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**Year 11 students visited Leeds University for a day of grade 7-9 mathematics!**

The students had a really inspirational day touring the different faculties, preparing for their upcoming GCSEs and speaking to university ambassadors who use mathematics in their current degrees!

It was a truly uplifting day filled with hope, powerful knowledge and inspiration!

Well done Year 11 and thank you to teachers who attended.

Do what  
matters most



Be yourself,  
always



## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents, Carers, and Students,

As we approach the end of a remarkably busy and productive Spring Term, I find myself reflecting on the collective achievements of our Academy community since January. It has been a term defined by hard work, and before we break for the Easter holidays, I would like to celebrate the dedication of our students and the constant support of our families.

From the classroom to the sports field, our students have continued to embody our core values of ambition and resilience. I have been particularly heartened by:

- **Examination Preparation:** Our Year 11 cohort have shown immense focus during their recent mock series. You have laid the groundwork; now is the time to trust your preparation.
- **Extra-Curricular Success:** Whether in the library, on university trips, the music rooms, or on the pitch, it is wonderful to see our Academy culture thriving beyond the formal curriculum.
- **Community Spirit:** - our Annual Community Iftaar was such a special event - thank you so much to everyone who contributed to its success!

### The Importance of Rest

Whilst the upcoming break is a vital revision window for our exam year groups, I cannot overstate the importance of genuine rest.

To our students: please use this time to step away from your screens, spend time outdoors, and recharge. We want you back in the Summer Term feeling refreshed and ready for the final push. To our families: thank you for your continued partnership—the link between home and school remains the foundation of our students' success.

### Key Dates & Reminders

- **Last Day of Term:** Thursday 2 April
- **Academy Reopens:** Monday 20 April.

I wish you all a peaceful, safe, and very happy Easter break.

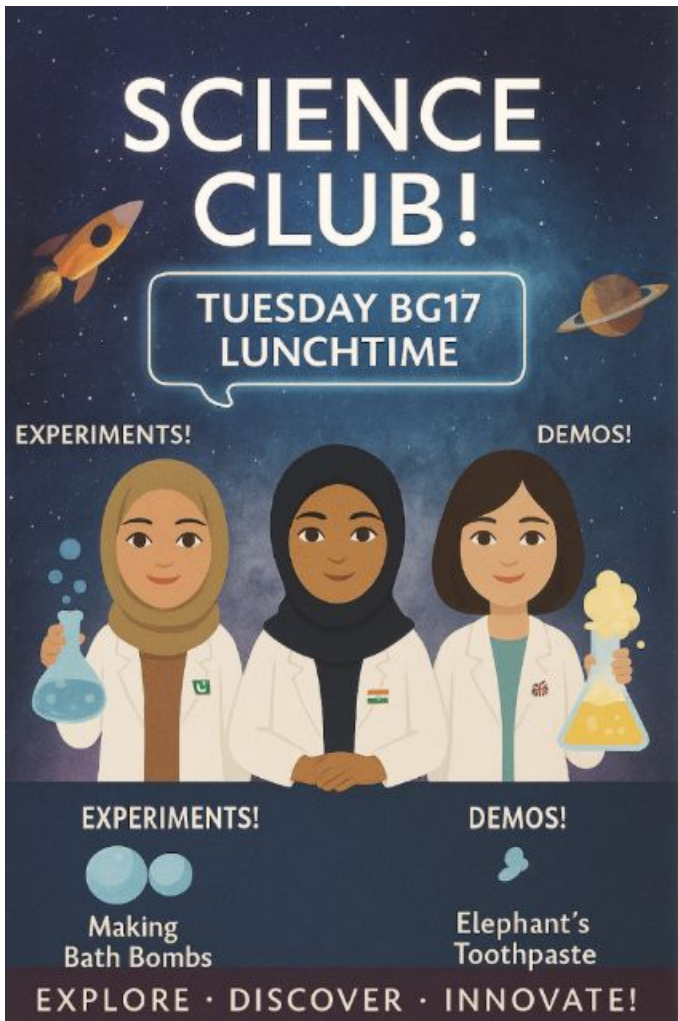
Warmest regards,

Miss N. Jones  
Headteacher

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care

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## Community Iftaar 2026



A community iftaar event was successfully organised at the school by Miss Mahmood, Mr Ali, and Mrs Smail, bringing together around 150 students, family members, and local community members. The evening was filled with a warm and welcoming atmosphere, celebrating unity and togetherness during Ramadan. Students played an active role in the event, delivering beautiful performances such as Quran recitation, which added a meaningful and spiritual touch to the gathering. In addition to sharing a meal, the event also focused on giving back, with funds being raised to support humanitarian efforts in Palestine. Overall, the iftaar was a memorable occasion that strengthened community bonds and highlighted the values of compassion and generosity.



