



Co-op Academy
Leeds

Academy Life



March 2024



Pictures from Work Experience in Italy - More inside.

Do what
matters most



Be yourself,
always



Miss Jones, Headteacher
Co-op Academy Leeds

Message from the Headteacher

Welcome to our March newsletter, which really reflects the breadth of opportunities that our students have taken advantage of over the last six weeks.

We have had a lovely half term in school, with students taking advantage of trips to Italy, the ballet, Manchester, Civic Hall the Medical Museum and and the University of Leeds. We have a really comprehensive careers programme and lots of our children have been involved in careers events over the last half term as well.

Reading is a huge focus of ours and our library collection is growing week by week - please do encourage your child to visit the library and read every day, it is the biggest way to help your child succeed and learn. As always, World Book Day brought a buzz around the academy and our book fair that is visiting at the minute has meant that lots of students have been really excited about the new books on offer!

Our Year 11 students continue to make us proud by the way they handled our second round of mock exams - there is Easter Revision every day over the holidays and we are looking forward to seeing lots of students in school in the final push towards the GCSE season starting.

Finally, school attendance is so important; every hour of missed learning brings with it missed opportunities that cannot be caught up on; please speak with your child about the importance of good (95% +) attendance and punctuality. If you would like support with child's attendance, please do contact your child's Year Manager who will be happy to arrange a meeting to help us all work together to drive forward attendance and academic success.

Have a lovely break - the academy reopens at 07:50 for breakfast club on 15th April, students must be in lessons by 08:25.

Succeed
together

Work Experience in Italy



Students went to Borgo Italy to start their work experience placements.

On their first day of work experience at Trentino Borgo Vulsugana. They took part in a wide range of activities including Italian lessons, helping students speak English, understanding the school system and finding all the local landmarks.

They had Italian language exchange, visited San Rocco Oratory and made tiramisu and strudel in home economics to enjoy for an Italian style afternoon tea.

Students visited Bolzano, spending time at an underground war bunker, visiting Brocon and spending time in the mountains.

Students later moved to their second placement at the Marie Curie school. They took part in lots of different activities to support students with their language skills.

They spent the day at the Marie Curie school in Pergine. Students learnt how to make Canderli, took part in Italian lessons, visited Borgo Castle and taught Italian students how to play rounders.



We are embracing all the joys of working towards being a School of Sanctuary.

We recently held a food sale fundraiser for Refugee Week.



At Coop Academy Leeds, we aim to provide a safe and welcoming environment for new students and their families from a refugee background to support their successful integration into the school and wider community.

We implemented The Young Interpreters scheme involving a group of multilingual students to welcome and support new arrivals during their induction period as well as with ongoing social situations around school. Young interpreters show compassion and have a good understanding of the needs of new arrivals from refugee backgrounds as they share similar experiences and journeys.

We incorporated activities into our curriculum and school life to give students the opportunity to develop a good understanding of seeking refuge and safety. Students led and participated in events to raise awareness and promote inclusion, diversity and equality. Our students thrive in celebrating their culture and heritage.

