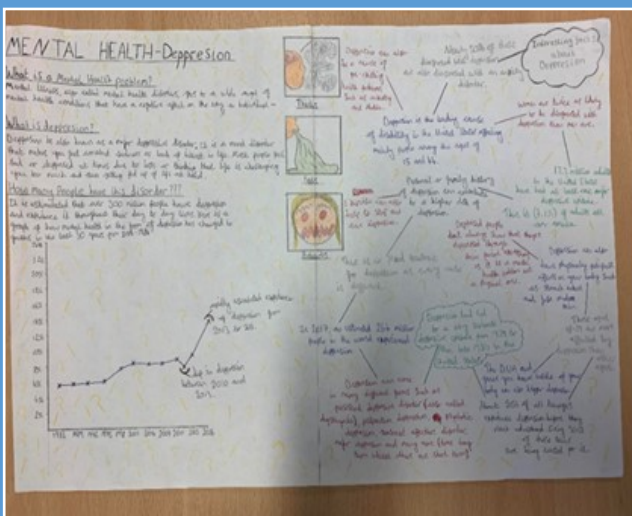
These two designs have been created by  
Erin Willcock  
Year 10



These two designs have been created by  
Phoenix White  
Year 10

# Year 8 Citizenship Work

Our year 8 Citizenship students were asked to complete a piece of homework about a mental health condition of their choice. This is some of the amazing work that was produced!



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# School Uniform Exchange

After the success of our first year of our 'School Uniform Exchange' program, we are very happy to confirm that it will continue to run in the New Year 2022. We would like to thank everyone who has been involved with this program so far. Together we have been supporting the effort to reduce the number of uniforms that are thrown away every year.

In the new year, we will continue collecting donations. Please send any donations of school uniform that is in good condition and could be passed on to another student.

We are looking for:

Black school trousers  
Black pleated school skirts  
Co-op Academy school blazers  
Co-op Academy school jumpers  
Winter coats  
School bags  
Co-op Academy school ties  
White short/long sleeved school shirts

Please send any donations into school with your child or you can drop off items at our Main Reception.

Thank you



# Year 7 Football Team



On Thursday 9th December, our year 7 boys football team were invited to compete in a tournament at Manchester United's training ground (The Cliff) against other football teams from across Manchester. Not only did the lads get to play at United's training ground, but each team was coached and managed by two under 23 Man United players!



The boys played as a team, Sonny Coyne and Kyro Bailey attacked strong on the wings, with Joe Lamb and Vinny Leckey defending well at the back. Honourable mentions go to our keeper Hartley Matthews for some incredible saves, and Oliver Meridith for his teamwork and determination. We played 4 games in total, winning 3 out of the 4 meant we secured our place at the top of the table and won the tournament!

The lads were humble in victory, shook hands after every game and acted like true gentlemen for the entire afternoon, a real credit to our academy. A medal, a bag of chocolates each and coming home with the trophy meant that the team were ecstatic over their success and thoroughly enjoyed the day out of school.

Mr Bray (Head of Year 7)

# Attendance Matters

We would like to remind parents that, if possible, medical appointments should be made outside of school hours as this will impact on your child's attendance percentage. If your child does have an appointment during school time, it is expected that they will attend school around the appointment and not take a day or afternoon off.

If your child is poorly and not fit to attend school, please ring the school pupil absence line and leave a clear message on the answerphone before 8.30am. This is a 24 hour service.

**\*\*YEAR 7** students should arrive by 8:10am each day to ensure they are at their registration room in time to get their morning mark for 8:15am.

**\*\*YEAR 8—YEAR 11** students are to arrive by 8:30am each day. This is to ensure all students are at their registration room in time to get their morning mark for 8.35am when the second bell rings.

On behalf of the attendance team, I would like to wish students, parents and carers a wonderful Christmas break and look forward to welcoming the students back in January 2022.





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