



Co-op Academy
Leeds

Academy Life



February 2024



SPORTS NEWS

Our Amazing Year 9 Boys Football Team! Won 4-0!

This is their best performance so far.

Man of the match - Ali T for his consistent attacking threat.

Do what
matters most

Be yourself,
always

Show you
care

Succeed
together



Miss Jones, Headteacher
Co-op Academy Leeds

Message from the Headteacher

There has been a lot of hard work, focus and determination across the academy in January and February and Year 11 in particular have been impressive in their commitment to their studies.

Mock exams have started and will continue throughout February to give our students a realistic taste of what is to come in May and June, when we know that they will make us all proud!

As always, we have had a plethora of trips and in-school events running this half term and these include; a French trip to Notre Dame Sixth Form; a Y10 trip to visit the Knife Angel Sculpture at the Royal Armouries; Leeds Apprenticeship Fair; Leeds Panathlon; Leeds University Spanish and Business competition; Year 7, Dental workshops and Year 11 mock college interviews. Our work with Positive Pie has continued and it is great to see so many students engaging with the programme. Finally, our first ever Academy chess tournament was a huge success and we cannot wait for the rematches - I just need a student to teach me how to play!

Good attendance is really important, not just for academic outcomes, but also to ensure students can participate in these wider enrichment experiences and make the most of academy life. Students should attend school every day and lessons start at 08:25 - students who are not in school at 08:25 are marked late and will be issued a detention. If your child is arriving late to school, please speak with them about their punctuality and the fact that every minute of their education is precious.

We hope everyone has a lovely February half term and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 19th February.

Please note that the last day of next half term is Thursday 28th March and school will close at the normal time of 15:05.

Student Leadership

Student leadership is expanding and developing this year across the academy.

Student Council Leaders

We are proud to announce that after receiving over 50 application forms, we have appointed 15 students to the role of 'Student Council Leader' to feedback student evaluations of how the school is being run, as well contributing ideas for academy improvement at this exciting time for the community.



Student Council Leaders have also just participated in the Inner East Youth Summit, which took place on 8th February at Leeds Civic Hall. Whilst at this event, they discussed and debated how part of the council youth budget should be spent in East Leeds. It was also a chance to meet and work with local councillors and network with student leaders from other schools.

Moving forward, we are excited to hear students' own ideas as they will play a big part in shaping and developing this important role in the school.

Reading Ambassadors



The reading curriculum has been a huge focus for the last two years, and it has been pleasing to see 30 Year 9 students giving up two lunchtimes a week after volunteering to help Year 7 students who have asked for some extra support with their reading.

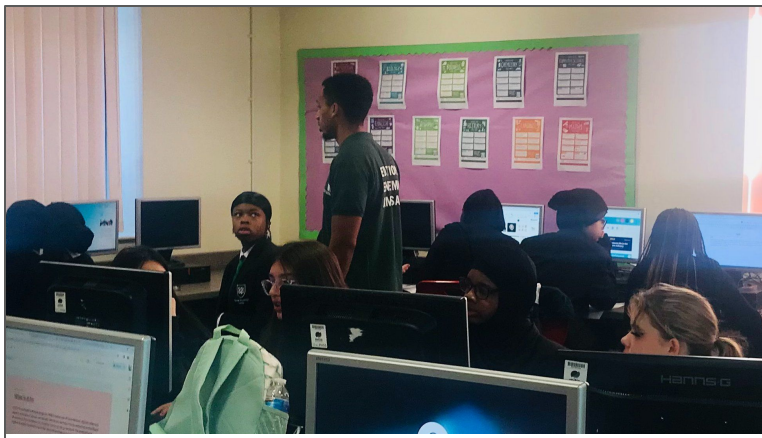
The library has been a hive of activity on Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes, with students reading to each other, choosing books together and supporting each other to improve fluency and comprehension.

Sports Council

The PE Department have also appointed 15 student members of the Sports Council.

So far, they have assisted Mr Pitts and Mr Rayner with key events and open evenings, as well as attending and contributing their views to Mr Pitts in meetings to discuss and expand our provision of extracurricular clubs and other sporting activities.

