



Co-op Academy
Leeds

Academy Life



May 2026



Parliament Trip - GCSE Romanian

Students and staff from Co-op Academy Leeds have been supporting to lead the campaign to pressure exam boards to introduce GCSE Romanian. There are currently over 20 heritage language GCSEs, yet there are no accreditation opportunities for multilingual students who speak Romanian - the UK's third most spoken language.

On the 27th April the campaign held a meeting in the Houses of Parliament to make their case to MPs. Eduard Avadanei and Larissa Grec, Year 10 students, made speeches in front of 120 politicians, ambassadors, and journalists about why this injustice needs to be corrected and the impact this would have on their future opportunities. One MP present remarked that the students were 'future politicians'.

The students were a credit to the school, city, and wider Romanian community. Please find below images of Eduard making his speech, and alongside local MP Mark Sewards.

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents, Carers, and Students,

As we reach the end of another incredibly busy half term, I am delighted to welcome you to this latest edition of 'Academy News'. It has been a privilege to watch our students continue to work hard, demonstrate our core Co-op values, and show real determination in everything they do.

First and foremost, I want to shine a spotlight on our fantastic Year 11 students. They are currently in the thick of their GCSE examinations, and their attitude has been nothing short of exemplary. The focus, maturity, and resilience they have shown during this high-pressure period is a credit to themselves, their families, and our academy community.

As we look ahead to the next half term, I would like to take this opportunity to reinforce our core expectations. High standards are vital in ensuring all students can learn and achieve their best in a safe, supportive environment.

Please take a moment to review these crucial reminders with your child:

- **Punctuality:** Every minute of learning counts. Students must arrive at the academy on time - at 08:25 - every day, ready to pass through the gates and start their day successfully.
- **Uniform:** We expect all students to wear their full academy uniform with pride. Please ensure your child returns after the break in the correct attire, adhering fully to our uniform policy.
- **Equipment and Bags:** Being ready to learn means having the right tools. Equipment checks take place daily. It is compulsory for every student to bring a proper school bag containing their student planner, timetable, and pencil case (including 2 black pens, 1 red pen, a pencil, a ruler, and an eraser).
- **Monday Finish Times:** A quick reminder that our schedule includes a staggered or altered finish time on Mondays compared to the rest of the week. Please ensure your child is clear on their travel arrangements for Monday afternoons.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership. By working closely together, we ensure our young people have the structure and encouragement they need to thrive.

I wish you all a safe, restful, and enjoyable half-term break, and I look forward to welcoming our students back, refreshed and ready for the final term of the academic year.

With very best wishes,

Miss Natalie Jones, Headteacher



Amazing News! A group of 10 Year 8 students attended Leeds Poetry Slam 2026.

It was a poetry competition where they worked diligently over two months, writing their own poems and even coming in during the Easter holidays to practice their performances.

They demonstrated incredible commitment and resilience, making our school extremely proud. We came 2nd place out of 14 schools! A huge well done to them all. They have worked extremely hard!

