



# Sharples

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### Newsletter

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#### Letter regarding the start of term

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope that you and your family are well. The start to the new academic year has been very positive. Our students have embraced school routines and are maximising their learning opportunities through positive engagement with their timetabled lessons and enrichment activities. Our new Year 7 students have made the most of our annual Fresher's Week by signing up for a wide range of clubs and by attending our Fresher's Disco.

As you know, we have launched a new platform with the provider BROMCOM called

MyChildAtSchool (MCAS) to communicate and engage with parents. MCAS is an online portal

that enables parents to view information about their child via any modern web browser or App. As with the launch of any new system, we have experienced some 'teething problems' and I would like to thank you for your patience as we have worked through these issues.



We have now resolved all MCAS issues linked to lunch money and payments for trips. Can I please remind you to ensure that your child's school meal account remains topped up via MCAS, or, by using the payment machines in school which do accept cash. If you have any queries linked to MCAS please do not hesitate to contact us, stating your child's name, form group and giving an outline of your question by emailing [bromcomsupport@sharplesschool.co.uk](mailto:bromcomsupport@sharplesschool.co.uk)

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that Friday, 1 October is a staff training day therefore the school will be closed to all students. Also, on Thursday, 30 September school will finish at 2.15pm to enable us to set up for Open Evening, our school buses will be available at this earlier time. Please let us know if you need us to provide supervision for your child until 3.05pm on this date.

Finally, I would like to thank you for your continued support for our school. It is very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely

Ms A Webster

Headteacher

To view the original letter as a PDF, [click here](#).



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#### Sharples student playing for Manchester Giants



Leo MacGregor in Year 8 will be playing with the U14 Manchester Giants in the National League this year!

The photos below are from a 6 day residential Basketball camp where he was awarded most improved player at camp.



For any students interested in joining, there is open basketball training from 2.00pm - 4.00pm at Horwich leisure centre every Sunday.

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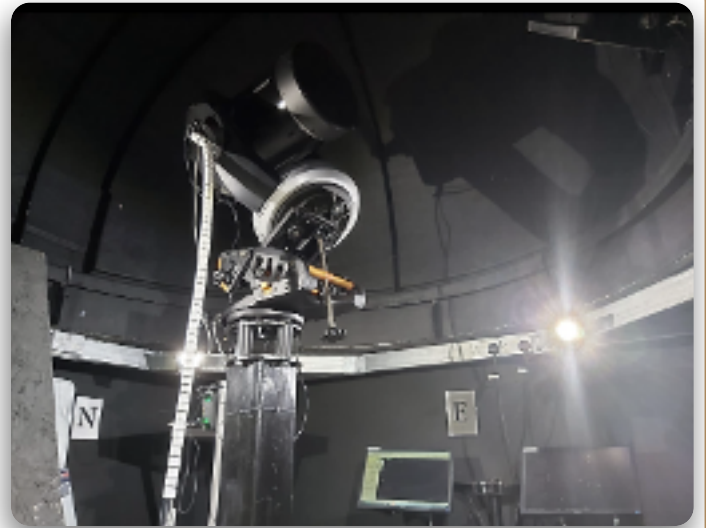
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#### **Talk About Transition**

Last week, Year 7 had an exciting workshop to help with their transition to Sharples. The Talk About Transition workshops support the students by using oracy based activities and strategies to develop greater self-confidence and resilience to support the successful transition from primary to secondary school. All the pupils enjoyed getting to know a variety of their peers and engaging with the excellent workshop leaders who provided a safe and fun environment to enhance the confidence of our pupils. As part of the workshop, each group had to stand up in front of their peers and read out a speech that they produced. Every pupil did this brilliantly. Also, as part of their half day workshop, the pupils looked to the future and what they wanted to achieve whilst at Sharples. An excellent day was had by all with the pupils being a credit to the school.

#### **Science Enrichment - Bolton Scouts Astronomy Badge**

Monday night saw Bolton Scouts visit the Sharples Observatory (interior pictured) as part of their Astronomy Badge. They spent the evening outside with Miss Dudley, learning how to use solar glasses, lunar binoculars and telescopes to observe the night sky, as well as spending some time in the lab with Mr Harding, learning how light and colour can transmit information across the vastness of space...



#### **Science Enrichment Clubs**

This week also saw the return of our Science Enrichment lunchtime clubs. If you are in Year 7, speak to your Form Tutor about joining up!

Monday - Astronomy with Mr Harding in G43. An opportunity to explore our fantastic observatory facility.

Tuesday - Star Wars with Miss Fairhurst in G59. A short time ago in a lab not too far away...

Wednesday - STEM with Miss Dudley in G45. An opportunity to try out extra exciting practical activities in the lab!

*Mr J. Harding - Science Enrichment Coordinator*



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#### Dates For Your Diary

Tuesday 28th September  
Year 8 Quarry Bank Mill  
Trip

Thursday 30th September  
Open Evening  
(4.00pm – 7.00pm)

Friday 1st October  
Training day  
School closed to pupils  
(NOTE - last week's  
newsletter incorrectly  
stated that this was on  
24th September)

## Career of the Week: Motor Mechanic

*Motor mechanics repair and service cars and vans.*

#### Average Salary:



#### Typical hours: (per week)



#### You could work:



#### Qualifications:

- You can apply for this job through a college course or apprenticeship.
- 2 or more GCSEs at grades 9 to 3 (A\* to D), or equivalent, for a level 2 course.
- 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A\* to C), or equivalent, for a level 3 course or apprenticeship.
- 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A\* to C), or equivalent, including English and maths for a T level.

#### Skills required:

- Customer service skills.
- The ability to work well with others.
- Knowledge of engineering science and technology.
- The ability to use, repair and maintain machines and tools.
- Problem-solving skills.
- The ability to work well with your hands.
- The ability to use your initiative.

#### Relevant Subjects:

- Engineering, Science and Maths.

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

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Our specialist music teachers  
offer weekly music lessons in  
your school

## Would you like to play a musical instrument?



You can have instrumental or vocal lessons in school and also hire an instrument by visiting us at:

[www.boltonmusicservice.com/parents-and-pupils](http://www.boltonmusicservice.com/parents-and-pupils)

## Would you like to join a band or choir?

- You can join one or more of our bands, choirs and orchestras at Mere Hall and other venues after school
- You do not need to have lessons with us to be a member of our ensembles
- There is something for everyone and you can start right now



For further information, visit our  
website or call our team on:

**01204 333533**