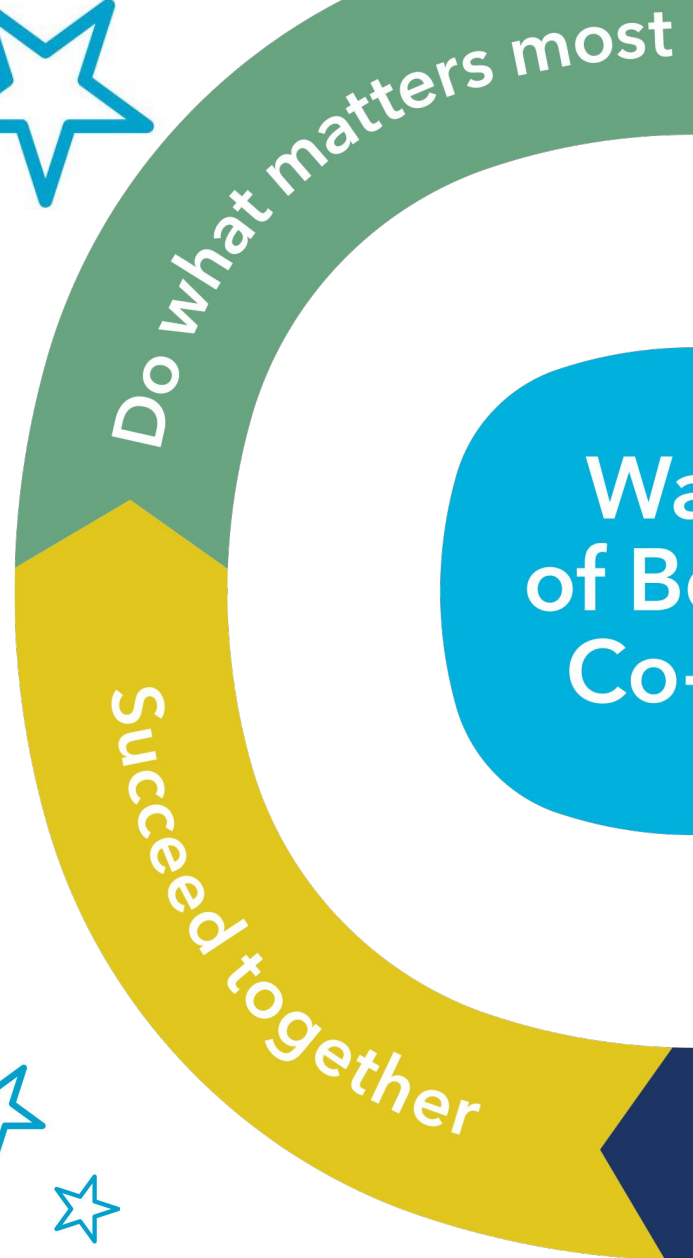
These are the entries for the KS3 Curiosity Projects. We asked students to think of a Physics question and make a display of what they found out during their research.

The winners will be going to the next round. Well done to all that entered.

## Co-op Academies Trust Spelling Bee

Students from across Co-op Academies Trust came together for our Trust Spelling Bee Final, showcasing their spelling skills, teamwork and nerves of steel in front of a lively audience.

Unfortunately, we didn't walk away with the top prize this time, but our students represented the academy with incredible grace, determination, and sportsmanship. Every participant pushed themselves to the limit, tackling complex words that would leave most adults scratching their heads! We couldn't be prouder of how they supported one another under the spotlight.



Students in the BRIDGE have been developing their confidence and independence through travel training in the local community.

They have been learning key life skills such as road safety, crossing roads, planning routes, and using local shops.

It has been fantastic to see students grow in confidence, especially those who had never crossed a road before now doing so more independently.

Students also successfully visited shops, bought items, and worked out their change. This has been a really positive experience, helping students build important life skills and confidence in the community.

