



Co-op Academy
Belle Vue

**A brand new secondary
school opening in 2021**

Prospectus



I'm honoured to introduce to you our new secondary school that will be opening in September 2021 - Co-op Academy Belle Vue.



Steve Brice
Executive Principal

We're working with Manchester local authority to provide much needed secondary school places in East Manchester so that every young person can go to a local school of choice.

There will be just 120 places for Year 7 pupils in the first year of opening, but the school will grow to 1,200 pupils by 2028.

Our Trust is underpinned by our 'Ways of Being Co-op';

Be yourself, always. Do what matters most. Show you care. Succeed together.

Co-op Academy Belle Vue will be built on the site of the former Showcase Cinema (M12 5AL). Our first intake of Year 7 pupils will start in September 2021, starting out in a newly designed teaching facility until the permanent building is completed on Hyde Road.

I understand that it may be difficult for you to imagine what the new school will be like, so I'd encourage you to arrange a visit to Co-op Academy Manchester (located just up the road in Blackley) to get a feel for our co-operative ethos and culture.

Prior to becoming the Executive Principal for Belle Vue I was the Principal at Co-op Academy Manchester, a school that was judged to be good with outstanding leadership at all levels in its most recent Ofsted inspection.

We'll be holding a number of information and consultation events over the course of the year. To sign up for updates on the times and locations of these events, please visit bellevue.coopacademies.co.uk.

As we prepare to open in September 2021, we'll establish a Parent Forum for the parents of soon-to-be Year 7 students. This forum will meet once a month and will be a great chance for parents to get involved in the development of the new school. I'd love to see you there!

If you'd like to get involved, please sign up via our website:
bellevue.coopacademies.co.uk/have-your-say

Very best wishes,

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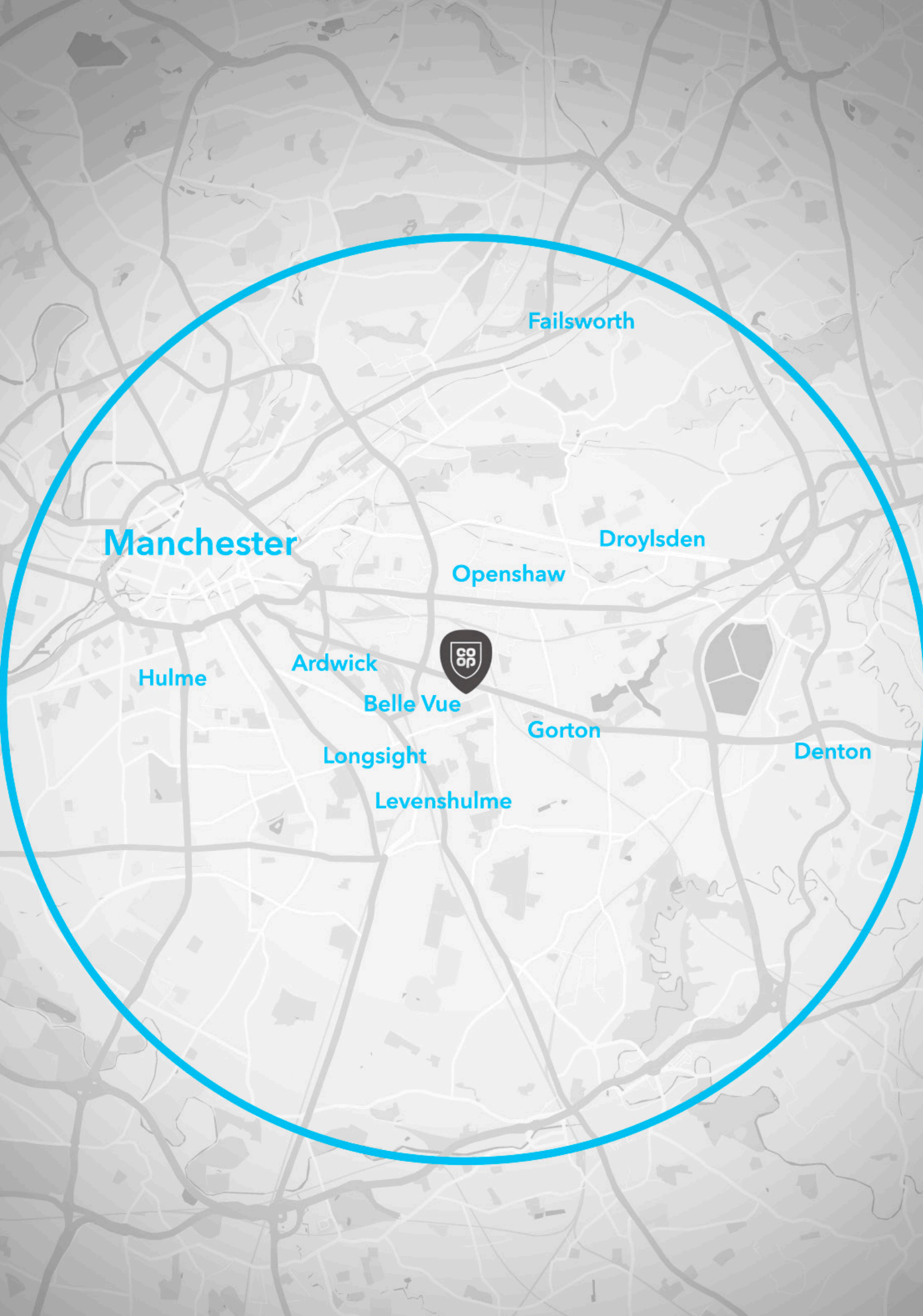


