



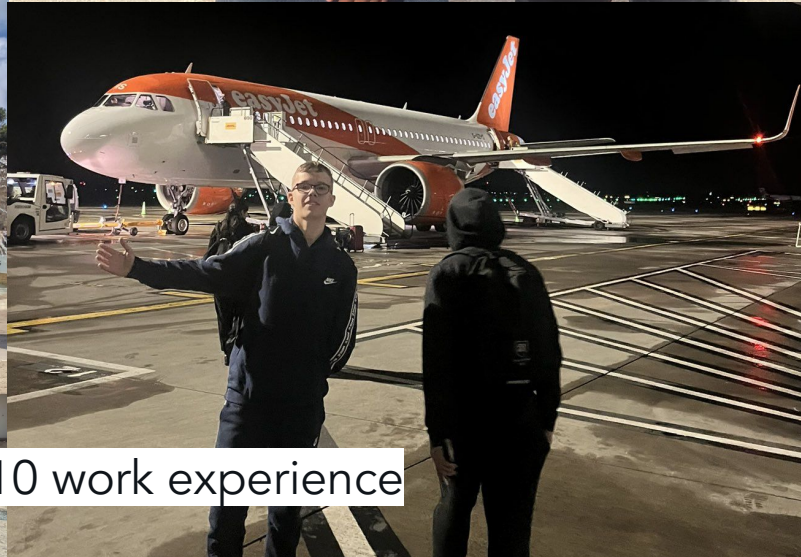
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Message from the Headteacher

It is a pleasure to welcome you to the first newsletter of the academic year and to introduce you to the new Academy Student Leadership Team! We are really excited to see all of the changes and developments that Daniel, Iftinan, Henna, Amalia and Aimee introduce and we all know that they will fo a great job.

This summer saw the Class of 2024 achieve the best GCSE results in the school's history. We are incredibly proud of the achievements of all of our pupils and we love to hear from our alumni!

There have been a number of trips and visits already this academic year and Saturday school has been very well attended by Year 11 who are all working really hard in the run up to their first round of mock exams.

Our door is open every Friday morning for CAL in the Community; parents are welcome to attend between 8:30 and 10:00 to meet other parents, chat with staff and to visit our clothing and food bank.

Just a reminder that school reopens on Monday 4th November and term ends for the Christmas break on Friday 20th December and that our free breakfast club is open from 07:50 each morning (students must enter through the back gate only at this time).

Have a lovely break

Miss N Jones

Headteacher

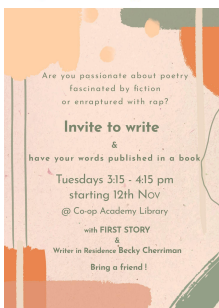
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Students delivered English workshops, sessions on life in Leeds, British history. We enjoyed a cultural day visiting the Citadella, bastions, and the Ggantija Temples. The weekend was action packed with kayaking, e-bikes, shopping and making and flying kites at the 2024 kite and wind festival. We had a great day in Valletta. We visited St John's Cathedral, watched the cannon salute, enjoyed lunch at a traditional tearoom and spent time enjoying the scenic views.

First Story Workshop Returns for the Fourth Year!

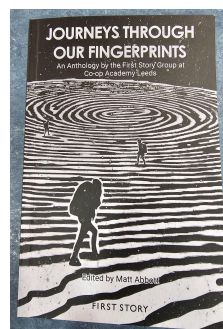


We are excited to announce that the First Story writing workshop is returning for the fourth consecutive year! This creative program, which empowers students to find their voice through writing, continues to inspire and challenge young minds at our school.

Led by professional writers, the workshop encourages self-expression, storytelling, and imagination, making it one of the most anticipated events of the year. Please join the group of published authors. We can't wait to see the new stories and ideas our students will bring to life this year!



Celebrating Our Student Writers



A huge congratulations to our student writers who participated in this year's First Story workshop! Abdoul Gimma, Andreea Baiculescu, Arissa Sadiq, Devanh Karanam, Estera Nechita, Eyram Yawa Oklu, Hasba Khan, Hollie Chapman, Jack Martin, Karolina Pietraniec, Kayden Tipple, Mariam Adebayo, Tazri Nazat, Teodora Malinescu.

They got their stories published in the anthology called Journeys Through Our Fingerprints.



Their dedication, creativity, and passion for storytelling have truly shone through. We are incredibly proud of the diverse and powerful pieces they've crafted. These young authors have demonstrated not only their writing skills but also their courage in sharing their unique voices. Keep an eye out for the published anthology later this year, showcasing the outstanding work of our talented students!