Finally, we also have 'Climate Ambassadors' and 'LGBTQ+' groups in the pipeline, so, overall, there have been many more opportunities for our wonderful students to contribute to leadership at CAL this year.



After French & Business last year, last Friday we had an amazing time in the Spanish & Business workshops led by University of Leeds! Our year 9 & 10 were highly praised by staff for their fantastic attitude, innovative ideas and brilliant engagement! We are so proud of them!



Thank you to The Riot Act for delivering an informative and engaging Road Safety Workshop to our Year 7 students.



COUNCILLOR
Asghar KHAN

BURMANTOFTS AND RICHMOND HILL WARD

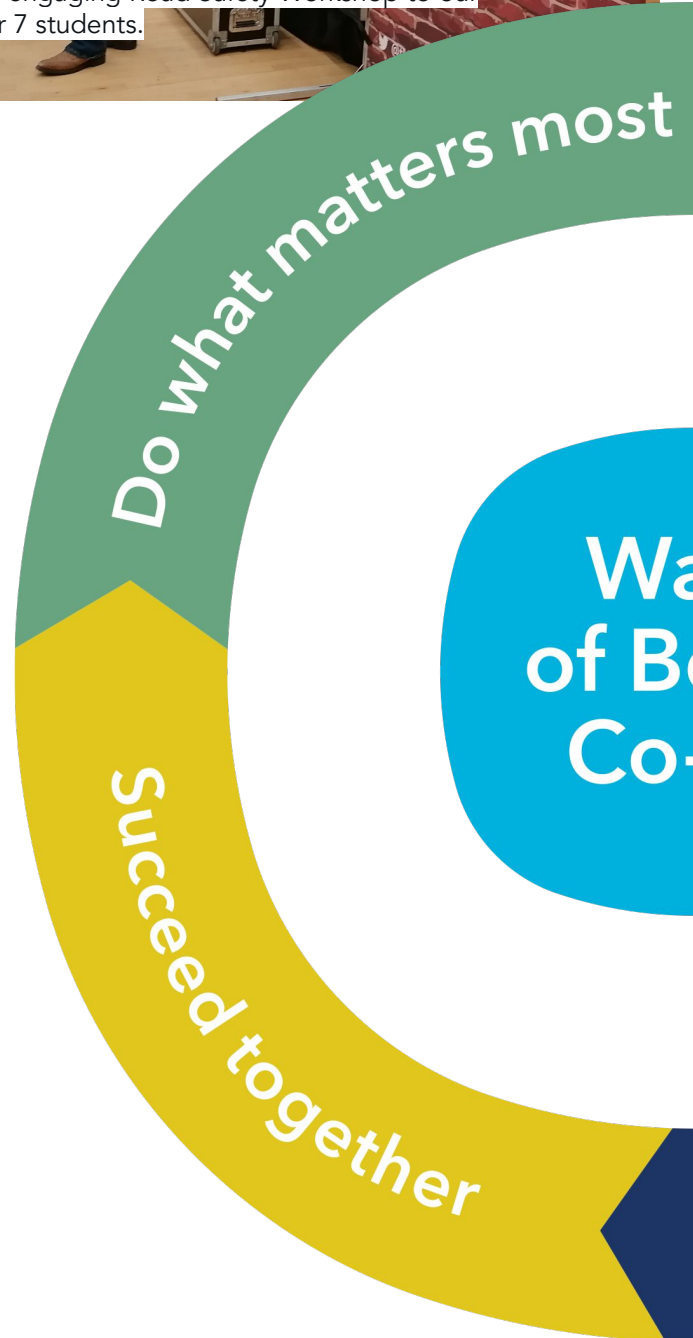
Presented by and on behalf of Asghar Khan, at
PO Box 435, Leeds, Leicestershire, LE15 9LN

Councillor, Asghar Khan, was very impressed by his visit. He said that it was lovely meeting with leaders to share ideas about building connections between local communities during Ramadan.

Let's make our school more sustainable! We are looking for Climate Change Ambassadors.