Our Vision

A co-operative community where pupils from different backgrounds, beliefs and cultures grow together, developing the skills and character they need to be successful in life.

A community where staff work together to create an inclusive, welcoming and highly ambitious learning environment.

A community where local residents and organisations are empowered to work together for the success of all.



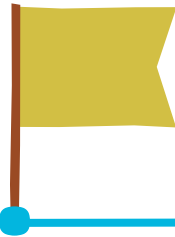
Where we work...





September 2020

Manchester Council announce a new free school in Belle Vue to meet the high demand for places. It will be run by Co-op Academies Trust

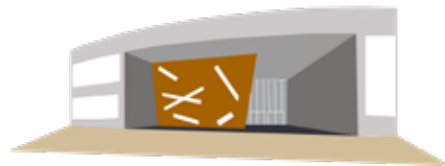


October 2020

Applications open for new Year 7 students to join us in September 2021

January 2021

Building work will begin on our new temporary accommodation for our 2021 and 2022 students.



Summer 2021

Building work to begin on the new Co-op Academy Belle Vue building on the site of the old Showcase Cinema on Hyde Road.

April 2021

We'll begin working with you to make arrangements for your child to join us in September 2021.

Any extra places will also be made available to additional students.

March 2021

Parents will find out if their child has been offered a place at Co-op Academy Belle Vue

July 2021

Belle Vue Basecamp transition days, where Year 6 attend our new site and meet their new teachers and classmates.

Summer 2021

We'll begin taking applications for Year 7 students to join us in September 2022.

September 2021

Our first group of Year 7 students will join us, as we begin on this exciting journey.

October 2021

We'll be holding open events for parents thinking of sending students to Co-op Academy Belle Vue in September 2022.

September 2023

We'll move into our brand new state-of-the-art building on Hyde Road.



Our Curriculum



Our curriculum prepares students to make positive contributions to their family, their community and wider society.

Our students are prepared for life in modern Britain. They learn about the importance of diversity, the benefits of co-operation and the value of doing the right thing.

Working alongside our colleagues at the Co-op, our new Year 7s will influence the design of our new state-of-the-art eco-conscious building - because protecting our planet for future generations is an important part of being a co-operative.

Every young person has a unique set of talents. Our students will be healthy, active individuals who contribute to the school community.

Students take part in a wide range of academic, sporting, leadership, dramatic, artistic, musical and most importantly, personal growth opportunities. These activities allow students to discover and develop their talents whilst promoting a healthy and well-rounded lifestyle.

Co-op Academies are schools where everyone, staff and students, care for one-another - looking out for each other and helping when someone is in need.

Our students will demonstrate care for their peers, the environment, themselves, and the community through regular volunteering activities.

Our students are taught how to work hard, show resilience and be ready and skilled to manage whatever they encounter in the world. Performing well in exams and assessments is important and we take achievement seriously, raising expectations of what young people can and will achieve.

Skills such as reading, writing, oracy and numeracy are vitally important and we have an exciting learning environment that builds these strong foundations for every child.

Be yourself, always

Personal growth

I develop my own skills and knowledge to benefit me and my fellow students.

Communication

I talk openly and honestly about myself.

Inclusive

I show an active interest in other people's views, backgrounds, beliefs and cultures.

Do what matters most

Vision and values

I am passionate about the vision and the values of the academy and I demonstrate them inside and outside of the academy.

Future focussed

I think about the future. I have high aspirations for myself and others.

School improvement

I am a driving force to make sure that my school moves forward. I am mindful that my behaviour and actions have an impact on others.

Show you care

Co-operation

I encourage co-operation between students to promote trust, mutual-respect and support.

Driving innovation

I embrace changes, technology and new ways of working responsibly.

Speaking up

I speak up and encourage others to do the same, in order to promote a culture of acceptance and inclusion.

Succeed together

Forging relationships

I develop trusted friendships and relationships, in order to understand and support others.

Championing Co-op

I represent my academy through my behaviour and my actions.

