

Christmas 2022 Newsletter



We wish you a Happy Christmas



Dear Parents/Carers

As we approach Christmas can I thank you for your fantastic support on what has been a really positive term. I really do appreciate the strong partnership work that goes on between students, parents and the academy.

Can I wish all of our students and their families a very Happy Christmas and New Year. We look forward to 2023 and to seeing all our students return refreshed and ready for a new school term on Wednesday 4 January 2023.

Phill Quirk
Headteacher



End of term arrangements

Last day of term is

Friday 16th December 2022

School will close at normal time.

We re-open for all students on

Wednesday 4th January 2023

With Thanks...

We would like to dedicate the cover of our Christmas newsletter to:

Megan Manning Year 9

Amy Bent Year 9

Ruby Allen Year 9

Olivia Dawes Year 9

The KS3 art students had the opportunity to enter a Christmas card competition.

The students created a wide array of designs and a variety of media was used from drawing and painting to digital painting. A selection of the top entries have been featured on the front of this newsletter. The winner of the competition was Amy Bent who has had her card turned into a professional Christmas card to be sent on behalf of Mr Quirk to our external partners.

Well done to everyone who entered the competition.

With thanks to Mrs Lewis (Art teacher)

Academy Holidays and Term Times

2022/2023

Last day of term	Friday 16 December 2022
Christmas holiday	Monday 19 December 2022 to Tuesday 3 January 2023
School returns	Wednesday 4 January 2023
Staff Training	Friday 27 January 2023
Last day of term	Wednesday 8 February 2023
Spring Half Term holiday	Thursday 9 February to Friday 17 February
School returns	Monday 20 February 2023
Last day of term	Friday 31 March 2023
Easter holiday	Monday 3 April to Friday 14 April 2023
School returns	Monday 17 April 2023
May Day	Monday 1 May 2023
Additional Bank Holiday	Monday 8 May 2023
Last day of term	Friday 26 May 2023
Summer Half Term holiday	Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June 2023
School returns	Monday 5 June 2023
Summer closes	Last day is Tuesday 25 July 2023

The Academy is closed for students on Staff Training days

Failsworth

Community

Fridge

About:

The community fridge is a place where you can access non-perishable food, sanitary and hygiene products for **FREE**. 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



Any questions, contact us on 0161 688 3909 or email communityfridge@coopfailsworth.co.uk

An update on our Community Fridge!



This term we have helped over 200 families through our Community Fridge initiative. We thank our staff and students who continue to donate food and hygiene products to us to support local families during this difficult time, as well as Morrisons for their continued support.

The Community Fridge is a place where anyone can come to access free food and hygiene products if they are in need of support. You can help us by donating any of the following foods; tinned goods (meat, beans, soup), pasta, rice, noodles, shower gels, toothbrushes and toothpaste.

You could also set up a standing order donation from £5 a month. Donations go towards keeping our Fridge well stocked for all of our customers. Please speak to Jack Ryan for further details.

We are open Monday–Friday, 2pm until 5pm.



Oldham College: Inspiring Youth Enterprise Event

Year 10 Enterprise and Marketing students took part in the Inspiring Youth Enterprise Event at Oldham College this term, working closely with Adam Corbally who got to the final of The Apprentice with Alan Sugar.

After taking part in a number of workshops led by local businesses throughout the day, students had to turn into entrepreneurs and come up with their own social enterprise business. I'm so glad to say that we came 1st out of the 5 schools that took part!



Be yourself,
always

Do what
matters most

Show you
care

Succeed
together

Mrs Gill, (I.C.T & Business teacher)

Student Careers Update...



This term has been a busy time in the world of careers at Co-op Academy Failsworth. It started with the Year 8 students visiting The University Manchester to begin the journey exploring higher education. This continued with the Year 11's also at Manchester University as part of the Gateway's programme. The Year 11 students are now well underway with their college and apprenticeship applications. The students have started to complete these in Citizenship as part of the Post 16 curriculum, they have also received targeted talks on apprenticeships and T Levels.

We had a fantastic mock interview day where the Year 11 students got to test their employability skills. We had external visitors from all different companies to carry out these interviews to make them as realistic as possible. There were some jangling nerves as the students entered the room for their practise interview. When they came out they had visibly grown in confidence, now knowing what to expect when they encounter the real thing in the future.

Year 10 students have embarked on the Varsity Programme run by Oldham Sixth Form College. This is to give students a very real experience of what studying A Levels is like. The first visit was a great success with all students conducting themselves in a very positive light. The feedback was that the lessons were challenging but they now understand the level at which they will be working when they go to 6th Form college.