Student Leadership

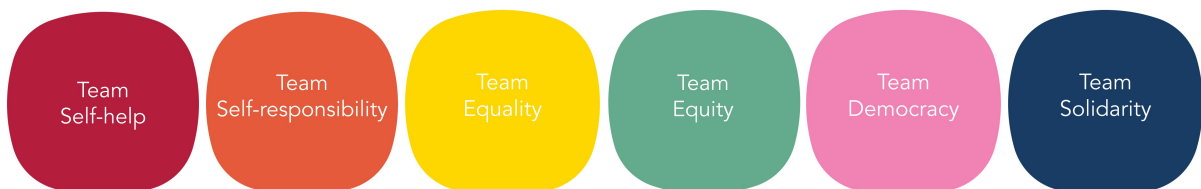
The Student Leadership Team, led by five elected Year 11 students, fosters leadership and personal growth across the academy. They oversee six teams focused on our core values: self-help, self-responsibility, equality, equity, democracy, and solidarity. These teams empower students to develop leadership skills and amplify their voices, driving meaningful change within the academy and the wider community.



Following over 100 votes from Year 11 students, we are pleased to announce Daniel, Iftinan, and Henna as the Heads of Student Leadership, alongside their deputies, Aimee and Amalia. We look forward to collaborating with these Year 11 leaders to drive meaningful change within our academy and the wider community.



Driven by a commitment to fostering change and developing their skills, the following Year 11 students have been elected as heads of their respective teams: Self-Help: Daniella and Marvin; Self-Responsibility: Alishba and Isha; Equality: Dena and Emily; Equity: Abuwaquid and Sakib; Democracy: Promise and Fazliddin; Solidarity: Shohibullah and Adam. We look forward to their leadership and contributions to our academy.



Food at Co-op Academy Leeds



All our menus are Halal

WEEK 1 MENU

FOOD UNION

	CHOICE One	CHOICE Two	GRAB & GO options
MON	STREET Korean Glazed Quorn Flatbread 🍴 Served with Satay Sweetcorn	SPICE IS NICE Catalan Spiced Bean and Potato Stew 🍴 Served with Herb Dumpling and Spiced Cauliflower	HOT DISHES: Paninis Pasta and Sauces Freshly Baked Pizza Soup and Bread Jacket Potato and Toppings SALADS: Tuna and Sweetcorn Pasta Salad 🍴 Pesto Pasta Salad 🍴 Roasted Indian Chickpea Salad 🍴 SANDWICHES/BAQUETTES: Cheese Ploughmans 🍴 Chicken Salad Sandwich 🍴 Cheese Baguette 🍴 Tuna Mayo Baguette 🍴 CLT Baguette 🍴 WRAPS: Pepper and Houmous Wrap 🍴 BBQ Chicken Wrap 🍴 Chicken Cesar Wrap 🍴
TUE	BURGER BAR Beef Burger 🍴 Served with Baked Garlic and Herb Wedges and Corn on the Cob	BURGER BAR Veggie Burger 🍴 Served with Baked Garlic and Herb Wedges and Corn on the Cob	
WED	CLASSICS Roast Chicken and Stuffing Baguette 🍴 Served with Roast Potatoes and Roasted Autumn Vegetables	CLASSICS Macaroni Cheese 🍴	
THUR	STREET Chicken Katsu 🍴 Served with Wholegrain Rice	SPICE IS NICE Chicken Tikka Masala 🍴 Served with Wholegrain Rice and Spiced Cauliflower	
FRI	FRIDAY FAVOURITES Battered Fish 🍴 Served with Chips, Baked Beans and Peas	FRIDAY FAVOURITES Quorn Sausage Roll 🍴 Served with Chips, Baked Beans and Peas	

🍴 Nutritional Choice 🌱 Vegetarian 🐟 Oily fish 🌾 Wholegrain 🍴 Halal Our menu is subject to change.



