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# Summer 2025 Newsletter

# We wish you a wonderful Summer

Dear Parents/Carers

We have had so many incredible events and learning experiences running in our academy over summer term and we are very proud to share some of the highlights of these with you. Over the past few weeks students have embarked on Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, trips to London and Parliament, a Science visit to Chester Zoo and our spectacular summer concert was a huge success.

We have also seen our new Year 6 students spending their transition day with us and we are very excited to welcome them into our academy community in September. It is a privilege to be able to share with you some of the work and achievements of our wonderful students in our newsletter. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents for their continued support and wish you a very happy summer holiday. We look forward to seeing everyone in September.

Miss Shaw



Rebecca Shaw  
Headteacher



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# End of term arrangements

## Last day of term is:

**Friday 18th July 2025**

School will close at normal time.

## September 2025 re-opening schedule:

**We re-open for Y7 and Y11 on Tuesday 2nd September**

Y7 starts at 08:15am

Y11 starts at 11:30am

We re-open for all students on **Wednesday 3rd September at 08:20am**

## With Thanks...

We would like to dedicate our Summer 2025 front cover to our...

## Year 9 students

'We're incredibly proud to showcase the vibrant and powerful artwork from our Year 9 art students! After delving into the world of expressionist artists, our students created these fantastic large-scale eyes using acrylic paints. They focused on capturing expressive colours and bold brushstrokes, and their hard work truly shines through in these unique pieces. What a talented year group!'

Miss Lake - (Art Teacher)

# Holiday and term times

## 2025/2026

<i>Staff Training</i>	<i>Monday 1 September 2025</i>
<b>Autumn Term begins</b>	<b>Tuesday 2 September 2025</b>
<b>Last day of term</b>	<b>Friday 17 October 2025</b>
<b>Autumn Half Term holiday</b>	<b>Monday 20 October to Friday 31 October 2025</b>
<b>School returns</b>	<b>Monday 3 November 2025</b>
<i>Staff Training</i>	<i>Monday 10 November 2025</i>
<b>Last day of term</b>	<b>Friday 19 December 2025</b>
Christmas holiday	Monday 22 December 2025 to Friday 2 January 2026
<b>School returns</b>	<b>Monday 5 January 2026</b>
<i>Staff Training</i>	<i>Friday 23 January 2026</i>
<b>Last day of term*</b>	<b>Wed 11 February 2026</b>
Spring Half Term holiday	Thursday 12 February to Friday 20 February 2026
<b>School returns</b>	<b>Monday 23 February 2026</b>
<b>Last day of term</b>	<b>Friday 27 March 2026</b>
Easter holiday	Monday 30 March to Friday 10 April 2026
<b>School returns</b>	<b>Monday 13 April 2026</b>
May Day	Monday 4 May 2026
<b>Last day of term</b>	<b>Friday 22 May 2026</b>
Summer Half Term holiday	Monday 25 May to Friday 29 May 2026
<b>School returns</b>	<b>Monday 1 June 2026</b>
Summer closes	Friday 17 July 2026
<i>Staff Training</i>	<i>Monday 20 July 2026</i>

The Academy is closed to pupils on Staff Training days

## Staff Training Days:

**Monday 1 September 2025**

**Thursday 23 and 24 October 2025 (these are within the October half term)**

**Monday 10 November 2025**

**Friday 23 January 2026**

What's been going on this term...



## Co-op Academy Failsworth

We recently showcased the outstanding musicianship of over 150 of our academy pupils in our annual summer concert, here at Co-op Academy Failsworth.

The audience enjoyed fantastic performances from our array of music ensembles on offer to pupils at the academy, including Percussion Ensemble, Guitar Ensemble, Wind Band, Choir and three rock bands! Alongside ensemble performances, a number of pupils performed solo and duet items, with stunning performances from Amy Bent (vocals), Sophie Johnson & George Eyre (vocals), Luke Toole (piano), Aria & Arian Pourmousa (piano); Ollie English (guitar); Lyla Barrie (bass guitar) and Sam Yeboah (drum kit). A varied mix of musical styles were heard throughout the night with everything from Vivaldi to the Arctic Monkeys on offer! The night concluded with a massed item of all our talented school musicians performing 'Don't Stop Believing'.

# Summer Concert 2025



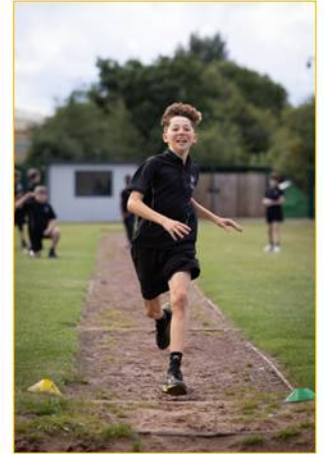
Mr Sheppard - (Head of Expressive Arts)

# Sports Day 2025

Sports Day this year took place in July for all year groups. All students who took part had great fun and created some fantastic achievements between them. Here are some of the amazing photos captured from the event. A big well done to all our students!