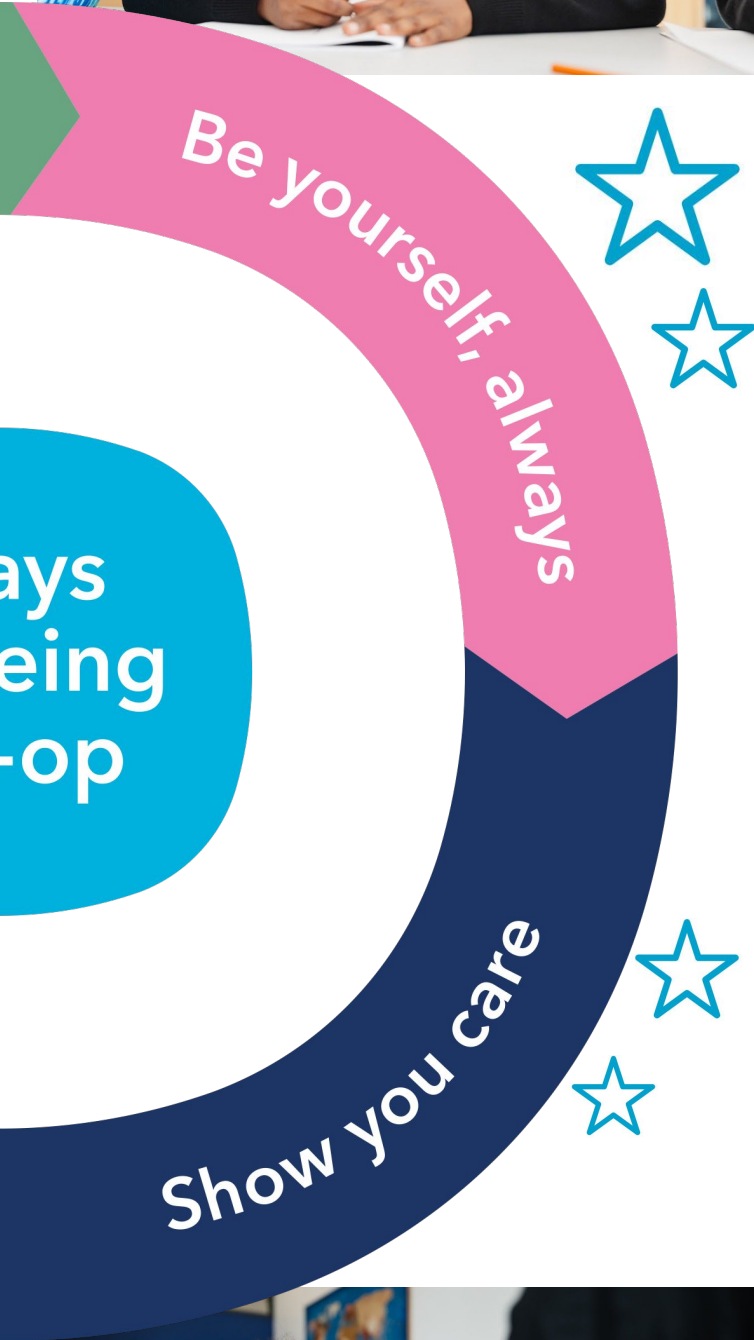


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Schools working together to be zero carbon



## Small Steps, Big Impact!

Our KS3 environmental enthusiasts recently attended a local Eco-Conference to dive deep into the challenges of climate change. After discussing global solutions, the students got practical by hand-making bespoke draught stoppers. We are incredibly proud to share that these weren't just for show—the students have donated their finished work to charity to help local homes stay warm and energy-efficient this winter.



