



Co-op Academy  
Failsworth

# Summer 2024 Newsletter



# We wish you a lovely Summer

Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the end of the summer term and we head into the summer break I want to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support over this academic year. If you look at the newsletter you will see a fantastic celebration of events within the Academy.

I am especially proud of our recent news that we were judged to be an Ofsted Good School in June 2024. This was in every area of the framework. Like all schools and academies, we still have work to do but Ofsted recognised the very strong platform we have to continue to improve.

Finally, I would like to wish you a very enjoyable summer break and I look forward to welcoming students back to our Academy in September.

Best wishes

Phill Quirk

Headteacher



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# End of term arrangements

Last day of term is:

**Tuesday 23rd July 2024**

School will close at normal time.

**We re-open for all students as follows:**

**Year 7 – Tuesday 3rd September 2024 at 08:15am**

**Year 11 – Tuesday 3rd September 2024 at 11:30am**

**Years 8 & 9 – Wednesday 4th September at 08:15am**

**Year 10 – Wednesday 4th September at 08:30am**

## With Thanks...

We would like to dedicate our Summer 2024 front cover to our  
Year 8 students...

Jacob S, Lacie S, George W, Alycia H, Sofia F, Nieve S  
and Katie H

"Our Year 8 students have been dazzling us with their incredible artistic skills in our recent 'Metallics' scheme of work. Focused on honing their observational abilities, these young artists have mastered the challenge of capturing the gleam and shimmer of metallic objects. The stunning oil pastel pieces on display feature vibrant, metallic number balloons that are both realistic and eye-catching. We are incredibly proud of their hard work and creativity!"

Miss Lake - (Art Teacher)

# Academy Holidays and Term Times

## 2024/2025

Summer closes	Last day is Tuesday 23 July 2024
Staff Training	Monday 2 September 2024
School Returns	Tuesday 3 September 2024
Last day of term	Wednesday 23 October 2024
Staff Training	Thursday 24 October & Friday 25 October 2024
Autumn Half Term Holiday	Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November 2024
School returns	Monday 4 November 2024
Staff Training	Friday 6 December 2024
Last day of term	Friday 20 December 2024
Christmas holiday	Monday 23 December 2024 to Friday 3 January 2025
School returns	Monday 6 January 2025
Staff Training	Friday 31 January 2025
Last day of term	Thursday 13 February 2025
Spring Half Term holiday	Friday 14 February to Friday 21 February 2025
School returns	Monday 24 February 2025
Last day of Term	Friday 4 April 2025
Easter holiday	Monday 7 April to Monday 21 April 2025
School returns	Tuesday 22 April 2025
May Day	Monday 5 May 2025
Last day of Term	Friday 23 May 2025
Summer Half Term holiday	Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May 2025
School returns	Monday 2 June 2025
Summer closes	Friday 18 July 2025

The Academy is closed for students on Staff Training days

# What's been going on this term...



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# WE WILL ROCK YOU



## Summer Concert 2024

The Academy presented two nightly performances of 'We Will Rock You' the musical by Ben Elton in the Academy's penultimate week of the summer term. Along with



the Academy Choir, a fine cast and rock band performed to two appreciative audiences who were extremely complimentary about the standard of performances from all our pupils. The cast and band included Tommy Ward, Amy Bent, Stephen Dowdican, Violet Winstanley, Ava Crewdson, Jenson Jones, Taylor Barker, Isabelle Cole, Charlie Hopkins, Neive Sutcliffe, Shauna Mort, Mackenzie



Bearpark, George Eyre, Frieda Bardsley, Isabella Halstead, Lyla Barrie, Ollie English and his older brother and former pupils Archie English, Archie Maylett and Aria Pourmousa.



The whole evening was organised by the Expressive Arts Team and there was an amazing raffle and cake stall organised by Miss Littlehales and Miss Sterlini from the Citizenship Department. A big thanks to them. All proceeds of the evening go to two local charities, the Academy Uniform Exchange and the Co-op Community Fridge.

Mr Sheppard – (Head of Expressive Arts)

# Sports Day 2024



Co-op Academy Failsworth sports day took place on Friday 19th July. The weather played its part with a sunny and pleasant 25°C temperature allowing the day to run as planned. Students took part in an Olympic themed day with each family group creating banners and posters to parade in their own 'opening ceremony' when walking over to our playing fields.

