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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week our Year 11 students sat a second set of Trial Exams; a final 'dress rehearsal' in preparation for their formal exam season, which begins in less than 7 school weeks' time.

Their attitude within the exam rooms has been positive and purposeful and current data suggests that this year's cohort of students will achieve well in the summer. There is clearly much to do in the interim period to realise strong outcomes. Academy staff will be going above and beyond to support your children, within and beyond the classroom, from a pastoral as well as an academic perspective. Your role in this process is critical. Positive encouragement combined with the establishment of regular study routines at home, are key pillars in maximising potential. As ever, we look forward to working closely with you, as a team, to these ends.

Finally, we have been pleased to support Comic Relief today with a non-uniform day. Donations and fund-raising efforts should ensure that we raise upwards of £1,000 to contribute towards what is a fabulous cause.

Have a great weekend.

Martin Blacoe

Mr Martin Blacoe, Principal.



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Tuesday 26th March

House Competitions 4

2.30pm – 3.30pm

Friday 29th March

School Closes at 3pm

Monday 15th April

School Opens – 8am

Thursday 18th April

School Closes – 3pm

(For Bank Holiday – Good Friday)

Tuesday 23rd April

School Opens – 8am

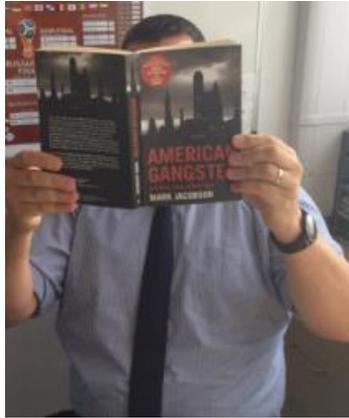
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Y7 Parents Evening



Everybody Reading in Class

Can you guess which staff member is enjoying reading their book?



This weeks recommended read – Ms Metcalfe

Pride and Prejudice is a romantic novel by Jane Austen, first published in 1813. The story charts the emotional development of the protagonist, Elizabeth Bennet, who learns the error of making hasty judgments and comes to appreciate the difference between the superficial and the essential. The comedy of the writing lies in the depiction of manners, education, marriage, and money during the British Regency period.

The language in this classic novel is beautiful and the observations of behaviour are sharp and witty. I love the spirit and independence of Austen as a woman living in this time and how it comes across on the page. A classic read!



Last week's reader was ...

Ms Melia from our MFL Department!



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Attendance Matters

Better 3 hours too soon than a minute too late

William Shakespeare

Y7 – 96%

Y8 – 95.3%

Y9 – 94.4%

Y10 - 95.5%

Y11 – 93.5%

Overall School Attendance

95%



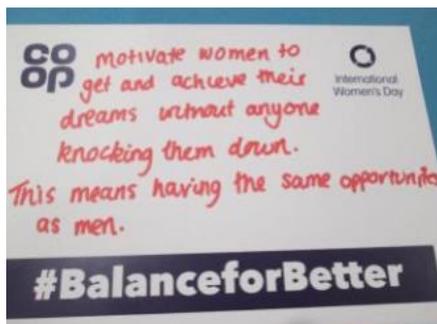
Red Nose Day 2019!

What a fabulous day of fundraising! We have had it all, from football competitions to cake stalls, sponsored silences and Mr Bradshaw waxing his legs!

All students and staff were able to come in "their own clothes" and pay a pound for the privilege. The total raised so far is £1080.14, we will let you know the final total in next week's newsletter.



International Women's Day Conference



A group of 15 students from Y7, 8 and 9, attended a conference celebrating International Women's Day at the Co-op Academies Trust, Angel Square, Manchester. This inspiring, informative and exciting event incorporated a range of activities and guest speakers that encouraged action around gender equality and the empowerment of girls and women. Mrs Morley said; "It was a great day and our students were fantastic ambassadors for the school. They are now busy planning their 'next steps' to disseminate what they have learnt into the school environment. The impact of days such as these are far reaching and empowering, and play a vital role in enabling our young people to become the pioneers of the future."

House Competition Results

A big well done to Tomlinson!

