



Co-op Academy  
Leeds

Academy Life



July 2025



**We were honoured to be present at and listened to at an inspirational event at 10 Downing Street.**

**Miss Jones and two of our incredible young people went to London to meet the UK Prime Minister for an important discussion on how we can ensure that every young person, regardless of their background, is able to thrive in school.**

Do what  
matters most



Be yourself,  
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## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Families,

As the academic year draws to a close, I want to take this opportunity to reflect on the many achievements of our students and staff, and to thank you for your continued support throughout this busy and successful term.

One of the standout moments this year was an extraordinary and truly inspirational visit to 10 Downing Street, where two of our students were invited to represent the academy and discuss social inclusion. They engaged in conversations about education, inclusion, and youth leadership—demonstrating the confidence, integrity, and ambition that make us so proud. It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience that left a lasting impression on both students and staff, reminding us of the power of young voices and the importance of raising aspirations.

As we look ahead, we're excited to end the term with our much-anticipated Culture Day on Friday 18 July—a celebration of identity, diversity, and belonging that brings our whole community together.

Thank you once again for your support this year. Whether you've attended parents' evenings, encouraged your child with their revision, or simply ensured they arrived each day ready to learn—you have helped make this year a success.

Have a restful, safe and happy summer. We look forward to welcoming students back in September, ready for another year of ambition, kindness, and excellence.

Warmest regards,

Miss N. Jones  
Headteacher

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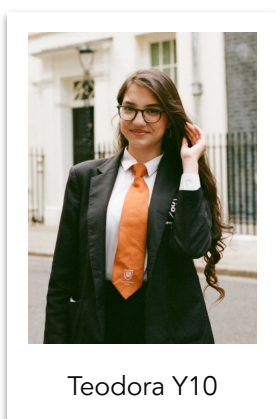
We have been working in partnership with Mission 44, who helped make this meeting happen. Mission 44 is a global charitable foundation established by Lewis Hamilton. On a mission to empower young people to overcome social injustice.

The roundtable, hosted at 10 Downing Street, was also attended by representatives from Mission 44, teachers, young people and others working across the education system.

Mission 44 believes listening to the voices and perspectives of young people is vital to ensure every student feels they belong in the classroom.

Following the meeting, the Government pledged to capture more data on young people's experiences in schools and use it to shape policy and practice.

Read the Government's commitments in full and how Mission 44 and partners will work with them to build a more inclusive education system: <https://bit.ly/3HPrSW2>



Teodora Y10

Following her recent visit to Number 10 Downing Street, Teodora reflects on School, Inclusion, Community & Mission 44

“ For me, inclusion is to feel safe, seen and understood in a new environment and for others to understand that maybe even if we are a little bit different, we are still people and that for us as a community, our background is not the happiest.

I am exceptionally proud that we do not face discrimination in school and that we have worked so hard to make sure everyone understands the struggles of the Roma people and what makes us special.

Since we started our work with Mission 44, we and our school have worked really hard to understand our communities. This includes our Community Liason Officer meeting all of our families and listening to them with an open heart. Taking the time to understand us has meant that we all feel safer in school and valued; school feels like home.

We have now been able to take this work beyond the school gates, for example Elisei and I, along with other Roma students for school presented to over 200 NHS workers about social inclusion and how we can all work together to break down barriers. Undoubtedly this work has reduced exclusions amongst this group of students and has increased our happiness immeasurably in school.



