



February 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

HALF TERM HEADLINES

As we approach the end of a very busy half term, I wanted to share with you some of our Sharples' successes. In January, the Department for Education published the 2018 School Performance Tables and we are very proud to state that we are significantly above local and national averages across all key accountability measures. We are pleased to announce that our final Progress 8 score is +0.43 which is, once again, one of the highest in Bolton. It is fantastic to have this recognition of the hard work and effort that our wonderful students and staff put in every day.

At Sharples we constantly seek to maximise learning opportunities for every student both within and beyond the classroom, the highlights of which are shared in our weekly Newsletter. This half term we have continued to embed the Sharples Baccalaureate with our Year 7s and the Duke of Edinburgh Award Programme with our Year 10 students. Both schemes are designed to encourage our students to engage positively with the wider curriculum and to develop skills to support them in both learning and life. We continue to actively promote a raising aspirations culture and, this half term, our students have benefitted from visits to North West universities and from a wide range of educational visits to support their learning.

Sharples is a happy school and we take the time to celebrate as a learning community. In January, over 100 of our Year 7 students enjoyed our famous "Night at the Museum" sleepover and, this week, 65 of our Year 11s will head off to Barcelona on our annual Study Trip. In addition, it is encouraging to see our Student Affairs Committee going from strength to strength. Their enthusiastic and effective representation of pupil voice is encouraging all students to become active citizens in their school community.

On a final note, we have high standards in relation to appearance at Sharples and the full Uniform Policy can be accessed on the school website. To maintain our high standards I would like to draw your attention to our policy on shoes. All shoes must be black and polishable. The following are not permitted: plimsolls, sports footwear, suede shoes and shoes with logos on. Please refer to our website – <http://www.sharplesschool.co.uk/policies>

I hope that you all enjoy a well-earned half term break and I look forward to welcoming our students back to school no later than 8.45am on Monday, 25 February 2019.

Yours faithfully

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