



Co-op Academy
Leeds

Academy Life



December 2025

Students Embark on Educational Exchange to Malta and Gozo

Year 10 Students enjoyed an unforgettable 10-day educational exchange trip to the Maltese islands of Malta and Gozo. The trip, filled with academic visits, cultural immersion, and breathtaking natural exploration, proved to be a valuable experience for all participants. Read more inside...



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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Families,

It is a pleasure to share this edition of the Academy Newsletter with you. This is the third annual Malta trip and it has become a real highlight of the school year, providing some of our lucky Y10 students with a wonderful 11 day work experience placement. As you can see, there has also been a wealth of other opportunities for our young people this term and there are many more to come in 2026!

We are always incredibly proud of our students achievements and it is clear that we have some wonderfully gifted and hardworking young people in the academy.

I wish you all a wonderful Christmas break - and we I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy and prosperous 2026.

We look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday 6th January at 08:15.

Warmest regards,

Miss N. Jones
Headteacher

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The adventure began with the journey to Malta and a subsequent ferry ride to the smaller island of Gozo. The core of the programme involved several privileged visits to local educational institutions.



The first day in Gozo was spent at a visual and performing arts school, where the students were warmly welcomed. Subsequent visits included engaging in ice-breaking activities at a second school and an early morning exploring the historic town of Victoria alongside students from a local school, fostering true cross-cultural interaction.

A particular highlight was the students' formal presentation to their Maltese peers. They shared insights about life in Leeds and their own school, a presentation that made their accompanying staff immensely proud.



The itinerary provided a glimpse into Malta's vocational and industrial sectors. The group visited MCAST, a vocational college, where they toured different courses and workshops.

A busy final morning involved a visit to a travel and tourism institute, followed by a fascinating tour of the biggest food factory in Malta, a facility that exports tomato products to over 50 countries worldwide, offering students a real-world perspective on global business.



Beyond the academic programme, the trip offered numerous opportunities for exploration and enjoyment of the Mediterranean landscape. The students had a fabulous day at Ramla Beach, which was perfectly concluded with a delicious lunch at a local restaurant.

They also enjoyed an afternoon walk to explore the dramatic Sanap Cliffs in Xlendi. The final day was particularly memorable, with glorious weather accompanying a breathtaking boat trip to the stunning Island of Comino, including the famous Blue Lagoon and Crystal Lagoon.

As the trip drew to a close, a sense of melancholy set in as the group watched their final sunset over Gozo.

After 10 amazing days filled with exploring fantastic places, meeting new people, and making precious memories, the students and staff boarded the plane back home.

The students were a great credit to their school, demonstrating enthusiasm and adaptability throughout the exchange.



Year 7 students took part in a CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) training session designed to teach them vital life-saving skills. The session was highly interactive, giving students the opportunity to practice the correct techniques for chest compressions, learn how to check for breathing, and understand the importance of calling for help in an emergency.

The students responded with great enthusiasm throughout the training. Many commented on how useful and interesting the session was, with several saying they now feel more confident about what to do if someone collapses or stops breathing. They particularly enjoyed the hands-on practice with the manikins, which made the session engaging and realistic.

Teachers present during the training observed that students worked well together, encouraging and supporting each other as they practised. The atmosphere was positive and energetic, and it was clear that the pupils valued learning a skill that could one day save a life.

Support Co-op Academy Leeds through the Co-op Local Community Fund!