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# Citizenship Trip

... to London & parliament

The Citizenship department took a group of GCSE students to London. We managed to see some sights, visit the London Dungeons and have a tour and workshop in Parliament. Students were an absolute credit to the school, the tour guide commented on how knowledgeable and passionate about politics they were and although it was a warm day we all had a great time!



# Languages

## Year 9 – Leader Award



The Language Leader Award has allowed our Year 9 students to enhance their leadership skills, confidence, and language proficiency. They had the opportunity to teach a lesson they prepared themselves in Spanish with the guidance of Miss Mata and Miss Morado to a Year 6 class at Mather Street Primary School. It was a fantastic experience which the students really enjoyed and we are looking forward to repeating the experience next year.



Miss Ramirez - (MFL Lead Practitioner)

# Science Events



In July, triple science students got to attend events with Professor Brian Cox. Brian Cox is from Oldham and came to the area to discuss the 'Great Science Share' and to inspire the next generation to study physics. Our triple science students got to attend a Q&A session with Brian Cox and asked amazing questions such as 'Do wormholes exist?' and also 'Who inspired you to study physics?'



# Science Year 9 – Chester Zoo trip



The science department took Year 9s to Chester Zoo to explore habitats and conservation of animals as well as adaptations. It was a brilliant day and the students took part in interactive workshops with conservationists and got to explore the great work being done to maintain multiple endangered species.

Miss Jones – (Head of Science)

# The Hub Year 9 – Technology

## Student events and activities

As the end of the year draws to a close, some of our Year 9 students have completed a variety of practical based projects in both Design and Technology and also Food Technology. They have recently completed plastic keyrings which have been made by melting down bottle lids and reforming them - demonstrating their skills of being "sustainable citizens". They have also made pizzas which were very popular.



## Technology – Bricklaying

We are very proud of the diverse range of subjects that we offer at GCSE level, and none more so than construction as this is still a rare programme of study for schools to offer. As the year comes to an end, another cohort of pupils have finished their bricklaying unit. This is always a popular unit of work and the pupils have not disappointed this year. Their assessed piece is a wall topped with a course of soldiers (bricks on end) which, I'm sure you'll agree, looks absolutely amazing!



Mr Merrill – (Technology teacher)

# Duke of Edinburgh Award at



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A record number of students are currently participating on the Duke of Edinburgh scheme this year topping out at 44 students. The picture shows the pupils practising putting their tents up (in high winds!) They have enjoyed walks to Hartshead Pike, the overnight practice camp and walks around Delph. We head off (as of the time of writing) on our assessed expedition in the final week of term with fingers crossed for good weather!



# Dance

## Years 7 & 8



On Thursday 26th June 2025, Year 7 and Year 8 dance club pupils attended Oldham's Celebration of Dance! As well as our group performance, a number of solo and duet dances were performed, showcasing our amazing, talented young people.

Well done to everyone involved!



Miss Harris - (P.E/Dance teacher)

# Student Careers



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.

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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, they even got the opportunity to drive in an HGV vehicle simulator. This was a huge hit and will definitely be repeated.

For the first time the Year 7s and 8s have had the opportunity to visit different local universities. They visited The University of Manchester, Manchester Metropolitan and Salford University, where they could walk-up a recreated Victorian street in Salford Museum.



To keep up with the ever changing world of work students of all year groups were invited to attend an after school club focusing on artificial intelligence, cyber security and e-sports.

# Student Careers



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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.

Have a great summer break and I look forward to seeing you next year. If you have any questions please feel free to contact one of the careers team.

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# 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 absence line before 8:20am on the day of absence and our attendance team will take further details from you. This line is manned from 8:00am but, if there is no answer, please leave a message on our 24-hour voicemail service and this will be retrieved as soon as possible. Please note we must hear from parents/carers **every day** of a student's absence by phone for safeguarding reasons.

All students should arrive by 8:15am each day to ensure they are at their registration room in time to get their morning mark for 8:20am.

If students arrive after 09:05am, they will lose their morning mark and get a U (Late) code. This will affect their attendance percentage and could result in Fixed Penalty Notices from the Local Authority.

Please also be aware that any student that has three or more days of absence (whether authorised or not) will receive a home visit conducted by the Attendance Team. These are courtesy Safe and Well visits and are conducted as part of our Attendance Policy

On behalf of the Attendance Team, I would like to wish students, parents and carers a wonderful Summer break and we look forward to students back in September 2025.

## Contact Us

Please send any attendance queries, holiday requests and/or medical evidence to our email address: [attendance@coopfailsworth.co.uk](mailto:attendance@coopfailsworth.co.uk). To report an absence, please call the absence line on 0161 688 3900 (Option 1).