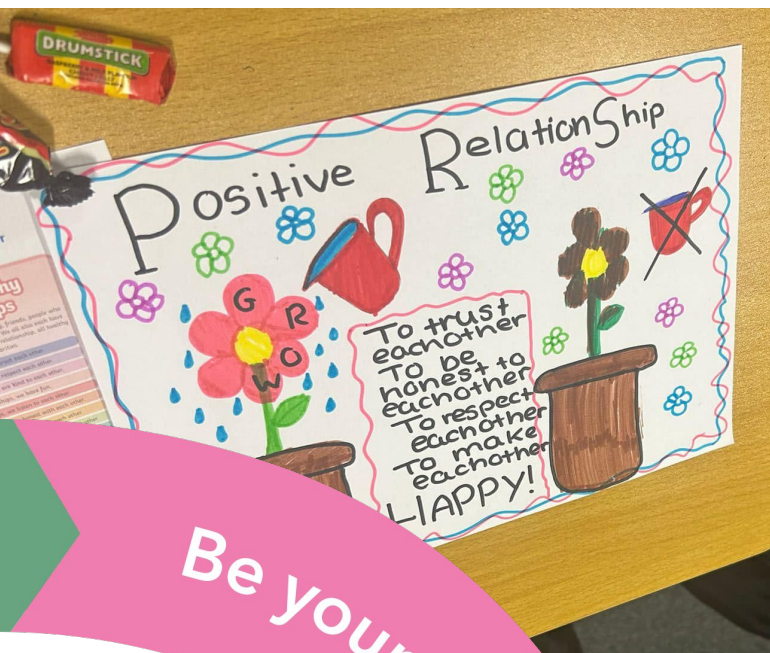
If you think you could help us become more environmentally friendly we would love to hear from you!

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Schools working together to be zero carbon



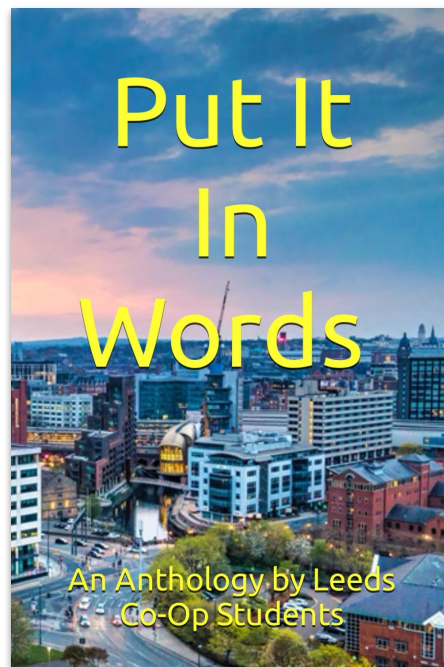
PIE spent a day with year 8 at exploring positive relationships, and thinking about what we can do (and what we should expect) from positive relationships. PIE loved the clever and creative analogies that students came up with to explain what they saw as a positive relationship.

www.pieuk.org

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This anthology celebrates emotions young men are taught to hide and repress. None of their emotions are edited out, neither is their slang or the way they choose to speak. In this book these young men discuss political issues (climate change, homelessness) as well as their insecurities, hopes and fears.



www.bit.ly/3w6Yhlg



This positivity PIE session was all about looking ahead and thinking of what our group wanted their future to look like. The girls made a list of 50 things they want to do (these girls really want to travel the world!) and then made a vision board so they could be reminded of these everyday!

