

Being Walkden

We are collecting items for Christmas Hampers, to read more see page 4



Dates for your diary

Wednesday 4 and Thursday 5 December - Academy production of SIX:Teen Edition The Musical.

Tuesday 10 December - Year 11 Mock Results announced.

Thursday 12 December - Year 11 Progress Review Evening

Thursday 19 December - Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner

Friday 20 December - Last day of term before Christmas break.

Be yourself,
always

Do what
matters most

Show you
care

Succeed
together

A note from our Principal Mr Hacker

Dear parents and carers

It's been a really busy couple of weeks in the academy. Last Monday we held a post-16 evening for current Year 11 (and 10), allowing pupils and parents to talk to colleges and other post-16 providers about courses and career option. It was great to welcome so many and to be able to equip our students with as much independent advice and guidance as possible to place them well for future success. As you can read in this newsletter, Year 11 will be receiving their mock GCSE certificates on Tuesday 10th December, which is an important marker for their progress to date and next steps to improve before the next round of mocks in the Spring.



For our out-going Year 11, we held our annual GCSE presentation evening on Tuesday this week. It was so lovely to welcome them all back into the building to receive their official certificates and for a number of them to receive special recognition prizes for their efforts.

Next week we're really excited to be hosting this year's school production of the hit musical - SIX:Teen Edition. Our students have been working really hard in preparation - fine tuning their performances. We look forward to welcoming parents and carers along to enjoy the show. If you'd like to book a ticket, please see our noticeboard below for further information.

We will publish another newsletter before the Christmas break but a reminder that in our final week of term we will be hosting Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner day on Thursday 19th December where all pupils and staff are invited to wear a festive Christmas jumper instead of their school jumper.

Wishing you a great weekend ahead.

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.

Ready for school

Tickets are still available for SIX:Teen Edition.

We have two evening performances for you to choose from

Weds 4th Dec, 6.30pm

Thursday 5th Dec, 6.30pm



To book tickets please click [here](#)

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

Attendance Advent

Throughout December we will be hosting an Attendance Advent event, all pupils who are attending school and on time to all lessons will be entered into a daily prize draw, there are lots of exciting prizes up for grabs and the daily winner will be announced at the end of the school day over the tannoy.

You have to be IN to WIN

Ho Ho Ho



Year 11 Mock results

Week beginning 9 December, Year 11 will be receiving their Mock results and we will also be sending out a letter with further information about Prom 2025.

Safeguarding Newsletter

Take a look at our Safeguarding Newsletter [here](#)

Christmas Hampers

At Co-op Academy Walkden we would love to help our local community this Christmas. To show we care we will be making hampers during some of our PD sessions this December.

These hampers will be donated in time for the holidays this year to families in need. To help us in our quest to reach as many families as possible we are asking for donations for your child's PD group hamper.

We would be looking for items typically donated to a foodbank, some Christmas style treats and small gifts to provide to our families.

Any donations should be given directly to your child's PD tutor who will co-ordinate the collection and assembly of the hampers.

Additionally if you can provide any empty boxes or Christmas wrapping paper to help with the cause these would be greatly appreciated.

Co-op Academy Walkden Christmas Hampers



No alcohol
or
nuts



GCSE Presentation Evening

Class of 2024

We welcomed our Class of 2024 back for their GCSE Presentation Evening.

It was lovely to see so many of you and to hear about your new adventures since leaving the academy.

As Mr Hacker said last night, we are immensely proud of the young adults you have become and we wish you all the best for the future.

We hope parents/carers and students all enjoyed the evening.



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.

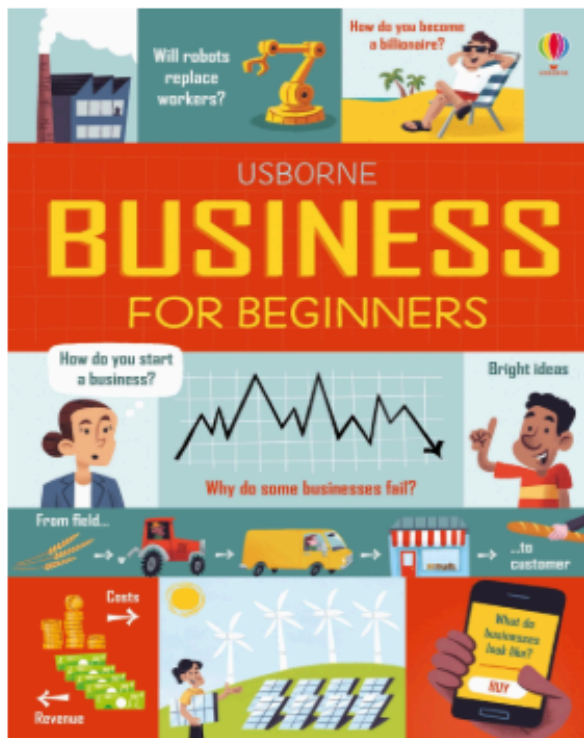
Library Opening Times

Break	10:30 - 10:50
KS3 Lunch	12:50 - 1:20
KS4 Lunch	1:20 - 1:50
After	2:50 - 3:30

Student book review

Usborne Business for Beginners

(reviewed by Ali, Year 7)



A lively introduction to the world of business, which is very straightforward and explains everything you will need to know. Find all the basics you need to start up your own business - from tips for business ideas and how to beat the competitions, to advice on managing money. The book also explains how business fits into the wider world, from pollution and global supply chains to interest rates and bailouts.

Star rating:



PE Updates

The Year 7 & 8 Girls Football team took part in the Utilita Cup Competition held at Salford Sports Village on Monday 11th November. The girls played exceptionally well getting themselves to the Semi Final where they missed out on penalties to Coop Academy Swinton. For some of the team this was their first football competition representing the academy and they did so with enthusiasm, commitment and gave 100% effort. Well done girls !

Our Year 7A Football team maintained their unbeaten start to the season with a 7-3 victory over Co-op Swinton. The result means the team top their group and have qualified for the Salford Schools' Cup QF. The team also have a 3rd round English Schools' Cup tie against St James' HS Farnworth to play, and a County Cup Last 16 tie against St Monica's to look forward to this term. Mr Tobutt

Our Year 11B Football team secured a comprehensive 8-3 victory over Buile Hill on Tuesday night to secure their place in the knockout stages of the Salford Schools' Cup. Mckiernan 4, Hulme 2 & Greenwood 2 with the goals. Next week, the team play St Ambrose College in the 2nd round of the English Schools' Cup. Well done boys - Mr Tobutt

The Year 7A Football team continued their unbeaten record and made it through to the 4th round of the English Schools' Cup with an impressive 6-1 victory against St James' HS; goals from Quigley 2, Millership, Bennett, Murphy and an OG sealed our place in the next round. Fantastic performance - Mr Tobutt.

Well done to the year 7 netball team who were victorious against St Ambrose Barlow in the Salford league, winning 4-2 The team played really well and enjoyed developing their skills. Mrs Schafer

The Year 11B Football team progressed to the 3rd round of the English Schools' Cup with a superb 4-2 victory against St Ambrose College. Trailing 2-0, the boys fought back with goals either side of half time to secure their place in the last 32. An away tie against Wright Robinson awaits. Superb performance boys - Mr Tobutt

The year 8 netball team played played their second round in the Salford school league vs St Ambrose Barlow. The team secured a 4-1 victory and showed a fantastic performance throughout the game. Well done- Mrs Schafer

This week the PE department hosted a Monster Football tournament at lunch time every day





**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