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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 2025 Uniform Exchange will be held in Reception on:

**Tuesday 22nd July 10am -1pm**

**Friday 25th July 10am -1pm**

**Thursday 21st August 12pm -3pm**

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:

- Simply bring items with you when visiting our uniform exchange, or you can donate any time at the main school entrance or at our 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).



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Academies Trust

# Community Fridge

We're open

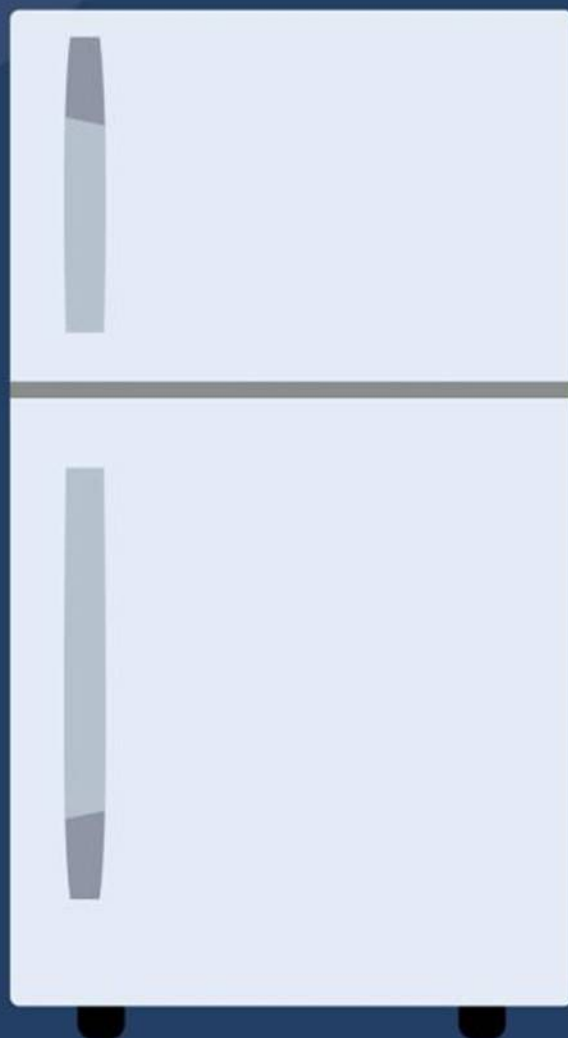
Mon - Fri

2pm - 5pm

During Term Time

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

[failsworth.coopacademies.co.uk](http://failsworth.coopacademies.co.uk)



This academic year  
we have provided

**68,000**

**breakfasts**

Well done  
to our breakfast  
club team!

This academic year,

**YOUR**

donations

have helped

**1080**

families

Thank You!



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## Igo card applications and summer drop-in sessions

If you're 11-16 years old you'll need an [igo card](#) to travel using child tickets on buses and trams in Greater Manchester. It can take up to two weeks to process your iGo card application, so make sure you apply in plenty of time for the start of the new term.

The Bee Network team is on hand to help at five pop-up stalls at [interchanges](#) across Greater Manchester this summer. Simply drop by between 10am - 2pm to speak to staff and get your application in early:

- Tuesday 29 July: Bolton Interchange
- Tuesday 5 August: Bury Interchange
- Tuesday 12 August: Shudehill Interchange

Make sure you bring:

- A passport-sized colour photo of the child that's applying.
- Proof of name and age of the child applying: a copy of your birth certificate, adoption certificate, medical card, passport or EU/EEA card. Please do not bring original documents.
- Payment (for the £10 fee).

You can also apply for an iGo by post or at a Bee Network Information and Ticket Office. Find out more about [the iGo card](#).





# 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.





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Oldham  
and Glossop

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

We can support your family with:

**Conflict**   **Connection**   **Boundaries**

**Communication**   **Family Roles**

**Where** Various locations across Tameside, Oldham, and Glossop.

**Next Steps** Here's how to get in touch:  
- Call: 0161 330 9223  
- Email: familiesinmind@togmind.org

**Tameside, Oldham & Glossop Mind**

- We are a trusted service designed to help families navigate moderate conflict / challenges.
- Working together to support all members of the family



[togmind.org/youth-mind](https://togmind.org/youth-mind)

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## Parent and Carers



SilverCloud's online parent and carer programmes are tailored for parents /carers of children and teens aged 8-18 years old. The programmes are evidence based and built around Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT), psychoeducation and positive psychology.

### Programmes available on SilverCloud:

- Supporting An Anxious Child
- Supporting An Anxious Teen



These self help programmes will support you in understanding your child's anxiety and give you tools to help your child manage their feelings and worries.

