

# Being Walkden

A day in the life at Co-op Academy Walkden



Be yourself,  
always

Do what  
matters most

Show you  
care

Succeed  
together

## Dates for your diary

Tuesday 23rd July - End of Summer Term -  
2pm finish for all students

Thursday 22nd August - GCSE Results Day

Tuesday 3rd September - Academy re-opens  
for Year 7 and Year 11 students

Wednesday 4th September - All year groups  
return to the academy.

# A note from our Principal Mr Hacker

Dear parents and carers

It's the end of term and the end of another academic year at Co-op Academy Walkden. I'm so proud of all the contributions, achievements and successes of our wonderful children throughout the year and I want to thank you all for your on-going support. Over the last two weeks we've had two celebration events and it's been great to see so many children - nearly 300 in total receiving awards for their contributions. Well done to them all - keep being amazing.

For now though, I will wish you all a great summer break - I know our students and staff really need it and I hope you all have a restful break. I'll be in touch over the summer with reminders about the start of term, but just one reminder now about the uniform changes from September. You can find all expectations [here](#).

We look forward to welcoming Year 7 back for the full day on Tuesday 3rd, along with Year 11 for the careers event. All students will return officially on Wednesday 4th September.

Best wishes to all

Matt Hacker



# Noticeboard

## 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

## Attendance

Important information on the below link for parents/carers regarding absence from school from September 2024.

[Department for Education](#)

Please contact [walk-attendance@coopacademies.co.uk](mailto:walk-attendance@coopacademies.co.uk) if you require any further information or explanation.

## Information

Mrs Peet and The Safeguarding Team have provided a wealth of information and resources in our [Safeguarding Newsletter Summer 2024](#)

Academy Librarian Mrs Moya gives a round-up of events throughout this term in our [Library Newsletter Summer 2024](#)

## Uniform Shop

We have recently donated a lot of pre-loved Co-op Academy Walkden School uniform to the wonderful team at [Salford Step Into Action](#).

We can all do our bit for the environment and for our pockets by opting for pre-loved items rather than a full brand new school uniform this year.

You can message the team on Facebook or via their website or just pop into their shop to take a look.

## Arbor

Mrs Cooper recently invited all parents/carers to attend a virtual session on Arbor. This was a hugely successful session and gave us the chance to understand some of your frustrations with Arbor which will enable us to make it easier moving forward.

If you missed the session - please find a link to the recording [here](#)  
[Homework Booklet](#)

## How to be school ready

Although we are only just heading into our Summer break, we know too well that September will soon be upon us and we want to share a reminder of how to be prepared for a fresh start to September 2024

Please ensure all students arrive by 8.15am ready for a prompt start to the day at 8.30am (Breakfast club available from 8am).

Full uniform must be worn. please see uniform requirements [here](#)

Students are expected to have a black pen, red pen, ruler and pencil with them for every lesson.

# Transitions days

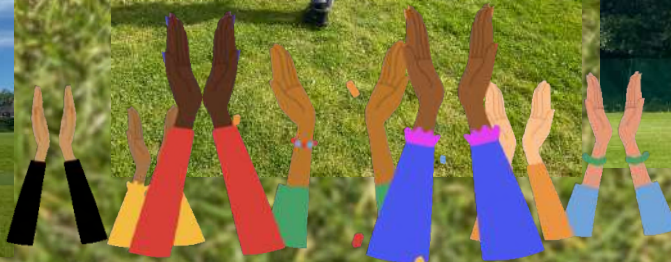
Last month we invited our new Year 7 students to join us for two transition days, we hope they all enjoyed the experience and feel excited to join us properly from September.



# Sports day

This term we held our annual Sports Day events and would you believe it - we had sunshine for the occasion.

Well done to all students who took part.



# Rewards trips

Last week was the much anticipated event of the year - Rewards trip, this year we had 4 different locations on offer with Blackpool, Chester Zoo, Knowsley Safari Park and Trafford Centre for bowling and cinema.

All four trips were a success and students and staff alike had a brilliant time.