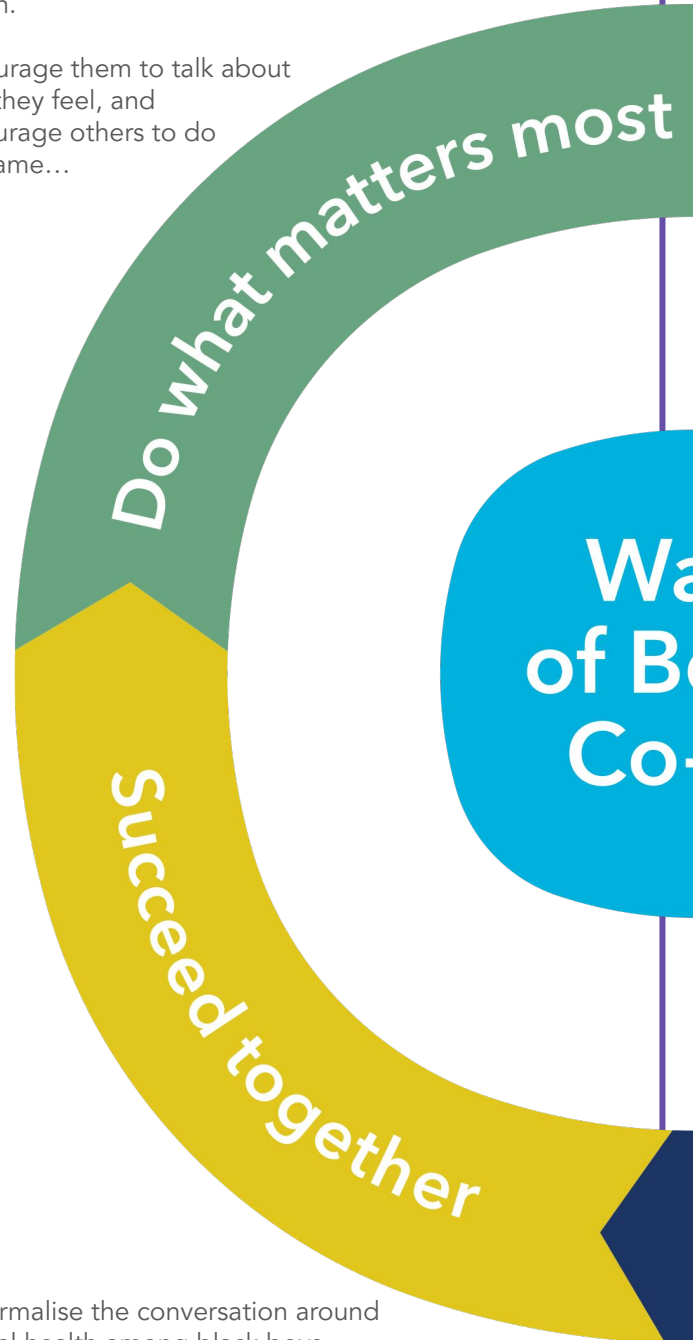
Don't bottle it up SPEAK UP

Students have been taking part in #SpeakUp campaign-Black Boy Joy Groupwork programme. This programme aims to support black men to share what makes them feel good, their aspirations and to open up about their mental health.

The speak up campaign aims to...

Encourage black boys aged 10 -18 talk about their personal experience as a black boy and how this affects their mental health.

Encourage them to talk about how they feel, and encourage others to do the same...



...Normalise the conversation around mental health among black boys.

“ I speak to my little brother. He doesn't really say anything, but when I speak to him I feel better after. ”