Attendance w.c 04/03/2019	
1 st	TOMLINSON 96.9%
2 nd	ENNIS-HILL 96.3%
3 rd	HOCKNEY 95.1%
4 th	JONES-BUCHANAN 92.8%

It looks like Hockney House are nearly always on time!

Punctuality w.c. 04/03/2019	
1 st	HOCKNEY 99.42%
2 nd	ENNIS-HILL 99.37%
3 rd	JONES-BUCHANAN 99.34%
4 th	TOMLINSON 98.78%

Fairtrade Raffle Winners



Thank you to everyone who bought a ticket for our Fairtrade raffle. £127 was raised! Congratulations to Ms Johnson who won the chocolate hamper and Bradley in Y7 who won the Football!



City of Leeds Youth Music Prom

Our Y9 music class attended the City of Leeds Youth Music Prom. Whilst at the event at Leeds Town Hall our students enjoyed a variety of music from classical to film, world to folk. Mrs Brant, head of music said; "They were really well behaved and exhibited their 'interesting' dancing skills at the appropriate moments! Thanks to ArtForms for putting on a fab event."



Well done Ennis-Hill!

House points

1 st	ENNIS-HILL 5722
2 nd	JONES-BUCHANAN 5478
3 rd	HOCKNEY 5432
4 th	TOMLINSON 5299

Northern Ballet Trip!

Our Key Stage 4 dance students visited The Grand Theatre yesterday to see the Northern Ballet Performance of Victoria. It was another successful trip and our students' represented CAP brilliantly with many commenting how inspired they felt when leaving the ballet.



Cross Country – Last race of the season!

There was an excellent run last weekend from our determined students. They battled through all the elements, wind, rain and mud! They managed to achieve fast finishes and completed a great last race of the season. Mrs. Newsome, KS3 Assistant leader said; "Thanks for the support and fab effort, all students finished inside the top 20! Bring on the sun and athletics!"



Well done to all students who have been involved over the past few months. If you are interested in getting involved in Athletics please see Ms Newsome.

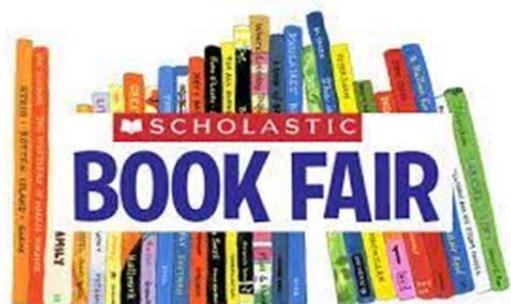


Science Week

Students have participated in lots of activities as part of science week including, maggot racing, testing reaction times, properties of hair gel, Iodine clock and the perfect ski jump. It has been great to see them get involved and their excitement towards these activities.

All of our Y7 & Y8 students had the opportunity to watch a David Attenborough documentary to raise awareness around the problems of global warming and how it will impact us and future generations.





The Scholastic book fair will be with us for a week, as from tomorrow. As always, students can browse and reserve items. Books start from a little as £2.99 and any child buying a book from the fair will receive an additional 'World Book Day Token' towards their purchase so items will be £1 less the advertised price.

Any reserved items must be paid for within two working days of selection and to help make this a cashless affair, parents can use existing, 'Parent pay' account. Year 8 should have received their leaflets highlighting some of the fantastic book choices available but students can also collect flyers from the OLC or you can use the following link:

<https://d3ddkqxe55ca6c.cloudfront.net/assets/t1544617910/a/cb/c3/invitation-secondary-scholastic-book-fair-1839402.pdf> to find out more about the books on offer.

Last year, we totalled £337.21 after a 10- year absence from hosting a book fair. This earned the school £84 in rewards which was used to update the library with some essential requested titles. I am hoping with your support that even more students will come and buy and empower their reading and raise more money. The book fair will end on the 21st of March.

Merit Postcards and Merit Letters

Our Key Stage Leaders have been very busy this past week and have literally signed hundreds of postcards.



Students who have earned 50 or more merits will be receiving postcards.

A handful of students will receive a special letter through the post as they have earned over 150 merits which is an outstanding achievement. Staff are rewarding the students' efforts and it is important that we recognise what an amazing achievement this is.

Well done!