



Co-op Academy
Leeds

Academy Life



April 2025



Pics from our work experience trip in Italy - More Inside

Do what
matters most

Be yourself,
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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 this half term and Year 11 in particular have been impressive in their commitment to their studies; we know that they will make us all proud in the summer and are looking forward to seeing them at the Easter Revision sessions over the break!

As always, we have had a plethora of trips and in-school events running this half term and it is great to see so many students engaging with our wider offer. Our community Iftar was incredibly well attended and we hope everyone celebrating had a wonderful Eid.

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 that everyone had a lovely Easter break, we are back in school on Tuesday 22nd April, when students will all be issued with their new planners and homework schedules.

Please note that the last day of next half term is Friday 23rd May and our term dates for next academic year can be found here: [Term Dates](#)

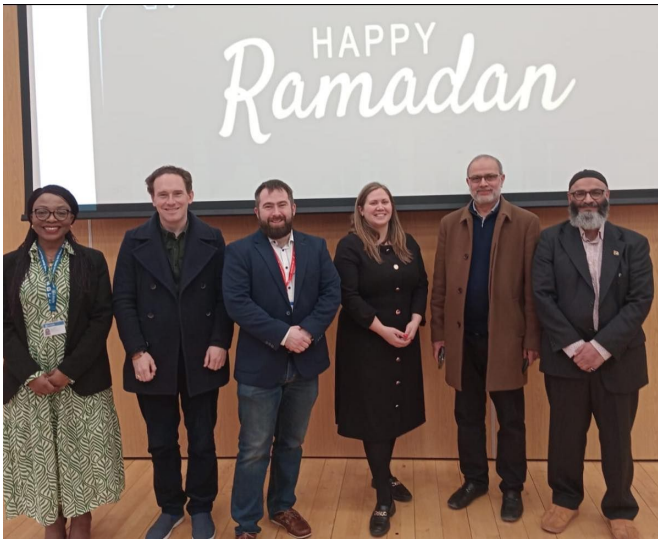
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Work Experience - Italy

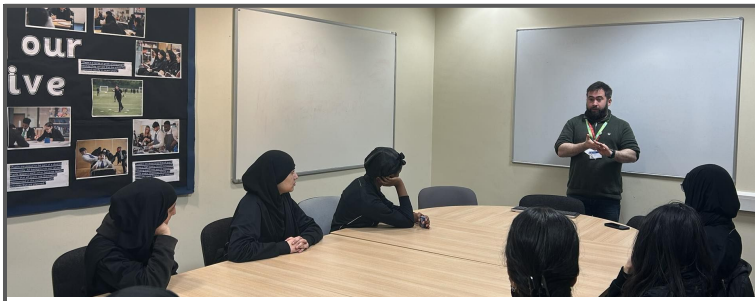
Our Italy trip students landed safely at 6:00pm on the 28th of February for ten days work experience at P Gobetti Language School. Our students presented to a group of Italian students and teachers about what life is like in Leeds. A big well done, you made us very proud! After a full immersion in the language exchange experience, we went to discover Riccione and enjoyed a gelato. Students also met students from another school ICcatollica. It's amazing to see how our students embrace the cultural exchange. Bravo! Students explored a local market in Rimini and after a busy week students enjoyed a tour of sunny Cattolica! Students then had a fabulous final day in Italy exploring San Marino.





A heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended our Community Iftar! Your presence and energy made this gathering truly special. It was a great evening of connection, knowledge, and unity.

It's moments like these that remind us of the strength and warmth of our community.



Visit from Councillor Luke Farley

"Great to pop into Co-op Academy Leeds earlier today to discuss my role as a councillor and what I do to represent and serve the community.

It was refreshing to hear some of the brilliant questions that the young people had for me, and to learn more about what matters to them as students at a local school."