Developing others

I support the learning of others to promote a positive learning environment.

In depth Curriculum



Our curriculum will be enjoyable, varied, exciting, relevant and often challenging, but above all, enormously rewarding for our young people.

Using our Co-op Curriculum model - created by our expert Directors of Subjects - students and parents in KS3 will be given a clear list of outcomes for each term.

By providing a clear list of outcomes, students will know precisely what they need to work on to be successful in that unit.

Key Stage 3

In Years 7-9 students will study English, maths, science, PE & nutrition, history, geography, RE, citizenship (including careers, politics and PSHE), art (including visual arts, drama and music), technology (including computing, ICT and resistant materials), and modern languages (including French and Spanish).

Key Stage 4

In Years 10-11 students will study 9 GCSEs (or equivalent). The vast majority of our students will study the EBacc suite of subjects (English, maths, science, history or geography, and a modern language) giving them the widest range of opportunities later in life. In addition to the EBacc suite of subjects, students will be able to choose 2 other GCSEs or equivalent.

Settling into life at our academy

At the start of the academic year our students will participate in an induction week, which will be used to establish learning habits and expectations. A carefully planned induction allows everyone - staff, students and parents, to make a great start to the new school year. In Year 7, induction also allows space for baseline assessments to be completed and for staff to plan lessons in response to the data that is gathered.

Transitioning from primary school

As soon as students receive their offer of a place at Co-op Academy Belle Vue, they become part of the family.

Our **Belle Vue Basecamp** program is designed to help students make the transition from primary school. Future students will have the opportunity to meet their new tutor group, meet some of their teachers, and learn about some top tips for making the most of Year 7!

Parents and carers are also supported throughout the transition period, with regular opportunities to speak with staff, information events and advice and guidance.

Co-operation is at the heart of all that we do, and that includes transition! We will work together with our new

students and their families to make everyone's move to secondary school a great experience.

Careers education

Our careers education develops the professional skills and experience that students need to pursue the career of their choice and to be successful beyond their time at the academy. All students will have access to a careers advisor who will support them throughout their time at the academy so that they can achieve success in whichever career they choose to pursue.

Manchester as a city has some distinctive strengths including science, advanced manufacturing, culture, and creative and digital business. Working with GM Bridge, the cornerstone employers, our careers team and local businesses, every student will become highly skilled, enterprising and industrious - contributing to creating a competitive, dynamic and sustainable economy.

Outside of the classroom

Our extra-curricular offer is engaging and exciting for all students, both before and after school. We call extra-curricular activities *electives*. These electives are in 4 streams that match our Ways of Being.

We believe that participating in extracurricular activities is essential for developing strength of character, resilience and good mental and physical health; which is why all of our students are expected to participate in at least one elective each week.



Students visit Arla Co-operative Dairies



Students from Co-op Academy Stoke-on-Trent working with local charity Feral Spaces to reimagine community spaces.



Students and colleagues attend the annual Co-op AGM



Co-op Finance colleagues run Massive Maths sessions for Primary students



Students from Co-op Academy Priesthorpe work to restore an old Commonwealth War Cemetery to its former glory.



Being a part of the Co-op



Pupils from Co-op Academy Woodlands regularly visit local care homes - including Oak Tree Lodge (pictured)

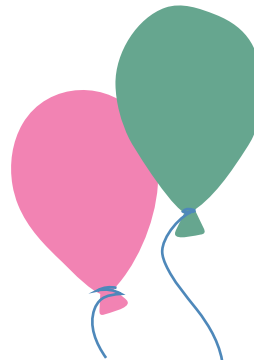


THE ROCHDALE PRINCIPLES
The Rochdale principles adopted by the Pioneers in 1844 and to-day recognised throughout the world

1. Open membership.
2. Democratic control (one man, one vote).
3. Distribution of surplus in proportion to trade.
4. Payment of limited interest on capital.
5. Political and religious neutrality.
6. Cash trading.
7. Promotion of education.



Students from Co-op Academy Manchester go litter picking regularly in order to Keep Britain Tidy.



"Our small class sizes means that students will get targeted and personalised support."

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Pupil Support

Every child at Co-op Academy Belle Vue will be well-known and well-supported.

We know that for our students to be academically and personally successful, they need a pupil support system that provides a high level of challenge and a high level of support.

Every student in the academy will be challenged to be their best self, whilst being supported to overcome the specific barriers that they face.

Small class sizes, and a high ratio of pastoral staff to students, mean every child gets the support they need to reach their academic and personal goals. Our heads of year team will oversee the academic performance, behaviour, attendance, rewards, safeguarding and well-being of the students in the year group.

From the moment that a child is offered a place at Co-op Academy Belle Vue, they become part of the family. Our pupil support starts with a comprehensive transition program (Basecamp) designed to stop those 'first day nerves'. During the transition program each student will meet their pastoral leader and talk about their preparations for secondary school.

