

Being Walkden

Ready Steady
Cook, eat your
heart out



Dates for your diary

Tuesday 8 October - Year 11 Launch
Evening 4-8pm

Wednesday 9 October - Year 7 Orchestra
Trip

Thursday 10 October - Year 8 photos

Thursday 10 October - Year 7 meet the tutor
evening 4-7pm

Friday 11 October - Charity Bake Sale

Friday 18 October - end of half term 1

Be yourself,
always

Do what
matters most

Show you
care

Succeed
together

A note from our Principal Mr Hacker

Dear parents and carers

Last week we held our annual open evening and it was great to be able to welcome so many visitors to the academy - 1297 in total, which is by far the most we've ever had. We had so many of our existing pupils helping on the night, proudly showing off their school to the younger pupils and parents - it was wonderful to see. Thank you to all the parents and carers who allowed their children to support us so well - they were a real credit to you and us.

Next week, we welcome Year 11 parents to a launch event for this important year, where we will be discussing all the revision we have on offer, the option to talk to different subject leads on the requirements for the GCSE's and to think about the ways in which we can best work together to support students to make the best progress throughout the year. We hope to see as many of you as possible. Year 11 parents/carers please confirm your attendance [here](#).

This half term is flying by and there are only two more weeks before we finish for the half term break. We'll be finishing at the normal time on Friday 18th October for a week, ready to return on Monday 28th October.

We hope you enjoy all the updates in this newsletter, but remember to check out our socials for daily updates on all the action here at Walkden.

Have a great weekend

Best Wishes

Matt Hacker



Noticeboard

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 if you require any further information or explanation.

Homework

Please see our homework page for information on how homework is set, how your child can access homework, how to monitor overdue work and helpful tips on supporting your child

[Homework](#)

Absence Log and Communications

To report your child as absent, please use ONE of the available options below.

- You can call our Academy to report absence 0161 8501625 (Option 1).
- You can now use the 'log absence' function on your Arbor app. You can find this by going to Dashboard - Menu (three lines) - Attendance - Log Absence.

For any pre-planned absence's or appointments please email our Attendance Team walk-attendance@coopacademies.co.uk and include an attached appointment card or letter as evidence of the reason for the planned absence.

Whichever method you chose to use, please do this each day that your child is absent from school before 8.30am.

We will be turning off the Arbor In App message service for now as this is no longer required for absence logging.

For all other general queries please continue to use the academy mailbox walkden.info@coopacademies.co.uk

Extra Curricular Activities

We have a number of Extra Curricular Activities running daily. Please see below timetables and speak to the relevant teacher or head of department for further information.

[Non PE Extra Curricular Timetable](#)

[PE Extra Curricular Timetable](#)

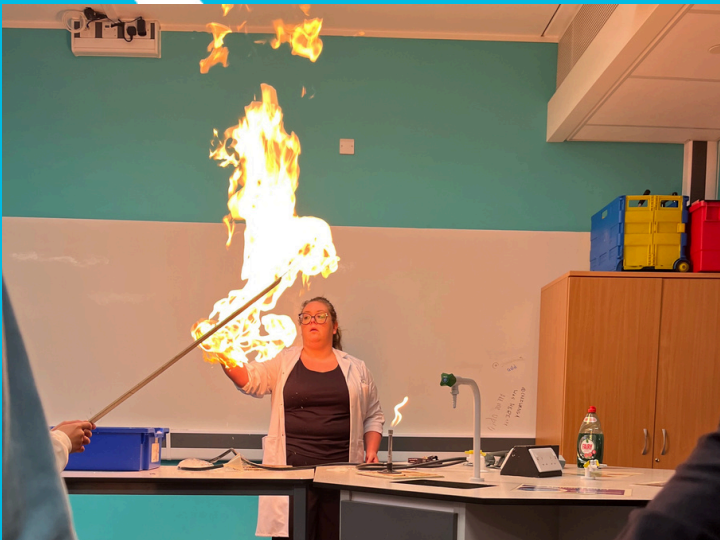
Parent/Carer Drop In Sessions

We will be holding regular drop in sessions throughout the year for parent/carers to drop in, ask questions and have discussions with staff. Below you will find a list of upcoming topics for each event so that you can add any of interest to your diary. These sessions are in person in the Academy 3-4pm

[Drop in Sessions](#)

Open Evening 2024

Last week we held our annual open event for prospective parents and students who are applying for a place next year. This was a huge success, thanks to the hard work and dedication from our students and staff in the run up to the event and on the evening.



Celebrating Success

Congratulations to Year 8 student Max and his Roe Green Team for clinching the u13 GMCL cup last week. The team which also includes one of our Year 9 students won a dramatic final at a very wet Woodhouses Cricket Club.

Well done Lads on your amazing victory.



Well done to Year 9 student Zain who has been showing excellent skill and ambition in his young racing career. To see more from Zain check out his professional Facebook page [here](#)

School Food Showdown

Year 8 students had a great time last week with the School Food Showdown, a healthy eating roadshow.