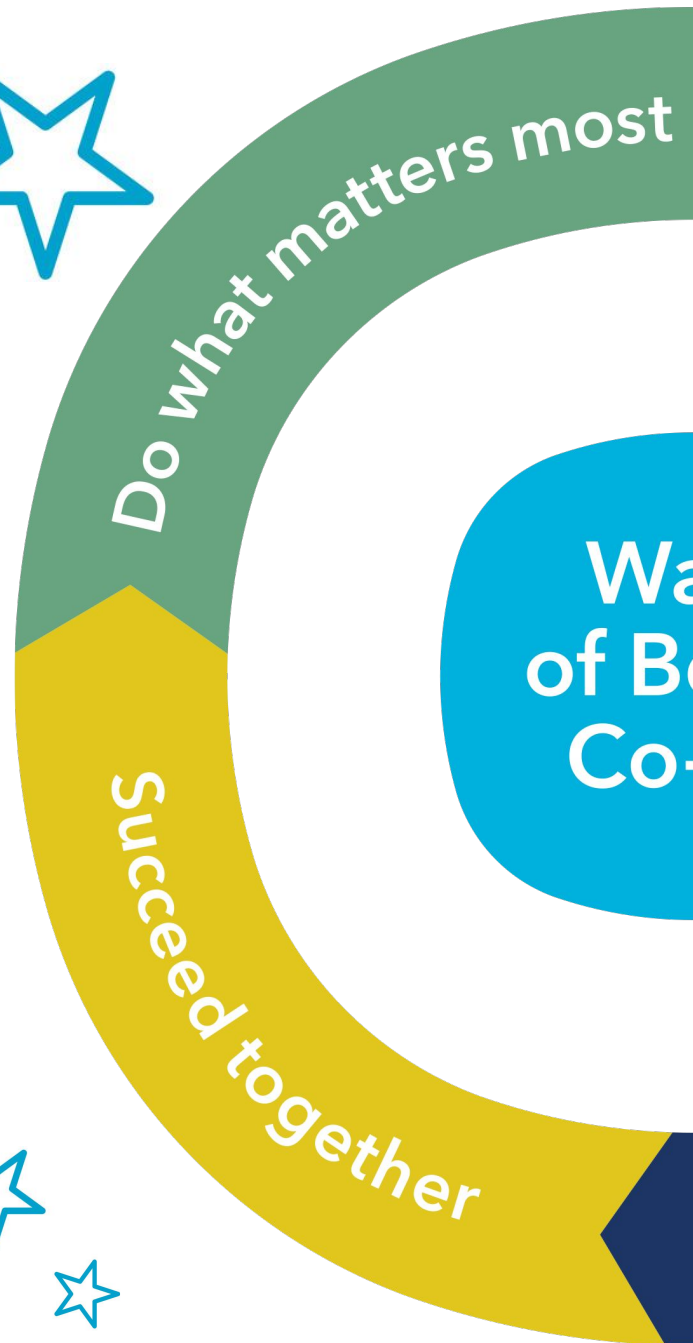
# Eco Conference

In May six enthusiastic Year 7 students from Co-op Academy Leeds had the exciting opportunity to attend the annual Co-op Academies Eco Conference, held at Angel Square.



Throughout the day, students also took part in engaging workshops led by sustainability experts. Highlights included interactive sessions by fairandfunky, which empowered students to see themselves as changemakers in the global effort against climate change. Hands-on activities, such as designing bird feeders and insect hotels, allowed them to channel their creativity into practical projects that will soon enhance our academy's eco garden.

As part of the trip, students also had the opportunity to present at a conference about how their academy is working towards greater sustainability. The conference not only broadened their understanding of environmental issues but also provided valuable insight into the projects and initiatives undertaken by other academies in the Trust. The experience has further ignited their enthusiasm, and we are excited to see how their inspiration will shape the future growth of our Eco Club at Co-op Academy Leeds.



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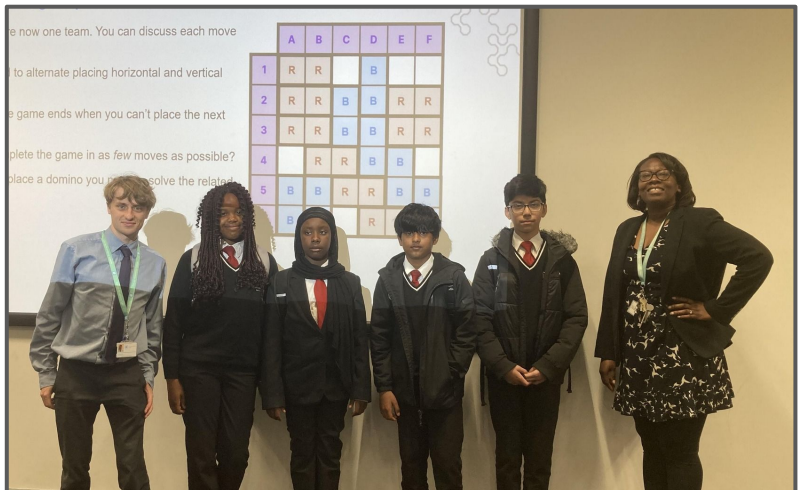


## Time for Change

Year 7 students took part in the 'Time for Change' awards. Their aim was to make a change in the community's perception of the youth by working alongside a local charity. The charity, Catch, believe in bridging the gap between the community and the Police and work together to prevent, reduce crime and ASB in the local community.

Our students took part by volunteering their time to support the charity with their animals, community café and showing the wider community that young people do have a positive image and lots to give.

Our Year 7 students were recognised for doing a great job and became this years 'Time for Change' Champions of 2025!