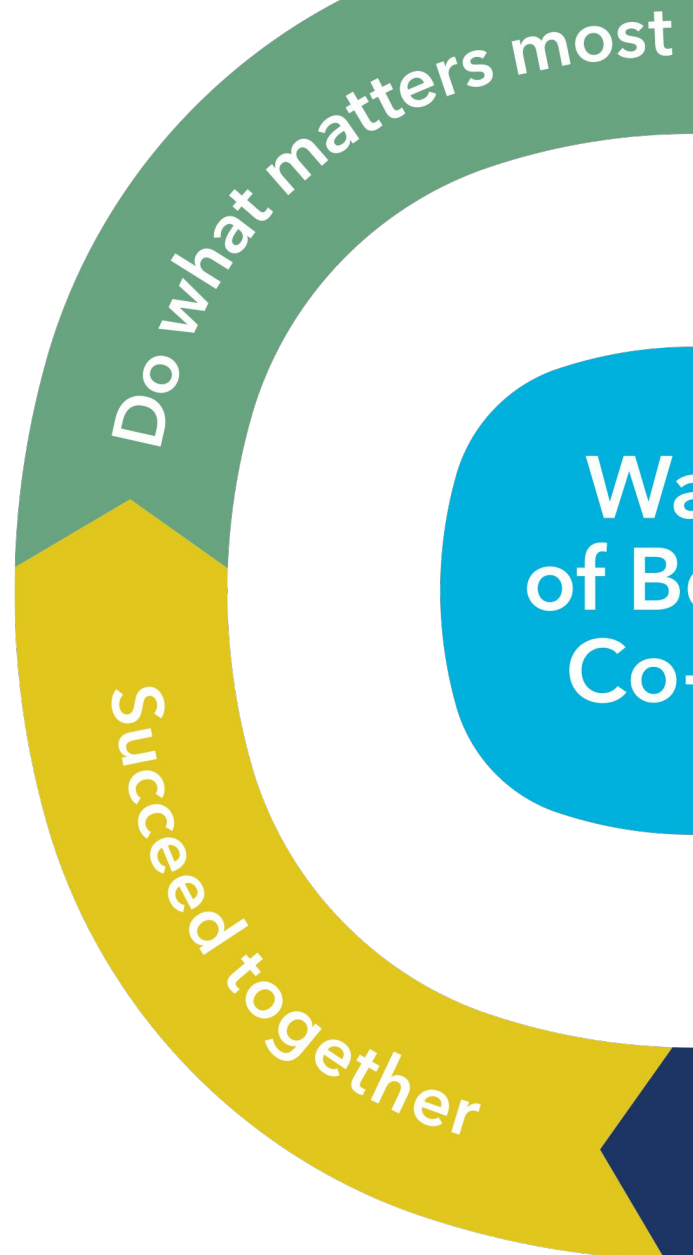
The Co-op Academy Leeds Community Dig. Thank you so much to our staff and Community Council Members for giving up their Saturday!



Year 9 girls took part in a Microsoft Girls IT Day at UA92. The event was attended by 10 other schools and explored the female role in the future development of AI technology.

Our Year 9 girls at Co-op Academy Leeds won the competition to create an AI concept of the future which they aptly named as Memory Link, an AI chip and app to support people with dementia and PTSD.

Well done CAL Girls - what an amazing achievement!



LET'S GO
ZERO
2030
 Schools working together to be zero carbon

National Offer Day

Year 7 Places

We're thrilled to welcome our new Year 7 students and their families to Co-op Academy Leeds!

Starting secondary school is an exciting step, and we can't wait to support you as you settle in, make new friends, and achieve amazing things.

www.leeds.coopacademies.co.uk/transition

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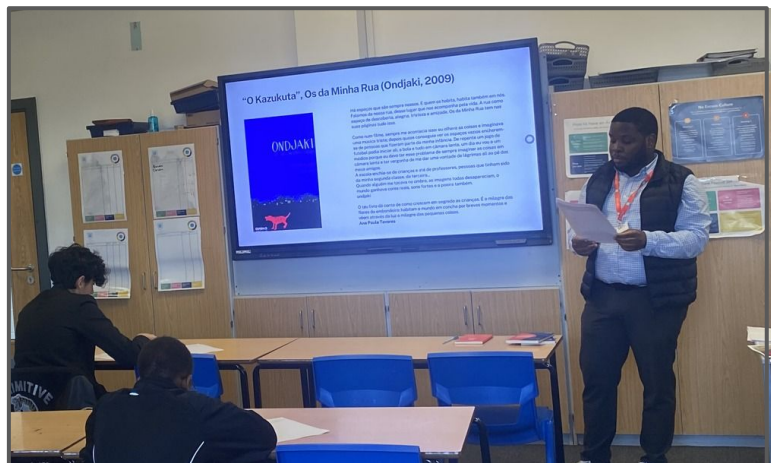