WEEK 2 MENU

FOOD UNION

	CHOICE One	CHOICE Two	GRAB & GO options
MON	NOODLE BAR Soya Yakisoba 🍴 Served with Vegetables	CLASSICS Vegetarian Sausage and Mash 🍴 Served with Vegetables and Gravy	HOT DISHES: Paninis Pasta and Sauces Freshly Baked Pizza Soup and Bread Jacket Potato and Toppings SALADS: Tuna and Sweetcorn Pasta Salad 🍴 Pesto Pasta Salad 🍴 Roasted Indian Chickpea Salad 🍴 SANDWICHES/BAQUETTES: Cheese Ploughmans 🍴 Chicken Salad Sandwich 🍴 Cheese Baguette 🍴 Tuna Mayo Baguette 🍴 CLT Baguette 🍴 WRAPS: Pepper and Houmous Wrap 🍴 BBQ Chicken Wrap 🍴 Chicken Cesar Wrap 🍴
TUE	FEASTIVAL Chilli Beef Cheese Nachos 🍴 Served with Salad	FEASTIVAL Rajasthani Red Lentil Curry 🍴 Served with Wholegrain Rice	
WED	HOT DELI Sage and Onion Chicken Rolled Flatbread 🍴 Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	HOT DELI Roasted Rainbow Vegetables with Houmous 🍴 Served with Flatbread Fingers	
THUR	NOODLE BAR Chicken Yakisoba 🍴 Served with Vegetables	CLASSICS Chicken Sausage and Mash 🍴 Served with Vegetables and Gravy	
FRI	FRIDAY FAVOURITES Southern Fried Chicken Wrap 🍴 Served with Chips, Baked Beans and Peas	FRIDAY FAVOURITES Cheese and Onion Bake 🍴 Served with Chips, Baked Beans and Peas	

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WEEK 3 MENU

FOOD UNION

	CHOICE One	CHOICE Two	GRAB & GO options
MON	SPICE IS NICE Vegetable Tikka Masala 🍴 with Wholegrain Rice	STREET Butterbean, Blackbean and Coconut Stew 🍴 Served with Wholegrain Rice and Mixed Salad	HOT DISHES: Paninis Pasta and Sauces Freshly Baked Pizza Soup and Bread Jacket Potato and Toppings SALADS: Tuna and Sweetcorn Pasta Salad 🍴 Pesto Pasta Salad 🍴 Roasted Indian Chickpea Salad 🍴 SANDWICHES/BAQUETTES: Cheese Ploughmans 🍴 Chicken Salad Sandwich 🍴 Cheese Baguette 🍴 Tuna Mayo Baguette 🍴 CLT Baguette 🍴 WRAPS: Pepper and Houmous Wrap 🍴 BBQ Chicken Wrap 🍴 Chicken Cesar Wrap 🍴
TUE	PAN ASIAN Sweet and Sour Beef Meatballs 🍴 Served with Wholegrain Rice and Satay Sweetcorn	PAN ASIAN Teriyaki Vegetarian Wrap 🍴 Served with Satay Sweetcorn	
WED	HOT DELI Chicken Sausage Stuffing Baguette 🍴 Served with Baked Garlic and Herb Wedges	HOT DELI Sticky BBQ Quorn Pita 🍴 Served with Baked Garlic and Herb Wedges	
THUR	ITALIAN Ultimate Chicken Feast Pizza 🍴 Served with Mixed Salad	STREET Buffalo Chicken 🍴 Served with Baked Garlic and Herb Wedges, Mixed Salad and Ranch Dressing	
FRI	FRIDAY FAVOURITES Battered Fish 🍴 Served with Chips, Baked Beans and Peas	FRIDAY FAVOURITES Vegetable Tikka Sausage Roll 🍴 Served with Chips, Baked Beans and Peas	

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Mid-morning break

FOOD UNION

HOT TO GO	Spinach & Egg Muffin Margherita Bagel Pizza Cheese Panini Toast with Spread 🍴 Toasted Crumpet Pancake Waffle BBQ Chicken Wings Spicy Piri Piri Chicken Wings	NEW Cinnamon Pretzel
FRUIT BASED	Pineapple Pot 🍴 Grape Pot 🍴 Granola Yoghurt and Berry Compote 🍴	AVAILABLE DAILY Bananas, Apples and Oranges 🍴
SANDWICHES & BAGUETTES	Cheese Ploughman's Tuna Mayo Cheese and Tomato	CHOOSE FROM White or Brown Bread 🍴
SMOOTHIES	Berry & Vanilla Oat Smoothie 🍴 Cinnamon & Vanilla Oat Smoothie 🍴	NEW Pineapple & Spinach Smoothie 🍴
SALAD POTS	Indian Chickpea 🍴 Pesto Pasta 🍴 Tuna & Sweetcorn Pasta 🍴 Greek Salad 🍴	CRUDITES Carrots & Houmous 🍴 Cucumber & Houmous 🍴

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Visit from the Romanian Ambassador



We're excited to share that our leadership team has once again met with the Romanian Ambassador and other significant community stakeholders to discuss future partnerships aimed at better listening to and responding to the needs of our local Romanian and Roma communities.

