



Co-op Academy
Failsworth



2022
Easter Newsletter

We wish you a Happy Easter



Dear Parent/Carer

As you will see from our newsletter we have had a very busy term despite Covid still being around. This is reflected by the vast number of opportunities available to students both within the classroom and by other activities and educational visits returning.

As we break for the holidays, many students and staff will be coming into the academy to prepare for the exams starting in May. I would like to thank the staff who are spending some of their holidays supporting these young people, and parents for their continued support. Working together we can ensure success for all our young people.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy Easter and an enjoyable break.

Phill Quirk
Headteacher



End of term arrangements

Friday 8th April

School will close on Friday 8th April at the normal time
We re-open for all students on Monday 25th April 2022.

With Thanks...

We would like to dedicate the cover of our Easter newsletter to four of our Year 9 students for their wonderful artwork:

These are (from left to right):

Amy Myers

Summer Radcliffe

Ruby Lane

Chloe Nedderman

These are pupil interpretations of the work of
Carolee Clark and cultural pattern work.

With thanks to Mrs Lewis & Miss Lake (Art teachers)



Academy Holidays and Term Times

2022/2023

School returns

Staff Training

Last day of term

Spring Half Term holiday

School returns

Last day of term

Easter holiday

School returns

May Day

Last day of term

Summer Half Term holiday

School returns

Summer closes

Thursday 6 January 2022

Friday 28 January 2022

Wednesday 16 February 2022

Thursday 17 February to Friday 25 February 2022

Monday 28 February 2022

Friday 8 April 2022

Monday 11 April to Friday 22 April 2022

Monday 25 April 2022

Monday 2 May 2022

Friday 27 May

Monday 30 May to Friday 3 June 2022

Monday 6 June 2022

Last day is Friday 22 July 2022

Staff Training

Autumn Term begins

Last day of term

Staff Training

Autumn Half Term holiday

School returns

Staff Training

Last day of term

Christmas holiday

School returns

Staff Training

Last day of term

Spring Half Term holiday

School returns

Last day of term

Easter holiday

School returns

May Day

Last day of term

Summer Half Term holiday

School returns

Summer closes

Monday 5 September 2022

Tuesday 6th September 2022

Wednesday 19 October 2022

Thursday 20 October & Friday 22 October 2022

Monday 24 October to Friday 28 October 2022

Monday 31 October 2022

Friday 25 November 2022

Friday 16 December 2022

Monday 19 December 2022 to Tuesday 3 January 2023

Wednesday 4 January 2023

Friday 27 January 2023

Wednesday 8 February 2023

Thursday 9 February to Friday 17 February

Monday 20 February 2023

Friday 31 March 2023

Monday 3 April to Friday 14 April 2023

Monday 17 April 2023

Monday 1 May 2023

Friday 26 May 2023

Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June 2023

Monday 5 June 2023

Last day is Tuesday 25 July 2023

School is closed for students on Staff Training days



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School Uniform Exchange

Uniform too small?

Why not donate and recycle?



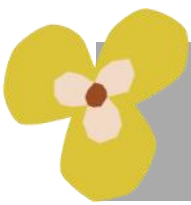
Drop off at -

**Co-op Academy
Failsworth
Brierley Ave.
M35 9HA**

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





School Uniform Exchange update...

After the success of last summer, we will be running the school uniform exchange again this year. The service is available for all current pupils and our new year 7 pupils starting in September 2022. All uniform is good quality and free of charge.

The dates for this year's uniform exchange will be published before the summer holidays, they will be available on our school website and communicated to parents via text message.

If you have any items of uniform you wish to donate to the exchange please feel free to leave these in the drop box at reception or alternatively our donation box in Morrisons Failsworth.



This term we also received a massive donation of brand new sports wear and winter coats for our uniform exchange from the Michael Carrick Foundation. They have donated 20 boxes of items, these range from t-shirts to winter coats.

We are so incredibly grateful and moved by the kind donation, knowing what difference this will make to our community.



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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



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.



With thanks to Paige and Louise who came into our Academy on 30/3/22 to promote their fabulous services at Youth in Mind – There was a lot of interest and lots of handouts were taken.

