



Co-op Academy
Failsworth



Prospectus

Welcome to Co-op Academy Failsworth.



Mr Quirk, Headteacher
Co-op Academy Failsworth

It is a privilege to serve the academy as Headteacher. My staff and I truly believe we are unique in the quality of support and care we provide, alongside high quality learning experiences for all.

We joined the Co-operative Academies Trust on 1st September 2017 and we will work hard to instil the co-operative values and Ways of Being.

We passionately believe our four values will help develop our young people to be successful.

Transition from primary to secondary is one of life's great milestones. We aim to make it as smooth as possible, keeping you fully informed during the process and then onward into your child's academy future.

Our unrelenting focus at Co-op Academy Failsworth is on the highest quality teaching and learning possible, meaning that all students, no matter what their skills and abilities, are presented with the right opportunities to allow them to achieve and succeed. Our committed and skilled staff work tirelessly to achieve this.

The Co-op is the largest business sponsor of schools in the UK. We use our relationship with them to provide opportunities to our students.

Mr P.Quirk
Headteacher

Our Values

We demonstrate our values through the Co-op Ways of Being

Be yourself, always

We bring our best self to the academy, so that we each contribute and respect others for doing the same.

Do what matters most

What matters most is ensuring our students achieve the best possible outcomes.

Show you care

We care about our students; their parents and their carers, now and for the future.

Succeed together

Co-operating is what makes us different; we're better and stronger when we work together.



Achievement for All

Our central focus is the achievement of our students. This is not solely defined by academic standards. We recognise that achievement takes many forms depending on the potential, interest and talents of each young person.

We help each student to fulfil their ambitions whether they be sporting, musical or creative.

Our Mission

Achieving Excellence for All.

Our Vision

Our vision for our academy is rooted in our commitment to being a '**Centre of Excellence**', where the experience for all is outstanding.

To make this vision a reality we are clear that at Co-op Academy Failsworth we offer a broad and balanced curriculum which enables students to:

- Gain the qualifications they need to help them progress in their learning and to complete in the changing labour market
- Become resilient, independent learners with high aspirations
- Acquire the personal and social skills required by employers and further education providers
- Become active citizens, clear on British Values, who make a positive contribution to their communities and to society as a whole

Develop, establish and embed a positive ethos and culture of aspiration:

- Provide warm and caring pastoral support where students feel and are safe
- Encourage the highest ambitions for all students
- Celebrate success and learn from what has not been successful
- Promote individual consistency and responsibility for all

Ensure that high quality teaching and assessment enables all students to learn and achieve to an outstanding level:

- All students achieve their potential
- Support students with additional and complex needs so they can realise their potential
- Ensure high ability students are challenged in their thinking and learning
- Engage parents and carers in supporting their children's learning, progress and achievement



Community and the Co-op

To build a strong academy and strong community we need the best people on our side.

We are proud to be part of the Co-op Academies Trust. We are a fully inclusive, popular and over-subscribed 11-16 comprehensive Academy with almost 1500 students on roll.

We joined the trust as their 10th academy on 1st September 2017. As a member we are part of the thousands of businesses and millions of people worldwide who form the international co-operative movement. We provide our students with unique opportunities to help them grow and develop.

The Co-op's commitment to education is nothing new, when the co-operative movement started in the mid-nineteenth century, it provided educational activities for members and their families.

To this day, education is one of the underpinning principles of the movement globally.

We are proud to be part of Oldham and Manchester's long cooperative history.

You can learn more about our Co-op Commitment on our website- failsworth.coopacademies.co.uk



Curriculum

The academy has a Curriculum Policy which sets out the curriculum for all students. Lessons are 60 minutes long, except for Thursdays where lessons last for 50 minutes. We have 25 lessons per week on our timetable.

We provide a curriculum which will inspire, engage and challenge our students. We continually evaluate and adapt what we offer to ensure it provides high quality and varied opportunities for all.

The academy is split into subject departments. All students study a core of Maths, English, Science, PE and Citizenship. In Year 7, 8 and 9, this is supplemented by studies in Geography, History, RE, ICT, Computing, Music, Art, Drama, Spanish, French and Technology.

KS4 starts in Year 9. Students follow a compulsory core curriculum of Maths, English, Science, PE and Citizenship. The core curriculum takes up 16 of the 25 lessons per week. The remaining 9 of the 25 lessons are dedicated to GCSE and BTEC option subjects in Humanities, Expressive Arts and Technology are offered alongside BTECs in PE and Technology based subjects.

Special Education Needs and Disability

The academy SENDCo and Inclusion Manager oversee a team of Teaching Assistants. Our SEND provision is strong, and we work closely with parents and carers for successful start to academy life.

