



# Sharples

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# Newsletter

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### End of Term Message

This has been a long, and at times, challenging term. However, throughout I have been incredibly proud of the resilience shown by our students and staff. Their determination to focus on learning despite the many barriers generated by covid-19 has shone through.

The generosity of our school community has been evident during recent weeks, with a number of successful charity initiatives running to offer our support to local organisations.

Over the last few days, we have celebrated the many achievements of our students through our assemblies and our festive events, such as, the Year 7 'Sharples Family Meals'.

Thank you for your continued support for our school. I wish you all a very happy Christmas and let's hope for a better year in 2021.

Best wishes

Ms Webster

Headteacher

### The Sharples Family Meal

This week we celebrated the end of our Year 7's first term at Sharples with our yearly event, The Sharples Family Meal. All Year 7 students and form tutors sat down together to enjoy a three course meal, along with Ms Webster. The Year 8 Transition Ambassadors did a fantastic job helping Miss Paton set up the canteen and making it look festive.

The meal began with speeches by Deputy Head Boy Hamza Akhtar and Head Girl Sana Chhadat who both told Year 7 students they should be proud of their first term at Sharples. Following this, a representative from each form spoke about the best moments of their first term.

Whilst they ate, Year 7 were entertained with Christmas music and the meal ended with an enthusiastic sing-along to 'Let It Go' from Frozen.

It was a wonderful end to a fantastic first term for our Year 7 students.



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#### Start of Spring Term - Jan 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you and your family are well.

As you may be aware, the Government announced on Thursday, 17 December, that there would be a staggered start to the new term for all secondary school students in England. Only Year 11 students, vulnerable children and children of critical workers will return to school on Monday, 4 January. All other students (Y7-10) will return to school on Monday 11 January.

If you are a critical worker, and you wish your child to access in-school provision from Monday 4 January, please email: [office@sharplesschool.co.uk](mailto:office@sharplesschool.co.uk). Please title your email 'Critical Worker Provision' and indicate your child's name and form as well as stating your profession.

The majority of lessons for Years 7-10, will be live via Google Meet during the first week of the new year and students will follow their normal timetable. Each day will start at 8.45am with an online registration with form tutors.

Teachers will communicate with students through Satchel One (Show My Homework) and through school emails. Please contact us as soon as possible if your child is unable to access these methods of communication.

If your child is entitled to free school meals, we will be in touch as soon as possible to outline arrangements for the week beginning 4 January.

I apologise for any inconvenience that these changes to the January arrangements may cause you. However, I am sure that you will appreciate that the last minute announcement by the Government has necessitated this short timeframe. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

I hope you have an enjoyable and safe holiday.

Yours faithfully

Ann Webster  
Headteacher

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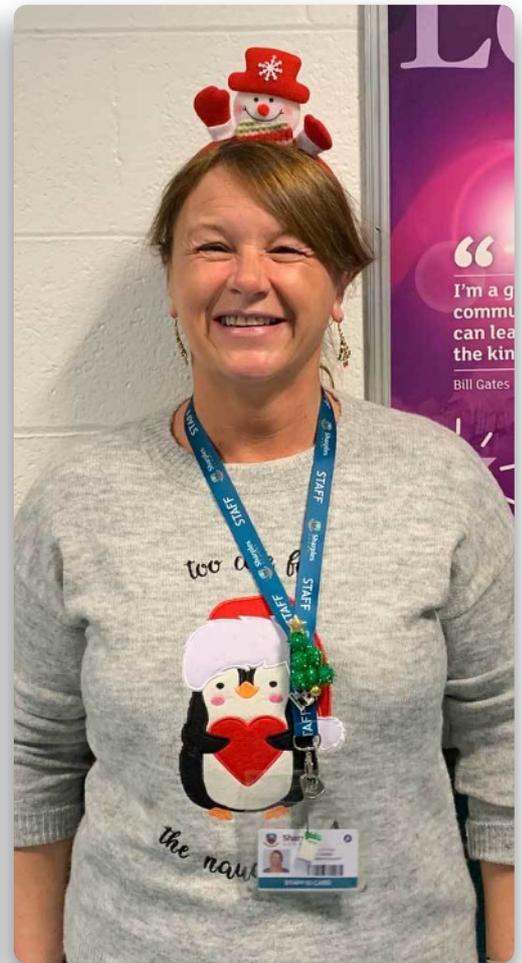
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#### A Charitable Christmas at Sharples

The Sharples family have gone above and beyond this term with their contributions to the local community and charities.

On Thursday 10th December both staff and pupils celebrated the Christmas jumper non-uniform day (see pictures below). There were some outstanding festive efforts and over £1000 was raised, which will be donated to Bolton Hospice and Bolton NHS.



The Sharples staff have excelled themselves in supporting the Bolton le Moors Rotary club toy appeal. New toys have been donated by our staff and these will be distributed by the Rotary club to support families in the local community. See next page for pictures.

There have also been amazing individual charity efforts such as by Aishah Mohmed. Who raised over £200 for Bolton Hospice through making and selling cakes. Whysup recognised this amazing achievement and awarded Aishah with a £50 JD voucher. Well done Aishah!



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#### A Charitable Christmas at Sharples - Toy Appeal



#### The Sharples Excellence System

This term a grand total of 32,649 Academic, Community and Excellence points were awarded to students. End of term prizes include, text messages home, film time, chill time, chocolate and snacks, a special breakfast and our highly coveted and exclusive A.C.E badges! Well done to all of our top scorers!



