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### Newsletter

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#### Careers in the Mathematics talk



This week in the Maths department, 25 Year 10 pupils participated in a live talk about careers in the Mathematics curriculum. The talk explored different jobs and pathways Maths could take you on post-16. The pupils got to meet a variety of professionals working in industries such as engineering and had the opportunity to ask questions and find out more about their jobs.

Damon Hacking said "It was an enlightening and interesting talk that made me realise there is a lot more I can do with Maths than I expected if I study it further after school."

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#### **Sharples Teacher is published in The Caterpillar**

Mr Ormsby has just been awarded the opening page in the winter issue of The Caterpillar, a quarterly print magazine for children featuring poetry, short stories and art. Included in John Hegley's 'Top Ten Poetry Books' in The Guardian, the magazine is published in Dublin and stocked in bookshops from Berlin to New York.

Here's the poem Mr Ormsby penned which caught the attention of its editor:

#### **Seasoned Greetings**

When greeting guests in Tokyo  
The custom is to bow down low  
While in Tibet both old and young  
Say hi by sticking out their tongue  
In France it's chic to peck the cheek  
And friends will clap in Mozambique  
Though Greenlanders will sniff your face  
Before they help you with your case  
Most Eskimos rub nose to nose  
In India they'll touch your toes  
And Zambians will squeeze the thumbs  
Of visitors considered chums  
Through handshakes, winks and nods we say  
I'm pleased that you dropped by today!  
And bless those friends who always know  
The sign for when it's time to go...

And here's the link:

<https://www.thecaterpillarmagazine.com/a1-page.asp?ID=8806&page=6>



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#### Sharples Baccalaureate



It has been brilliant to see the number of Year 7 students enjoying the selection of clubs that have been on offer this term at Sharples. Over 30 clubs have been available to Year 7 including, STEM club, fashion design club, chess club, Star Wars club, Christmas cooking club, and dance club to name a few! Each time a student attended a club, they received a point that contributed towards their Sharples Baccalaureate award. To gain a Bronze award, students needed 10 Bacc points, 15 points were needed for Silver and 20 points were needed for Gold! Commitment and attendance at clubs has been excellent over the last couple of months and this was evident in Wednesday's assembly when 78 students were awarded their Gold certificate and badge. Along with the Gold winners, 30 students received their Silver award with 40 pupils awarded Bronze. This is a fantastic achievement for all involved and we hope the momentum from this term carries over into the new year when a whole new selection of clubs will be on offer!

Aisha Patel (7H) spoke of her Sharples Bacc experience over the last few months: *"The Sharples Bacc has made me learn not just new things but also about myself. I have enjoyed many clubs like Debate club, Astronomy club and International club. I never thought I would enjoy clubs like these but it has made me step out of my comfort zone and try new things. If there aren't many clubs that you enjoy you can create your own. It gives you a chance to show your creativity and interests. The Sharples Bacc is also a great opportunity to make new friends but also to make a bond with your teachers"*.



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#### English Good to Great Projects



G2G students in Years 7 to 9 have been working tremendously hard this term to create projects on:

- Heroes and Villains
- Religion and Allusion
- Gothic literature

All of the students should be incredibly proud of themselves. They have showcased their knowledge of English through their hobbies/talents. Some have created websites, stop motion videos, compositions, creative art, stories, novels and poems. Well done to all the students involved! Prizes will be given next week. See above and the next page for some examples of the fantastic pieces of work.

