

Being Walkden

Year 11
Leavers
assembly, see
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Be yourself,
always

Do what
matters most

Show you
care

Succeed
together

Dates for your diary

Monday 1st July - Thursday 4th July Year 10
Geography Field trips

Tuesday 2nd July - Year 10 College trips

Tuesday 2nd July - Trust Science
Competition

Thursday 4th July - Year 11 Prom

Friday 5th July - Year 7 & 8 Aladdin trip

Monday 15th July - Virtual meeting for
parents to discuss Arbor (further details to
follow next week)

A note from our Principal Mr Hacker

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the latest newsletter.

As always it's wonderful to see the varied achievements of our students, both in and out of the academy!

It was sad to wave goodbye to our out-going Year 11's last week, but we've been busy welcoming our new Year 6 pupils over the past couple of days. It's been so lovely to see their enthusiasm and excitement about finishing primary school and starting the next phase of their educational journeys.

You may have become aware of a couple of articles in the Manchester Evening News this week, regarding very different issues, but both ultimately about standards and doing what matters most.

The first relates to the new uniform expectations from September. We've been contacted by a number of parents and carers, some of which have been very supportive, some with further questions and some of whom disagree with the changes. As ever, we're really grateful for all the feedback.

We understand that everyone will have their own particular viewpoint and within school we ultimately have to make decisions that, on balance, we feel are in the best interests of our children overall. We have been really impressed by the mature and measured response from many of our wonderful students, a great example being the two students presenting their views to the senior leadership team this week. Discussing the issues with students has enabled them to see that the changes have been really well considered and that, given all the other options, are a reasonable and fair way to raise standards and remove some of the unseen pressures on them.

As stated in the original letter, we take a common sense approach to uniform when the weather is warm and we'll be looking at alternative arrangements for all students on the warmer days. Some parents have asked for clarity on what the protocol for this is, which we will communicate at a later stage.

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A note from our Principal Mr Hacker

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Ultimately, we have a uniform policy and it's important in the spirit of fairness, to uphold it for all. We hope that these changes will keep the focus on what really matters - learning.

The second article relates to attendance to the Prom. With the same ethos and spirit explained above, it's really important that we maintain high standards and fairness for attendance to the prom, which is a reward and privilege for those students who have earned it over the past few months. As I am sure you would all expect, we make our expectations clear and we stick to it.

Wishing you all a great weekend ahead.

Matt Hacker
Principal



Noticeboard

Attendance Matters

As we move closer to the end of the school year, we all need to do our best to push for 100% attendance.

Attendance is the foundation of success – you can't achieve anything if you're not there to do it

Breakfast Club

Reminder that breakfast club is between 8am-8.25am Please ensure students arrive in plenty of time to get breakfast and sit down to eat this comfortably before lessons start at 8.30am

Year 10 Work Experience

This week our Year 10 students have been out in the world of working life, we have already received some amazing feedback from employers about our students and we cannot wait to hear all about it on their return
Monday

How to be school ready

As we come towards the end of the school year, please remember that standards are still required.

Please ensure that students have a black pen, red pen, ruler and pencil with them for every lesson.

Monster Kickabout

Last week we joined in with National School Sports Week, Powered by Sports Direct's Monster Kickabout

Our goal was to engage young people in 60 minutes a day of PE, sport and play.

We jumped on Euro's fever and held our very own Year group football tournaments each day.

Monday - Year 7 saw Switzerland beat Albania on penalties

Tuesday - Year 8 saw a final between Portugal and Switzerland where Portugal took the win on penalties

Wednesday - Year 9 saw Croatia beat Spain

Friday - Year 10 saw Turkey beat Poland

We saw some excellent football and more importantly our students having a brilliant time outdoors whether playing the game or supporting their peers.

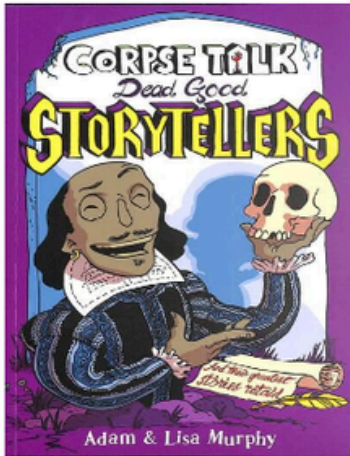


Library

Each fortnight we will post a personal book review from one of our students. They will read the book and take the time to write a review for others to see, encouraging more students to pick up the book and give it a go.

Student book review

Corpse Talk: Dead, Good Storytellers by Adam and Lisa Murphy (reviewed by Charlotte, year 7)



This book is about dead famous authors including Geoffrey Chaucer, William Shakespeare, Mary Shelley, Charlotte Bronte, Charles Dickens and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. I like it because it was short and spooky! I like the beginning because it explains the format of the book and what it covers. It is written in a graphic novel format.

Overall, I found the book very interesting and informative.

Star rating:



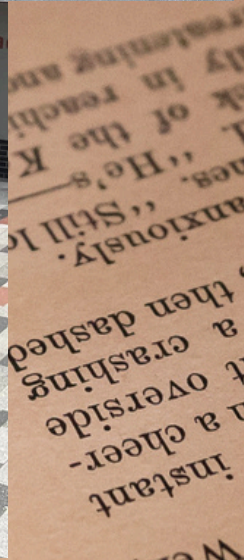
Last week our Librarians created a display of books and resources in support of Refugee Week

'Simple Acts are everyday actions we can all do to stand with refugees and make new connections in our communities.'



Salford Children's Book Awards

Our pupils were impeccably behaved and Zion, Owen, Lily and Myla did a brilliant job of presenting from the stage. Lots of books were bought (and each pupil received a free book voucher). The audience included the authors, the Mayor of Salford, the Head of Salford Libraries and pupils and staff from most Salford High Schools.



Student Success

Here at Co-op Academy Walkden, we love to share our students successes.

Year 9 student Noah won Under 14's Northern Counties Champion for Football. A significant achievement in football.

Well done Noah, we are extremely proud of you.



**Thank you all for
your continued
support,**

**Enjoy your
weekend.**

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the next newsletter, please email us at
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