The Sharples Excellence System  
**ACE Points Top Scorers- Year 7**



**CLICK HERE TO VIEW VIDEO**



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#### Year 8 G2G Macbeth Workshop

On Tuesday afternoon, Year 8 G2G students were given the opportunity to work with Shakespeare Schools Festival through a practical exploration of the 'Scottish play'. They focused on key scenes, developing characterisation skills through the language of Shakespeare. This was a cross-curricular Drama and English event which was great preparation for later on in the year when they study the play Macbeth. Actress and facilitator, Lisa



O'Hanlon from SSF began the session with some lively warm-up activities. This swiftly moved onto professional vocal exercises which explored tone of voice, projection and articulation. Congratulations Year 8s - you clearly enjoyed the afternoon's Drama workshop, evidenced through a range of skills and techniques, teamwork and leadership activities. Well Done!

#### Shining Sports Star

Well done to Isabel Flanagan in Year 7 who has recently had trials for Manchester United and has had the opportunity to train and play with their academy team. Isabel currently plays in midfield for Bolton Lads and Girls club where she trains every Tuesday and Wednesday with matches every Saturday and Sunday. Due to the current restrictions, Isabel has been unable to continue her training with Manchester United, however, the PE department would like to wish her luck when she re-joins them in February. Well done Isabel!





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#### The Sharples Baccalaureate



In the Year 7 assembly this week, Miss Dann was delighted to award certificates for participation in the Sharples Baccalaureate programme. Many students in the year group were awarded Bronze and Silver Certificates for involvement in the 5 strands: Sport, Creativity, Community, Leadership and STEM. Two students, Anaiya Fish and Jamie Aldred in 7S, had achieved 16 points and were awarded the prestigious Gold Certificate and Sharples Bacc badges.

As part of the Sharples Baccalaureate programme, students collect points for participating in the five strands. This term, students have collected points for a range of different experiences, for example going to clubs such as Astronomy and Debating, keeping the community tidy, raising money for charity and public speaking.

We are looking forward to seeing even more students being awarded with certificates at the end of next term by taking advantage of the brilliant extra-curricular opportunities available at Sharples.



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#### Attendance

Monday 14th December - Friday 18th December

#### Year Group:

7	96.2%
8	94.7%
9	94.5%
10	93.7%
11	90.3%

#### Best Forms:

7A	99.1%
8E	99.1%
9P1	97.4%
10H	98.2%
11S1	97.1%

441 pupils have achieved 100% this academic year.

#### Dates For Your Diary

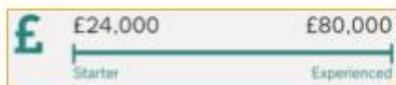
Please see letter on page 2 of this newsletter for details about the start of term in January.

Any further information will be published on the school website:

[www.sharplesschool.co.uk](http://www.sharplesschool.co.uk)

### Career of the Week: Civil Engineer

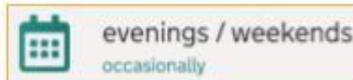
#### Average Salary:



#### Typical hours: (per week)



#### You could work:



#### Qualifications:

- 2 or 3 A levels, or equivalent, including maths and a science for a degree
- A degree in a relevant subject for postgraduate study.
- 1 or 2 A levels, or equivalent, for a higher national certificate or higher national diploma.
- 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A\* to C) and A levels, or equivalent, for a higher or degree apprenticeship.

#### Skills required:

- Knowledge of engineering science and technology
- Maths knowledge.
- Knowledge of building and construction
- Design skills and knowledge
- Excellent verbal communication skills
- Knowledge of English language

#### Relevant Subjects:

- Engineering, Science, English and Maths.

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

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

What to do if...	Action needed	Back to education & childcare
 <p><b>...NHS Test and Trace has identified my child as a 'close contact' of somebody with COVID-19 (coronavirus)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child shouldn't attend education / childcare settings</li> <li>• Child self-isolates for 14 days (as advised by NHS Test and Trace) – even if they test negative during those 14 days</li> <li>• Rest of household does not need to self-isolate, unless they are a 'close contact' too</li> </ul>	<p><b>...when the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during those 14 days</b></p>
 <p><b>...we / my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do not take unauthorised leave in term time</li> <li>• Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel</li> <li>• Provide information to education / childcare settings as per attendance policy</li> </ul> <p><b>Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child shouldn't attend education / childcare settings</li> <li>• Whole household self-isolates for 14 days – even if they test negative during those 14 days</li> </ul>	<p><b>...when the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed for the child, even if they test negative during those 14 days</b></p>
 <p><b>...we have received advice from a medical / official source that my child must resume shielding</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child shouldn't attend education / childcare settings</li> <li>• Contact school as advised by attendance officer / pastoral team</li> <li>• Child should shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again</li> </ul>	<p><b>...when education or childcare setting / other agencies inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to the setting again</b></p>
 <p><b>....I am not sure who should get a test for COVID -19 (coronavirus)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only people with symptoms* need to get a test</li> <li>• People without symptoms are not advised to get a test, even if they are a 'close contact' of someone who tests positive</li> </ul>	<p><b>...when conditions above, as matching your situation, are met</b></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](https://nhs.uk/coronavirus) or call 119

For further information and support visit [www.bolton.gov.uk/localrestrictions](https://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)

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