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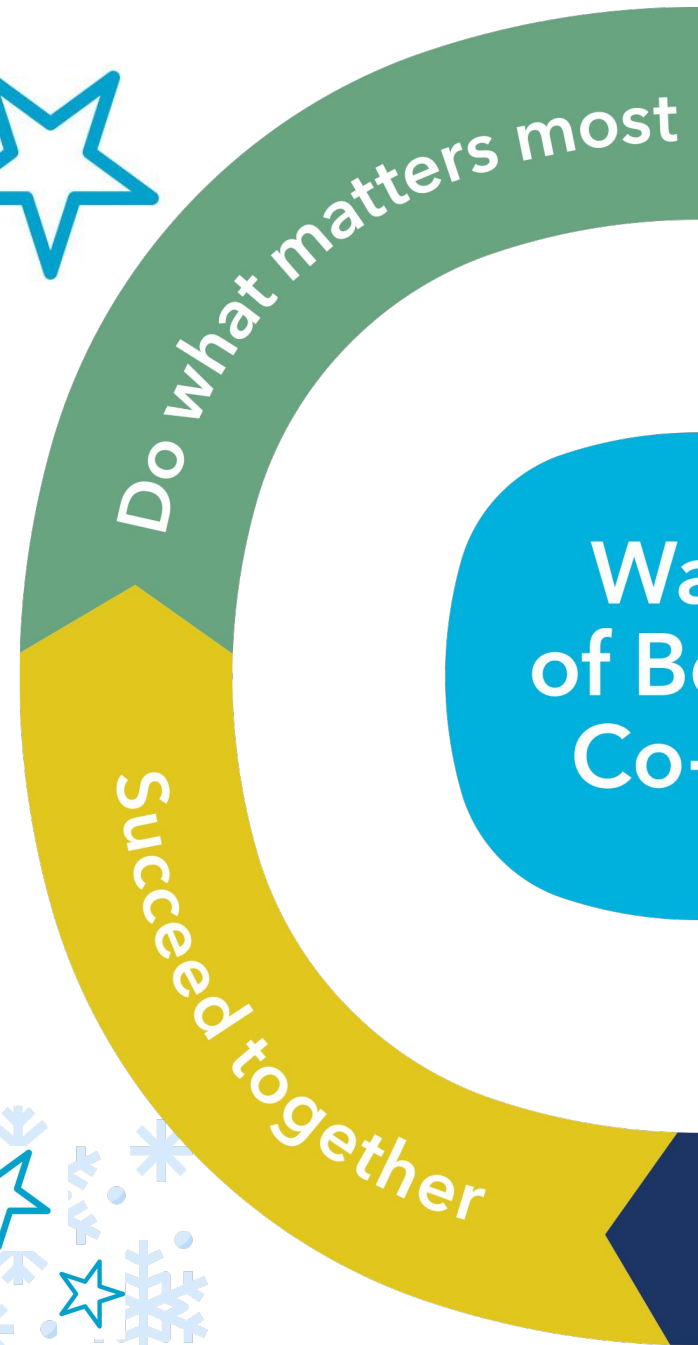
Thank you for helping us make a difference in our school community.

Maths Masterclass Leeds Mathematics School

12 year 10 students spent their Saturday morning at Leeds Maths School. They looked into problems involving rate, they completed a puzzle which led to binary numbers and explored different number bases. Mr Durn also worked with the students alongside Robert Wilne, the Principal of LMaS.



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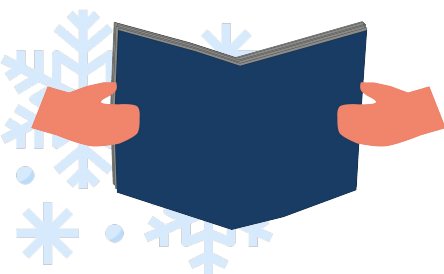


Crowd Movement Lecture, Leeds Maths School

4 students from Co-op Academy Leeds visited Leeds Maths School to learn about the maths behind crowd control and movement. Dr Aoife Hunt MBE is a leading specialist in people movement and emergency planning. She has 15 years' experience in the research and simulation of human behaviour and completed an award-winning PhD in evacuation modelling. Aoife advises on the movements and behaviour of people in tall buildings, hospitals, stadia and events, the public realm, and transport systems across the world. She leads national research projects to advance the safety and security of crowded places, specialising in human behaviour in emergencies and pedestrian movement through security overlays.



Year 11 students attended the first day of our Trust; Maths Intervention Program! This intensive day was dedicated to equipping our students with the skills, confidence, and targeted support needed to excel in mathematics.