Students were able to get involved with preparing, cooking, taste testing and judging

Thanks to Chef Ben from School Food Showdown for 3 brilliant shows.



Library

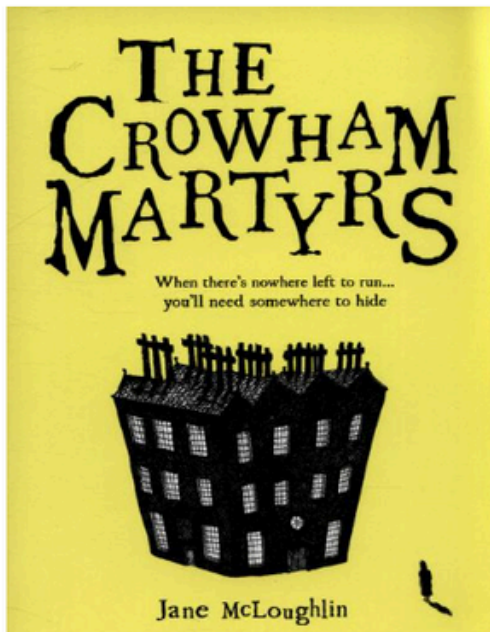
Each fortnight we will post a personal book review from one of our students. They will read the book and take the time to write a review for others to see, encouraging more students to pick up the book and give it a go.

Library Opening Times

Break	10:30 - 11:50
KS3 Lunch	12:50 - 1:25
KS4 Lunch	1:25 - 2:00
After school	3:00 - 3:40

Student book review

The Crowham Martyrs by Jane McLoughlin (reviewed by Robyn, year 7)



Ghosts don't scare Maddy. She's seen them all her life...

So when her mum sends her to a creepy boarding school, Maddy isn't worried – but when her friends start disappearing, Maddy knows it's time to be scared. Something evil is lurking at Crowham Martyrs...

Maddy is my favourite character in the book because she is a rebel. The characters felt very real to me – as if they were speaking to me. The story really kept me guessing – my favourite part was when the books were glowing.

Chapter 48 was very well-written. I think that fans of horror and ghost stories will enjoy it!

Star rating:



Library - National Poetry Day

This week we
celebrated National
Poetry Day

Jessica Year 8, has
written a wonderful
poem



Jessica's Poem - Year 8

Do you want to live in a world
That just doesn't care,
Or live in a world that just isn't fair,
Well that's what our world is turning into,
But there is a way to reverse it,
If we just do our bit.

If kindness becomes more,
Then happiness shall be galore,
Instead of teasing,
People should be pleasing,
Rather than being mad or bad.

If we are kind,
It improves the mind,
It makes the world a better place,
For all of the human race.



Teaching and Learning

Below you will see some of the teaching methods and routines we use and follow at Co-op Academy Walkden

These strategies are underpinned by research and we use these techniques in every lesson

Great Teaching at Co-op Academy Walkden



Co-op Academy
Walkden

Retrieval

All lessons start with a retrieval task, the Do Now and exposition of the Learning Question.

Recognition

All lessons take a warm-strict approach. Positive framing provides specific positive feedback, when taught expectations are met.

Modelling

All lessons include modelling, with worked examples: I - We - You.

Scaffolding

All lessons are adapted to include temporary scaffolds to support different abilities.

Independent Practice

All lessons include independent, silent practice. Pupils show ambition to succeed.

Understanding

All lessons include regular checks for understanding and frequent, skilled questioning.

Challenge

All lessons are ambitious and teachers have consistently high expectations.

Feedback

All lessons are underpinned by individualised and regular whole class feedback.

Routines at Co-op Academy Walkden



Co-op Academy
Walkden

Positive Entrance

Welcome pupils at the door. Pupils stand silently behind their desks awaiting instructions.

Learning Question

The Learning Question is visible throughout the lesson and pupils are ready to articulate it.

Productive Atmosphere

All pupils are engaged; heads are off desks, coats are off and bags are on the floor.

Attention

Questioning and discussions are inclusive, but also constructive using strategies; .i.e. Signal, Pause, Insist.

Independence

Pupils work silently and independently on tasks in the lesson, they show a shared sense of determination.

Controlled Exit

Pupils silently stand behind their desks awaiting dismissal row by row.

Academies Trust Benchball Tournament

This week we were lucky enough to host the Co-op Academies Trust Greater Manchester Benchball tournament.

We invited Year 7 students from Co-op failsworth, Co-op Manchester and Co-op North Manchester to play along with our own Year 7 students.

Thank you to all students and staff who joined us and a special well done to our host team Walkden for winning the tournament.





**Thank you as
always for your
continued support.**

**Have a great
weekend.**

Our Newsletter needs you, if you have any students success stories to share or if you think you have something to contribute to the next newsletter, please email us at walkden.info@coopacademies.co.uk