All of our Year 7 & 8 students took part on the day and participated in a range of activities.



Well done to all students for competing and making it a great day for all students and staff.

# Dance

## Year 7 & 8

On Thursday 4th July, Year 7 and 8 dance club pupils attended Oldhams Gotta Dance - Celebration of Dance.

Pupils performed their group piece as well as a duet from Ava Mrcella and Isabelle Booth, a solo performance from Samanta Cepcova and two solo performances from Isabelle Booth! As always, pupils represented our academy extremely well and have worked so hard all year.



Well done dancers!

Miss Harris – (P.E Teacher)



# Creative i-Media

## Year 10



Year 10 Creative i-media pupils had an external speaker, who is a former Failsworth School pupil. He spoke about his journey on becoming a web designer and the various games he has worked on. The pupils' behaviour was excellent and they asked some great questions

Mrs Markland - (Creative i-Media teacher)

# Technology

## Year 10 – Bricklaying



The Year 10s started their bricklaying at Co-op Academy Failsworth of which we are very proud to offer here. They have been thoroughly enjoying it and are showing lots of potential so far and have already experienced building returns, working off the line and will be starting on their isolated piers soon - all very exciting stuff! I am very excited to see all the amazing work that they are capable of.

Mr Merrill - (Technology teacher)



# Science Competition



We were taking part in the inaugural science Co-op Competition in which we were the winners of both the regional (Manchester) and the trust science competition with a score of 64!

We won both a trophy and a shield for various quizzes, experiments and a spelling bee for science.

The students involved were: [Theo White](#), [Liam Ogden](#), [Maisy Watson](#), [Lewis Williams](#), [Amelia Mckinly-Tollan](#)

The shield is currently being engraved and Co-op Academy Failsworth will be the first name on it.



Miss Jones - (Head of Science)

# Envision Project 2024

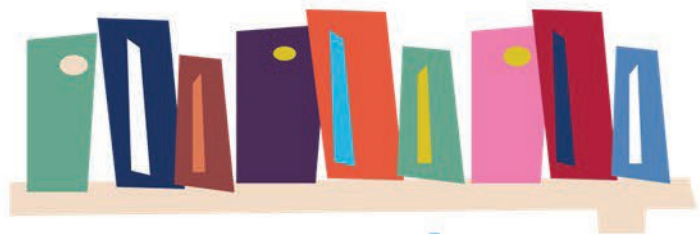
Year 7 & 8



Our Year 8 Envision students once again took part in the annual programme. This year these students chose recycling as the topic for their social action project. They brainstormed ideas, then created and led a recycling competition between Year 7 and 8 form groups. They then attended the final competition and explained the details of their project and the outcome to a panel of esteemed judges and students from nine other schools.

All students have shown determination, resilience, teamwork and excellent communication skills. They have worked really hard and we are really proud of their achievement.

Mrs Bowers - (Assistant Head of Year 8)



# Student

# Careers Corner

## Events

This year has been another very busy year in the world of careers at Co-op Academy Failsworth. Trips, trips and more trips. Our aim in the world of careers is to give as many students as many different opportunities and experiences as possible.

### Year 8

This term a group of Year 8 students have visited Manchester University as part of the Gateways programme. This programme informs students what University life is like and how they can access University if this is something they would like to consider.



### Year 10

We took nearly 190 Year 10 students to the JD Sports Careers Fair in Manchester. This was a fantastic interactive day. The students learnt about everything to do with retail in the sportswear industry. They learnt about sourcing sustainable fabrics, modelling, photography, social media and gyms, and even got the opportunity to drive in an HGV vehicle simulator. This was a huge hit and will definitely be repeated next year.

The Year 10 students in The Hub have been learning more about apprenticeships. [Amazing Apprenticeships](#) came into school to speak about the different careers available through an apprenticeship and where to start looking for an apprenticeship.

There are several useful websites to look at if your child is interested in an apprenticeship, [GMACS | Inspire, Explore, Apply | The Greater Manchester Apprenticeship & Careers Service](#). The job websites are also an excellent way to start researching apprenticeships for example Indeed [Job Search | Indeed](#).

