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Co-op Academy  
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Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Principal's Letter to Parents - February 2020**

### **Coronavirus**

We have sent several updates regarding coronavirus. The academy will follow the Department for Education's guidance. You can find the guidance on our [website](#).

### **GCSE Preparation Exams for Year 11 and 10**

Most of February has been taken up with Year 11 and Year 10 GCSE Preparation Exams. These exams are vital in preparing our students for their upcoming exams. The results of the exams will be released to students shortly.

### **Fairtrade Fortnight**

The Co-op has always been a pioneer in supporting Fairtrade. Every year we celebrate Fairtrade Fortnight with a variety of events. There are so many things going on such as Fairtrade football tournaments, Fairtrade chocolate sales and Fairtrade cooking classes. We are producing a special edition of our newsletter shortly to showcase all the activities!

### **Parentmail Feedback**

This year we have used the Parentmail system to book appointments online. We would appreciate it if you could spare a couple of minutes to give us some feedback on this. The feedback form is on our website [here](#).

### **World Book Day - 5th March 2020**

Marked in over 100 countries across the globe, World Book Day is the world's biggest celebration of authors, illustrators, books and reading.

World Book Day is about encouraging children and young people to read and love books; our academy has an immense enthusiasm for reading and Literature. Not only do we see the importance of reading for leisure but also to ensure students are unleashed into a world outside of their own - to engage with different genres and vocabulary that will enhance their writing and bring the world around them to life.

On the 5<sup>th</sup> March our students will engage in activities to immerse them in the world of literature. Keep a look out for a postcard coming your way celebrating a quote that has inspired your child.

Your son or daughter will receive a book token. The tokens are each worth £1 and, to ensure that every child can purchase a book, ten exclusive new books are released as part of the World Book Day initiative. The tokens can also be used to get £1 off any book or audio book worth over £2.99 at any participating bookshop.

### **ParentPay**

A reminder that the academy is cashless. Please ensure that you use the [ParentPay](#) system. If you need assistance setting this up, please email us [academy@cas.coop](mailto:academy@cas.coop).

### **Exam Invigilators**

The academy is looking for several new staff to join the exam invigilation team. If you are interested please visit our vacancies page. The role comes with training and the work will be within school hours. Click [here](#) for more details.

### **Upcoming dates for your diary**

February 24th - start of Fairtrade Fortnight

March 9th - Charity Week

March 19th - Year 9 Options Evening

April 3rd - last day of spring term

April 20th - start of summer term

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr N Lowry  
Principal