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Virtual Open Evening 2020

On Thursday this week we held our Virtual Open Evening! In challenging times we wanted to make sure that families choosing their child's Secondary School this term had an opportunity to see us in action! Live streams from the Art, Science, English, PE and other Departments allowed visitors to catch a glimpse of life at Sharples!

If you missed out then visit our website (<https://www.sharplesschool.co.uk/open-evening/>) to watch our recorded videos from the event.



Duke of Edinburgh Award Students complete their expedition

Last weekend, 33 students from Year 11 completed their Duke of Edinburgh's Award qualifying expedition with two days walking in the Lancashire countryside between Horwich and Chorley.

The students had to be self-sufficient in their teams of 5 or 6. They planned their routes, did all their own navigating, carried their own camping equipment and supplies, cooked their own evening meals on their camp stoves and put up and took down their own tents. They also carried out a project to identify and record different species of trees, birds and grasses that they found during the weekend. All 33 passed with flying colours.

Unfortunately, the students were not able to sleep in their tents overnight due to current government restrictions on overnight school trips. All students returned to sleep overnight at home before rejoining their expedition early on Day 2. In all other respects the students were able to get the full Bronze expedition experience.

All the students had gained valuable experience and learned lessons from their training walks last November and this September in the countryside close to school. Their qualifying expedition went smoothly as they put their experience to the test in the warm September sunshine.

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On the first day, teams walked from Rivington Lane to Bibbys Farm in Heath Charnock via the top of Anglezarke Reservoir. Some teams pushed themselves further by taking in White Coppice and the views on Healey Nab. On Day 2, we returned to Rivington Lane via the fields, woods and meadows on the west side of Anglezarke Reservoir.

Prior to their expedition, Year 11 students have been working on their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award through Year 10, organising and

completing their own activities in three categories:- Skill, Physical and Volunteering, over periods of 3 or 6 months. Some of their activities have included running regularly with the school's Running Club, volunteering in childrens' sports clubs or in cubs or brownies or at mosque and learning a musical instrument or a foreign language in their own time. They have really had a varied experience.

Most importantly perhaps, the students have developed and repeatedly shown teamwork, independence and resilience, organising and planning their own activities, showing commitment in getting them done and supporting each other with smiles on their faces. They have persevered resiliently when things have gone against them (not least the interruptions and changes to their activities during lockdown and the postponement of their expedition in July) and they will carry these qualities and maturity with them in their GCSE studies and in all that they do after that. Congratulations and very well done!





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Sports Report

This week it has been fantastic to see students being physically active during PE lessons and after school again. The nice weather has enabled our girls to do rounders after missing out in the Summer and the boys have started with football. Having spent the last 2 weeks learning about physical, mental and social health; pupils now had the opportunity to improve their well being during lessons.

After school, each year group has had a football and netball session. Year 8 had the biggest turn out and hopefully the numbers attending will continue to grow next week for all year groups. The highlight of the week was the Year 7 football training session, after a fiercely contested game the match was decided on penalties in dramatic fashion. The department looks forward to seeing everyone during lessons and after school next week.

It's the final countdown...

The countdown to the fantasy football league has well and truly started, with the big kick off commencing this Saturday, 26th September. As things stand, there are around 60 students that have already signed up for the league and are ready to start scoring with a final reminder email having been sent out on Wednesday 23rd. Mr Baldwin has expressed his frustration with the delayed start to the league after his 'strong start' to the season. Arguably the player of the week was Spurs' Heung-Min Son who scored a staggering 24 points after bagging 4 goals, playing the full match and collecting 2 bonus points along the way. Spurs striker Harry Kane was just behind teammate, Son, with a very impressive return of 21 points which included 4 assists, 1 goal and 3 bonus points.

Looking forward to this weekend's fixtures, Liverpool face a tough home fixture against Arsenal which may be the stand out game of the weekend, but we anticipate a big return for Chelsea players in their upcoming fixture against West Brom.

If you aren't following us already, follow @SharplesPE for regular updates throughout the season, alternatively you can keep your eyes peeled for our FPL display board which will be up and running this week.

Again, if any student has any questions, they should email Mr Charlton. For those that are already in the league, good luck for this weekend!

Attendance

21st September -
24th September

Best Year Group:

Year 7	96.1%
Year 8	96.5%
Year 9	92.9%
Year 10	93.0%
Year 11	91.7%

Best Forms:

7E	100%
8E	100%
9S1	97.2%
10S	97.8%
11S1	100%

824 pupils have
100% for current
academic year.

Dates For Your Diary

Week Beginning

Monday 28th

September -

Open Mornings (by
appointment only)

(9.30am-11.30am)

email t.leeming@sharplesschool.co.uk

Monday 26th

October to Friday

30th October -

October Half Term



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Sharples Fantasy Premier League 2020/2021

Will you be the first Fantasy Premier League Champion?

See or E-Mail Mr Charlton if you have any issues. Sign up guides will be emailed out if you need them!

Student League
Code ; nvvp4a

Commencing 26th September.

Career of the Week: Secondary School Teacher

Average Salary: £ 24,373 (Starter) to £41,419 (Experienced)

Typical hours (per week): 37 to 45 term time

You could work: evenings attending events or appointments



Information sourced from: <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/job-profiles/secondary-school-teacher>

Qualifications:

- 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), or equivalent, including English and maths.
- 2 to 3 A levels, or equivalent, for a degree.
- A degree in any subject for a postgraduate course (PGCE).
- For a postgraduate teaching apprenticeship, you will need; GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C) in English and maths and a degree for the subject you would like to teach.

Skills required:

- Knowledge of teaching and the ability to design courses.
- Patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations.
- The ability to create the best conditions for learning or teaching new things.
- Leadership skills.

Relevant Subjects:

- Health and Social Care, English, Maths.



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PE After School Clubs

September - October

Monday	Year 7 Football
	Year 7 Netball
Tuesday	Year 8 Football
	Year 8 Netball
Wednesday	Year 9 Football
	Year 9 Netball
Thursday	Year 10 Football
	Year 10 Netball
Friday	Year 7 Football
	Year 7 Netball
	There will be no fixtures this term!

