



Co-op Academy
Failsworth

A young person with braided hair, wearing safety glasses, a grey sweater, a white shirt, a tie, and a yellow protective apron, is working in a workshop. They are using a power tool on a workbench, with sparks flying. The background is a red-walled workshop with pipes and a light fixture.

2022 Summer Newsletter

We wish you a nice Summer



Dear Parents/Carers

As we approach the end of term, I would like to thank you for your continued support and we are confident, despite the lingering pandemic, we have moved forward as an academy. It has been good to receive so many positive comments from parents, carers and the wider community.

In the last term we have been able to run many events we have missed so much. These include; a Year 7 residential, Duke of Edinburgh, rewards trips to Blackpool, the Year 11 Prom and numerous college, university and Co-op event opportunities.

As the academic year finishes I would like to send our best wishes to staff that are leaving us and thank them for their commitment to the academy.

We also wish our Year 11 pupils all the very best for a successful future and I want to thank them for their hard work following missed learning.

Can I please remind all parents that we have a uniform exchange running over the summer and any donations would be really well received. We also have the community fridge open over the summer. Details of both are in the newsletter.

Finally, I would like to wish you all an enjoyable and safe summer holiday and we look forward to welcoming all students back into the academy on Tuesday 6th September.

Phill Quirk
Headteacher



End of term arrangements

Last day of term - Friday 22nd July

Students finish at 2:30pm as normal

First day of Autumn Term - Tuesday 6th Sept

SEPTEMBER RE-OPENING TIMES FOR EACH YEAR GROUP


All students return to the academy on Tuesday 6 September 2022 at the following times.

Year Group	Time of Arrival at the West End Doors
Year 7	8:15am
Year 11	10:30am
Year 10	11:00am
Year 9	11:30am
Year 8	12:00 noon

School finishes at 2.50 pm for Years 7,8 and 9

Year 10 and 11 will attend period 6





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Exam Results Day

Year 11 Class of 2022

Thursday 25th August 2022
9.30am to 11am

(Entry to school is via the East end doors)

If you are unable to collect your results and would like them posting home please bring a stamped addressed envelope into the Academy before results day. This can be left at reception with a note for the Exams Officer.

If you would like someone else to collect your results you must give them a signed letter of authority. This person must then bring identification with them along with your authorisation letter.

All pupils will be required to sign a **Post Results Services Consent Form** before leaving the Academy on results day. Please attend the help desk in the atrium to sign your Form.

Academy Holidays and Term Times

2022/2023

Summer closes

Last day is Friday 22 July 2022

Staff Training

Monday 5 September 2022

Autumn Term begins

Tuesday 6th September 2022

Last day of term

Wednesday 19 October 2022

Staff Training

Thursday 20 October & Friday 21 October 2022

Autumn Half Term holiday

Monday 24 October to Friday 28 October 2022

School returns

Monday 31 October 2022

Staff Training

Friday 25 November 2022

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

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

School is closed for students on Staff Training days

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Community

Fridge



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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.'

Why?

As a Co-operative Academy, we believe it is our duty to help out our local community, moreso in the current climate. We feel it is vital that access to meals and other essentials is available to those in our community in need.



Where and when?

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

Open during Summer 2022
Monday - Friday
2pm - 5pm



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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?

**The 2022 Uniform Exchange
will be held at Co-op Academy
Failsworth in Main Reception
on:**

Monday 1st August 10am - 2pm

Friday 5th August 12pm - 4pm

Tuesday 23rd August 12pm - 4pm

Friday 26th August 10am - 2pm

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 22nd July 2022.
- or you can donate any time at the designated drop-off point at Morrisons, Hollinwood Avenue, Failsworth, OL9 7LD

If you have any questions about the uniform exchange, please do not hesitate to contact the Academy on 0161 688 3900 or email info@coopfailsworth.co.uk



School Uniform Exchange update

At the school uniform exchange we are busy preparing for our opening times in the summer holidays. We have already received many kind donations of unwanted school uniforms from our school community.

School holiday opening times / dates are:

Monday 1st August 10am-2pm
Friday 5th August 12pm-4pm
Tuesday 23rd August 12pm-4pm
Friday 26th August 10am-2pm

Since opening the exchange last summer we have found new homes for over 600 pieces of school uniform. This means we have prevented over 600 pieces of clothing going into landfill and managed to help some of our families reduce the cost of a new school uniform.

