

Being Walkden

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Dates for your diary

Thursday 23 Jan - Year 10 Progress Review

Friday 24 Jan - Remaining Year 10 & 11
photos

Monday 3 Feb - Year 11 Mock series 2

A note from our Principal Mr Hacker

Dear parents and carers

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2025 and with that, a belated Happy New Year!

We greeted the new year with some very cold weather of course and thankfully we were able to operate normally throughout. We recognise that some parts of the building took a little longer to warm up after the winter shutdown, but as you know, we took a common sense approach and accommodated the variations in temperature by allowing pupils and staff to keep coats on if they were feeling cold. All in all it was actually great to see so many pupils out at social times enjoying a bit of snow, which feels like a rarity these days.



Car park barrier

I have written to you previously that we were in the process of installing a rising barrier at the Old Clough Lane entrance to the site. The works are almost complete and the barrier will be operational within the coming week. This is to further enhance security during the day and most importantly, to improve the safety for our pupils at the end of the school day. The barrier is operated from reception and any visitors will need to use the intercom to speak with reception to enter the car park. Regular drivers who need to pick children up with additional needs or disabilities, closer to the entrance, will be allowed access, but it is important that all other vehicles are parked in the surrounding streets if you need to wait for children. Please do not attempt to enter the drive from Old Clough Lane near the end of the school day as this would immediately create congestion back onto Old Clough Lane itself. Your support with this new layout will ensure that our children are able to leave more safely without having to negotiate the large number of cars that are often on site at the end of the day.

Wishing you a lovely weekend ahead

Matt Hacker

Absense Log and Communication

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

Catering PIN numbers

All students require their catering PIN number at the till when getting breakfast and lunch. If your child is entitled to Free School Meals, they still need to use their PIN number to get the meal. please ensure your child knows their 4 digit PIN and does not share this with others. You can email walkden.info@coopacademies.co.uk for a PIN reminder.

Year 11 Revision

Please use the timetables below to keep track of when revision is available for Year 11 students with upcoming GCSE's this academic year.

Please ensure Year 11's are attending all relevant sessions, these sessions have a key impact on building confidence in knowledge and improving results. The change

[Revision Timetable](#)

Class of 2025 Prom

Year 11 Prom date has been confirmed as Thursday 19th June 2025 and will be hosted at Salford Community Stadium. Further details will be sent out in a letter this week.

Student Success

We wanted to share an update that has been sent to us about Amelie, our Year 11 student who is heading for gold in her swimming career along side working hard to succeed in her final year at Co-op Academy Walkden.

It's been a very busy few months for Amelie after her amazing success over the summer.

In November Amelie was invited to the GB Aquatics Swimming awards as she had been nominated for Emerging athlete of the year.

She went on to win the award which is a great achievement. Past winners are now all current Olympians.

In early December she flew to Rotterdam to compete for Great Britain Junior Squad at the Rotterdam international qualification event where she convincingly won the 1500m Freestyle and the 800m Freestyle.

A few days after she returned from Rotterdam she competed in the British Winter National Championships winning the 1500m Freestyle in the junior and senior category.

Amelie was selected to represent the Great Britain Senior team in the World Championships in Budapest. It is a massive achievement to be selected for the senior squad at just 15 years old, she is the youngest swimmer to be selected and was the youngest swimmer competing in Budapest. She made the final of the 1500 freestyle, she was 5th on the final & broke the British junior record. She was only 1 second outside the senior British record.



Student Success

www.aquaticsgb.com



AMELIE BLOCKSIDGE
City of Salford

Amelie Blocksidge enjoyed a golden summer of European Junior Championship action, as the City of Salford competitor claimed a stunning 800m and 1500m Freestyle double in the pool, before defending her 5km marathon swimming title a week later.

Amelie paced the 800m and 1500m races brilliantly, clocking new age-group records in both as she took to the top step of the podium in Vilnius, before heading to the open water to triumph in the 5km - winning by 18 seconds in the race for 14 and 15-year-olds.

Coupled with victories in both distance freestyle events in the pool at the Speedo Aquatics GB Swimming Championships, 2024 provided another year to remember for this up-and-coming talent.



Salford Community Leisure

20 Nov · 🌐

Another huge achievement for Amelie Blocksidge! 🎉🎉🎉

Amelie Blocksidge has been selected to swim for GBR at the World Short Course Championships in Budapest, Hungary, making her one of the youngest swimmers ever to represent GBR at a World Championship at just 15 years old. Before this, she will travel to Rotterdam with the GBR Youth Team next week.