If you would like to sign up to SilverCloud parent/carers programmes or have any further questions, please speak to your practitioner or contact the office on 0161 3309223.



# Positive Steps to Wellbeing

## Be kind to yourself



Our culture, genes, religion, upbringing, education, gender, sexuality, beliefs, and life experiences make us who we are. We all have bad days.

Be kind to yourself. Encourage rather than criticise yourself. Treat yourself the way you would treat a friend in the same situation.

## Exercise regularly



Being active helps lift our mood, reduces stress and anxiety, improves physical health, and gives us more energy.

Get outside, preferably in a green space or near water.

Find an activity you enjoy doing, and just do it.

## Take up a hobby and/or learn a new skill

Increase your confidence and interest, meet others, or prepare for finding work.



## Have some fun and/or be creative

Having fun or being creative helps us feel better and increases our confidence.

Enjoy yourself!



## Help others



Get involved with a community project, charity work, or simply help out someone you know.

As well as benefiting others, you'll be doing something worthwhile which will help you feel better about yourself.

## Relax



Make time for yourself. Allow yourself to chill out and relax. Find something that suits you – different things work for different people.

Breathe... (imagine a balloon in your belly, inflating and deflating as you breathe in and out)

## Eat healthily

Eat regularly, eat breakfast, eat healthily, eat fruit and vegetables, drink water.



## Balance sleep

Get into a healthy sleep routine – including going to bed and getting up at the same time each day.



## Connect with others



Stay in touch with family and friends – make regular and frequent contact with them.

## Beware drink and drugs



Avoid using alcohol (or non-prescribed drugs) to help you cope – it will only add to your problems.

## See the bigger picture

We all give different meanings to situations and see things from our point of view. Broaden out your perspective and consider the bigger picture ('the helicopter view')



What meaning am I giving this? Is this fact or opinion? How would others see it? Is there another way of looking at this? How important is it, or will it be in a year's time? What can I do right now that will help most?

## Accepting: 'It is as it is'

We tend to fight against distressing thoughts and feelings, but we can learn to just notice them and give up that struggle.



Some situations we just can't change. We can surf those waves rather than try to stop them.

Allow those thoughts and sensations just to be – they will pass.

## 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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# Take5 @ TOG Mind



Take5 continues to offer the following services—each require an initial assessment to determine appropriateness and need.

- **Assessment appointments**—every Thursday (booked appointments only)
- **Early Intervention Service**—Low level 1:1 guided self-help. One session a week for 5 weeks, 20-30 minute appointments.
- **Counselling**—1:1 talking therapy, consisting of 8-10 sessions lasting 50 minutes.
- **Anger/Anxiety Group Course**—Solution-focussed and peer support. Once a week for 4 weeks, 1hr group session. Split into junior/senior groups for age-appropriate material/peer support.
- **Digital Friendship Skills**—Information-based session aiming to improve the quality of online relationships, manage friendships and learn about digital wellbeing. Peer support and solution-focussed support. Once a week for 4 weeks, 1hr group session.

Take5 offers these online sessions for CYP without needing for an initial assessment:

- **Arts for wellbeing**—Weekly session aimed at promoting arts and creativity for wellbeing, relaxation and self-expression. Schedule updated via social media @youth\_in\_mind\_
- **Mindfulness**—Session designed to provide a space for building skills at self-regulation, grounding and mindfulness. Offered once a month.

To arrange a drop in appointment or register interest in attending an online session.

**Email:** [take5@togmind.org](mailto:take5@togmind.org)  
**Phone:** 0161 330 9223

For updates and daily wellbeing strategies:

Instagram @youth\_in\_mind\_  
Facebook: "Youth In Mind"

# 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. [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.

# Bereavement Services

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



## Child Bereavement UK

Callie Harrop 07827332824 [callie.harrop@childbereavementuk.org](mailto:callie.harrop@childbereavementuk.org)

Sarah Smith 07587076047 [sarah.smith@childbereavementuk.org](mailto:sarah.smith@childbereavementuk.org)



## Cruse Bereavement Care

Call [0808 808 1677](tel:08088081677) Monday and Friday, 9.30am to 5pm; Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9.30am to 8pm; Saturday and Sunday 10am to 2pm



## Grief Encounter

Call [0808 802 0111](tel:08088020111) Monday to Friday, 9am to 9pm, or email [contact@griefencounter.org.uk](mailto:contact@griefencounter.org.uk)



## Hope Again

Call [0808 808 1677](tel:08088081677) Monday to Friday, 9.30am to 5pm, or email [hopeagain@cruse.org.uk](mailto:hopeagain@cruse.org.uk)



## Winston's Wish

Call [0808 802 0021](tel:08088020021) Monday to Friday, 8am to 8pm, or email [ask@winstonswish.org](mailto:ask@winstonswish.org)



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