Mental Health and Wellbeing

Your mental health affects how you feel, think and behave. It also affects your ability to learn, make good choices and have good relationships. Your mental health can be impacted by lots of things, including big changes (like moving to secondary school), bereavement, issues in the news, and relationships.

At Co-op Academy Belle Vue we know that it is just as important to look after your mental health as it is your physical health. Our curriculum and pupil support systems develop resilient, emotionally intelligent and confident individuals who can cope with difficult situations when they arise.

Inclusion and Special Education Needs Support (SEND)

Our Inclusion team, including our SENDCo and pastoral staff, will work tirelessly to support any individual that faces additional barriers to learning so that all students can access a top-class education and achieve top-class outcomes.

We pride ourselves in the excellent care we provide to our students, including those with special educational needs. We have two specialist SEND academies in West Yorkshire, and share the expertise of these settings across all of our academies.

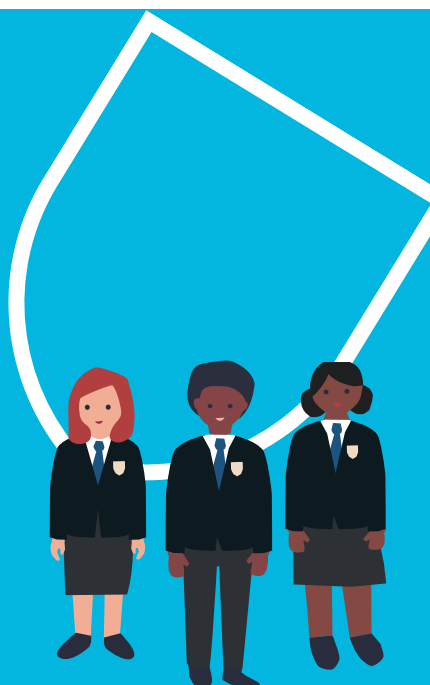
We will have a dedicated Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Co-ordinator who will work closely with you to support your child. Our Heads of Year will coordinate the work of our inclusion team so that every student, including those with additional needs are able to access and enjoy the curriculum in our academy.

Co-op Academies

Through a great education we are changing the lives of young people across the north of England. Built on the same principles as all co-operatives across the world, we work with academies to empower teachers and young people to work together for a better education and a better community.

We have consistently been one of the highest performing multi-academy trusts in the Government's Multi-Academy Trust League Table. We have also been recognised by the Sutton Trust Charity as one of the top performing multi-academy trusts for disadvantaged students.

What makes our Trust unique is that we are sponsored by the Co-op Group. That close relationship means that we benefit from all of the business expertise that has seen the Co-op grow to one of the most respected, successful businesses in the country.



Community

Co-op has given over £70 million to more than 21,000 local causes - and in 2020 we doubled how much we're giving to those causes.

During the Covid-19 pandemic, the Co-op gave over £2million in free school meal vouchers to Co-op Academies students.



High Aspirations

We have very high expectations for our students, and high aspirations. Our students will be successful in their education, and also in their community. Co-op Academy Belle Vue will be an outstanding school.

Co-operation

Caring for others and being socially responsible are a big part of being a Co-operative. All of our students are encouraged to work in a co-operative way, learning about projects such as Fairtrade - working together for the greater good of our world.



Since 1844

We've been working in education since 1844 when the original Co-op shop had a reading room above it, to support the local community.



Democracy

Our academies are run as a democracy. The Co-op is run by over 4 million members who vote on all of the major decisions. Anyone can become a member for £1.

Environment

We work to develop young co-operators who care for our environment. Being socially responsible is a huge part of who we are and will be a big focus for our new building.



Co-op Group

The largest Co-operative in the country. Selling over £5billion worth of products a year.



Admissions

Co-op Academy Belle Vue is a mixed secondary free school for children aged 11-16. The academy is part of The Co-op Academies Trust, an organisation founded on co-operative values and sponsored by The Co-op.

Our admissions are coordinated by Manchester local authority.

Applications are made through your local authority. If you live in Manchester this will be at:

www.manchester.gov.uk/admissions

The deadline to apply for September 2021 if you live in Manchester is Monday 2nd November 2020.

If you live outside of Manchester, please check your local authority admissions page as the deadline may be different.

The school has an admission number of 120 for entry in Year 7 for the academic year 2021/22.

For more information on how places are awarded, please visit our website:

bellevue.coopacademies.co.uk/admissions

Temporary School Site

Until the new building is ready, students will use a specially designed facility near to the permanent Co-op Academy Belle Vue site on Hyde Road. If you have any questions about the temporary accommodation, please get in touch:

bellevue@coopacademies.co.uk

and sign up for regular updates on our website.





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