Some photos from our day below, you will notice no photos from Blackpool as the students were all having too much fun to hang around with the staff



# Sports Awards & Celebration Evening

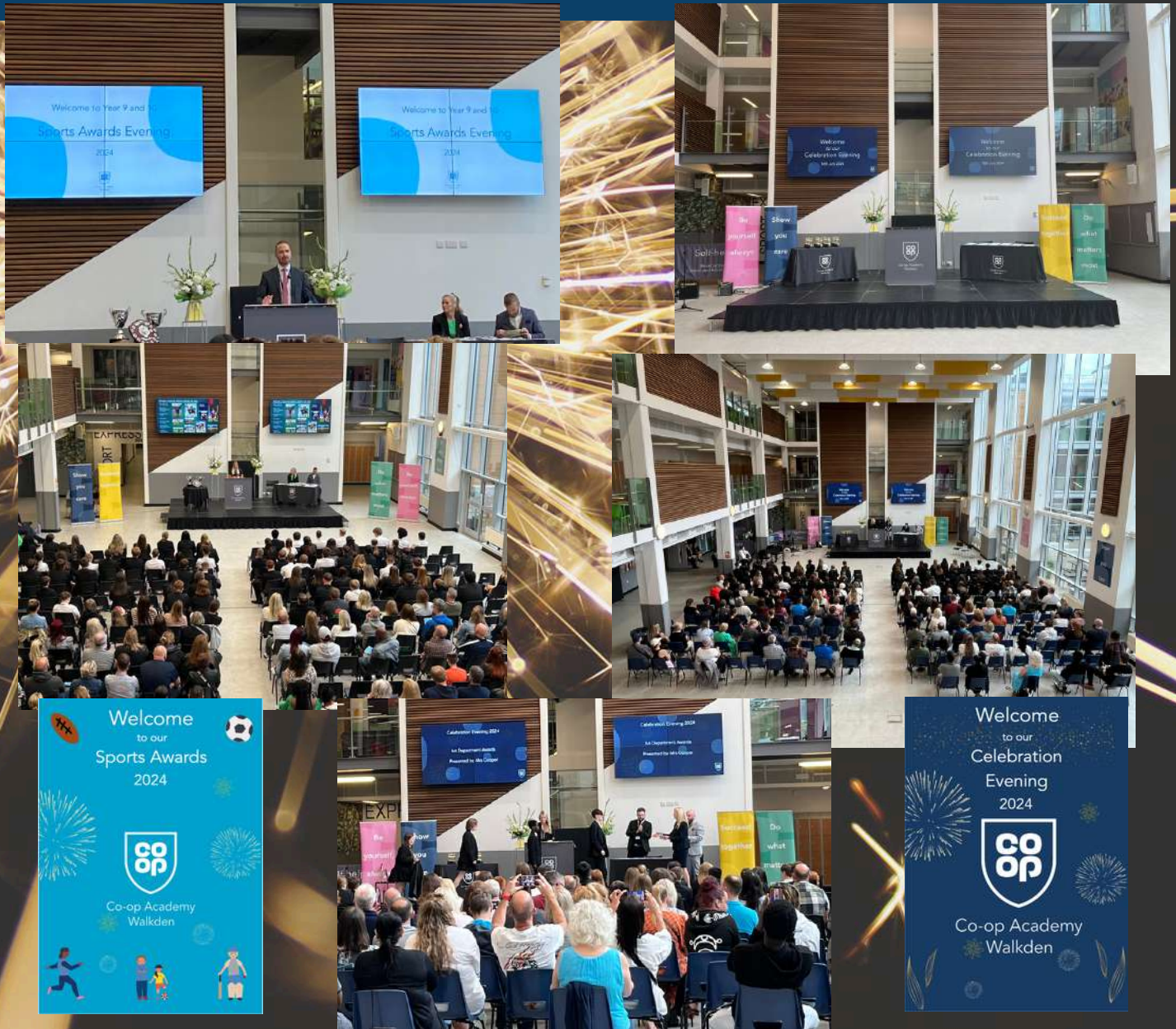
We had the absolute honour of hosting not one but two celebration events over the last two weeks.

Our PE department hosted their very first Sports Awards Evening, it was lovely to see so many of our aspiring athletes being recognised for their passion and skills in sport.

The following week we held our annual Celebration Evening where we invited 80 students and their families to join us for an evening celebrating their achievements throughout the past year.

Both events were a joy to be a part of and we hope our students and guests enjoyed them as much as we did.

Thank you to Mrs Schafer, Mrs Walker and Mrs Cooper for all of their hard work and dedication to make these events happen.



# Staff success

Here at Co-op Academy Walkden it is not just the success of our students that we like to celebrate, but also that of our staff.

Below we would like to share just two of our incredible staff members with you.

At the beginning of June 24, our very own PE Teacher, Mrs Bawden flew over to Belfast, Ireland to compete in this year's British Open Masters Powerlifting Competition. After several months of training 4 times a week on top of her full time teaching role she went out to Belfast and smashed it, taking the Bronze Medal in the Women's Master 2 U76kg. Setting Personal Best records for all the 3 lifts, squat, bench and deadlift.