Peniel, Age 13

SPEAK UP For mental health #SpeakUpLeeds





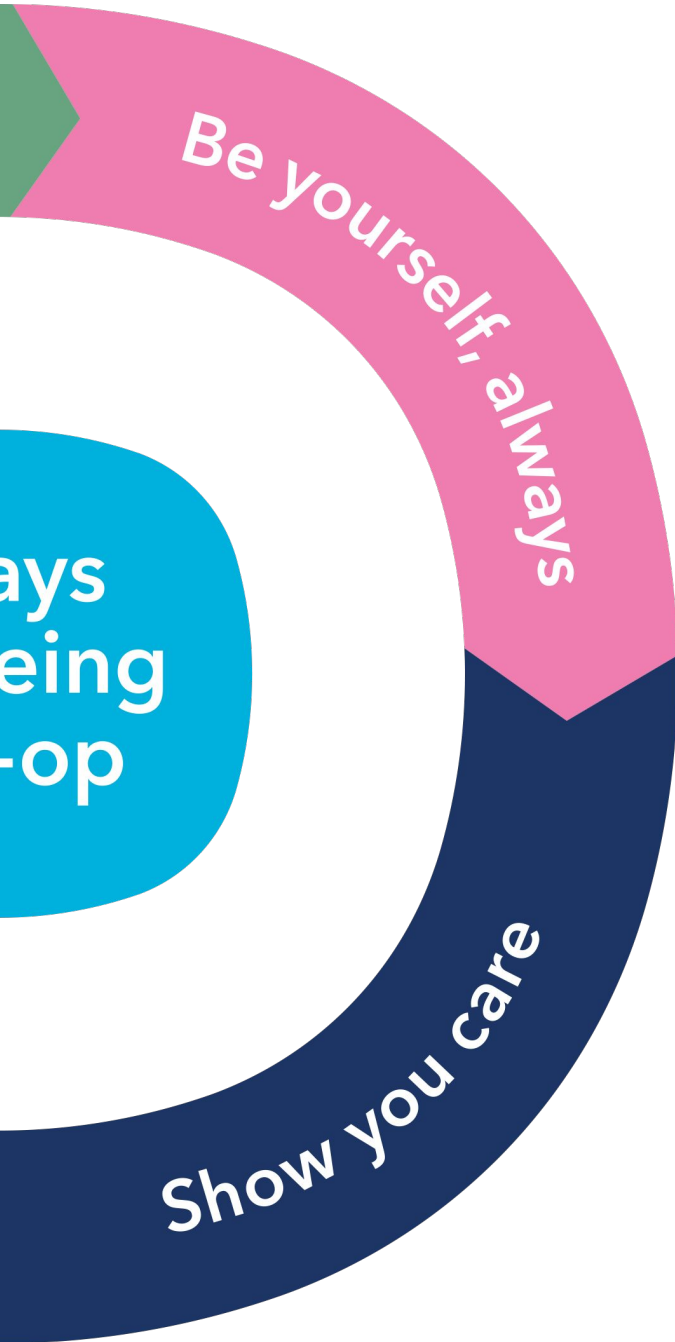
Leeds city's diversity is its strength. The holy month of Ramadan is a perfect time to show solidarity to Muslim friends, colleagues & neighbours.



Councillor Asghar Khan

We had a wonderful Community Iftar Event with over 100 attending guests.

Thank you to everyone who came along.



SPORTS NEWS

All the latest sports news from Co-op Academy Leeds

Well done to our Y7 Basketball team on representing the Academy. We can't wait to see you continue to develop.



Two fixtures with fantastic results. Well done to our Y11 boys basketball team (38-11) - (pictured above) and our Y9 boys football team (8-1) - (pictured left) on their victories.



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



Extra-curricular Opportunities at Co-op Academy Leeds

by Isabela Nita and Precious Okonkwo

Co-op Academy Leeds has many sports clubs for you to attend after school as well as during lunch - why not try something new and live a healthy lifestyle?

On Monday, during lunch there is badminton for the Key Stage 3 students (Years 7-9) and after school there is girls basketball (all years) and girls football (Year 7 / 8).

On Tuesday, indoor football takes place during lunch for Year 10 & 11 as well as handball for Year 7 & 8. After school there is girls indoor rugby for all years and boys football for Key Stage 3 students.

On Wednesday, we have badminton running for Year 10 & 11 students and after school we have Year 10 boys football.

On Thursday, there is Key Stage 3 netball and Key Stage 4 football at lunch time. After school we have the very exciting Changemakers project for Year 7 and 8 along with Key Stage 4 Girls football and boys basketball for all years.



Lastly, on Friday there is gym/fitness (Years 10 & 11) and basketball for Key Stage 3 students taking place during lunch. After school there is Key Stage 4 boys football, netball (all students welcome), BTEC catch up support, badminton/table tennis (all years welcome), Leeds United Foundation girls football (Year 9-11) and last but not least dance (all years).

We are lucky to have such a committed PE team who provide us with so many opportunities. If there is a sport you would like to know more about, please speak with your PE teacher or a Sports Leader.





A wonderful experience for year 10 to see Romeo and Juliet come to life as they watched Northern Ballet's production at the Grand Theatre.



We celebrated World Book Day. Thank you to our fantastic team for putting so much effort into their costumes.