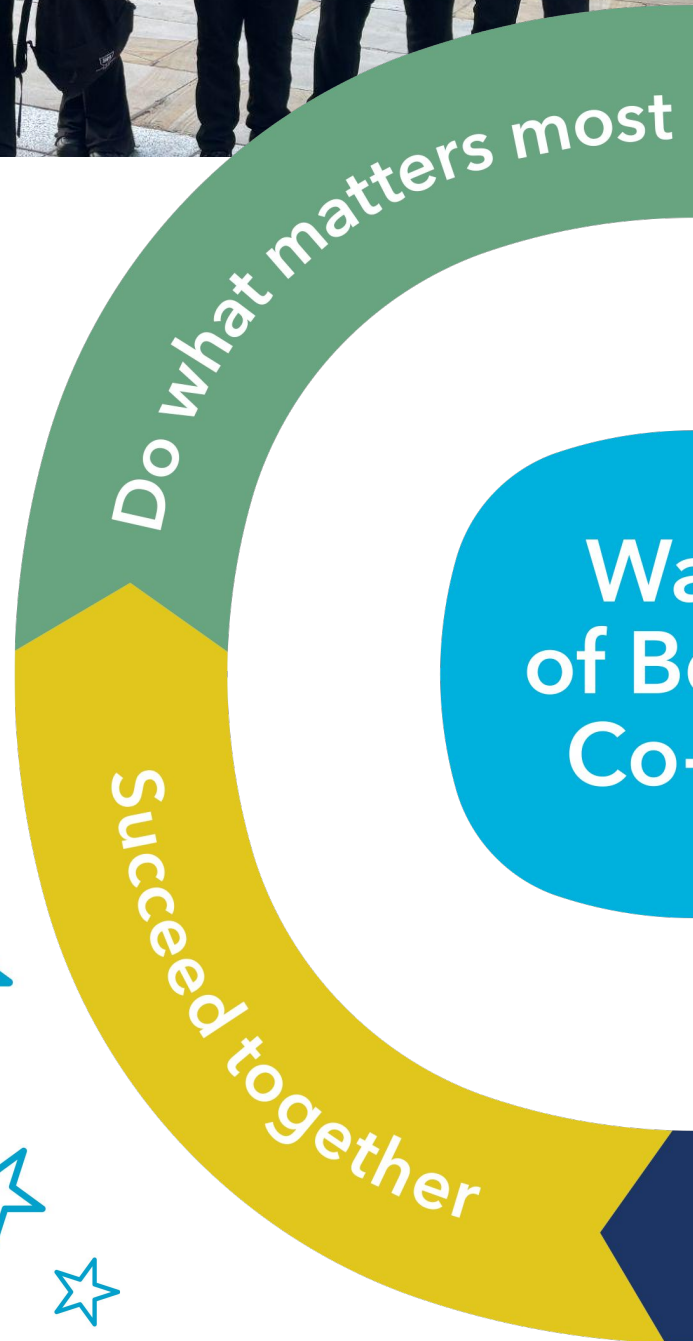
SCIENCE CLUB!
TUESDAY BG17 LUNCHTIME

EXPERIMENTS! DEMOS!

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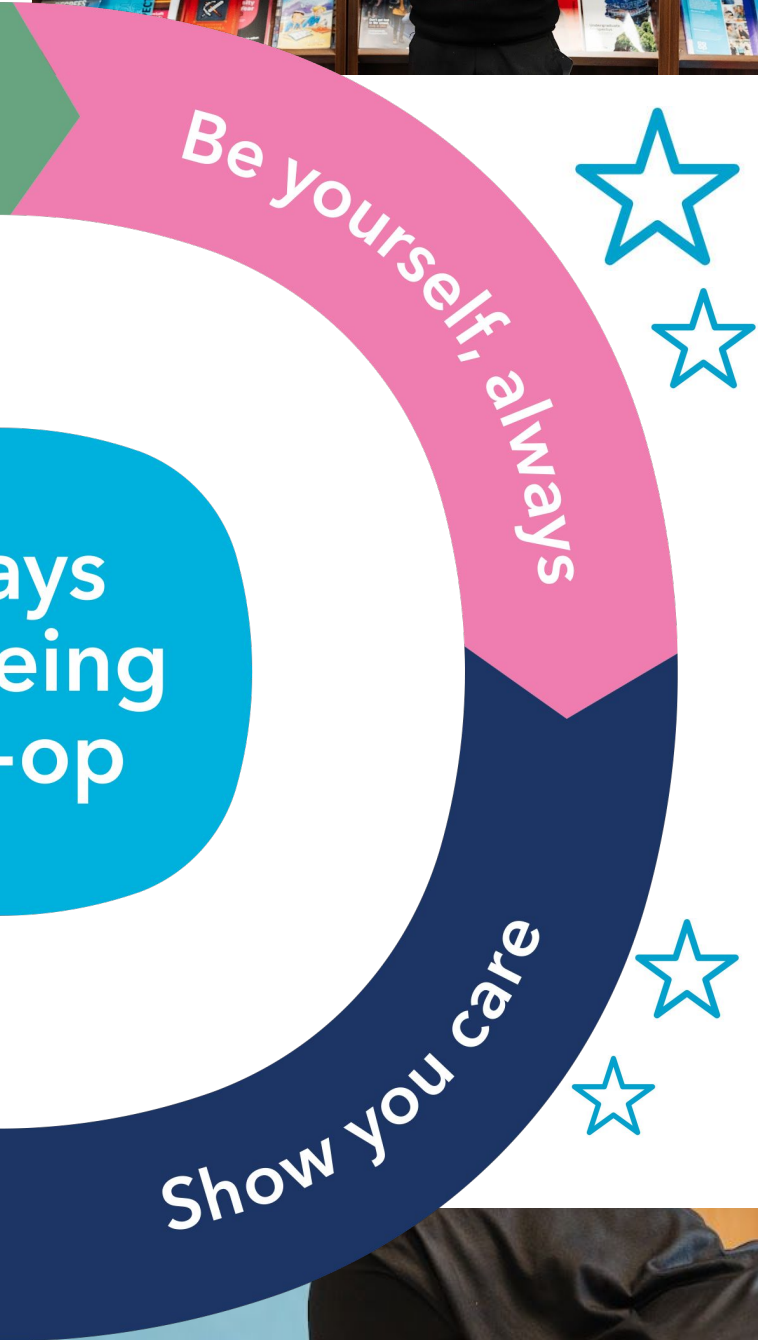
Making Bath Bombs Elephant's Toothpaste

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LET'S GO
ZERO
2030

Schools working together to be zero carbon



Alumni

Where are they now?