Maths Olympics

Maths Olympics is a collection of mathematical challenges open to pupils from Year 7 and 8 across the Co-op Academies Trust. Pupils will need to use mathematical skills, logical reasoning and think creatively to complete the team challenge proposed.

This is a chance for our students to tackle a variety of engaging mathematical activities while developing teamwork and communication skills.

Teams of four students from schools across the Co-op Academies Trust have been selected to take part.

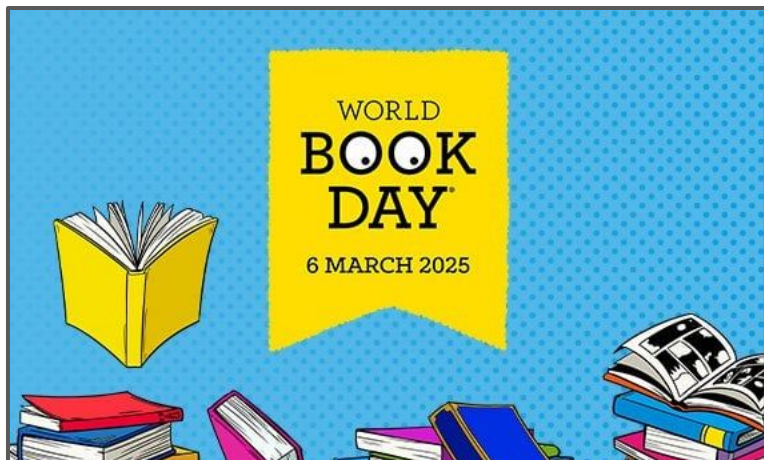


Another amazing collaboration with University of Leeds, Portuguese Studies, Israel Campos! Our students enjoyed a visit from a famous author from Angola and talked about the importance of the spoken word and heritage languages!