## Year 9 REACH project WPV to GXO Heinz in Wigan



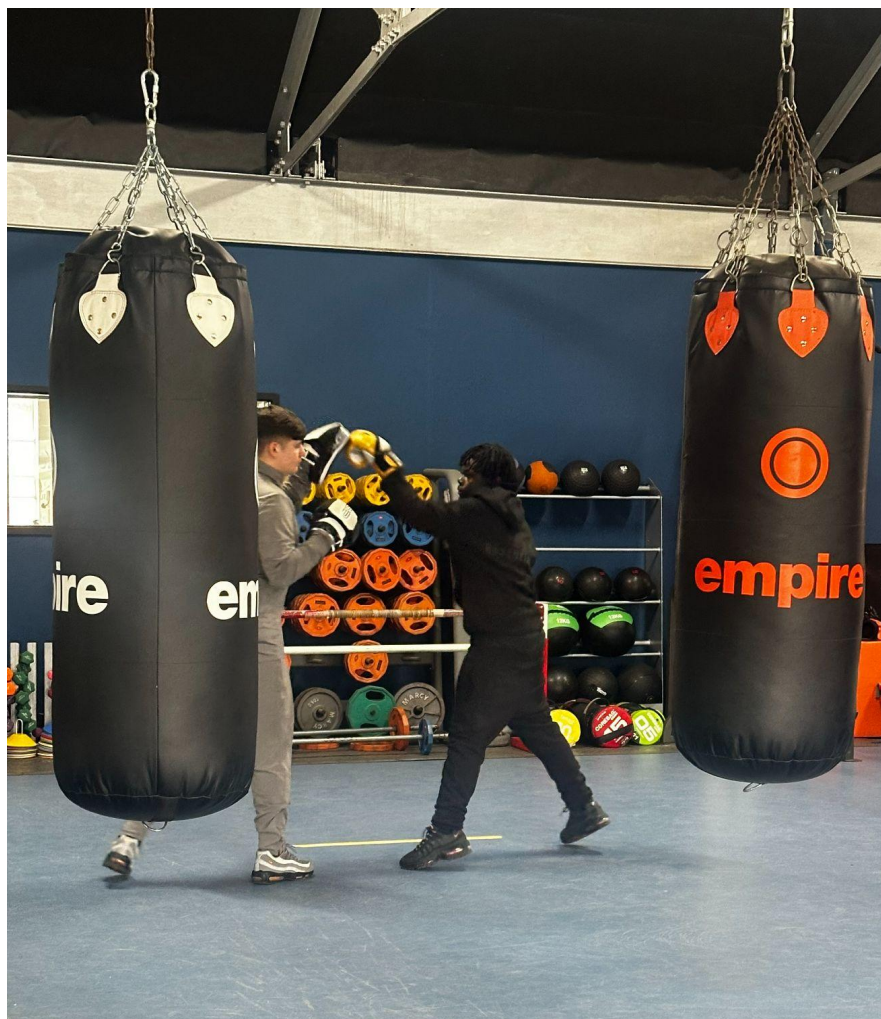
# BASE News



Our KS3 students have been exploring the rich traditions of Aboriginal art, drawing inspiration from its symbolic patterns, storytelling techniques, and deep connection to the natural world.

Through their work, students have experimented with dot painting and earthy colour palettes to create striking pieces that reflect both personal expression and cultural appreciation.

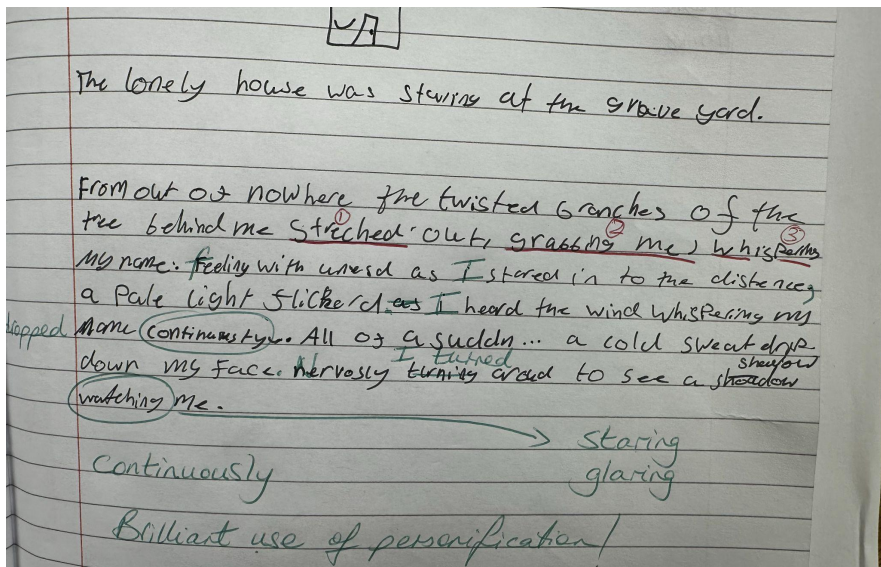
The resulting artworks showcase not only their creativity and growing technical skills, but also their thoughtful engagement with one of the world's oldest continuous artistic traditions.



Our students have recently begun taking part in boxing sessions, using this exciting new activity to support their physical health, emotional regulation, and teamwork skills.

These sessions provide a positive outlet for energy while helping students build discipline, resilience, and confidence.