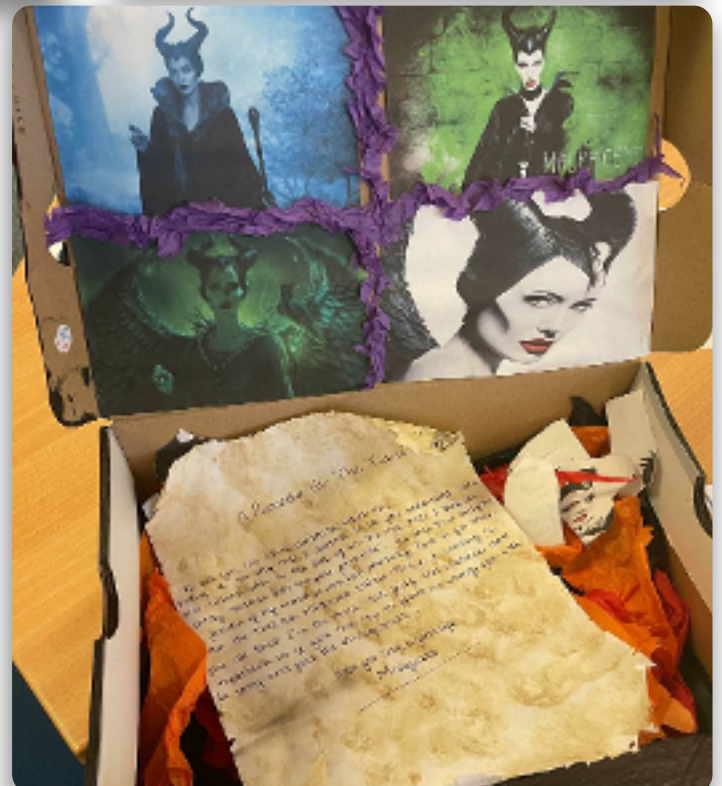
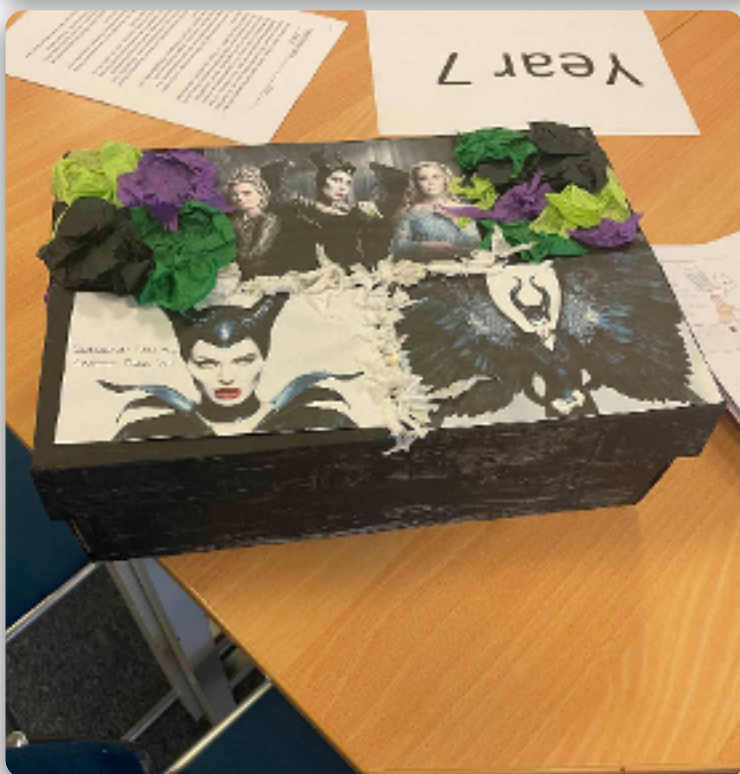
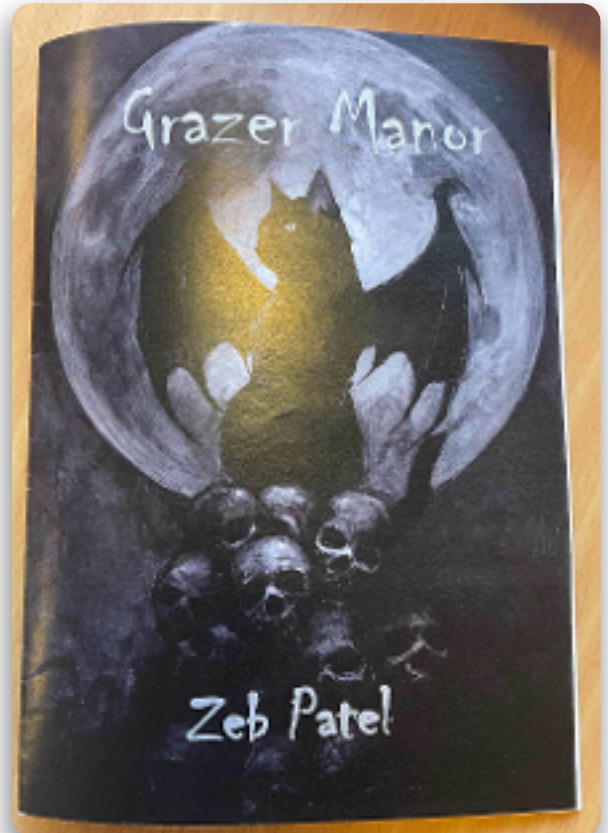