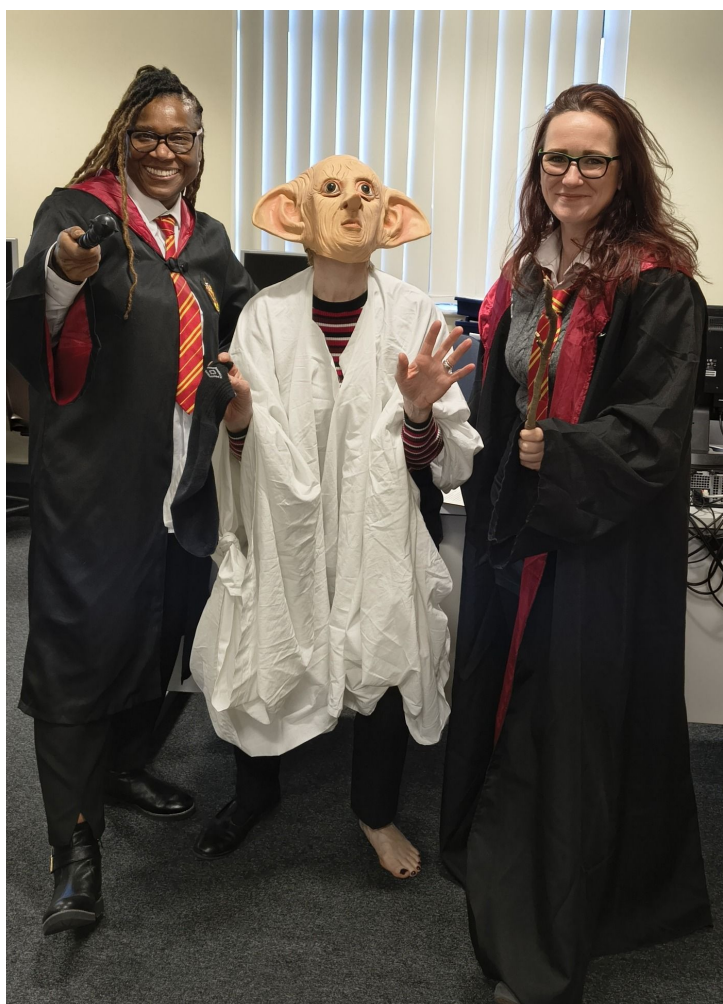


Roma Action Team

Congratulations to our Roma Action Team for winning commitments to change from a local GP practice on work experience placements and apprenticeships and an agreement for Roma young people to deliver cultural training to surgery staff.



For World Book Day we were joined by local author Saffyah Umar, we read a story by Leeds writer Tom Palmer and teachers dressed up as characters from their favourite books.



Book Recommendations



Miss Fox
Business Studies

A Lesson in Cruelty
by Harriet Tyce

A Lesson in Cruelty is an amazing narrative of twists and turns, despicable and damaged characters and thrilling events. I loved it. A really great psychological thriller.

Discover a thought-provoking story that delves into the complexities of human nature, empathy, and the fine line between kindness and cruelty. It's a powerful read that will challenge your perspective and spark meaningful conversations.

Recommended for adult readers, typically aged 18 and above. Younger readers, particularly those under 18, may find some themes and scenes distressing.



Mr Hallam
SENco

The Lord of the Rings
by J.R.R. Tolkien

This is one of my favourite books, I have read it quite a few times. I broke my leg when I was 23 and was on crutches for 6 months and unable to do anything active.

Reading this book kept me sane while I recovered. It is a fantasy story set in a fictional world where a group of Hobbits have to set out on a perilous journey to save Middle Earth from an evil force. It is quite a difficult book to read, but very rewarding.

Reading is something you can enjoy for the rest of your life. I like to read before falling asleep to help wind down and relax my mind. It is also a great alternative to being on a screen just before bedtime so your mind isn't overstimulated and you can have a restful nights sleep and wake up ready for the challenges of the next day!

Recommended for 12+



Our BRIDGE students took part in the North East Leeds SSP School Games KS3 SEND Pentathlon Multi-skills Event.

All students participated and worked as a team to finish in third place. Really proud of each and every student.



Our students had a wonderful day in London! They posed great questions to Lords and MPs. They had a wonderful tour and learned lots about the history of parliament and how it works. It will be great to see this knowledge shared in school today and beyond!



Co-op Academy
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in the community

Every Friday

8:30am - 10am

We offer support, advice, counselling and a food bank. It's also a good opportunity to talk to a school member about any worries regarding your child.

At Co-op Academy Leeds, we believe in building strong relationships with our families to ensure the best possible learning environment for your children.

We are here to support you and your child every step of the way. Please feel free to reach out to us.

We have staff who speak Romanian, Spanish, French, German, Cantonese, Mandarin, Urdu, Punjabi, Arabic, Kurdish, Polish, Slovakian and Czech.

It's an opportunity to come together.



Free School Meals
can save you money!



In January 2024, 8,435 pupils entitled to a free school meal missed out on a free hot, nutritious lunch.

Children are in school for 190 days every year, so think of the savings you could make by making sure they are signed up.

Apply online by visiting: <https://bit.ly/41SqJ8t>



HEALTHY HOLIDAYS REGISTRATION EVENT FOR CHILDREN ON FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Date: Monday, 7th April

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: CATCH LEEDS

What to Bring:

To sign up your child we will need you to complete a form, please bring your National Insurance Number with you

★ Join us for a fun-filled open day and get registered for our amazing Healthy Holidays Programme! ★

What to Expect:

- ✓ Fun Games & Sports
- ✓ Snacks & Refreshments
- ✓ Meet the Team & Learn More
- ✓ On-the-Spot Registration!

Open to all young people aged 9 - 17
- Don't miss out! .

Let's make this holiday active, healthy, and fun! See you there!

FREE / LOW COST* ACTIVITIES HAPPENING ACROSS LEEDS

Don't miss Leeds Young Film Festival!