It has been fantastic to see them encouraging one another, working together, and embracing the challenges with such enthusiasm.



Our KS3 students are beginning to explore their creativity through an exciting range of early creative writing. From simple descriptive pieces to the first stages of short storytelling, students are starting to develop confidence in shaping characters, settings, and ideas. Their work shows a positive willingness to experiment with language and imagination, laying strong foundations for future progress in crafting thoughtful and engaging writing.

# Year 11 GCSE maths students had an amazing day at Shine preparing for their upcoming exams!

Students completed lots of key maths topics and revised strategic ways to answer exam questions so they can maximise progress for their GCSEs. They also had lots of competitions and a really fun and rewarding time!



Thanks to all the teachers who supported and well done to Year 11!

# SPORTS NEWS

All the latest sports news from Co-op Academy Leeds



Very proud of our Y10 boys football team after their 4-3 win. Well done to all the players!



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## Extra Curricular Sport



Time: Tuesday- Friday 3:05pm-4:15pm

Day	Activity	Year Group	Location	Staff
Tuesday	Netball (Girls)	All Years	3G	Miss Bluck
	Football (Boys)	Y9	3G	Mr Pitts
	Volleyball (Mixed)	All Years	Sports Hall	Mrs Broadley
Wednesday	Basketball (Girls)	All Years	Sports Hall	Miss Bluck
	Football (Boys)	Y7/8	3G	Mr Rayner
Thursday	Football (Girls)	All Years	3G	Miss Bluck
	Fitness (Mixed)	All Years (30 max)	Gym	Mrs Broadley
	Basketball (Boys)	All Years	Sports Hall	Mr Pitts
Friday	Football (Boys)	Y10/11	3G	J. Driscoll (LUFC)
	Badminton (Mixed)	All years (30 max)	Sports Hall	Mr Pitts
	Sports Studies Support	Y10/11	CG1	Mr Rayner



# Year 11 Revision April 2026



## Monday 13th April

Subject	Time	Offer
English	10:00 - 12:00 12:00 - 14:00	Targeted

## Tuesday 14th April

Subject	Time	Offer
Maths	10:00 - 12:00	11X1 and 11Y1
Maths	12:00 - 14:00	Higher Further Maths Foundation 11Y2, 11Y3, 11X2 and 11X3

## Wednesday 18th February

Subject	Time	Offer
Citizenship	10:00 - 12:00	11C/Cz1
Geography	10:00 - 12:00	Targeted 2-4
Geography	12:00 - 14:00	Targeted 4+
HSC	10:00 - 14:00	Targeted

## Thursday 19th February

Subject	Time	Offer
Sport Studies	10:00 - 14:00	Targeted
French	10:00 - 14:00	All students for speaking question practice
HSC	10:00 - 12:00	Targeted
Spanish	12:00 - 14:00	All students for speaking question practice
Drama	12:00 - 14:00	All students
History	12:00 - 14:00	Targeted

## Friday 20th February

Subject	Time	Offer
Business	10:00 - 12:00	Targeted
Computer Science	10:00 - 12:00	Targeted



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EASTER HOLIDAYS 2026

[moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free](https://moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free)



**ANGUS STEAKHOUSE**

Kids under 8 eat FREE daily, 12pm to 5pm

**ASDA**

Kids eat for £1 daily, with no adult spend

**ASK ITALIAN**

2 Kids eat free from 27th March - 19th April 2026

**BELLA ITALIA**

Children eat free Sunday - Thursday

**BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE**

2 Kids Eat Free Breakfast with one paying adult

**BILLS**

Kids eat free Mon 30th March - Fri 10th April

**BREWDOG**

Kids eat free 28th March - 12th April 2026

**CAFE ROUGE**

Kids Eat FREE 12-4pm every day of the week

**COCONUT TREE**

Kids eat free Mon 30th March - Sun 19th April

**CHIQUITO**

Kids eat free during all school holidays

**DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES**

Kids eat for £1 with an adult breakfast or lunch

**FARMHOUSE INNS**

Kids eat FREE weekdays 30th March - 17th April

**FRANKIE & BENNY'S**

Kids eat FREE daily from 30th March - 17th April

**FUTURE INNS**

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal

**GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS**

Kids under 10 eat FREE all day, every day

**IKEA**

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

**LAS IGUANAS**

Kids under 12 eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App

**MORRISONS**

Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend

**MARCO PIERRE WHITE**

Kids under 12 Eat FREE daily with an adult spend

**PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM**

Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend all day

**PIZZA HUT**

Kids Eat Free Every Day after 3pm

**PREMIER INN**

2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast

**PRETO**

Kids up to age 10 eat free with 1 paying adult

**PUREZZA**

Kids under 10 get free pizza with every adult meal

**SA BRAINS PUBS**

Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

**SUBWAY**

Kids eat Free from the 6th - 13th April

**SIZZLING PUBS**

Kids eat for £1, Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm

**TABLE TABLE**

2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult

**TGI FRIDAYS**

Kids Eat Free with any adult meal (Via App)