Amelie has also won the GB Aquatics Emerging Athlete of the Year award. At just 14/15 years old, she has achieved remarkable success, including:

- 🏆 3 Gold medals at the Euro Juniors in the 14-18 age category
- 🏆 Defending her European Junior Open Water title
- 🏆 Being a British Senior Champion at 14 and 15 years
- 🏆 Setting multiple British Age Group Records
- 🏆 Becoming the fastest-ever 14/15-year-old in the 400, 800, and 1500 metre events

Amelie's journey from the Salford Community Leisure Learn to Swim Scheme to the GB Junior and Senior Teams marks her as a history-making talent. Well done, Amelie!



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Amelie Blocksidge set a new British junior record on her way to placing seventh in the Women's 1500m Freestyle.

Contesting the fastest heat, the 15-year-old got her first taste of a senior international finals session and fought well across the 60 lengths to move up to fifth in the race and seventh overall.

Her time of 15:47.28 was more than a second faster than she went a year ago, and only a second outside the senior British record.

Earlier in the week the City of Salford teenager made her senior international debut with 20th in the 400m freestyle – after lining up in the outside lane of a heat packed full of Olympic medallists. She also pulled off another strong swim to secure 12th spot in the 800m freestyle.



City of Salford Swimming Club

16 Nov · 🌐

Amelie Blocksidge
Award Winner 🏆🎉🎉🎉

Well she's won the GB Aquatics award of Emerging Athlete of the Year.

To be quite honest and to my knowledge there's been no athlete achieve this kind of level as a 14/15 years old -

City of Salford's Amelie Blocksidge -

3 Gold at Euro Juniors as a 15 year old in the 14-18 years category

Defending an Open Water European Junior Title 14-16 years

British Senior Champion at 14 years and 15 years

Multiple British Age Group Records in the 14 and 15 years ago group

Fastest ever 14/15 year old in the 400/800 and 1500 metres events.

Salford Community Leisure Learn to Swim Scheme to GB Junior and Senior Teams.

Well done History maker Amelie 🎉🎉🎉

College Visit

Some of our Hive students went for a taster session with Eccles College, the students were introduced to staff and told about different courses available and they even got to visit the animal centre



PE Updates

The English Schools' Cup dream is over for our Year 7A Football team after an agonising defeat on penalties to Cheadle Hulme School on Monday afternoon. After trailing 2-0 and 4-2, we fought back twice to level at 4-4 thanks to goals from Hulme, Quigley and Bennett x2. The visitors scored in the last minute to make it 5-4, but we somehow found an equaliser in added time as Quigley struck again. The game went to penalties and after 8 spot kicks each, it was Cheadle who prevailed 7-6. A tough one to take for everyone involved, but great pride in the performance and spirit from the whole team. Onto the next one.. quarter finals of both the County Cup and Salford Schools' Cup. Mr Tobutt



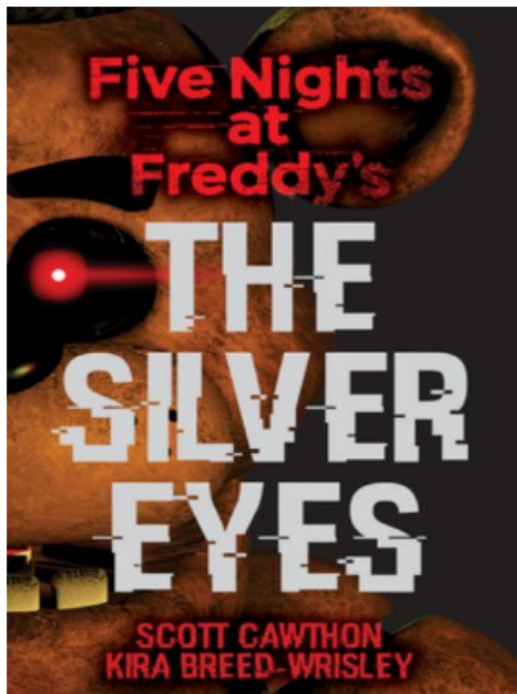
Each fortnight we will post a personal book review from one of our students. They will read the book and take the time to write a review for others to see, encouraging more students to pick up the book and give it a go.

Library Opening Times

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

Student book review

The Silver Eyes by Scott Cawthon
(reviewed by Joshua, Year 9)



A chilling horror story, based on the hot game franchise 'Five Nights at Freddy's'.

Ten years after the murders that ripped their town apart, Charlie and her childhood friends reunite at the old pizza place and find that things aren't quite as they used to be...

The four adult-sized animatronic mascots that once entertained patrons have changed. They now have a dark secret...and a murderous agenda.

Star rating:





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

**Have a great
weekend.**

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you have something to contribute to the next
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