



Co-op Academy
Manchester

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18 November 2019

Dear parents and carers,

I wanted to take this opportunity to share some useful information with you about term dates and upcoming events.

Dates for your diary

Firstly, I would like to remind you that **the academy will be closed to students on Friday 22 November 2019**, as per the published academy calendar. This is a staff training day.

Students finish for the Christmas holidays at 12.15pm on Friday 20 December 2019. We reopen on Monday 6 January 2020 at the usual time.

All of our term dates and training days are available to read or download and print at www.cam.coop/parents/term-dates/ (<http://www.cam.coop/parents/term-dates/>).

Term dates for 2020-2021

After tonight's meeting of our governing body, governors will be setting our term dates for the 2020 - 2021 academic year. These will be published tomorrow (Tuesday 19 November) on our website at www.cam.coop/parents/term-dates/ (<http://www.cam.coop/parents/term-dates/>).

Events for parents and the community

As we are coming up to the festive season, there are a number of events I would like to bring to your attention.

Firstly, if you know any senior citizens who live local to the academy, then our students would love to welcome them to our **Senior Citizens Christmas Party** on Wednesday 4 December. A Christmas lunch is served at the event between 4 and 6pm. It's free, but booking is essential. The Community Team can be contacted on 0161 300 5894 or community@cam.coop (mailto:community@cam.coop).

Secondly, our students are performing in a number of events which you are very welcome to join. Tickets are now on sale for our annual Winter Wonderland concert (Monday 16 December, 7pm, tickets £3 for adults or £2 for children aged 16 and under). These can be bought from <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/cam> (<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/cam>) where you can also buy tickets for our annual production. We Will Rock You, in February.

Feedback from parents and carers

Our next Parent Forum takes place on Thursday 12 December at 9.30am. This optional event is a chance for you to join me for a tea/coffee and discuss issues that affect a large number of parents. Your feedback is really important to improving the academy. If you can't make a morning session, there will be an evening Forum in the new year.

Below you will also be able to find a copy of our 'You Said, We Did' poster updating you on the actions we have been taking since we asked parents and carers to complete our annual survey in the spring. (Also available to download here (<http://manchester.coopacademies.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/17/2019/11/You-Said-We-Wil-November-2019-parents.pdf>)).

You said, we will!
2019 survey - parents and carers

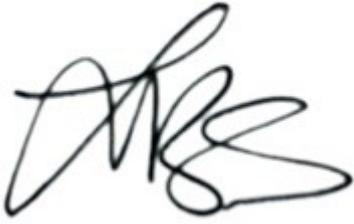
In spring of 2019 we invited all of our parents and carers to fill in a 10 minute survey on all aspects of the academy.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">Parents rated all aspects of the academy highly.In free-text comments, parents responded with special praise for: Parent Forum, My Ed, diversity of the academy, behaviour standards, rewards trips, how quickly staff respond to parents, progress of their child, new building.In free-text comments, parents singled out some areas for improvement: being updated on topics being covered at school, texts being sent at short notice, after-school behaviour, how quickly staff respond to parents, queues at lunch time.	<p>There are some areas where, although our academy scored highly, the scores were below the average for Co-op Trust Academies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">We will review how we communicate with parents, and help parents understand who to contact in different circumstances. We regularly ask parents and carers for ideas about this at Parent Forum.We will support our governors to explain their role in our academy to parents and carers, and encourage governors to attend events where they can meet parents and carers.We have changed the planners so that they are simple and clear as to when homework is due in – there is now a page at the front which lists all the deadlines.We will look at working more with parents of Year 7 and 8 as to how they can support their child's learning. In October we held a special Settling-in Evening for Year 7 and their families.

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Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S Brice', written in a cursive style.

Steve Brice, Principal