**THE REAL GREEK**

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

**TRAVELODGE**

2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast

**TURTLE BAY**

Kids eat free with every £15 adult spend

**WHITBREAD INNS**

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

**YO! SUSHI**

Kids eat free all day (weekdays) in school holidays



Have a wonderful break!

We'll see you back in the academy  
on Monday 20th April 2026



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in the community

Every Friday

8:30AM - 10AM

Food & Clothing Bank

Academic Support  
and Advice

Pastoral Support

Debt Advice



Co-op Academy Leeds

Stoney Rock Lane  
LS9 7HD

[leeds@coopacademies.co.uk](mailto:leeds@coopacademies.co.uk)



Calling all budding  
journalists, please  
contact Miss Jones if  
you have any article  
suggestions or would  
like to be involved in  
co-creating the  
newsletter?



At Co-op Academy Leeds we are  
ambitious for ourselves and our diverse  
communities - we will endeavour  
to make the world a better place  
through our actions.

We will be determined to succeed and  
show respect, kindness and integrity to  
everyone, everyday.

United by our co-operative values.

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# ATTENDANCE MATTERS

## NEWSLETTER

Half Term 4 Edition



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### Punctuality matters at Co-op Academy Leeds

At Coop Academy Leeds, we expect students to arrive on time to school before 08:25 am.

#### The Power of Being Punctual:

- Builds good habits: Having both a good morning and night time routine helps build routine. Going to early and setting your alarm giving yourself enough time to get to school.
- Being prepared to learn: Arriving on time to school gives you ensures you do not miss key instructions, reduces stress, allows for social interaction with peers before lessons start, and sets a foundation for future professional
- Loss of learning: Time is precious, arriving up to 30 mins late per day is the equivalent of 20 school days lost over the academic year.

*Failure to prepare is preparing to fail - Let's make every day count!*

#### What is the difference between being late and very late?

Answer: Students who arrive to school on time receive a present mark. Students who are late and arrive between 08:25-09:00 am receive an Late code. If you arrive after 09:00 am registers are now closed and you are classed as very late and would receive a U code (unauthorised mark)

#### Reflection Question for Families...

Does being very late to school affect my attendance?

Yes, if your child receives a U code they will only achieve 50% attendance for that day. Its has a negative impact on their overall attendance and can lead to prosecution by the local authority

#### Easter Attendance Celebrations

At the end of Half Term 4, we're celebrating the dedication of our students!

We're proud to acknowledge the 78 students who have maintained 100% attendance this half term.

We're also thrilled to recognise 23 students who have made notable improvements in their attendance.

On Thursday, these hardworking students will receive an Easter treat in recognition of their commitment to improving and maintaining excellent attendance.

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## School Attendance Information



### Persistent Absence

Information for  
Parents and Carers



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#### We're here to help

At Co-op Academies Trust, we believe every child deserves to be in school, learning, and feeling part of our community.

If your child's attendance is low, we won't ignore it. We'll work with you to understand what's going on and agree the right support.

#### What is persistent absence?

A child is classed as persistently absent if they attend school 90% or less.

90% might sound fine - but it isn't.

##### 90% attendance means missing:

- Half a day every week
- Around four weeks of school each year

Over time, that adds up to a lot of lost learning.



#### Why does it matter?

Missing school makes it harder for children to:

- Keep up with lessons
- Build friendships
- Feel confident in class
- Achieve their best

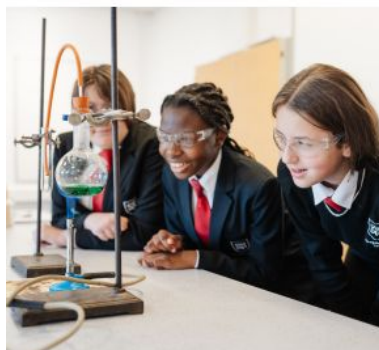
Even a few days here and there can quickly become a pattern.

