



3 April 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

### END OF TERM HEADLINES

As usual, the spring term has been very busy and a look at our school calendar reveals that everyday offers a varied diet of enrichment opportunities for our students, including a wide-range of in-school clubs. This is coupled with a multitude of activities and visits, ranging from theatre trips and university visits to a stimulating series of Good to Great Lectures. This term we have sought to embed our International School Status. Erasmus+ funding has also enabled us to host a group of Spanish students and their teachers at Sharples; a group of our students are currently in Valencia to experience the second phase of the exchange visit.

One of my recent highlights was Year 6 offer day on 1 March when the Senior Leadership Team made 240 “welcome” phone calls to our new families. Their positive and, at times, emotional feedback underlined how significant the move from primary to secondary school is within the educational journey of our students. Over the coming months, we will put our highly effective transition programme into action to ensure that these new students and their families are warmly welcomed into the Sharples family.

As always, the spring term heralds the final “run-in” towards the GCSE exams for our Year 11 students. This month we have had our final Pre-Public Exams (PPEs) and we have scheduled our Easter School and an extensive series of weekend sessions to provide a multi-layered support programme for our senior year group. We have also taken the time to ensure that the hard work of our Year 11s is balanced by more light-hearted events and, last month, almost 100 staff and students enjoyed a fabulous Indian banquet at the Royal Nawaab restaurant in Manchester.

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 jewellery. No jewellery should be worn but, if ears are pierced, only one small, plain gold or silver-coloured stud (no jewels) may be worn in each earlobe. For further details, please refer to our website – <http://www.sharplesschool.co.uk/policies/>

I hope that you all enjoy a well-earned Easter break and I look forward to welcoming our students back to school no later than 8.45am on Tuesday, 23 April 2019.

Yours sincerely

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