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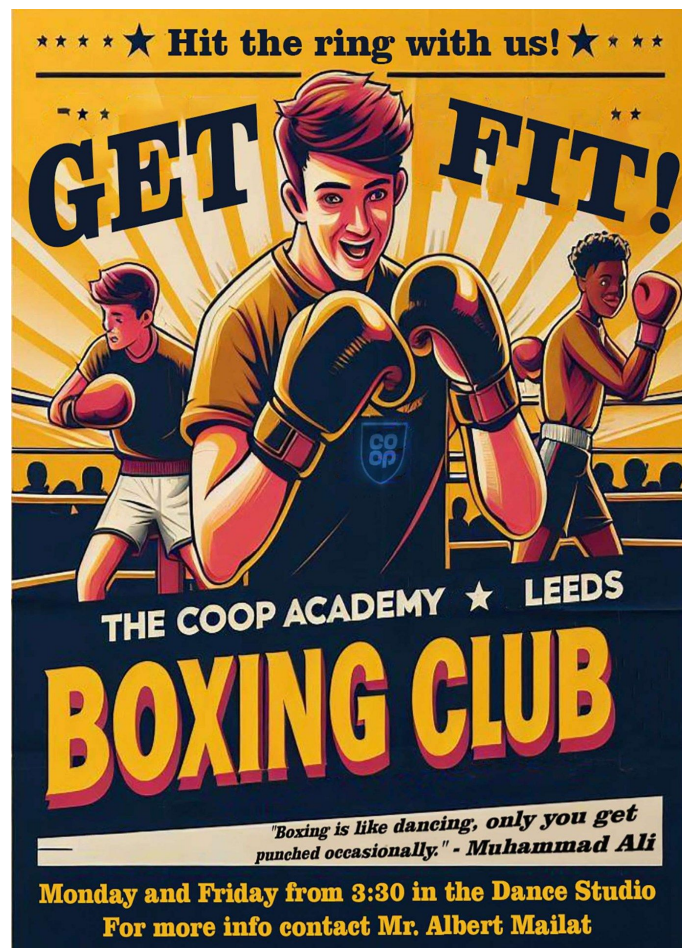
All the latest sports news from Co-op Academy Leeds



Well done to our awesome Y11 basketball team who finished with a 2nd place. 5 schools from across Leeds competed in a high quality tournament, shout out to Briel on his MVP performance (seen here scoring for us)

PE days for each year group

	First day of the week	Second day of the week
Year 7	Tuesday	Friday
Year 8	Monday	Friday
Year 9	Monday	Wednesday
Year 10	Tuesday	Thursday
Year 11	Tuesday	Thursday



Sports Activities

Please note that you will need full PE kit to attend our extra curricular clubs

Monday 3:05 - 4:15	Netball (Year 10/11) Mrs Skelton Volleyball (all Years) Mr Pitts Girls Football (Year 7/8) Mrs Broadley
Tuesday 3:05 - 4:15	Girls Basketball (all Years) Mrs Broadley Boys Football (Year 7/8/9) Mr Rayner/Mr Pitts/Mr Hurren
Wednesday 3:05 - 4:15	
Thursday 3:05 - 4:15	Girls Football (Year 9/10/11) Mr Hurren Netball (Year 7/8/9) Mrs Broadley Boys Basketball (all Years) Mr Rayner
Friday 3:05 - 4:15	Boys Football (Year 10/11) Mr Rayner BTEC Catch up support (Year 10/11) Mr Cafferky CG3/4 Badminton (all Years) Mrs Skelton/Mr Pitts Leeds United Foundation Girls Football (Year 9/10/11) Mr Hurren

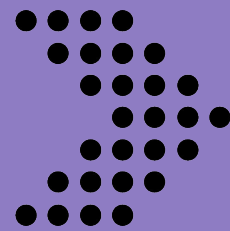
Lunchtime Sports Clubs

Monday	Badminton (Y7,8,9) Mr Pitts	Sports Hall
	Football (Y7,8,9) Mr Rayner	MUGA
Tuesday	Indoor Football (Y7,8,9) Mrs Broadley	Sports Hall
	Handball (Y7,8) Mr Rayner	MUGA
Wednesday	Badminton (Y10/11) Mr Rayner	Sports Hall
Thursday	Netball (Y7,8,9) Mrs Skelton	Sports Hall
	Football (Y10/11) Mr Rayner	MUGA
Friday	Gym/Fitness (Y10/11) Mr Pitts	Studio
	Basketball (Y7,8,9) Mrs Broadley	Sports Hall



Alumni

Where are they now?



We always enjoy hearing how our ex students are getting on. Here are just a couple of stories shared with us recently.