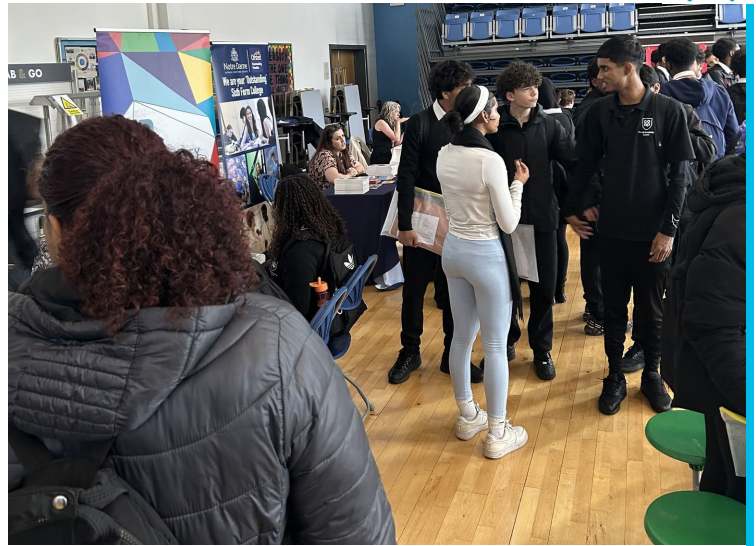


We want to send a massive thank you to our dedicated team of Pupil Librarians! These enthusiastic students volunteer their time with incredible commitment, helping to keep our library buzzing, books neatly shelved, and the atmosphere welcoming for everyone. Their passion for reading and helpful nature makes the library a truly special and inviting place. We are so grateful for their hard work and friendly faces, they are the true heart of our library community!



Year 7 - EY Foundations Finance Workshop

Year 11 - Information Evening

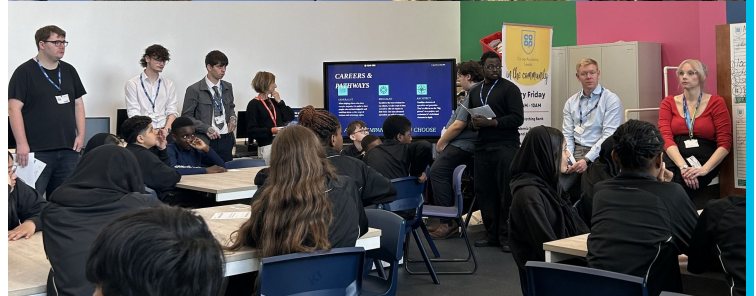
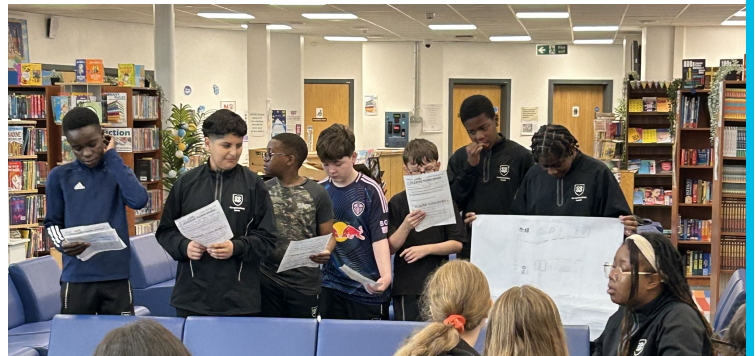


A massive thank you to everyone who attended our Year 11 Information Evening in October!

Let's work together to make this year a huge success. If you have any follow-up questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Smart Cities Challenge

Year 9 Reach First Introduction



Our Year 8 students were inspired by the future of technology in Net Company's Smart Cities Challenge. Netcompany is an international digital services provider. The students learned about how technology is used in cities like Leeds and how smart technology could be used there in the future, including the role of AI, driverless cars and robotic surgeons in creating healthier cities that prioritise wellbeing.

SPORTS NEWS

All the latest sports news from Co-op Academy Leeds



Some of our brilliant year 8/9 badminton players.



Some of our Y8 football team. They represented the academy brilliantly, well done to all involved!



Some action shots from our Y11 basketball team



We are very proud of our Y8 football team.



We are very proud of our Y7 boys football team after their first league games of the season.



Our Y10 Football team in cup action



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5 members of our Y8/9 football team were in 5-a-side action. They represented the Academy brilliantly, well done all!



Y7 football team braving the temperatures in their 7 a side tournament. Well done to all those involved.



Our Y7-Y10 students have been competing in Inter-form sports events. Well done to 7.4, 8.5, 9.4/7 and 10.6 on the Football victories and 7.2, 8.2, 9.4 and 10.6 on the Netball wins.





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Have a wonderful break!
We'll see you back in the academy
on Tuesday 6 January 2026



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8:30AM - 10AM

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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 everyone, everyday.

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