With thanks from Mrs Jones (SEND Safeguarding Officer)

mind
for better mental health
Tameside, Oldham
and Glossop

Struggling with...

- Self-Esteem?
- Anger?
- Anxiety?
- Low Mood?
- Stress?

Attend a Take 5 drop-in!

- A safe and confidential space for you to talk about how you feel.
- Our Practitioners will help you explore what appropriate support we have available to you.
- Walk-in or booked appointments available.

For all children and young people aged 8 - 18 who live, attend school or who are registered to a GP in Oldham.

Tameside, Oldham & Glossop Mind

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youth_in_mind_ | fb.me/YIMind

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What is Early Intervention? 

This service can help children and young people with low level mental health difficulties on the following pathways: anxiety, low mood, stress, anger and low confidence or self-esteem.

Early Intervention is 1:1 support based on guided self-help. The Practitioner supports the young person to talk about their difficulties and any worries or problems that they may have.

The Practitioner can help the young person to overcome their difficulties by working on their chosen pathway together, learning tips and techniques that they can practice in everyday life.

If you would like to access this course, please come to our drop-in service on a Thursday evening between 4pm – 8pm, to have a chat with one of our Practitioners and see if the service is suitable for you. Please call 0161 330 9223 and ask for the Take 5 department for more information.

If you have already attended a drop-in and are on the waitlist, you will receive your invite letter/email/phone call in 4-8 weeks and it will have all of the information about your Early Intervention sessions on it.

If you have any questions or queries, please give TOG Mind a ring on 0161 330 9223 or email take5@togmind.org

Thank you. 

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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 Thursday from 5:30pm till 6:30pm!
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 330 9223.

What is Counselling? 

Counselling is a way of helping people with personal problems. Counsellors work with a wide range of difficulties and worries including anxiety, low mood, bereavement, loneliness, self-esteem, difficulties in relationships, bullying, self-injury, eating problems and more. Counselling is based on building a trusting relationship between Counsellor and client. It can help people to talk about their experiences and make sense of them.

Counselling can allow people to express difficult feelings and to learn how to manage them in a helpful way. Counsellors are trained to listen thoughtfully and carefully to people's problems without judgement or criticism. Counsellors do not give advice, but instead support their clients to make positive decisions for themselves.

To access Counselling with Youth In Mind you must live, attend school/college or be registered with a GP Practice in Oldham. Please come to our Drop-in service on a Thursday evening between 4pm – 7:15pm, to speak with one of our Practitioners and see if the service is suitable for you.

Please call 0161 330 9223 and ask for the Take 5 department for more information, or email take5@togmind.org

Next steps

If you have already been to a Drop-in and have been put on the waitlist for Counselling, we will contact you when an appointment slot becomes available. Please ask for an approximate wait time as this varies.

Depending on your contact preferences, we will either call (always from a withheld number), text (from our computerised system) or send a letter confirming the date and time of your appointment.

We would ask that you then call to confirm the date and time is convenient or to rearrange—thank you.

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Student Council Events

This term the student council have been tasked with creating year group interform competitions within their year groups. Each year group council has created their own competition which are being ran this term.

Here is just a brief overview of what some of the year groups are doing:

Year 10

Week 1 – General knowledge quiz

Week 2 – Biscuit eating challenge (how many biscuits can they eat in a minute?)

Week 3 – Egg and spoon race

Week 4 – Dodgeball tournament. Participation for some challenges will require a small donation, 100% of money raised will be used to buy Easter eggs for a children's hospital.

Year 9

Each family group is creating a 5 minute clip from a famous movie. Everyone in the family group is to participate in some capacity whether that be acting, props, music etc. The clips will be filmed and presented to Miss Carter and Mr Clegg. The winning family group will win an extended lunch with take away food of their choice. The runner up will win a cinema snack box.

Year 8

Year 8 student council have made a Ping Pong board. A game where you throw a ball into coloured holes on the board in order to win points! The form with the highest number of points will win Domino's pizza and a double lunch time!

Year 7

Year 7 student council have created a penalty shootout competition which has involved representatives from all of the form groups throughout the year taking part.



Wellbeing Wednesdays...