Year 7 Axioms cohort enjoyed their trip to Leeds Mathematics school today where they were celebrated for completing their year long programme! They enjoyed working with students from school across Leeds, completing maths challenges and games! They had a brilliant time in Maths Circles with their leaders, Mrs. Pitan and Mr. Durn.



We are so lucky to have Dash, our wonderful support dog. He plays a vital role in bringing joy, comfort, and support to pupils and staff across the entire academy.

# SPORTS NEWS

## All the latest sports news from Co-op Academy Leeds

As a reward for their excellent attitudes and efforts in Physical Education and extra curricular sport within the academy, 28 students took on the Junior Warrior assault course today. Safe to say they loved it.



We are very proud of our students who represented the academy in the Leeds school athletics competition. They all did brilliantly!

Year 11 played each other in a FINAL football match.



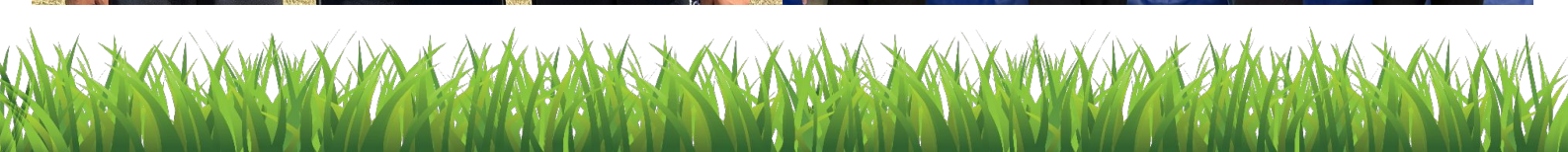
12 of our students represented the academy today at the Co-op academies trust sports day, held in partnership with Kelloggs and Man City. They had a brilliant day in the sunshine and were a credit to their school! Well done all



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2025 Sports Day - Well done to all those who took part and especially those who have taken home the medals.



# Geography Field Trip to the Holderness Coast

Year 10 students recently embarked on an exciting geography field trip to the Holderness Coast, where they conducted important fieldwork. At Hornsea, they measured groynes to investigate coastal erosion and protection methods.



Later, at Selwicks Bay, Flamborough Head, they were treated to breathtaking views of a cave and a towering stack, while spotting seals swimming in the waters nearby. The trip provided a fantastic hands-on learning experience, deepening their understanding of coastal processes and marine life.

## Y10 Trip to Castleton - Peak District

A highlight was exploring the cave, where the temperature dropped to a cool 6 degrees—a welcome escape from the heat, all our nerves were tested when we stood in pitch black as the lights were turned off.

Ilarian wowed us all with some seriously impressive rope-making skills (see the display cabinet in reception for a peek), and we braved the very steep walk up to the castle for some stunning views. Plenty of ice creams helped keep everyone cool, and it was a fab day all round.



## Y8 Geography Trip to Filey & North Landing



Our Year 8 geography trip to Filey and North Landing was both educational and fun-filled. Students explored the striking contrast in coastal geology, from the soft, easily eroded boulder clay cliffs of Filey to the dramatic caves carved into the harder chalk headlands at North Landing. The day wasn't all about rocks, though—everyone enjoyed relaxing on the beach with ice creams in hand and were thrilled to spot puffins flying overhead, adding a memorable wildlife encounter to a brilliant day out.