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#### Science Enrichment

##### Year 10 Conservation Careers Talk

This Thursday, Miss Fairhurst hosted a virtual careers talk for our Year 10 students. The talk was presented by Ellie Diambro-Denson, who is a monitoring officer for the Cairngorms Connect project. Cairngorms Connect is a partnership of neighbouring land managers, committed to a bold and ambitious 200-year vision to enhance habitats, species and ecological processes across a vast area within the Cairngorms National Park. Ellie talked about how to get into a career in conservation, as well as taking a Q&A session afterwards.



##### Year 10 Space Careers Conference

For those of you interested in exploring the diversity of careers in the Space sector, there is a free online careers conference specifically for Year 10 students this Saturday 11th December 10:30-12:30.

Simply click the link to register:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2711698458618320139>

##### Asteroid Nereus

Also this Saturday, there will be a near-Earth flyby of Asteroid Nereus (but don't panic, it will not impact us!). Tune in to the latest episode of our podcast, in association with Bolton College (see the back pages for details), to find out more...

Mr J. Harding - Science Enrichment Coordinator



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#### English Department's Work of the Week

##### Work of the Week

Year 7

Hamzah Mogra has written an excellent narrative. [Click here to view page 1](#), [here for page 2](#) and [here for page 3](#).

Year 8

Bilal Ahmed has written a brilliant guide. [Click here to view page 1](#) and [here for page 2](#).

Year 9

Jayden Winstanley has been working hard on his analytical responses. [Click here to view page 1](#) and [here for page 2](#).

Year 10

Zaynah Bikha has written an excellent evaluative answer. [Click here to view page 1](#) and [here for page 2](#).

Year 11

Millie McCoy took part in an A-Level masterclass and has made some brilliant notes. [Click here to view page 1](#) and [here for page 2](#).

##### Readers of the Week

The following students are being celebrated for reading aloud and reading well during English lessons this week:

Year 7 - Farah Ahmed Muhumed

Year 8 - Molly Hobman

Year 9 - Max Jameson

Year 10 - Rayyanah Keeka

Year 11 - Ruby Liptrot



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#### Sports Fixtures Summary for Year 7



On Monday night, our Year 7s took on Eden Boys in a league game. Sharples scored early on to get a 1-0 lead but only 5 minutes later Eden struck back with an equaliser. It was a very close and hard fought first half where Sharples just couldn't regain their lead. In the second half, Sharples came out flying through the sheer excellence of captain Farran Swailes as he ran through the entire team to slot the ball home and put Sharples back in front. Farran was unstoppable after that, emulating the goal again twice more and getting his hat trick. Cole added to the scoreline and Sharples went on to win the game in convincing style, 5-1.