Wellbeing Wednesday was started last term to allow students an hour after school to do a variety of activities to help boost wellbeing, mental health and mindfulness. It is primarily the wellbeing ambassadors who attend, but all are welcome!

Here is what they have been upto in March...



Thanks to Mr Aspin - 'Y7 KS3 provision have been baking bread today, look at how well it came out!'



They love baking so we made cornflake cakes and decorated with lots of treats. They worked very well in groups and had fun. With thanks to Miss Mylchreest, Mrs Nissar and Mrs Markland.

With thanks to Miss Mylchreest - The wellbeing student group have had a good term of activities. From baking, playing games and watching films to preparing for their John Muir Award (a conservation and wildlife exploration certificate). This last week we were creating some creative maps of the Peak District (where we will be visiting to complete some of our award), and this week we were making some wildlife homes with Miss Blears.

Next term, 15 student wellbeing ambassadors will be visiting the Longdendale Environment Centre and Crowden to explore the benefits of nature on wellbeing, through a river dip, nature walk and some conservation work. Matthew Ross from the Peak District National Park will also be doing a zoom talk with our students to discuss John Muir and how the national park works. I really hope that the students enjoy these experiences and can take something away from them to boost their wellbeing.



The sessions are run between 14:50 - 15:45pm every Wednesday during term time.

Next term there will be more planned activities.

If any student would like to get involved with the wellbeing group, please see Miss Mylchreest (Humanities teacher)

Thank you

Languages Department Year 10 Trip

Failsworth's Mandarin students at Manchester Grammar School

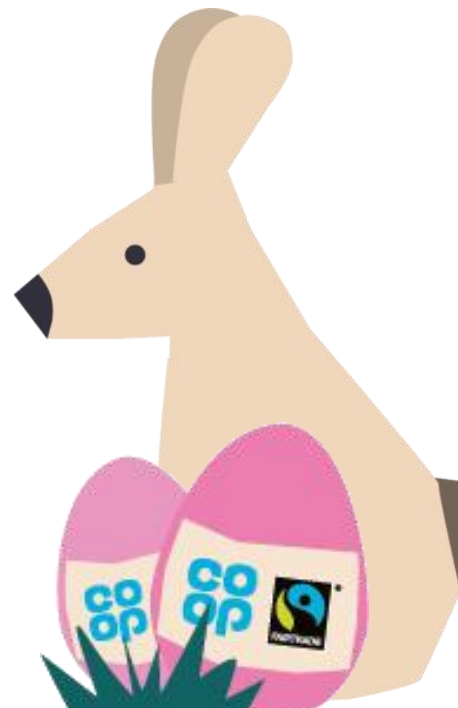
On 25th March, Year 10 students proudly represented Co-op Academy Failsworth at the Swire Chinese language student conference. Aston Burkill, Damien Chan, Bethany Davidson, Georgia Ford, Ethan Gillespie-Ward and Alysia Mcneil participated in an informal speaking exercise, spoken with Mandarin students coming from all parts of the United Kingdom.



In the afternoon, they listened attentively to a panel of experts talking about the Legacy of Cultural Revolution, China in the era of Xi Jinping, Young people in China and China's quest for a national language. Georgia Ford commented after the conference, 'It was interesting to learn about the history and modern China, as well as interacting with other students learning Mandarin'.

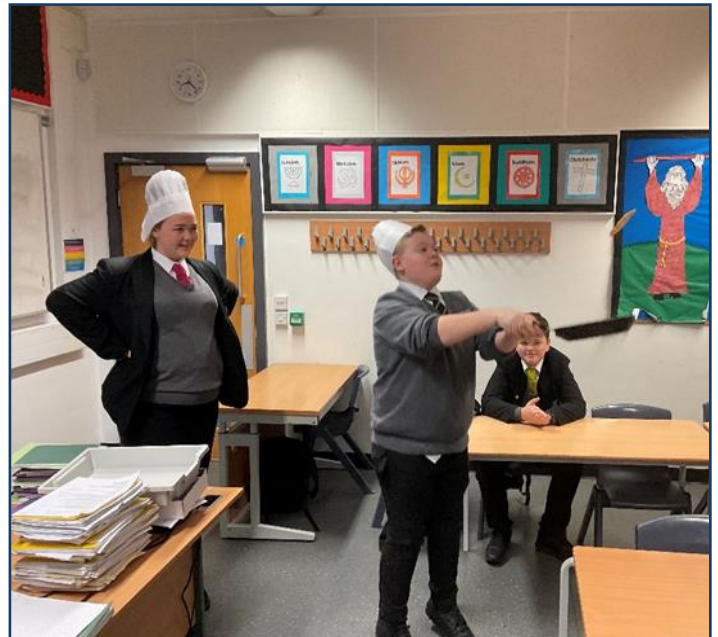
Educational trips enrich the curriculum and provide students with a purpose for language learning. Failsworth's Mandarin students are ready to embark on a bigger challenge. We are exploring the possibility of a trip to China trip for 2023 or 2024.