This marks the second time we've had the pleasure opportunity to meet the Ambassador, who previously praised our students, saying,

“ Romanian students learning at Co-op Academy Leeds, whose positive energy and determination are a real inspiration. ”



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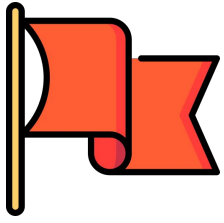


We look forward to building on these conversations to create meaningful initiatives that support our students and their families, fostering a more inclusive and engaged school community. Together, we can make a lasting impact!

#Inclusion #CommunitySupport #RomanianCommunity
#RomaCommunity #PositiveChange #Partnerships #CoopAcademyLeeds
#TogetherWeCan #CommunityMatters



We had the privilege of Alison Cope visiting school to talk to students about her most challenging moments in life. Alison is the mother of Joshua Ribera who was murdered in 2013. She now works tirelessly to help prevent youth violence by sharing her son's unique life and death story to help educate young people on the realities and consequences of youth violence. Students listened to her story and were inspired by her resilience and strength and how to see a future beyond negative experiences.

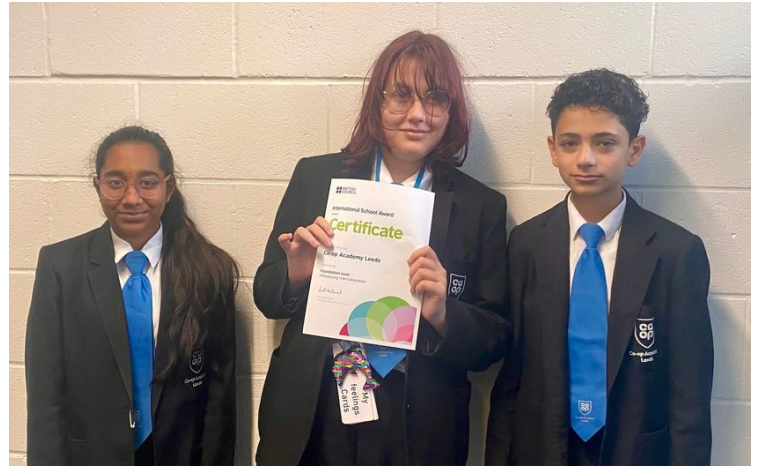
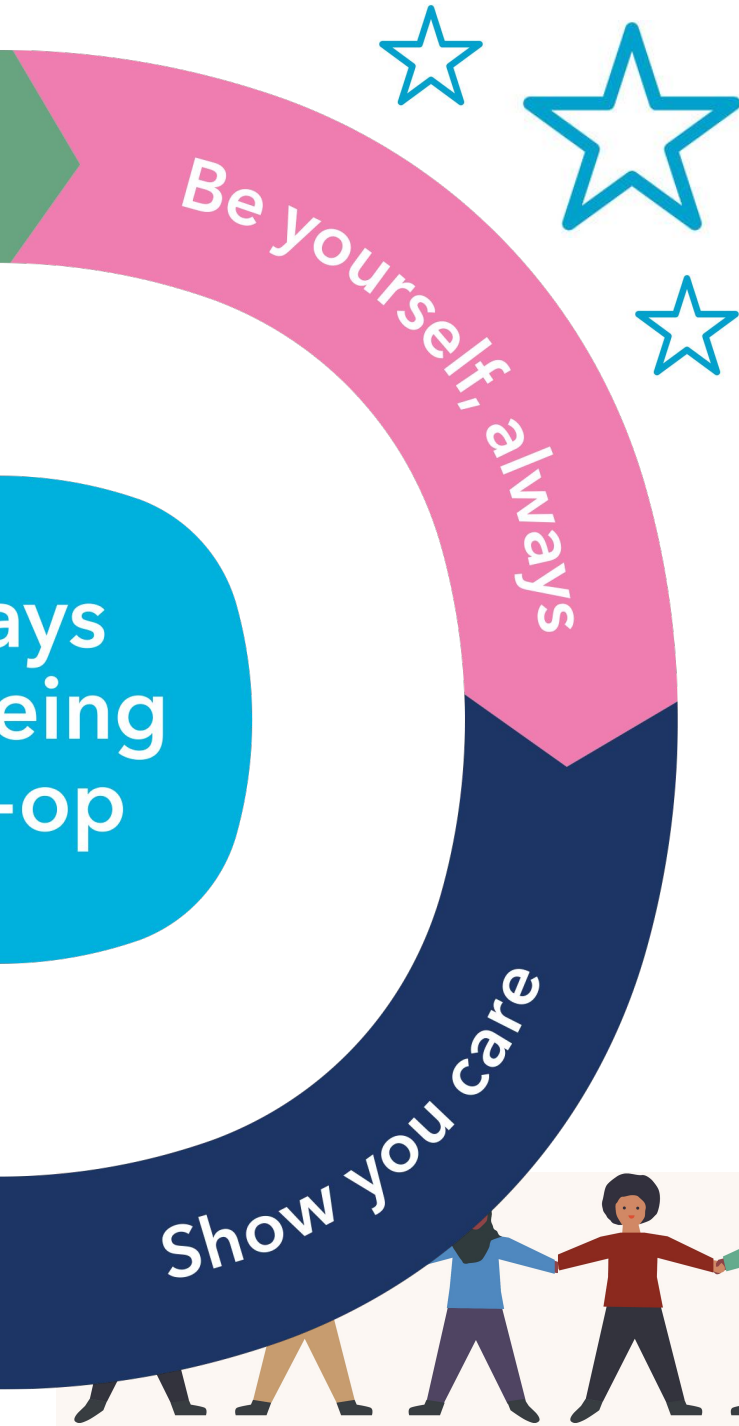