A group of Year 9 & 10 students attended a workshop in school run by boohoo, learning about employability skills and being work ready.

BEX – Debit Card for Kids, Junior ISA and Financial Literacy, came in to speak to some students about becoming more financially savvy, learning how to manage their money, how to save and prioritise and understanding the difference between NEEDS and WANTS.

The end of the year always finishes with College Taster Days for Year 10. We are very fortunate to have a wide choice of different vocational and sixth form colleges to choose from in this area. The taster days are an opportunity for the students to get a glimpse of what they can expect from college life and the different courses they offer. Taster days are not to be confused with College Open Days. Open days are delivered in the evenings and weekends and are attended by students, friends and family. For most of the colleges these will start again in September/October time. Please keep an eye on the college websites for details of when these will take place.

Miss Farnworth – (Careers Co-ordinator) & Mrs Scalise (Careers Admin Assistant)

# 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 from 8:00am on the day of absence where our attendance team will take further details from you.

**\*\*YEAR 7, 8 & 9 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 10 & 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 Summer break and we look forward to welcoming our Year 7 and 11 students back on Tuesday 3rd September 2024 and all years on Wednesday 4th September 2024.





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# School Uniform Exchange

Need school uniform?  
Old uniform too small and want to reduce waste?  
Why not try the school uniform exchange?

Our 2024 Uniform Exchange  
will be held in Reception on:

Friday 26th July 10am - 1pm

Monday 29th July 10am - 1pm

Tuesday 20th August 10am - 1pm

Dependant on stock availability.

We have a wide range of  
used, good quality and  
new school uniform,  
including blazers, skirts,  
trousers, jumpers and  
P.E Kits.

All donations are  
washed and cleaned  
by our team at the  
Academy

Ways to donate are:

- Simply bring items with you when visiting our uniform exchange.
- Drop off at the Academy before Tuesday 23rd July 2024.
- or you can donate any time at the designated drop-off point at Morrisons, Poplar Street, Failsworth, Manchester, M35 0HY.

If you have any questions about the uniform exchange, please do not hesitate to contact us on 0161 688 3900 or email us at [info@coopfailsworth.co.uk](mailto:info@coopfailsworth.co.uk).



# Failsworth

# Community

# Fridge

## About:

The community fridge is a facility for families to access non-perishable food, sanitary and hygiene products free of charge. All of these products are donations from the Academy, staff, students and the local community and businesses.

'A simple solution to wasting less through the sharing of good quality food.'

## Where and when?

Failsworth Sports Campus,  
Brierley Avenue, Failsworth,  
Manchester, M35 9HA

Opening Hours:  
Monday - Friday  
2pm - 5pm  
(during term time)



Any questions, contact us on 0161 688 3909 or email [communityfridge@coopfailsworth.co.uk](mailto:communityfridge@coopfailsworth.co.uk)

Since the start  
of the year  
we have provided

**76,500**

**breakfasts**

**Well done**  
to our breakfast  
club team!

So far this year,

**YOUR**

donations

have helped

**947**

**families**

**Thank You!**

# Available support in the Community...

For Children, young people and families over the Summer holidays.



Kooth.com (online support) [www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com)



Families in Mind - 0161 3309223 Oldham email: [familiesinmind@togmind.org](mailto:familiesinmind@togmind.org)



MIND - Early Intervention/workshops/Counselling  
0161 330 9223 Oldham/Tameside/Glossop MIND



M-thrive [Mthrive@mft.nhs.uk](mailto:Mthrive@mft.nhs.uk) - Emotional health/Wellbeing  
01612035333 - they do drop in sessions Monday - Wednesday 14.30 - 17.30 and Tuesday - Friday 12noon. Covers North Manchester

**SAMARITANS**

Samaritans. [www.samaritans.org](http://www.samaritans.org) This website is aimed at providing 1:1 support via phone, email or messaging - Phone 116 123



SHOUT is a FREE confidential 24/7 text messaging service for anyone who is struggling to cope. Speak to a trained volunteer about how you are feeling. Text 'SHOUT' to 85258 to start the conversation.



TAKE5@togmind.org – Arts and mindfulness online support. You will need to attend a Take 5 drop in session before you can access this art therapy.