This is a fantastic achievement and here at Walkden we are extremely proud of her achievements, and more importantly the role model she is for our female students. Well done Mrs Bawden



# Royal Humane Society Award

## We would also love to share something extremely admirable about another member of our team, Captain Murphy

In summer last year Captain Murphy and his friends were on a canoeing trip on the River Wye, they noticed a family in difficulty as they had gone down the wrong side of the canal.

As they approached they could see that the family had capsized and that their canoe was now stuck underneath a tree which had fallen into the water. The family had a young child with them and naturally panic had started to set in.

Capt Murphy bravely stopped to help the family, he managed to rescue the child and get them to safety whilst then going back to rescue the canoe and the family's belongings.

Due to Capt. Murphy's bravery and quick thinking the family were safe and were able to recover all of their items.

Capt. Murphy is very humble and sees this as something he wouldn't think twice about, yet other people had passed the family by without offering to help.

We are incredibly proud to say that Capt. Murphy and his friend have been awarded a Royal Humane Society Award for their bravery and will be recognised for it by the CCF and wider family when they attend the Lord Lieutenant's Award Ceremony at Gorton Monastery in October this year.

We are incredibly proud to have Captain Murphy as a part of our academy community and are thrilled that he has been recognised for this act of strength and bravery.

Well done Captain.

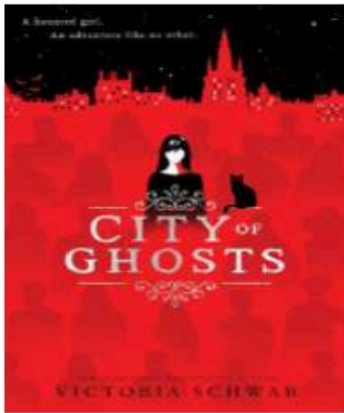


# Library

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

### City of Ghosts by Victoria Schwab (reviewed by Amber-Rose, year 7)



This book is about a girl called Cassidy who has a "gift" to separate the living from the dead by "pulling back the veil". Her parents start to make a documentary about the world's most famous cities and they start in Edinburgh. Cass meets a girl who shares the same "ghost" and starts to learn more about the veil. Parts of the book were very realistic, with great description and the best "show don't tell" I've read. The story was very gripping – most of the chapters ended on a cliffhanger, so you

couldn't help wanting to read the next bit. I would definitely recommend this book to people of my age who like mystery stories and "show don't tell" writing. **Star rating:**



We were lucky enough to have a very special guest this month,  
Author Daniel Blythe

Daniel has written several titles in the Doctor Who series, and the popular Emerald Greene series of novels. After a fantastic presentation and a fun quiz, pupils in Year 7 and Year 9 took part in a creative writing workshop, resulting in some impressive pieces of writing.

Well done to our students for standing up and reading their story to the group and thank you to Daniel for sharing so much knowledge with us and signing books for our students.



# Charity bake sale

Last week we held another one of our successful charity bake sales, we would like to say a huge thank you to students, parents/carers and staff for their generous donations and a special thank you to Worsley Bakehouse for donating some delicious cakes to the stall.

On the day we raised a whopping £355 in just under 20 minutes which will be split between two charities that mean a lot to our academy community The Teenage Cancer Trust and Save the Children UK. We know some of our staff and parents would like to donate still via Parent Pay and this is now open, if you would like to contribute then you can go to your Parent Pay account and donate.

Thank you as always to Mrs Meah for organising the event



# Summer holiday essentials

Throughout the summer holidays there are lots of enjoyable activities to join in with, some are listed below

[Summer Fun - Salford City Council](#)

[Salford Free Tuesdays at RHS Bridgewater](#)



**Youth Hub**  
Salford City Council

**TUESDAYS THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER 4-8PM**

# SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

**FREE**

DRAMA | SPORTS | ARTS | GAMING | BOXING

**BRIDGEWATER YOUTH CENTRE**  
72 BRIDGEWATER ST, LITTLE HULTON,  
MANCHESTER M38 9WD

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**WEDNESDAYS AND THURSDAYS THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER 4-8PM**

# SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

**FREE**

DRAMA | SPORTS | ARTS | GAMING | BOXING

**THE DEN YOUTH CLUB**  
ELLSEMERE SHOPPING CENTRE, 20/21 WALKDEN TOWN  
CENTRE, MANCHESTER ROAD M28 3ZH

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**Have a restful and  
enjoyable summer  
break**

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