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End Of Term Arrangements – Friday 18th December

Dear Parent/Carer

Friday, 18 December will be a non-uniform day for students – there is no charge for this. Students will be dismissed from school at 12.30pm and the school buses will be available at this earlier time. There will be no canteen service available but lunch “grab bags” can be ordered by contacting office@sharplesschool.co.uk by Tuesday, 15 December 2020. Lunch “grab bags” will be provided for all students entitled to Free School Meals.

The Autumn Term of 2020 has been challenging as Covid-19 continues to have a significant impact on all aspects of school life. However, since September, I have been continually impressed by the resilience of our staff and students and their determination to Learn, Dream and Achieve, in very difficult circumstances.

A priority this term has been to maintain the continuum of learning for all of our students. At times this has been problematic as so many have been affected directly or indirectly by Covid-19. However, we have continued to work on our distance learning model throughout the term and we are doing our very best to support students, both in school and at home.

Despite the current climate, we continue to offer a range of “bubbled” enrichment activities in school, with a good variety of Year 7 lunchtime clubs contributing to the Sharples Baccalaureate. We have also hosted a theatre production of “A Christmas Carol” and our students have participated in many other virtual events, for example, the Shakespeare in Schools Festival and several careers networking events.

As we move towards the start of the new term, I want to remind you that 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/>.

As we are now in the midst of winter, with frequent inclement weather, it is important to note that your child will be outside at some points during the school day. For example, when they move between lessons via their designated learning bubble routes. It is, therefore, recommended that you child has a warm coat and an umbrella with them every day. Please also ensure that, unless they are exempt, your child has a face covering with them at all times.

On a final note, I hope that you all enjoy a well-earned Christmas break and I look forward to welcoming our students back to school ready for a prompt start to registration at 8.45am on Monday, 4 January 2021.

Yours faithfully

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Getting Motivated



On Wednesday afternoon, some of our Year 10 students had a brilliant opportunity to take part in a live motivational speech with the England Manager Gareth Southgate and Youtuber Sharky! The students found this very inspiring and were able to understand the different pressures which they may need to deal with in their future and how to handle them.

The students were delighted to join these celebrities and were even more delighted that Sharky re-tweeted our school tweet (See @SharplesCandE's page on twitter for more details).

Please note

School is closed to all students on Friday 11th December for a staff training day, as stated in the school calendar.

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Virtual Year 8 Careers Networking Event



On Friday morning we held our Virtual Year 8 Careers Networking Event in order to give students an insight into the different careers available to them. During the session we had several people from different career backgrounds join us virtually through Google Meet and provide us with information such as the skills, entry requirements, daily responsibilities and much more linked to their jobs. This was an important event which has given our students the opportunity to start thinking about their future and what careers/options they may want to choose.

Here is some feedback provided by our Year 8 students:

"It gave us more ideas about what we want to be when we are older and what options we should pick for next year."

"This event helped us think about what we would like to do once we leave Sharples such as Apprenticeships or Colleges or University."

"I am feeling very inspired after speaking to the different people this morning, especially the solicitor."



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Fantasy Football Week 11 Round-up

Many managers will be happy with their weekend score as there were 5 managers that scored above 90 points. The high scorer this weekend was Mohammed Zain Morga with a very impressive 97 point return, taking him just short of the magical 100 point return that everyone is desperate to get there first. Although there has been a member of staff that has broken the high scoring record, Mrs Solomons scored a very impressive 105 points to take her up to 2nd in the Staff league.



*PFL Logo
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This weekend brought many great results, including Crystal Palace's 5-1 away victory against West Brom and also Liverpool's impressive 4-0 home win against Wolves. This weekend also marked the return of some fans into Premier League stadiums this week, something which we have missed!

As we look forward to next weekend, there looks to be some brilliant games in store, including the Manchester Derby between City & United. There is also another derby in Wolves against Aston Villa in Saturday's early kick off.

Leeds play West Ham on Friday evening with an 8pm KO, which means that your transfers and changes will need to be completed by 7pm (11/12/20).

Good luck for the weekend!

Sharples PE Health Advent Calendar 2020

At the time of writing this article, we are well into our second week of our Advent Calendar for this Christmas, with challenges being shared with some pupils in some of their lessons. As a department, we have decided that everyone should have access to the challenges regardless if they have a Twitter account or not. Therefore, we have shared the slides via Show My Homework for their usual allotted CORE PE Lesson.

As always, we would love to see your efforts, whether that being via Twitter (@SharplesPE) or even in your lessons. We are itching to give out reward points to the pupils who really engage with these challenges! We would encourage you to also have a look over the slides during the half term break during Christmas time or keep an eye out for the challenges on Twitter!