42<sup>nd</sup> street - Offers individual therapeutic support - [www.42ndStreet.org.uk](http://www.42ndStreet.org.uk). Email: [TheTeam@42ndsStreet.org.uk](mailto:TheTeam@42ndsStreet.org.uk).  
0161228 7321. 42<sup>nd</sup> street accept referrals for all children and young people who live, attend schools, or who are registered to a GP in Tameside, Trafford, Glossop, Salford and all of Manchester.

# Families in Mind

**A mental health and wellbeing service for families.**

## What is Families in Mind?

Families are diverse, unique, and special. At times, challenges do arise that make things difficult in the family; conflict and struggles happen. Families in Mind is a service that can support your family through this, helping you navigate these moderate conflicts and/or experiences.

## Is this the right service for your family?

**Our aim is to empower families. With our support your family can:**

- Set family goals and work together
- Identify and understand the varied roles and responsibilities of family members
- Explore the strengths of your family
- Identify areas that can contribute to conflict and explore ways to reduce this
- Learn productive ways to communicate
- Explore and share difficult emotions in a safe, non-judgemental place

## How? Next Steps

**How?** Families in Mind will prioritise the well-being of your family. We carefully match your family's needs with the most suitable practitioners, ensuring that you receive personalised support, specifically tailored to your situation. Working with every member of the family we will plan a range of activities that help you understand your difficulties and achieve your goals. We aim to make these as inclusive, interactive, and enjoyable as possible.

**Next Steps** If you feel this service will benefit your family, then please register your interest by **scanning the QR code to the right**, or simply email [familiesinmind@togmind.org](mailto:familiesinmind@togmind.org) and request a referral form. Once you have registered, a practitioner will be in contact to invite you all to an initial session. The purpose of the first meeting is to find out a little bit more about what is and has been happening in your family and to explore if this service is right for you. Then if your family wishes to access our service (Family Solutions) we can get you booked in.

We understand that on occasion a family may not wish to start Family Solutions - in these circumstances we will provide information about other support services in the local area.



# Take 5 & Create

Arts group for wellbeing



**Every Wednesday between 3:30-4:30pm we have a FREE craft and create art group available at Take 5 TOG mind, 19-25 Union Street OL1 1HA**

**The sessions are aimed at 8-12 year olds, they are fun, relaxed and a great way to meet new people your age**

Come along whenever you can to our weekly sessions to get creative with us!



**If you would like any more information please get in touch**

Email

[take5@togmind.org](mailto:take5@togmind.org)



Call

0161 330 9223



# Families in Mind



## What is Families in Mind?

— our service for low level family support for families who are experiencing some challenges/difficulties they would like to work through together.

**Who is the service for?** - this might be the right service for your family if you would like to:

- Explore and share difficult emotions in a safe place
- Learn productive ways to communicate
- Explore the great strengths of your family
- Identify the different roles of your family members
- Identify issues that can contribute to conflicts
- Find solutions together as a family

**What does it involve?** - our practitioners will work with your family through a range of interactive activities that help you to understand your difficulties and achieve goals as a family.

**How do we access?** - you will have a family assessment where we will find out a bit more about your family situation to see if this service is right for you. If not, we will provide information on other local services that may be able to support you.

## To book an assessment:

**Call:** 0161 330 9223

**Email:** [familiesinmind@togmind.org](mailto:familiesinmind@togmind.org)



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# Take 5 Drop in



Attending a Take5 drop in is the first step in accessing the support we offer.

A drop in is a short appointment (45 mins) where we explore how you're currently feeling and the situations you're going through. You will be asked questions like...

How are you feeling right now?

How long have you been feeling like this?

What do you normally do to cope?

After this, we'll be able to help you pick which of our support options might be best suited to you and what you need right now.

**Drop ins are open to all young people aged 8-18 in Oldham**

(living at an Oldham postcode, registered with an Oldham GP or attending an Oldham school)

**When:** Every Thursday 3PM-7:15PM

**Where:** 19-25 Union St, Oldham OL1 1HA

Contact us on **0161 330 9223** or email us on **take5@togmind.org**

Keep up to date with everything we're doing via our social media



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# Peer Support Group!