On Tuesday night, our Year 7s entered a futsal tournament at Smithills. Sharples got off to a good start winning one match and drawing another. In the final league game, Sharples were narrowly beaten 1-0, resulting in us being in the 3rd place play off. The game went down to the wire as both teams couldn't find a way to score, so penalties decided the game. Unfortunately, we were beaten on penalties and finished 4th.





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#### Football Year 10

Year 10 were back in action this week when they made the short journey to Thornleigh. The squad members have been training every week and couldn't wait to get back on the pitch with a competitive match.

In horrendous conditions it was a superb end to end game with some fantastic goals scored by both teams.

Despite a superb performance Sharples were narrowly beaten 4-3 in a game that could have gone either way. Josh Baker was a constant threat up front and deserved his 2 goals, Harvey Kenny converted his penalty well and Jayden had a very impressive game in goal and even made a superb from a penalty.

#### Maths STEM Club

Pupils in the Year 8 & 9 Maths Stem club were investigating plastic microfibres getting into the ocean this week. They washed synthetic clothing in water, and drained some of the water through a filter paper, then looked at the filter through a microscope. Strands of plastic microfibres had escaped from the clothing and we discussed the impact this might have on marine life and humans. We also talked about the magnification of the images.

#### Year 9 Netball



The Year 9 netball squad represented the school brilliantly, on Wednesday, as they travelled to Bolton School for their first ever fixture against this opponent. The girls showcased some of the best netball they have played all year in a closely fought competitive match. The game went down to the last few seconds, with Bolton snatching the win 18-17. This was a fantastic effort against a strong side. The re-match has already been arranged for the new year! Well done, girls! Girl of the game went to Cherie Ufuoma.



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#### Attendance Figures (6th December - 9th December)

Year Groups attendance this week:

- Year 7 = 95.35%
- Year 8 = 97.31%
- Year 9 = 95.92%
- Year 10 = 93.11%
- Year 11 = 93.43%

Best forms this week:

- 7L = 99.05%
- 8P1 = 100%
- 9H = 100%
- 10S1 = 98.98%
- 11S1 = 98.81%

368 pupils have achieved 100% this academic year

#### Dates For Your Diary

Thursday 9th December -  
Year 11 Parents' Evening  
(4:00 – 7:00pm)

Friday 10th December -  
Staff Training day  
(School closed to  
students)

Tuesday 21st December  
- Last day of term  
(students will be  
dismissed from school at  
12.30pm)

### Career of the Week: Vet

*Vets diagnose and treat sick or injured animals.*

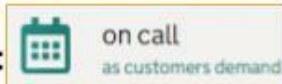
Average Salary:



Typical hours:  
(per week)



You could work:



#### Qualifications:

- You can apply for this job through a university course.
- 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A\* to C), or equivalent, including English, maths and science
- 3 A levels, or equivalent, including biology and chemistry.

#### Skills required:

- Knowledge of animal medicine and dentistry.
- Knowledge of biology.
- Customer service skills.
- Excellent verbal communication skills.
- To be thorough and pay attention to detail.
- Patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations.
- The ability to work well with your hands.
- The ability to use your judgement and make decisions.

#### Relevant Subjects:

- English, Maths and Science.