[Click here to see our Sharples PE Health Advent Calendar.](#)



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Attendance

Monday 7th December - Thursday 10th December

Year Group:

7	98.6%
8	95.4%
9	96.4%
10	94.2%
11	94.8%

Best Forms:

7P/A/H/R	100%
8S	100%
9P	100%
10A/P	97.6%
11S	100%

470 pupils have achieved 100% this academic year.

Dates For Your Diary

Friday 11th December -
Staff Training Day
(Non-pupil Day)

Tuesday 15th December -
Shakespeare Festival

Monday 21st December
to Friday 1st January -
Christmas Holiday

Career of the Week: RAF Officer

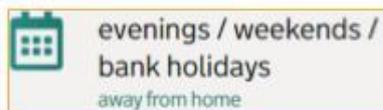
Average Salary:



Typical hours:
(per week)



You could work:



Qualifications:

- You can apply directly for RAF officer training.
- You'll need a minimum of:
 - 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), including English and maths, and a science for some roles
 - 2 A levels or equivalent.

Skills required:

- Leadership skills to manage and motivate teams.
- Excellent verbal communication skills.
- Thinking and reasoning skills for making quick decisions.
- Persistence and determination.
- Patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations.
- Concentration skills.
- The ability to accept criticism and work well under pressure.

Relevant Subjects:

- Engineering, Science, English and Maths.

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

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COVID-19 (coronavirus) absence: A quick guide for parents / carers

What to do if...	Action needed	Back to education & childcare
 <p>...my child has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend education / childcare settings • Child should get a test • Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result • Inform education / childcare setting immediately about test results 	<p>...when child's test comes back negative</p> <p>provided they have been fever free for the 48 hours before returning to education or childcare, and feel well</p>
 <p>...my child tests positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend education / childcare settings • Child self-isolates for at least 10 days from when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) • Inform education / childcare settings immediately about test results • Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - <i>even if someone tests negative during those 14 days</i> 	<p>...after 10 days, once child feels better, and has been fever-free for at least 48 hours</p> <p>They can return to education or childcare after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of smell / taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone.</p>
 <p>...somebody in my household has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend education / childcare settings • Household member with symptoms should get a test • Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result • Inform education / childcare settings immediately about test results 	<p>...when household member test is negative, and child does not have COVID-19 symptoms*</p>
 <p>...somebody in my household has tested positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend setting • Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - <i>even if someone tests negative during those 14 days</i> 	<p>...when child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during the 14 days</p>

What to do if...	Action needed	Back to education & childcare
 <p>...NHS Test and Trace has identified my child as a 'close contact' of somebody with COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend education / childcare settings • Child self-isolates for 14 days (as advised by NHS Test and Trace) – even if they test negative during those 14 days • Rest of household does not need to self-isolate, unless they are a 'close contact' too 	<p>...when the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during those 14 days</p>
 <p>...we / my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not take unauthorised leave in term time • Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel • Provide information to education / childcare settings as per attendance policy <p>Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend education / childcare settings • Whole household self-isolates for 14 days – even if they test negative during those 14 days 	<p>...when the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed for the child, even if they test negative during those 14 days</p>
 <p>...we have received advice from a medical / official source that my child must resume shielding</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend education / childcare settings • Contact school as advised by attendance officer / pastoral team • Child should shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again 	<p>...when education or childcare setting / other agencies inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to the setting again</p>
 <p>....I am not sure who should get a test for COVID -19 (coronavirus)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only people with symptoms* need to get a test • People without symptoms are not advised to get a test, even if they are a 'close contact' of someone who tests positive 	<p>...when conditions above, as matching your situation, are met</p>

Symptoms include at least one of a high temperature; a new continuous cough; a loss of or change to your sense of smell or taste.

If anyone in your household has symptoms, book a free COVID-19 test at nhs.uk/coronavirus or call 119

For further information and support visit www.bolton.gov.uk/localrestrictions

Remember to use igo as a smart card



All bus companies can now sell and accept TfGM school tickets using igo as a smart card, so the paper option will soon be switched off.

Drivers should always load them onto igo, instead of issuing paper tickets.

- **TfGM schools weekly ticket £7.60**
- **TfGM carnet ticket (10 single trips) £10**

These tickets are only available on dedicated TfGM school services.

Customers should touch-in for all journeys. If a valid ticket is loaded, the smart reader will accept the card for travel.

Details of all bus tickets for travel to school can be found at [tfgm.com/school-bus-tickets](https://www.tfgm.com/school-bus-tickets)