CO-OP ACADEMY LEEDS PRESENTS
MOVIE CLUB

Every Thursday in the Library after school with Mr Smith.

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If you are interested and would like to sign up, then please use the sign up sheet in the Library.



We had lots of excitement in the Library for our brand new manga collection! Dive into a world of endless adventures with our latest manga collections! Explore the realms of imagination and let your journey begin!

CO-OP ACADEMY LEEDS
BOARD GAME CLUB

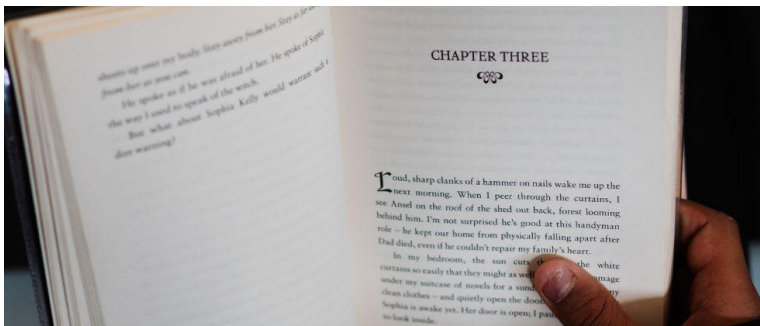
EVERY WEDNESDAY IN THE LIBRARY WITH MR SMITH

"Games are the most elevated form of investigation" - A. Einstein

Co-Op Academy Leeds
CHESS CLUB

With Mr Smith

Every Monday after school.





A Typical Day at School Part 1

Breakfast Club and Tutor Time

by Isabela Nita and Precious Okonkwo

We are Precious and Isabela and we are going to talk about a typical day at Co-op Academy Leeds.

We wake up early for school as it is important to arrive at school early. The gates open at 8:15 but most people come early for breakfast club or to use the library. During breakfast club there are a lot of things that people do, some people chat with their friends, some people play games or read and some people catch up on their homework.

At Co-op Academy we have a wide range of multicultural and diverse communities from all around the world, so breakfast club is a chance for people to socialise with one another before lesson starts and we focus on learning. My favourite thing about school is that no-one is left out and breakfast club has allowed me to get to know lots of different people.

Tutor time is similar to lots of other schools and it starts at 8:25am. It is nice having the same thing every morning and it is a good opportunity for your tutor to prepare you for class by providing you with essential materials like pens, pencils, rulers, sharpener etc if you have forgotten them. You can also buy equipment from Student Reception.

Tutor Time is also a time dedicated everyday for form teachers to prepare you for every lesson so you can reach the right standard of learning; it helps you focus on your day ahead and reminds you why homework and regular quizzes are so important. Most importantly, it is a chance for your tutor to help you feel part of a community and to help you if your day hasn't started in the way that you want.

Uniform is a great way of showing that we are all in this together and proud of our identity.



“ We all have the same uniform. We all look smart. I don't have to worry that others are better dressed than me. ”

“ I'm proud to wear my uniform. We are easily recognised for being from Co-op Academy Leeds. ”

Uniform can be purchased from...

Jo Brand, 371 Harehills Ln, Leeds LS9 6AP
www.uniwears.co.uk

Black trousers and plain white shirt can be purchased from...

Asda, Harehills Ln, Harehills, Leeds LS9 6EU

School shoes can be purchased from...

Wynsors World of Shoes, 84 York Rd, Leeds LS9 9AA

www.leeds.coopacademies.co.uk/uniform



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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

Geography Quiz Monday Earth Day 22nd April

Which Year 8 form will be crowned the champions?

How well do you know

- The flags of the world
- Famous landmarks
- Important cities



*Wishing you a lovely Easter, warm sunshine,
and the beauty of spring all around you*



Co-op Academy
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in the community

Every Friday

8:30AM - 10AM

Food & Clothing Bank

**Academic Support
and Advice**

Pastoral Support

Debt Advice



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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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