We know that behind every absence there's a reason. That's why we talk, listen and work together to find solutions.

#### 100% is the aim

We know that children get ill sometimes. That's normal.

But unless your child is genuinely unwell, they should be in school every day. Good attendance gives them the best chance of success - now and in the future.



#### What can you do?

##### 1. Be open with us

If something is affecting your child's attendance, tell us. No judgement. Just support.

##### 2. Talk to your child

Help them understand why school matters. Set clear routines for bedtime and mornings.

##### 3. Ask for help early

If attendance starts to dip, don't wait. The sooner we work together, the easier it is to put things right.

#### How we support families

We will:

- Contact you if attendance drops
- Listen to your concerns
- Agree clear next steps
- Offer practical support where needed

But we also have a duty to act if attendance does not improve.

We would always rather work with you than take formal action.



### School Attendance

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#### Being in school matters

At Co-op Academies Trust, we believe every day in school counts.

- When children attend regularly, they:
  - Build friendships and feel part of the school community
  - Learn more and develop important skills
  - Grow in confidence
  - Improve their social skills
  - Reach their full potential

Good attendance sets children up for life - not just for school, but for the future.

#### What does 90% attendance really mean?

90% might sound good. But it means missing half a day every week.

Over a year, that adds up to around four weeks of learning missed.

Over five years, that's close to a full school year lost.

Even small gaps add up quickly. We want every child to have every opportunity to succeed.

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#### If your child is absent

We understand that sometimes absence can't be avoided.

By law, schools must record all absences and the reasons for them.

##### If your child is unwell or cannot attend:

- Contact the school on the first day of absence
- Let us know the reason as clearly as you can
- Keep us updated if the absence continues

If we don't hear from you, we will contact you. This is part of our duty to keep children safe.

##### Where possible:

- Tell us in advance about medical appointments
- Try to book medical or dental appointments outside school hours

We're here to work with you. If attendance is becoming a concern, please talk to us early so we can support you.

#### Authorised absences

These may include:

- Genuine illness
- Hospital or medical appointments
- Bereavement
- Religious observance

The Headteacher decides whether an absence can be authorised, following national guidance.



#### Unauthorised absences

These include:

- Holidays during term time
- Shopping trips
- Birthdays
- Oversleeping
- Looking after other children
- Arriving very late

If a child arrives very late, this is recorded as an unauthorised absence.

#### Term time leave

Family holidays should take place during school holidays.

Leave during term time is only granted in exceptional circumstances. There is no automatic right to take leave in term time.

##### If you need to request leave:

- Complete a leave request form from the school office
- The Headteacher will review your request

Requests are considered carefully and fairly.

#### Attendance and the law

Parents have a legal responsibility to make sure their child attends school regularly.

If a child has unauthorised absence, we may need to involve the local authority. This can lead to a Penalty Notice or legal action.

We do not want this to happen. Our priority is always to work together to improve attendance.

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## Holiday Prosecution Information

### Penalty Notice Fines for Attendance is changing

NEW CHANGES FROM 19TH AUGUST 2024

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#### 1st OFFENCE

The first time a penalty notice is given for absence, the cost will be:

**£160 per parent, per child.**

This will be £80 if paid within 21 days.

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#### 2nd OFFENCE (within 3 years)

The second time a penalty notice is given for absence, the cost will be:

**£160 per parent, per child** to be paid within 28 days.

No reduced rate offered.

3

#### 3 OR MORE OFFENCES (within 3 years)

If a third penalty notice is given for absence, you will not get a penalty notice. The case will be presented to the Magistrate's Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to **£2,500 per parent, per child.**

Guilty cases can show on parents' future DBS certificates, due to not safeguarding a child's education.

#### 10 SESSIONS (5 DAYS) OF UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE IN A 10-WEEK PERIOD

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there's been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period. This means 5 full days. Being more than 30 minute late to school will count as 1 session of unauthorised absence.



Scan the QR code to find out more about these changes



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## What are the possible legal consequences for parents whose children miss school?