We will continue collecting throughout the summer holidays. If you would like to donate any unwanted school uniforms in good condition to us please bring them into the main school reception during the times and dates the uniform exchange is open or alternatively put them in our drop box at Morrison's, Poplar Street.



Items we need:

Co-op Academy Failsworth Blazers, Jumpers, P.E Kit & Ties, School Skirts, School Trousers, New Socks, New Tights and School Bags

Miss Littlehailes –Head of Citizenship



<https://www.gambianschools.org/>

The Gambian Schools Trust are a charity that help schools in The Gambia get the resources they need. This includes things like stationery, text books and sports equipment.

We've been supporting the Gambian Schools Trust, by donating uniforms and school resources.

After we changed our name we didn't want the excess uniform to go to waste. The Gambian Schools Trust said that they could take the uniform and give it a new life in The Gambia.

Here are some students at Loumen Lower Basic School and Brufut School in The Gambia wearing their uniform proudly.





Careers and Wellbeing Area

Did you know?

Within the academy a section of the main atrium has been dedicated as a 'Careers Cafe' and 'Wellbeing Area'. This area is for students to use during their lunch and break time for either careers guidance or for their wellbeing.

The bookshelves are stocked with careers guidance and information about colleges as well as student friendly literature around mental health and wellbeing. There are many books, articles and college prospectuses to support and help guide our students.



Careers Corner

Year 8

Visit to the University of Manchester

As part of the Gateway's programme, a group of Year 8 students had the opportunity to visit the University of Manchester to find out more about Higher Education. They took part in three different challenges learning about how and why populations change around the world, aero-dynamics and British sign language.

We then had a tour of the campus and found out some of the amazing inventions and discoveries that have happened at the University of Manchester.



Miss Farnworth - Careers Co-ordinator

Careers Corner

Year 10

Food Prep and Nutrition class

Mrs Taylor's Year 10 Food Preparation and Nutrition class took part in The Manchester College's Hospitality taster day.

This was a great opportunity to see leading industry professionals talk about unusual fresh ingredients, watched the chefs prepare some recipes live on stage and sample some delicious food the second year college students had prepared. Grace O'Brien and Anna Calverley took part in a competition against the other schools. They had to complete and decorate chocolate eclairs. It was great fun and they both did fantastically well.





Here is some information to support our children and young people.

M-Thrive is an organisation to support people and families when seeking help for their emotional health and wellbeing.

They have an amazing website with lots of resources that you and the young people can access for FREE. Please have a browse



<https://m-thrive.org/>

Manchester Thrive Hub Offer

The strategic vision is to establish a Manchester THRIVE Hub as a point of entry, a front door, to Manchester's Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health offer. This will involve having a Manchester THRIVE Hub Team based in three locality THRIVE centres across Manchester, i.e. Central, North and South locality. District based hub in each of the Localities; Central, North and South Manchester.

Manchester Thrive Team

The Thrive team will work alongside community based services not traditionally acknowledged for their role in the improvement of good mental health and wellbeing, to enhance their offer. The aspiration is that young people and families will no longer be removed from their community, schools or colleges when seeking help for their emotional health and well-being.



What is Kooth?

Kooth is a free, safe and anonymous online wellbeing service for children and young people.

Young people using the site are able to access a range of support services including one-to-one counselling sessions, discussing issues with their peers through online discussion boards, reading and contributing to self-help content and recording their feelings via journals and goal trackers. The online nature of Kooth means that young people can access help in a way that is most suitable for them, at a time that is convenient for them, 365 days of the year.

What's on Kooth?

Kooth.com offers a wide range of therapeutic tools to help children and young people and support their mental wellbeing.

- Chat with their team
- Send them a message
- Kooth magazine
- Kooth Discussion Boards
- Mini Activity Hub

Being a safe and anonymous service

We are an anonymous service. It means that neither we nor other service users know the identity of a young person on the site. For many young people this enables them to talk freely about their experiences without having to worry about being judged.

The safety of our users on Kooth is really important to us. Therefore, children and young people cannot add friends or directly message other young people on the site in the same way they can on gaming platforms or social media sites. This is because we are an anonymous service and we need to make sure everyone using the site is safe.