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

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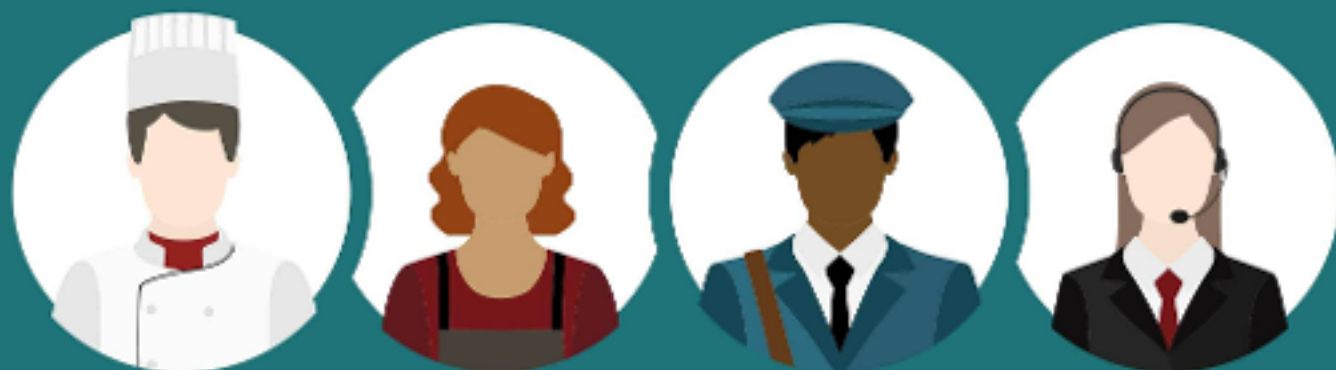
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# Work Experience 2022



Our Year 10 students are currently looking for Work Experience placements during the week of 7-11th March. If you, your employer or anyone you may know can source a placement for our students, please contact our Raising Aspirations Lead Mrs N Patel at [n.patel1@sharplesschool.co.uk](mailto:n.patel1@sharplesschool.co.uk) or contact our school on 01204 333253.

We aim to provide our students with the best opportunities in order to prepare them with the correct skills and knowledge needed for the world of work.



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exploring all things Science,  
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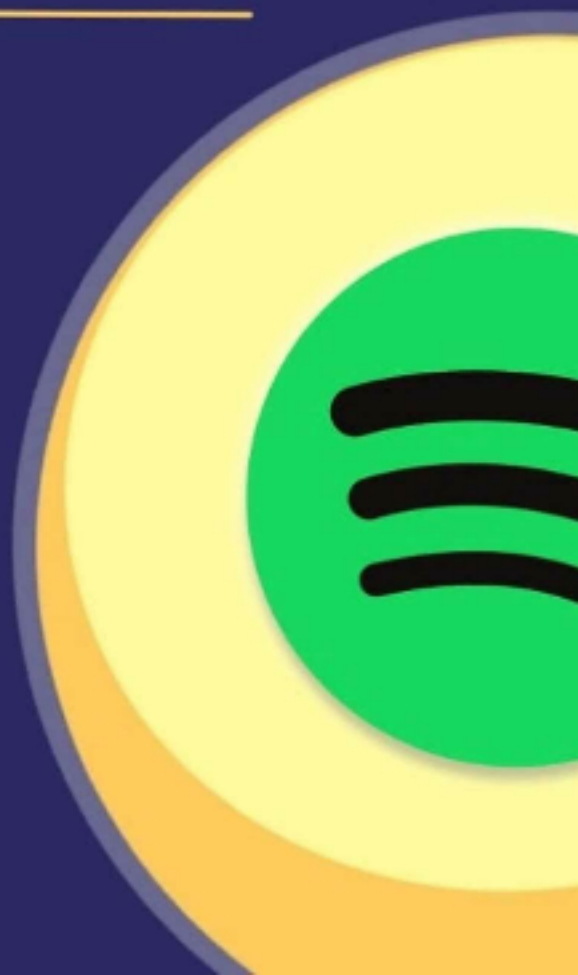
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## FLEXING OUR MENUS IN challenging TIMES

Like many restaurants and caterers, Mellors local suppliers are experiencing shortages of certain food items from sausages and peas to margarine and cooking oils.

This is due to various pressures in the food chain. These include low numbers of crop pickers in the farms, staff shortages due to Covid, lorry driver shortages both to and from our suppliers and the impact of brexit (remember Brexit?)

WHERE THERE ARE SHORTAGES,  
MELLORS WILL SUBSTITUTE WITH OTHER  
INGREDIENTS TO ENSURE YOU ALWAYS  
GET A FRESH AND HEALTHY LUNCH.