Chloe Townend
Class of 2014

What do you do now?

I work for security watchdog.

How many GCSEs did you leave with?

I'm not sure.

What were you like at school?

I was good at school and enjoyed my time there.

Was there anyone in school who especially helped you?

Nancy (school counsellor) helped me a lot with my mental health.

Where did you go after leaving Co-op Academy Leeds?

I had 2 children and was a stay at home mum until my kids went school.

What advice would you give to current students?

Work hard. These are valuable years and it will help you when you're older in getting a job and having a good life.



Kenzie Arnold
Class of 2022

What do you do now?

Studying 'Bridge Building' at Leeds College of Building.

How many GCSEs did you leave with?

Entry level qualifications.

What were you like at school?

Very well known and funny.

Was there anyone in school who especially helped you?

Yes. All of you to be fair.

Where did you go after leaving Co-op Academy Leeds?

Leeds College of Building.

Did you gain any other qualifications?

No.

What advice would you give to current students?

Never give up and you will thrive.



Ex Students,

We'd love to hear from you!

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Roma Community Liaison Team

Co-op Academies are working with Mission 44, a charity set up by Lewis Hamilton, to support inclusion of students from ethnic minority groups. Part of our work has been to set up a team to support Roma children and families feel more included.



Citizens Uk

We took a couple of our students with us to an event organised by Citizens UK. Alex Balica and Abigail Bogdan were absolutely amazing exchanging ideas on different topics with leaders from organisations that attended the event.

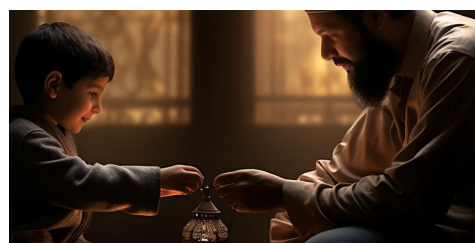


Chess Tournament

We have also started a chess tournament in our school library which was unexpectedly well attended. We will update you on the winners in the next newsletter.



This half term, we had the pleasure of meeting Jason Arthur, CEO of Mission 44 and Sharon Jones, Head of Impact at Mission 44.



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Open Iftar Event-Bringing Communities Together will take place on the Friday 22nd March from 4pm. Tickets are on Eventbrite and are for all the members of our community and especially our student's parents.

We also have the 'International Roma Day' coming up on Thursday 28th March, more details to come.

Home Learning



We are unapologetic about our high expectations of all students and this includes homework. Home learning helps increase the progress students make and develops good study habits. Students who complete regular homework, achieve higher grades. Please ask your child about their home learning - every student has home learning to complete every night and all students have a Sparx Maths account to complete their Maths homework. For further information, please visit our website:

www.leeds.coopacademies.co.uk/homelearning

In addition to this students in years 7 - 9 have home learning schedules in their planners detailing each week's look, say, cover, write, check home learning. These can also be found below:

Year 7				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Maths	English	Science	MFL	History & RW

Year 8				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
History & RW	Maths	English	Science	MFL

Year 9				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
MFL	History & RW	Maths	English	Science

Yr 11 Feb Half Term revision 2024



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Can your business offer Work Experience to 14/15 year olds from year 10?

This would be 10th - 14th June.
We'd love to hear from you.

We need help from local businesses based in our local area and Leeds city centre. If you think your business could offer our students work experience please get in touch...
tarren.williams@coopacademies.co.uk



Staff enjoyed a little something to brighten their day on Blue Monday.



Join West Yorkshire Police, the Youth Justice Service, Barca and Crimestoppers in your local community.

Project Shield is about enabling a more positive, hopeful conversation with young people and delivering a co-ordinated response to tackling serious youth violence and protecting young people in Leeds.

Let's work together to make the spaces for our children and young people safer.

EAST LEEDS

Thursday 22nd February 2024 - 6pm-8pm

ARK, Hovingham Avenue, Harehills, LS8 3QY



We had a treat for staff as part of Time to Talk day.

There were goodies in the staffroom to go with a cuppa and a chat.



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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