Studio 12 is a free-to-access music studio for 16 to 30 year olds

Miffy's 70th birthday free exhibition is still at Leeds City Museum!

Kids eat free at Ninja Warrior Leeds 5 - 27 April with booking code KIDSEASTER

week 1
5 to 12 April

5 - 17 Medieval Easter!
Royal Armouries, LS10, open 10:00 to 17:00, booking required

7 £1 Family Rave with Boomchikkaboom*
Project House, LS12, 14:00 to 15:30

7 - 11 Lego, Duplo, crafts, colouring
Leeds Kirkgate Markets, LS2, 11:00 to 15:00

9 Ancient Roman/Chocolate coins workshop!
Leeds Discovery Centre, LS10, 10:00 to 12:00 & 13:00 to 15:00

8 - 10 Den building
Leeds Kirkgate Markets, LS2, 11:00 to 15:00

8 - 10 Miffy Crafts
Leeds City Museum, LS2, 10:00 to 12:00 & 13:00 to 15:00

8 - 10 LEGO - Build the Change
Leeds Industrial Museum, LS12, 10:30 to 12:00 & 12:30 to 14:00

8 - 13 Drop in the Ocean VR experience (ages 7+)
Leeds City Museum, LS2, 20 min slots from 10:00, book on arrival

9 Freedom4Girls Reusable pads sewing workshop (ages 14+)
Leeds Central Library, LS1, 13:00 to 15:00

9 Bluey & Bingo story time
Merriion Centre, LS2, 30 min sessions at 11:00, 12:00, 13:00, 14:00 & 15:00

11 Facepainting, arts & crafts
Extra Motorway Services, LS9, 11:00 to 15:00

11 National Board Games Day!
Activities in Leeds Libraries across the city!

12 Willy Wonka (U)*
Hyde Park Picture House, LS6, 11:00 to 13:00, pay what you can

12 Play with Paint!*
Seagulls, LS11, 13:00 to 16:00

12 - 13 CANVAS: The Play Tent
Wellington Place, LS1, 10:00 to 14:00, booking required

13 Sloth Lane (U) - Autism friendly film showing*
Hyde Park Picture House, LS6, 11:00, pay what you can

13 Railway Children Return (PG)*
Leeds Industrial Museum, LS12, 14:30 to 16:00, prices in blog (deal for Armley residents)

14 - 19 Lego, Duplo, crafts, colouring
Leeds Kirkgate Markets, LS2, 11:00 to 15:00

15 - 16 Movie Club : Film tricks & edits (ages 7 to 12)*
Carriageworks, LS2, 4 times available per day

15 - 17 LEGO - Build the Change
Leeds Industrial Museum, LS12, 10:30 to 12:00 & 12:30 to 14:00

16 Make it Move - animation workshop
Leeds Discovery Centre, LS10, 10:00 to 12:00 & 13:00 to 15:00

16 - 19 Leeds Film Festival Short films
Leeds Kirkgate Markets, LS2, 11:30 to 14:30, 83 mins runtime

17 Facepainting, arts & crafts
Extra Motorway Services, LS9, 11:00 to 15:00

18 Easter Egg Hunt*
Skelton Grange, LS10, 11:00 to 14:00

19 - 20 CANVAS: The Play Tent
Wellington Place, LS1, 10:00 to 14:00, booking required

20 Sylvanian Families (U) - Autism friendly film showing*
Hyde Park Picture House, LS6, 11:00, pay what you can

21 Crafts sessions for ages 3+
John Lewis, LS2, 11:00, 12:30 or 14:00

week 2
13 to 21 April

Safe place

The 'Safe Places' app shows registered safe locations near you

Register with Healthy Holidays for FREE activities and a healthy meal from 71 providers across Leeds for children eligible for free school meals

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SEE ALL THE DETAILS...

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Ex Students,
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Easter 2025
Home Learning
Challenges



Subject and Year Group Prizes!

leeds.coopacademies.co.uk/news-and-letters/easter-2025



Have a wonderful break!

We'll see you back in the
academy on Tuesday 22 April.



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Food & Clothing Bank

Academic Support
and Advice

Pastoral Support

Debt Advice



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journalists, please
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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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