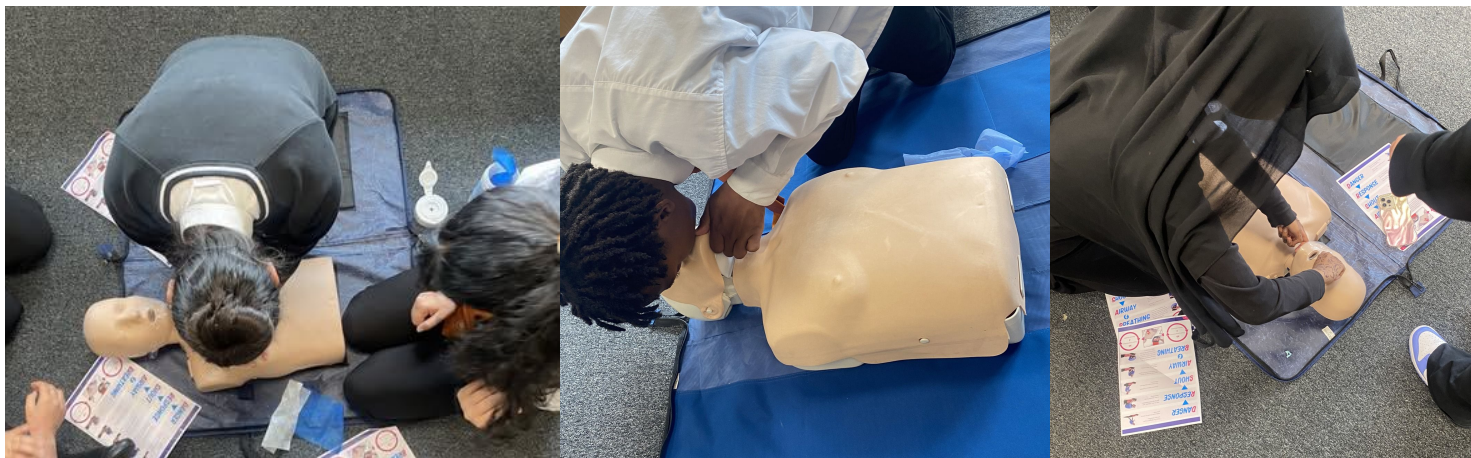


## Y7 Geography Trip Exploring the Yorkshire Dales

What a day for our Year 7 geographers! They explored the impressive limestone of Malham Cove, discovered Janet's Foss waterfall, bravely navigated past some friendly cows, and enjoyed well-deserved ice creams! Some brave individuals even chose to go over the stepping stones in the stream, rather than the bridge. A fantastic trip exploring the Yorkshire Dales!



Great to see the Year 10 Health and Social care students working hard learning vital CPR skills.



## Farewell Year 11



## Manchester University

Year 10 mathematicians visited Manchester University today to take part in maths workshops led by university lecturers and other esteemed guest speakers.

They tackled topics of coding, quantum computing, mathematical models of medical tests and actuarial science and more!

Here they are on a tour of the campus which included looking at 3D printing in the Engineering department.





## Maths4Girls

It was great to hear from Estelle Keeber, founder of Immortal Monkey, for the Maths4Girls session.

Estelle is the founder of the world's fastest-growing women's network. Without any initial investment to inspiring hundreds of thousands worldwide with her infectious passion and savvy strategies, Estelle is a force to be reckoned with.

We learnt how Estelle has inspired hundreds of thousands of business owners around the globe with her passion, tenacity, and kindness.



## Winners!

We came joint first for one of the elements at the food competition at Manchester's Angel square.

The girls had to design and make a smoothie and a sandwich and came joint 1st for their smoothie creation.

Big well done to Emilia and Tapi



Arbor

## Arbor Parent App

From the 4th July, Texts will no longer be sent.  
The Arbor app will be used for all future communications.

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

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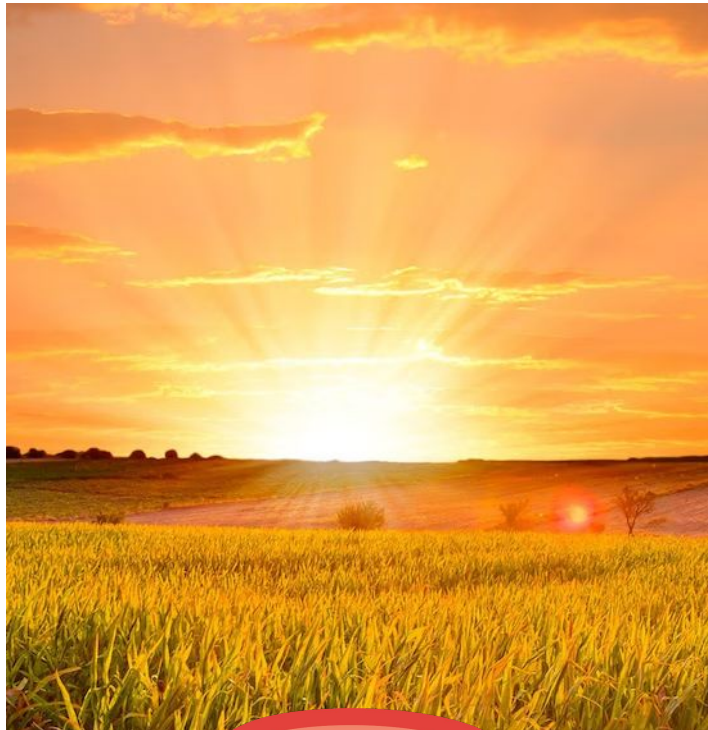


Ex Students,  
We'd love to hear from you!



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Have a wonderful break!  
We'll see you back in the academy  
on Tuesday 2 September



Co-op Academy  
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Every Friday

8:30AM - 10AM

Food & Clothing Bank

Academic Support  
and Advice

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like to be involved in  
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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  
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United by our co-operative values.

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