Accessing Kooth

Children and young people do not need to be referred to Kooth to access the service. Kooth users are invited and welcome to join Kooth as long as they fall within the age range that is available to their area.

Talking to our team

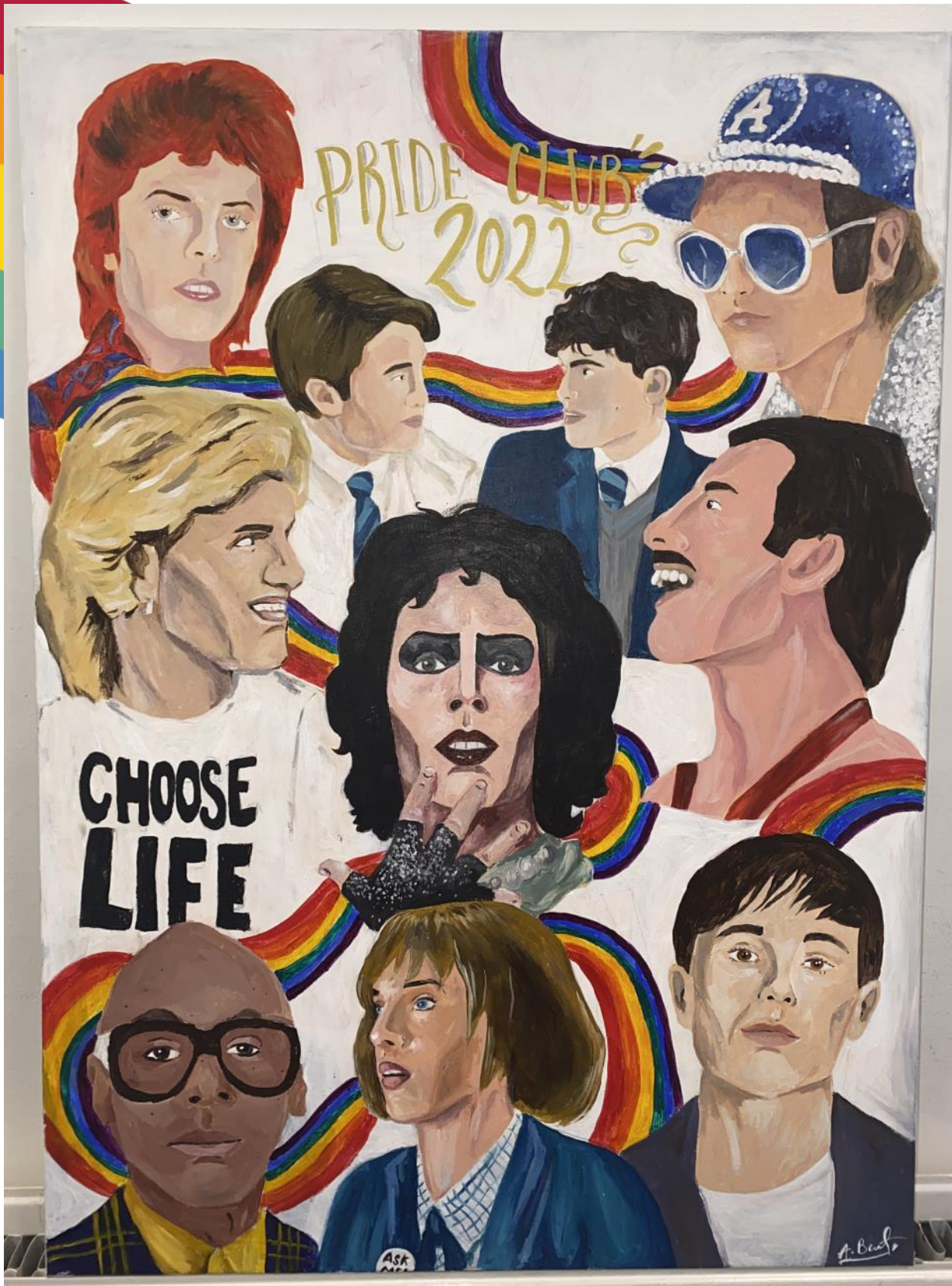
The Kooth team are available to chat 7 days a week, 365* days of the year.