Next half term will see National Apprenticeship Week 6th to 12th February and the start of preparation for Year 11 College Taster Days.

If you would like any help or advice on how to support your child with their Post 16 options when they have left Co-op Academy Failsworth please feel free to email joanne.farnworth@coopacadmies.co.uk.



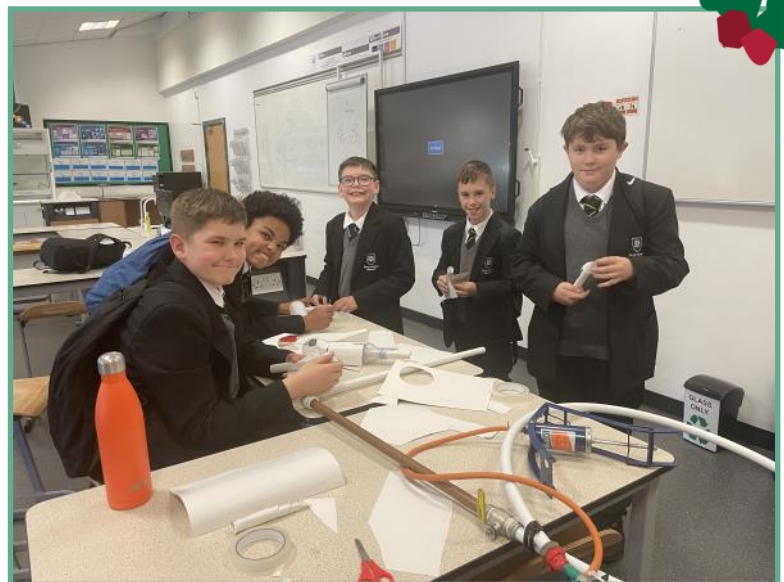
STEM Club



We have kicked off the year in Science with lots of fun opportunities. Each Tuesday STEM club is on and so far we have built rockets, made bath bombs, lava lamps and made wheels out of pringles.



We hope to do more interesting science in the new year. As well as this we have taken Year 10 students to a talk by a Physics Professor on the mechanics of sound.



We wish you all a lovely Christmas and hope that many students get involved with our STEM project fair in the new year where students will have to complete a project in their own time and compete for amazing prizes.

Community Events

On Saturday the 26th of November some of our Year 7,8 and 9 students took part in a community litter pick. We collected lots of rubbish and it was great to give something back to our local community. We will be doing this again in the new year.

With thanks to the following students:

Noah Rawley

Touqeer Arish

Amy Bent

Tilly Gunby

Evie Grace Wood

Bethany Gibert

Ameila Davidson

Frieda Bardsley



Well done and thank you to everyone who took part.



Miss Fallows, (Citizenship teacher,)
Mr Golden (TA)

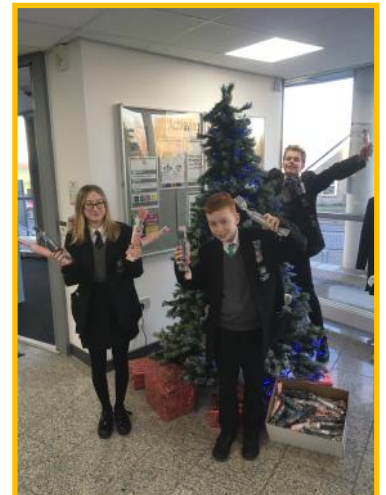
Community Events

In the run up to Christmas a group of students have been making homemade Christmas crackers using recycled toilet roll tubes.



So far they have made over 100 Christmas crackers! They contain chocolates and handmade jokes and are being donated to the OAP Christmas party with any extras going to the community fridge.

The students had a blast and their efforts embodied the spirit of giving and caring for others in the community at Christmas.



Mr Golden (TA)

10-pin Bowling Competition



This month we took part in a Co-op 10-pin bowling competition run by Panathlon.



The event was a great success and it was a pleasure to witness the joy on our students' faces with each throw. Their bravery to attend along with teamwork and determination to support each other during the event was thoroughly impressive.

Every Co-op team went away with a participation medal which only broadened the smiles on the students' faces as they realised they'd be walking away with a bit of silverware. However, there was a little bonus for our students at the end as Co-op Academy Failsworth ended up as Champions of the 10-pin bowling event!

The victory chants in the minibus on the way home was the sound of students who had nurtured friendships while gaining confidence and belief.



Christmas Concert 2022



Co-op Academy Failsworth hosted another brilliant music concert on Tuesday 13th December. The concert was a complete sell out with the theatre packed to the rafters.