Mrs Zheng (Head of Mandarin)





Year 7 Religious Studies



In celebration of Shrove Tuesday, the RS department ran a competition for Year 7 form groups to see who can flip a pancake the most in one minute. Jewel Solomon from 7P was our winner, flipping the pancake an unbelievable 93 times!

Miss Brown (Head of RS)



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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)

Year 10 GCSE Citizenship



Houses of Parliament trip



On the 7th of March, 22 of our year 10 GCSE Citizenship students visited the Houses of Parliament. The students took part in a tour of the building and learnt lots of valuable information about how our country is run and how our laws are made. We also visited the London Dungeons whilst we were there....there was lots of screaming!!



Mrs Fallows & Miss Littlehales (Citizenship teachers)

Year 10 GCSE Citizenship



Well done to year 10 GCSE Citizenship pupils who raised £361.71 for the Community Fridge.

They gave up their time to run a chocolate tombola and raffle in school.

Congratulations to **Lacy Gowers year 7** who won the star prize of a signed Ruben Diaz shirt. Thank you to Miss Brogan for managing to get us such an amazing star prize for the raffle.

Thank you to all the local businesses that kindly donated prizes, including J.W. Lees, Spectrum Brands, Nasty Gal, Bonnie Armoas, Vue Printworks, and MCFC.



Year 9 & Year 10 Citizenship Events



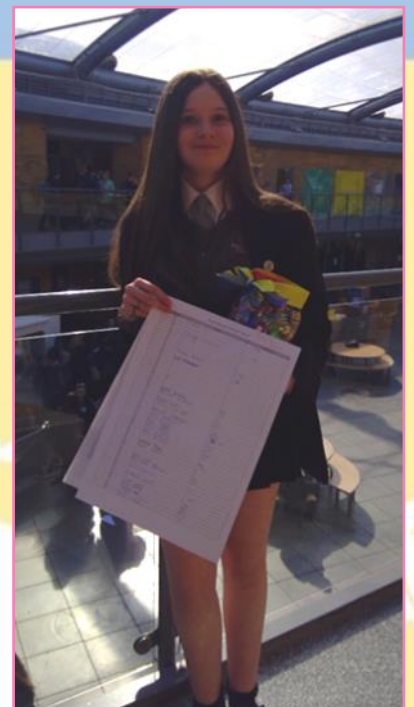
Year 9 and year 10 Citizenship pupils have also been working hard this term to raise money for the British Red Cross - Ukraine Appeal.



They have organised a guess the name of the teddy, guess the number of sweets in the jar, Ukraine ribbon sale, sweet cone sale and cupcake sale in order to raise funds.



A special thanks to **Mrs Taylor** for making ribbons, **Mrs Tetlow** for her delicious cupcakes and **Miss Fallows** and **Miss Brogan** for their sweet cones.



Miss Littlehales (Head of Citizenship)



LGBTQ+ Celebratory Events



To celebrate LGBTQ+ History Month, the Pride Club ran a number of different activities in order to raise money for the youth club and centre for LGBTQ+ young people in Manchester.

Some students baked over 100 cookies and made rainbow sweet bags to sell during break and lunch.

Alongside this, they spoke with students about key historical figures who worked towards equality in British society. Students also made posters to be hung around school and presentations which were delivered during Family Time.

The students raised **£120!**

Well done!

Miss Littlehales (Head of Citizenship)



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 Easter break and look forward to welcoming the students back on Monday 25th April 2022.





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