For more info please contact
Mrs Jones - Our school counsellor



Student Shout Out!

for Amy Bent -Year 8



Throughout the year, Amy Bent has consistently made outstanding contributions across the school community. Her attitude to learning and kindness to others has been recognised by many members of staff across the school. This painting she made for our end of year celebration for Pride Club demonstrates this. Amy decided to represent different important cultural figures for the LGBTQ+ community, along with her particular favourite Freddie Mercury! Well done Amy!

Mr Briscoe—Citizenship teacher

Class of 2022...

...Year 11 Prom

Year 11 have worked tremendously hard over the last 12 months and have outshone themselves on their commitment and perseverance to their GCSE's.



After 2 years of cancelled proms, these students deserved a night to celebrate all their hard work and say their goodbyes in style, and they did just that! From Lamborghini's to Darth Vader to Mr Clegg dancing the Makarena, both staff and students had a brilliant night and this year group will be greatly missed by Co-op Academy Failsworth.

We wish Year 11 all the best and good luck for the future.



Mrs Beresford - Head of Year 11
Mr Bennett - Assistant Head of Year 11
and Ms Bowers

Year 10 Religious Studies



In July, Year 10 GCSE Religious Studies pupils visited Oldham Central Masjid which is the largest mosque in the Oldham area. The pupils were given a tour of the place of worship and were able to see it in action as members of the local community were using the facilities for prayer. In addition, they took part in a question and answer session with the secretary of the mosque.



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Faith Space

Are you interested
in using a 'Faith Space'
during lunchtime?

What is a Faith Space?

- An area that is open to people of all faiths and of no faith.
- A place for people to pray, reflect, meditate or simply sit quietly.

If any staff or students are interested and would like further information please contact: Miss K Brown (Head of Religious Studies)

Y10 Technology–Brick layering

2022 saw the return of bricklaying at Co-op Academy Failsworth after a hiatus during the pandemic. This is one of the trades which is studied as part of the Level 2 Construction course that is offered here, alongside joinery, painting and decorating.

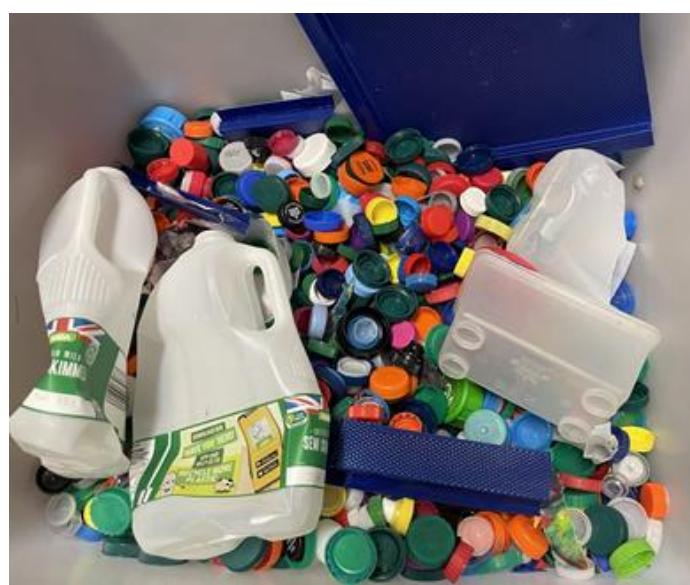


Mr Merrill; supported by Mr Aspin, and his team of year 10 pupils spent 2 days in the outdoor classroom consolidating the basic skills needed in order to achieve a quality outcome. It was a very productive day where fun was had by all! With the current skills shortage within trades in the UK, we are very proud to be offering an experience that the majority of schools still don't.



KS3 – Technology

Pupils in KS3 Technology have been learning about sustainability and the global plastics problem. They have been collecting bottle tops and milk bottles and recycling them to create fantastic coasters as part of their class project



Sustainability and sustainable living is one of the key driving points behind our curriculum and pupils are encouraged to 'go green' at every opportunity.

Well done KS3!



Y9 Language Leaders Award

On Friday 1st July a group of Year 9 students went to Higher Failsworth Primary School to deliver a mini lesson to a Year 5 class. The students have been working on developing their presentation skills and planning a lesson in an after-school club all year to work towards achieving this award. They planned and resourced their lessons themselves on a topic within the language they are currently studying. They did an amazing job and the lessons they produced and delivered were a testament to how hard they had worked all year.