The concert showcased all of our academy's musical ensembles, including the wind band, acoustic guitar ensemble, choir and the rock band. There were also amazing solo features from Aria Pourmousa and Thomas Ward, performing on the piano and voice respectively with singers Eben-Ezer and Eunice Bondo. Archie English also treated the audience to a masterful rock music tour de force. With a wide ranging repertoire with film music from the Pirates of the Caribbean to music by rock band the Darkness, to Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata, the evening had something for everybody.

For contrast, Amy Bent transformed herself as The Grinch to delight the audience with a wonderful festive reading.

Audience members were also treated to a fantastic raffle at the interval which was organised by our wonderful Citizenship teachers and students. Free refreshments including warm minced pies also proved to be extremely popular.

All proceeds (estimated to be around £1000) on the evening were donated to the Failsworth Community Fridge. A huge thank must be made to all helpers, supporters and performers who made the evening possible.

Thank you so much!



Sport Events...

Rugby Our fantastic Year 10 & 11 rugby league team came second in the North West Championship this term. Congratulations to all and well deserved.



Mr Blackburn, (Maths teacher) and Mr Golden, (TA)



Football Thanks to all staff who played in our charity football match in aid of the Community Fridge. We managed to raise over £150 in donations which all goes towards families who may need support in our local community.

Jack Ryan, (Community Engagement Officer), Mr Golden, (TA)

Y10 Technology

This year I have had the privilege of working with some of the Year 10 pupils from The Hub. They have been following a blended curriculum that covers both the content that is covered in school, as well as projects that are unique to them, such as the birdbox made from reclaimed pallet timber. Fun and learning has been had by all!



Mr Merrill, (Technology teacher)

Religious Studies Events



Harvest Festival Competition

This year for harvest time the RS department decided to launch a competition across the Year 7 family groups. Each group was given a plant pot and a handful of tomato seeds and were tasked with both growing and nurturing their seeds.

The family group with the best combined plant and decorative pot would be the winner! It's safe to say, every family group gave it their all and we were incredibly impressed with all their efforts. After much deliberation, it was clear to see that we had a standout crop from 7F that had entitled their plant as 'Snow White and the Seven Tomatoes'.



A big congratulations to 7F for being the competition winners and a huge well done to all the year group for getting involved.

Inter-Faith Week

Every year, beginning on Remembrance Sunday sees the start of inter faith week. The aim of this week is to strengthen inter faith relations, increase awareness of the differing and distinct faith communities in the UK and increase understanding between people of religious and non-religious beliefs. Throughout the week as an RS department, we positioned ourselves in the atrium and Café Mojo to promote the week to our students. During this time, the students were asked to fill out petals with their understanding of how to show respect and to explain what the idea of community meant to them and how they could positively contribute to theirs. They also had a chance to try some halal sweets and to enter a competition by filling out one of our inter faith quizzes. We were so pleased to see a swarm of students everyday coming along to get involved and showing real enthusiasm to see what was going on.



Mr McGuire (RS & Citizenship teacher) & Ms Brown , (Head of RS)

Available support in the Community...

For Children, young people and families over the festive season.



Child Bereavement UK

Callie Harrop 07827332824 callie.harrop@childbereavementuk.org

Sarah Smith 07587076047 sarah.smith@childbereavementuk.org



Families in Mind - 0161 3309223 Oldham email:

familiesinmind@togmind.org



Kooth.com (online support) www.kooth.com



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



M-thrive 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 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.



TAKE 5 - part of TOGMIND - FREE Drop in sessions are in Oldham 19-25 Union street Oldham OL1 1HA on Thursday evenings 3pm- 7.15pm. Email : take5@togmind.org. For all children who live , attend schools, or who are registered to a GP in Oldham. 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.



42nd street - Offers individual therapeutic support -

www.42ndStreet.org.uk. Email: TheTeam@42ndsStreet.org.uk.

0161228 7321. 42nd 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.

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.

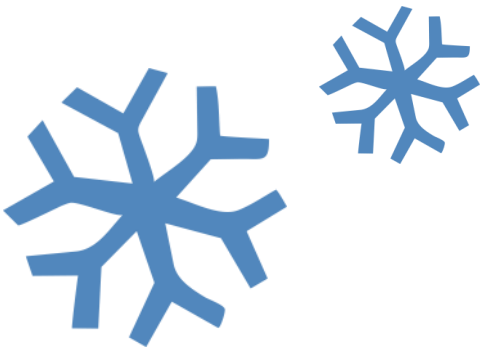
If your child is poorly and not fit to attend school, please ring the school pupil absence line and leave a clear message on the answerphone before 8.00am. This is a 24 hour service.

**YEAR 7 & 8 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 9, 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 Christmas break and look forward to welcoming the students back on Wednesday 4th January 2023.





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