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Black History Month at Sharples

Year 10 students have embraced the symbolic significance of October and spoken about why 'Black History Month' matters so much to them. Members of the school's Student Affairs Committee talked about the importance of recognising this event and telling the stories that have helped to shape British history.

Mrwa Mohamed Kheir said: "This month is important because it highlights and celebrates the contribution of black people throughout history." Maria Ehiamen talked about the importance of shining a light on the achievements of black people. She said: "It's our responsibility to educate students on the concept of equality and teach them about things that black people have done."

The importance of the month is clear when listening to some of the students at Sharples. Phil Ufuoma, who wrote a poem about racism and inequality as part of the English department's 'Poetry Slam' in lockdown, said: "I think it's of utmost importance. I don't think a part of history as big as Black History Month should go unacknowledged." His views echoed by Shaina Gatharia, who talked about: "the importance of appreciating and acknowledging the impact the black community has had on society as a whole."

Sharples' History curriculum is aiming to do just that. Mrs Solomons and the department are redeveloping the curriculum content in Year 7 and Year 8 in an attempt to make it a more inclusive picture. Rather than concentrating their efforts on one month and creating a sense of black history as 'separate' from the rest of history, the aim is to highlight the role played by black people in British and World History. It is, as Halimah Khushi in Year 10 suggests, about "how the black community has contributed in developing the story of the human race." Academic texts such as David Olusoga's 'Black & British' are helping to provide a more blended curriculum that places this history in the context of more well-known aspects of our nation's past.

In English, the new academic year has seen the introduction of a more diverse poetry curriculum in Year 9 and reading lessons being used to open minds to more diverse literature. While William Shakespeare, Charles Dickens and Lord Byron are still cornerstones of the curriculum, they share a place in the literary landscape with Maya Angelou, Andrea Levy and Malorie Blackman. The broader cultural experience provides students with a broader range of experiences and deeper understanding of social and cultural issues. Other departments across



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the school are also looking at ways in which they can raise the profile of black and minority stories within their subjects.

Catherine Ross, guest editor of Black History Month 2020, said on the event website: “Black History Month 2020 is also a time to look forward and celebrate the here and now – and the future possibilities. In years gone by, October has been the only time of year when the UK talks about the achievements of Black people in Britain. Hopefully, the events of 2020 will be a catalyst for Black history to be shared much more widely.”

This echoes the direction Sharples are taking in Black History Month and, critically, beyond.

The wait is (finally) over!

Our Fantasy Football league finally got underway this past weekend, with over 80 students joining the league in time for the first point scoring week. There were lots of goals during these fixtures that would have given managers lots of points! The standout player of this week was Jamie Vardy, who scored an impressive hattrick which bagged him 17 points in total. Two managers stood out this gameweek by taking the risky decision to triple captain Vardy, which paid off with a 51 point return! Our congratulations to Muhammad Natha & Jacob Bolton for their tactical masterstrokes with both players sitting in 1st & 2nd place after the first gameweek.

If the next gameweek is anything to go by, then we're sure that we're in for a treat this season! The standout game for this upcoming week is Spurs' trip to Old Trafford to face Manchester United on Sunday in what promises to be a fantastic tie. Manchester City also travel to newly promoted Leeds United but judging by Leeds' recent form this will be anything but an easy tie for City after their loss against Leicester last week.

Mr Charlton & Mr Baldwin in particular will be hoping for a better gameweek as both try to climb up the table after average starts to the season.

All the best and enjoy a fantastic weekend of football!



Attendance

Monday 28th
September -
Friday 2nd October

Year Group:

8:	97.8%
11:	94.0%

Best Forms:

8A:	100%
11S:	100%

778 achieved
100% this
academic year.

Dates For Your Diary

Monday 26th
October to Friday
30th October -
October Half Term



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Sports Report

Students in Year 8 have been able to continue playing football and rounders during lessons this week. However, Years 7, 9 and 10 have been participating in distance learning and have been encouraged to be physically active whilst at home and attempt some of the circuits that have been emailed to them. There are a number of different sessions in the powerpoint presentation ranging in difficulty and intensity, they have also been sent videos to help relax and relieve stress.

The department has been busy filming a fitness suite induction that has now been emailed to all students along with a spreadsheet to sign showing that they have viewed the videos and understand how to use all the new machinery safely. Staff have given a step by step account for every machine which also highlights the muscles trained on each station. Please can all students watch the videos carefully and sign the document to ensure that they are ready to use the new fitness suite when it is safe to do so.

Career of the Week: Bailiff

Average Salary:



Typical hours:
(per week)



You could work:



Qualifications:

- 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), or equivalent, including English and maths, for an advanced apprenticeship.
- To work as a court-appointed bailiff or high court enforcement officer you may also need GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), including English and maths.
- Your employer will give you the training you need to get a Bailiff General Certificate.

Skills required:

- Patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations.
- The ability to accept criticism and work well under pressure.
- Knowledge of public safety and security.
- Legal knowledge including court procedures and government regulations.

Relevant Subjects:

- English, Maths and Law.



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

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!