We were very lucky to have the Red Flag production company in school to deliver a performance to all year groups on healthy relationships. Students used the red flag to highlight concerns in behaviour during the performance.



International School Award

We are thrilled to announce that our school has received the prestigious International School Award from the British Council! This recognition celebrates our successful partnership with Collège in Valenciennes, France, where our Year 7 pupils have been exchanging letters and discussing their local areas with their French counterparts



This project has been a fantastic opportunity for our students to build cultural awareness, practice language skills, and foster international friendships. We are incredibly proud of their hard work and enthusiasm throughout the project!



A huge thank you to all our staff, students, and our friends in Valenciennes for making this possible. Together, we are building a brighter, more connected future!

MAFWA THEATRE

Since September, students from Co-op Academy Leeds have been working with researchers from the University of Leeds and Mafwa Theatre on a three year project called *Creativity and Communication*.

The three year project will work across the UK, Kenya and Uganda using the arts and creativity to ask questions about how young people communicate and are communicated to in a wide range of areas including school, family and friends.

Dr Matthew Elliott said the following about the project and its progress at Co-op Academy:

“It has been a privilege and a pleasure to work alongside the students at Co-op Academy Leeds. They come to each session engaged, enthusiastic and curious about the exercises and creative processes we undertake. They are constantly teaching me new things about the importance of young people’s views in Leeds.”

Introducing the Pupil Librarian Initiative!



What do Pupil Librarians do?

- Assist with shelving and organizing books.
- Help students find the right resources for reading and homework.
- Maintain quiet and order in the library, ensuring a peaceful space for study.
- Take responsibility for special areas like the computer zone, wellbeing corner, and book displays.
- Support library events, such as book fairs and author visits.

We are thrilled to announce that the initiative has been a great success! We received 30 applications, and because we wanted to give everyone a fair chance, all applicants were invited for interviews. Out of those, 28 students attended the interview and moved on to complete a basic training/induction. After the induction, we worked together with the new Pupil Librarians to create a rota that fits everyone's schedule.

This program has been designed just like a real job, with an application process, interviews, and a one-month probation period to ensure students are ready to take on their responsibilities.

This is a great way for students to develop responsibility, teamwork, communication and library related skills while contributing to the smooth running of the library.



We welcome the community every Friday from 8.30am to 10am.

We offer support, advice, counselling and a food bank.

It's an opportunity to come together.



Dash, The Miniature Dachshund

We've really enjoyed getting to know Dash and it's been lovely having him around the Academy. Dash is at the Academy two days a week. He spends time with a small group of students based in AG.

This will be an opportunity for pupils to:

- Increase their confidence and support their wellbeing
- Improve their mood and engagement
- Increase their desire to read and write when working in Dash's presence
- Improve their ability to self regulate around Dash
- Learn about positive and negative cues, social cues and boundaries

Our new Arbor Parent App is live!

It's easy to set up! You just need your email address and your child's date of birth.