We always enjoy hearing how our ex students are getting on.



Ermis Saliassi
Class of 2023

What do you do now?
First-year law student at the Uni of Leeds

How many GCSEs did you leave with? *9*

What were you like at school?
strong-willed, resilient and determined.

Was there anyone in school who especially helped you?
Ms Barnett (science teacher), Ms Lister (English), and Ms Kaur (RE) all played a big role in supporting me throughout school. They were always kind, encouraging, and understanding.

Where did you go after leaving Co-op Academy Leeds?
Elliott Hudson College

Did you gain any other qualifications?
A levels in Law, psychology, history and EPQ
Currently completing law degree

What advice would you give to current students?
My advice to current students would be to revise for exams and stay focused, because the effort you put in now will benefit your future and help you achieve your goals. Even if school feels difficult at times, do not give up, there are so many opportunities ahead, whether that is college, university, or employment.

I would also encourage students to appreciate and respect their teachers, as they do a lot to support you, even when you may not realise it at times.



Year 11 Revision May 2026



Students must enter via Student Reception and must sign in and out of the Academy.

Tuesday 26th May

Subject	Time	Offer
Maths: Higher	10:00 - 12:00	11X1, 11Y1 & Target Groups
Maths: Foundation	12:00 - 14:00	11Y2, 11Y3, 11X2, 11X3
Geography	10:00 - 12:00	(Grades 2-4)
Geography	12:00 - 14:00	(Grades 4+)

Thursday 28th May

Subject	Time	Offer
History	10:00 - 12:00	Grades 2-5
Science	10:00 - 14:00	Grade 3-4 students & HT cohort

Friday 29th May

Subject	Time	Offer
French	10:00 - 12:00	Higher Tier
French	12:00 - 14:00	Foundation Tier
English	10:00 - 12:00	Higher Tier
English	12:00 - 14:00	Foundation Tier

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



Scan me

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PLACES KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) MAY HALF TERM 2026
moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free



ANGUS STEAKHOUSE

Kids under 8 eat FREE daily, 12pm to 5pm

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 daily, with no adult spend

ASK ITALIAN

2 Kids eat free 27th March - 19th April 2026

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat free Sunday - Thursday

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

2 Kids Eat Free Breakfast with 1 paying adult

BILLS

Kids eat free Mon 25th - Fri 29th May 2026

BREWDOG

Kids eat free 23rd - 31st May 2026

CAFE ROUGE

Kids Eat FREE 12-4pm every day of the week

CHIKITO

Kids eat free during all school holidays

COCONUT TREE

Kids eat free during half terms

DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES

Kids eat for £1 with an adult meal purchase

FARMHOUSE INNS

Kids eat FREE from 25th - 29th May 2026

FLAMING GRILL PUBS

Kids eat FREE from 25th - 29th May 2026

FRANKIE & BENNY'S

Kids eat FREE during school holidays

FRANCO MANCIA

Kids eat FREE school holidays Mon-Thurs

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 10 eat FREE all day, every day

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 from 25th to 29th May 2026.

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

LAS IGUANAS

Kids under 12 eat FREE via the App

MARCO PIERRE WHITE

Kids under 12 Eat FREE daily with an adult spend

MORRISONS

Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend all day

PIZZA HUT

Kids Eat Free Every Day after 3pm

PREMIER INN

2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free with 1 paying adult

PREZZO

Kids up to age 12 eat for £1 during half terms

PUREZZA

Kids under 10 get free pizza with every adult meal

SA BRAINS PUBS

Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

SIZZLING PUBS

Kids eat for £1, Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm

TABLE TABLE

2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult

TESCO

Kids eat free May half term with any adult spend

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free Mon 11th - Sun 31st May (Via App)

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

TRAVELODGE

2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast

TURTLE BAY

Kids eat free with every £15 adult spend via app

VILLAGE HOTELS

Kids eat free weekdays via the village app

WHITBREAD INNS

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

YO! SUSHI

Kids eat free all day (weekdays) in school holidays

ZIZZI

Kids eat free via app during school holidays



Have a wonderful break!

We'll see you back in the academy
on Monday 1 June 2026



Co-op Academy
Leeds

in the community

Every Friday

8:30AM - 10AM

Food & Clothing Bank

Academic Support
and Advice

Pastoral Support

Debt Advice



Co-op Academy Leeds

Stoney Rock Lane
LS9 7HD

leeds@coopacademies.co.uk



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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LGBTQ+
INCLUSION
IN EDUCATION
AWARD

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