The staff at Higher Failsworth commented on how impressed they were that they were able to deliver the lessons as well as they did and how well they worked with the younger students.



The students said:

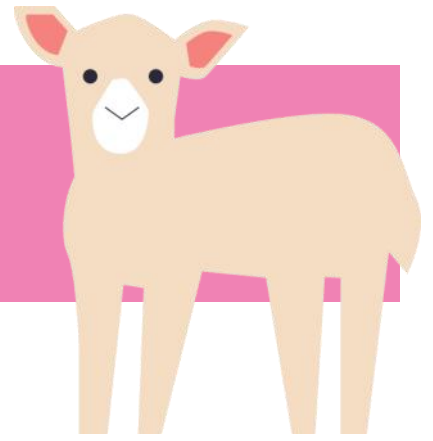
Harley - "My language leaders experience was really fun. I was nervous because I've never been to the school and I didn't know whether they would've joined in because Mandarin is such a hard language. But they all joined in and I enjoyed teaching them."

Duchesse - "My experience as part of language leaders was amazing. I grew in confidence even though to begin with it was a terrifying idea it actually was all in my head. The fears were easy to get over. Overall I enjoyed the experience."

Sophia - "I found language leaders really fun. I was nervous to teach the year 5s at first because I thought they might not join in and wouldn't enjoy it. However, they all joined in and enjoyed playing games. When we played splat they were all desperate to play and we had a few laughs. I really enjoyed this experience and would recommend people who love to learn languages to do language leaders."



Year 7-9 Trip



Trip to Jamie's Farm - April 2022

We had the opportunity to take a group of students from year 7-9 to Jamie's farm Hereford. The trip was a fantastic opportunity to reconnect with nature and thrive outside - to live on a working farm for 5 days and experience all that daily farm life has to offer.

Jamie's Farm provides a uniquely blended experience of farming, a sense of family and a therapeutic approach. As soon as we arrived we felt accepted and calm. The farm was beautiful! Situated in the Golden Valley, within easy reach of the Black Mountains and the Brecon Beacons we were transported into another world and were encouraged to adventure from the get go.



Over the next 5 days the children got stuck into a variety of activities - rearing livestock, gardening, log chopping, sheep herding, hill walking, horse therapy, cooking and general tomfoolery! The children were allowed to express themselves how they wanted and took real ownership of their experience.

Despite the days being long and filled with activities the children threw themselves into every task with real gusto and enthusiasm. Throughout the week friendships flourished and a unity developed amongst the group which has continued within the school.

We are so proud of what the children achieved and the way they supported each other throughout the week and beyond.

The school corridors continue to buzz weeks after the trip. "When are we going back to Jamie's Farm Sir!? How are the lambs doing Miss!? Do you think the lettuce has grown yet!?"