You can view your child's attendance, behaviour and academic reports in one place.



We now use Arbor Pay for cashless catering. Through the Parent App you can add money to your child's meals account. Money added will show on the Canteen tills within an hour.

Download now and allow push notifications for the most up to date information from the Academy.

DOWNLOAD THE PARENT APP HERE!



SPORTS NEWS

All the latest sports news from Co-op Academy Leeds



Very proud of our Y10 boys football team after their 4-3 victory. Well done all involved!



Well done to our Y10/11 boys football team after their win. A strong second half saw them finish 3-1 winners. Well done to all the players.



All smiles from our Y7 boys football team after their 3-0 win this evening! Great performance all round, we're so proud of you all.



Our Y7/8 Girls Football Team



Sports Council Leadership Development Day

Sports council students went on a sports leadership development day. They started the day brainstorming leadership qualities and later took part in practical sessions to enable them to deliver sports to primary school children. Well done all.



Governance are responsible for the management of the academy.

We are a part of the Co-op Academies Trust, which is a multi academy trust. Our Trust Board is legally responsible for the effective running of the whole Trust.

Our Academy Community Council (ACC) is made up of our Community Council Members (CCMs) who are responsible for ensuring a high-quality student experience that meets the needs of our local community.

Community Council Members



Gary Dewin - Chair of the Academy Community Council

Gary has been a Governor at the Academy since 2016 and was appointed the Chair of Governors in 2019.

He lives in West Yorkshire and has two fast growing-up children, with one doing A levels and the other soon to complete her degree at Huddersfield University.

Gary has worked for the Co-op for over 15 years. His People Director role means he has specific responsibility for Reward, Pensions, Employee Relations & Wellbeing for the Co-op's 62,000 colleagues. Gary passionately believes that everyone deserves to fulfil their potential and is fully committed to ensuring our Academy provides pupils with the best learning experience possible.



Asif Ali

Mr Ali is an MFL (Urdu) teacher at the academy. He was elected by staff, he's been in post for 4 years.



Emma Tariket

Mrs Tariket is the Cluster Attendance Officer, Co-op Academies Trust, based at Co-op Academy Leeds. She was elected by parents, she's been in post for 4 years.



John Ebo

Mr Ebo was appointed by the Academy Governing Council in position of 'Community' Council Member. He is a volunteer and Ex-officio, Nigeria Community Leeds. He has been in post with us for 4 years.



Kianna Leader

Kianna was appointed by the Academy Governing Council in position of 'Community' Council Member. She is an employee of The National Lottery Community Fund. She has been in post with us for 4 years.



Sarah Kean

Sarah Keane is a member of the Local Governing Body and is the link governor for SEND and CLA. She works at Co-op, and is the Lead People Partner for Co-op Legal Services. Sarah has a strong HR Change and leadership background, and is also a Co-op Coach. She has been in post with us for 4 years.



Samantha Black

She was appointed by the sponsor in position of 'Sponsor' Council Member. She has been in post with us for 4 years.



Natalie Jones (Headteacher)

Appointed on 27 September 2021 by virtue of appointment as Headteacher.

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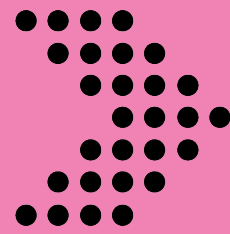
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Alumni

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.



Ibtahaj Khalid
Class of 2017

I left Co-op Academy Leeds in 2017. I left with ten GCSEs and went on to Harrogate Grammar School and then to Durham University where I got my Degree in Philosophy, Politics and Economics. I now work as a consultant at PWC.

At school I was sporty, outspoken and studious. I had a couple of teachers at Co-op Academy who especially helped me. Mr Onoviran- maths teacher and Mrs Pearson- business teacher.

The advice I would give to current student would be to aim high, network with people in positions you want to be in, study hard.



Kyra McLean
Class of 2022

I left Co-op Academy Leeds in 2022 with 7 GCSEs I also gained a qualification in Mandarin and a Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award. I went on to Elliott Hudson College to study A-Levels in Business, English Literature and Psychology.

My advice to current students would be to start revising early and stay ahead on homework.



Ex Students,
We'd love to hear from you!

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Year 11 Roadmap 2024-2025





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Some of our Year 11's enjoying a game of chess in the library.



Yr 11 Oct Half Term revision 2024



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Every Friday

8:30AM - 10AM

Food & Clothing Bank

**Academic Support
and 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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