There are a number of [statutory options](#) available to the local authority for parents whose children miss school:

- Penalty notices, fines of £80 or £160, have been available to the local authority since 2007, but their use has increased since the change in legislation around unauthorised absence in term time; please see the current statutory guidance, [Working Together to Improve School Attendance \(2024\)](#). The local authority can prosecute parents in the Magistrates Court for non-payment of penalty notices, which can lead to a fine of up to £1000, a Parenting Order, and a criminal record;
- The local authority can apply to the Family Court for an Education Supervision Order, which means that the local authority can act directly on behalf of the child to ensure they attend school, removing some parental rights; and
- The local authority can also submit a case directly to the Magistrates Court. There are two types of such prosecution and, if found guilty of the most serious offence, parents can face a fine of up to £2,500 and/ or a community rehabilitation order, or even a custodial sentence of up to 3 months.

## Paying a fine

The local authority is responsible for issuing fines (also known as penalty notices) on behalf of schools in Leeds. The [structure of the fines](#) is as follows; please note that these are set at a national level by central government, and not by Leeds City Council:

- For a first offence: £80 per child, per parent - if paid within 21 days. If paid between 22 and 28 days, the fine is £160 per child, per parent. This covers the whole period of the child's absence and must be paid in full.
- For a second offence within three years (this is a rolling period of three years from the time the first penalty notice is issued, rather than three separate school years): £160 per child, per parent if paid within 28 days. There is no reduced payment period.
- A third offence within three years of the first may result in prosecution.

If a fine is not paid, parents or carers face prosecution. Revenue from the payment of fines is retained by the council to cover the costs of administering penalty notices and legal costs of prosecuting parents who fail to pay their fines.

## Key contacts and further information

For more information on attendance support services please contact: [schoolattendanceservice@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:schoolattendanceservice@leeds.gov.uk); queries from parents, schools and other professionals to this email address are responded to through the duty box.

Parents can pay fines by card over the phone by calling 0113 376 0360, Monday to Friday. If parents have lost their fine notice, they can call the School Attendance Service Monday to Friday on 0113 378 6955 for help with the correct details of how to pay.

Statutory guidance for schools and local authorities on improving school attendance was published in August 2024 and is available [here](#).

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## Know the Impact of Your Attendance



Your attendance **aim**: 100%  
Your **minimum** attendance: 98%



Everyday counts - Your child's attendance target is no more than 5 days absence from school in a school year.

Attendance during one school year	Equals days absent	Which is approximately weeks absent	Which means the number of lessons missed	Absence over five years
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons	¼ year
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons	½ year
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons	1 year
70%	57 days	11½ weeks	288 lessons	1¼ years
60%	80 days	16 weeks	400 lessons	2 years
50%	100 days	20 weeks	500 lessons	2½ year

### Building a Strong Work Ethic

When a student manages a heavy revision timetable or meets a coursework deadline, they are demonstrating reliability and the ability to work under pressure. Even the act of maintaining high attendance during these colder months is proof of a strong work ethic, signalling to a future boss that your child is both resilient and dependable. In the professional world, "grades" are important but so are a person's habits and qualities. By arriving at your desk early or at the very least on time, students are practicing punctuality, the same trait an employer relies on to ensure a business opens on schedule. We are collectively preparing our students for more than just exams. We are helping them build the professional traits required for a successful, stable career. Thank you for your continued support in reinforcing these life-long habits.




#### Need Attendance Support or Have Feedback

Your child's attendance is a partnership and we are here to help!

If you have any concerns regarding your child's attendance, feel your family would benefit from additional support or if you simply want to provide general feedback on attendance matters, please don't hesitate to contact us.

*We are ready to listen and work together.*

Click Here to Contact the Attendance Team 



## Do you know about the fantastic NHS service, 'Pharmacy First'?

This service gives families quicker and more convenient access to safe and high quality healthcare. It includes the supply of appropriate medicines for 7 common conditions including earache, sore throat and urinary tract infections, aiming to address health issues before they get worse.

### Accessing Pharmacy First services

The following table shows the 7 conditions pharmacists can manage across various age ranges.

Clinical pathway	Age range
Acute otitis media*	1 to 17 years
Impetigo	1 year and over
Infected insect bites	1 year and over
Shingles	18 years and over
Sinusitis	12 years and over
Sore throat	5 years and over
Uncomplicated urinary tract infections	Women 16-64

For the 7 common conditions, pharmacists will follow a robust clinical pathway which includes self care and, only if appropriate, supplying a restricted set of prescription only medicines without the need to visit a GP.



#### Further Information

For more information and to provide a participating pharmacy in our community, please use the following link:

[www.england.nhs.uk/primary-care/pharmacy/pharmacy-services/pharmacy-first/](http://www.england.nhs.uk/primary-care/pharmacy/pharmacy-services/pharmacy-first/)