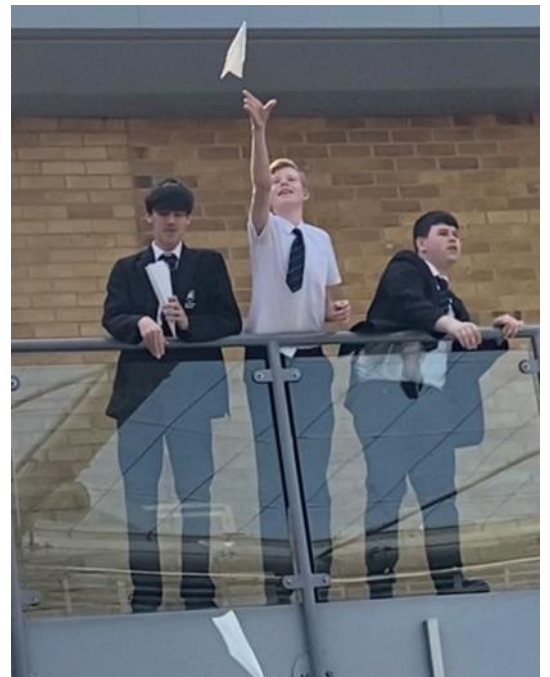
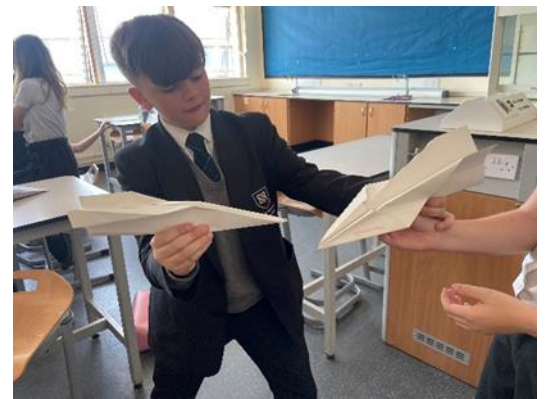
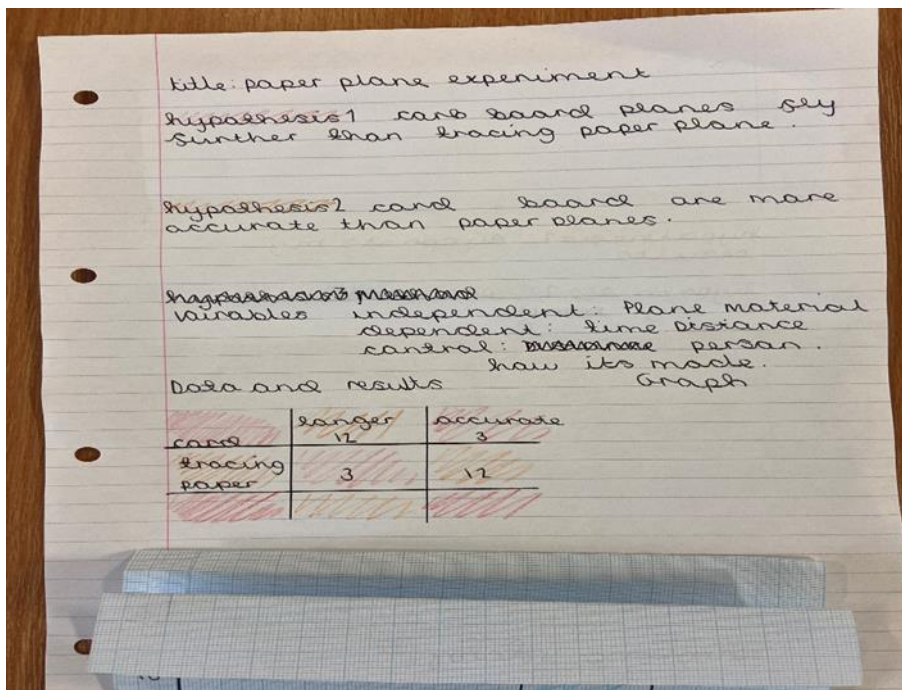
Mr Golden –Teaching Assistant SEND

Year 8 Science

Year 8 pupils bringing their science skills together:

Teaching variables and drawing graphs to a group of year 8 students by testing two hypotheses:

- 1) Paper aeroplanes made from card will fly further than those made with tracing paper.
- 2) Paper aeroplanes made with card will be more accurate than those made with tracing paper.



The test was done by throwing the planes off the balcony in the atrium and recording which went furthest and which got closer to the target. Pupils really enjoyed the work especially being allowed to throw planes off the balcony. Retrieval tasks are indicating that knowledge of the variables is being established. The first graph was heavily scaffolded, but the second graph was completed independently and at a good level of quality.

Year 8 – Envision Project

Twelve Year 8 students had an opportunity to represent Co-op Academy Failsworth in Envision social action project. This involved 10 Co-op schools thinking of a social action project and then presenting these projects to Co-op Head office at Angel Square.



Our students focussed on the social issue body image, and looked into how they could help with this issue in their own school and community. Bodytivity (as they have named themselves) were granted seed funding to purchase mannequins, posters and information sheets (designed by members of the team) in order to kick start the project into action.

Over breaktimes, these students have been at a Bodytivity desk with information on where to find body image support and given an opportunity to write something they like about themselves on one of the mannequins. This has left our mannequins full of lovely comments to display in the building.

Overall, out of all 10 schools, Failsworth came second!!!

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 & YEAR 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 to 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 Summer break and look forward to welcoming the students back on Tuesday 6th September 2022.





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