**Are you 15 - 18 and interested in building your self esteem and confidence?**

**Peer support is a safe space for you and others to talk openly and support one another - This can help with:**

- Opening up about feelings and experiences
- Boosting self esteem and confidence
- Introducing ideas and approaches that others have found beneficial
- Helping you to connect with others and value your strengths

**Every Wednesday from 5pm till 6pm!**

**Our Oldham Office: 19-25 Union St, Oldham OL1 1HA**

**If you would like to find out more about this service feel free to come to a drop-in on Thursday's between 3pm and 7pm.**

**Alternatively call us on 0161 339 9223.**



# Home - Cruse Bereavement Support

(Manchester based)

## NHS Bereavement Helpline

The helpline can offer guidance and advice on dealing with grief and loss and is staffed by trained nurses who are highly skilled and experienced in working with bereaved families.

The helpline is open 8am to 8pm every day.

- Phone 0800 2600 400

## Greater Manchester Bereavement Service

Find the right support for you. This service is available for those recently bereaved or if you are supporting someone affected by a bereavement:

- Phone: 0161 983 0902 (Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm - except on Bank Holidays) or visit
- Website: [Greater Manchester Bereavement Service](#)

## Bereavement Advice Centre Oldham

Free, practical information and advice for when someone dies including what to do first, how to register a death, finding a funeral director, probate and other legal procedures:

- Phone: 0800 634 9494 (Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm)
- Website: [Bereavement Advice Centre](#)

## Healthy Minds Oldham

One to one counselling to help manage feelings of depression or anxiety that may be related to bereavement.

This service accepts self-referrals and referrals from your GP.

Phone: 0161 716 2777 (available 9am-5pm)

Website: [Oldham Healthy Minds](#) - NHS website

## Healthy Young Minds

Help for children and young people to manage feelings of depression or anxiety that may be related to a loss or trauma.

Referrals can be made by GPs, parents and carers.

- Phone: 0161 770 7777 (available Monday to Friday, 9am - 5pm)
- Website: [Healthy Young Minds](#) - NHS website

## Child Bereavement UK

Help for children and young people (up to age 25), parents and families to rebuild their lives when a child grieves.

- Phone 0800 02 888 40
- Email [support@childbereavementuk.org](mailto:support@childbereavementuk.org)
- Website [Child Bereavement UK](#)

## If you feel you are in Crisis, Oldham Services

Should you feel that you are unable to keep yourself safe or a Parent, Carer or Friend is unable to support you in keeping safe, please do not hesitate to contact the following.

- **NHS Pennine 24/7 Mental Health helpline** – Telephone 0800 014 9995. 24 hours a day, 7 days a week if you have a increased mental health need. Here you can speak with a mental health professional who can provide support and advice on the best avenue of support.
- **NHS 111 Service** – Telephone 111 from a mobile or landline and speak to a representative who can advise you where to get help 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- **Your Doctor/GP** – Telephone your doctors surgery or attend in person. If you are unsure of the number, you can do a quick google search to find it.
- **Accident and Emergency Department** – Either telephone 0161 624 0420 or attend in person. The Department is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – Royal Oldham Hospital, Rochdale Road, Oldham, Greater Manchester OL1 2JH.
- **Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)** – If you think a child is being abused or mistreated or you have concerns about a child's well-being please contact 0161 770 7777 (Mon-Fri, 8.40am-5pm) or alternatively, you can email [child.mash@oldham.gov.uk](mailto:child.mash@oldham.gov.uk) or [adult.mash@oldham.gov.uk](mailto:adult.mash@oldham.gov.uk). The contact number can also be used for adults should you have any concerns for their wellbeing.
- **Papyrus** – Telephone 0800 068 4141 between 9am – 12pm, 7 days per week, If you or a loved one is struggling with thoughts or feelings of suicide. You can also call in confidence to speak about anything you are finding challenging in life.
- **The Samaritan's** – 116 123 open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The Samaritan's offer a safe place for you to talk anytime you like, in your own way, about whatever is getting to you.
- **ChildLine** – Free to phone 0800 1111 (24 hours) or on line [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk). Childline help anyone under 19 with any issue they are going through, big or small.
- **NSPCC** – 0808 800 5000 open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The NSPCC work to protect Children and Young People and prevent abuse.

it is important that you speak with someone about how you are feeling – a Parent, Carer, Teacher, Friend or one of the above.





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