Primary Schools tell us any additional needs a child may have during the transition process, and parents are encouraged to make an appointment to meet the SEND team, and visit the academy.

This provides the necessary support during the transition period and allows students and parents to feel secure in the knowledge of the level of support that will be on offer.

We have a small Nurture class supporting the most vulnerable young people joining us in Year 7. This group have 75% of their lessons timetabled together in a specialist classroom, focusing on literacy, numeracy and social skills.

From the Spring Term, the transition to full mainstream begins, so that by Year 8, 90% of their timetable is in mainstream. The remaining time is spent as a discreet group, focusing on further developing social-emotional skills.



Additional Needs Provision

Children who are Looked After (CLA)

We are committed to the successful education of any child who is categorised as 'Looked After'.

This commitment includes additional support from the Careers Guidance Service, a guaranteed 1 to 1 tuition placement, regular mentoring, monitoring and progress reporting from a member of staff responsible for CLA.

More details are on our website.

Collective Worship and PSHE

The academy holds an act of collective worship daily.

We have a strong and dedicated Citizenship curriculum in place, supported by our Pastoral Team. We fulfill all requirements with regards to Personal, Sexual and Health Education and Religious Studies.



Pastoral Support

Co-op Academy Failsworth cares for its student's welfare, seeing each as an individual learner with individual needs. This means we are supporting and developing the whole child, not just focused on examination results.

Students are supported through a year group system; all form groups and classes are with students of the same chronological age as themselves. The year group is overseen by a Progress Leader and a Pastoral Leader.

Students see their form tutor in the middle of each day, and follow a carefully planned programme of support, literacy and independent learning within form time. The form tutor is the person who will come to know your child the best, and should be the first point of contact for parents.

As a general rule, all matters are dealt with by the form tutor or subject teacher (if there is a subject specific issue). They will involve other senior members of the pastoral team as necessary.

Our staff are always ready to discuss any matter concerning the students. If your child has a worry, please contact the academy.

Reward and Recognition

We reward students for good behaviour through praise, reward, certificates and recognition events. Students learn to make the right decisions using our four academy values.

Positive behaviour is important for a successful education. We promote self-discipline and personal responsibility amongst our students.

This is essential if we are going to achieve our mission of: 'Achieving Excellence Together'

We work with parents and carers to support our students to make the right choices.

Attendance

If you're not in school you cannot learn. Great attendance and great results go hand in hand.

We expect an absolute minimum attendance of 96%, but think all students should aim for 100%.

Our Pastoral Team supports all students to get to school on time, every day, all year. They are always on hand to discuss any issues you or your child may have.



Uniform

Uniform shows that we are in a community. Wearing it says we're all in this together

Academy uniform is compulsory and must be worn at all times in school and on the way to and from school; when representing the school and at any other time specified by the Academy.

Our every day school uniform includes-

- Failsworth School Blazer
- Failsworth School Jumper
- Failsworth Year Tie
- Plain White Shirt
- Plain black trousers (No jeans, skinnys, canvas or linens) with the school logo
- Plain black socks, no frills or patterns.
- Plain black flat leather / leather like business type footwear (Not suede, nubuck, large logos, patterns or coloured markings).

We also have an academy PE kit.

More information on our uniform along with what other items can and can't be worn is on our website- failsworth.coopacademies.co.uk/uniform

Where to buy

You can buy all of our uniform from Zutti's who have both a website and a local shop in Oldham on Yorkshire Street.



Transition from Year 6 to Year 7

The change from Primary to Secondary is a challenge for every child.

Co-op Academy Failsworth aims to make that transition as smooth and supported as possible. Whilst in Year 6, your child will be able to come and spend time with us in July. They will be able to enjoy exciting lessons, have lunch and meet key staff and peer mentors.

Pastoral and teaching staff from the academy attend meetings with Year 6 teachers to gain an understanding of where each child is socially and academically.

This information helps us to place pupils in form groups and be proactive in supporting them.

We work closely with Parents and Carers throughout the transition to make sure children have a successful and exciting start at Co-op Academy Failsworth.

Admissions

Co-op Academy Failsworth has continued its close links with the local Primary schools who were formally part of the Failsworth Trust. Students from South Failsworth, Higher Failsworth, Propps Hall, Mather Street and Woodhouses are guaranteed a place at the academy.

300 places are allocated to Year 7. Applications are to be made to the Local Authority. Parents unable to gain a place at the Academy may appeal to the Local Authority for a review of the decision.

The Admissions Policy can be found on our website with full details.

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