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Newsletter

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Ms Webster's Distance Learning Update

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you and your family are well. As we approach the end of our first week of remote learning for all year groups, I want to update you on the distance learning package that we are providing for our students.

The vast majority of remote lessons we offer are live, via Google Meet, with students following their normal timetable. We know, from your feedback during the first lockdown, that live lessons are the most effective way to engage students and keep them on track.

Each school day starts at 8.45am with an online registration with form tutors. Teachers will communicate with students and send the links to live lessons through Satchel One (Show My Homework) and via school emails. It is vitally important that you contact us as soon as possible if your child is unable to access these methods of communication and we will do what we can to support you – office@sharplesschool.co.uk

We realise that managing your child's learning at home can be challenging. With this in mind, the "distance learning" section on our website brings together some essential information to help you to get the most out of our provision. On the website you can find the timetables for each day – please note that there are no split lunchtimes during distance learning. You can also access the key contacts for each year group, guides to the learning platforms that we use, as well as a link to a weekly assembly to motivate students in these challenging times. Please take the time to have a look at this useful resource – <https://www.sharplesschool.co.uk/distance-learning/>

Feedback from staff indicates that our students have made a great start to distance learning and that they are showing a real determination to "Learn, Dream and Achieve" in challenging circumstances. In order to celebrate those students who go the extra mile, we have relaunched our "Sharples Stars" scheme to celebrate their successes. We are also running a weekly "Community Challenge", which students can get involved with to further enrich their learning experience.

As always, I would encourage you to read our weekly newsletter and to follow Sharples Twitter. Both showcase the brilliant work our students are completing during lockdown, as well as the many thoughtful ways in which they are supporting their families and the wider community.

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This has been a very positive start to our distance learning provision and your hard work in supporting your child has had an important part to play in this. Thank you for your continued support.

Finally, we believe that by working in partnership, and by communicating effectively, we will enable our students to continue to excel in these uncertain times.

We are always happy to help.

Take care and stay safe.

Ms A Webster
Headteacher

[Click here to view original letter as PDF.](#)

Distance Learning 2021!

Distance learning got underway for Year 7-10 this week and the engagement has been fantastic!

Following a great start to the new year for Year 11, last week the provision for our students was ramped up to provide live learning for all year groups.

Some of our highlights so far include;

The use of www.whiteboard.fi in Maths lessons to gain instant feedback from all the students in the class just like on a mini whiteboard in school!

Some fantastic artwork produced across all year groups! Year 8 have been working on Graffiti art and Year 9 have been mastering their digital art skills.

Our PE Department has been offering live lessons all week with both theory and practical aspects of PE covered!

In PSHE lessons our students have been learning about wellbeing and resilience... two key things to think about during this challenging time!

If you have enjoyed your learning or if you are a parent and you would like to provide feedback on our first positive week of learning please email Miss Molyneux c.molyneux@sharplesschool.co.uk



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Among Us Escape Room

Bored during your free time in lockdown? Students and families are challenged to complete the Among Us Escape Room!

Work as a team or on your own to complete all of the crewmate tasks before the imposter sabotages your ship!

All students will receive a link next week to access the escape room at the Novice or Expert level. If you need a clue, ask your maths teacher.

All students who successfully complete the challenge will be awarded reward points. Don't forget to include your name and form.

Will it be defeat or victory?

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Sharples Baccalaureate Weekly Challenge

This week sees the launch of our Sharples Baccalaureate Weekly Challenge where every week from now until half term, Year 7 students will be invited to engage with and focus on one of our five strands: leadership, creativity, community, sport and STEM. This gives Year 7 students the opportunity to expand their minds and have some fun whilst they also earn themselves Bacc points; working towards achieving their bronze, silver and gold certificates. This is the perfect time to keep Ms Webster's Growth Mindset assembly in mind and develop your 'can do' approach. We look forward to seeing and, indeed, rewarding all your efforts over the coming weeks. Good luck!





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Sharples Career Programme - Opportunities from Barclays

As part of our careers programme this half term, there are some brilliant opportunities from Barclays to inform students and parents about apprenticeships and what may be available to them. Please see below for more details.

There's more to discover. There's more to become.

We are hosting a series of virtual career sessions to provide more information about Apprenticeships at Barclays and our diversity networks

Who should attend?

- Apprentice job-seekers and parents
- Those interested in Barclays Apprenticeships overall

Event:

Barclays Apprenticeship Career Sessions

Dates:

North-West England:

Monday 1 February 2021, 17:00-18:00, Women in Banking/Apprenticeships

Friday 5 February, 17:00:18:00, Apprenticeships

Register:

Spaces are limited so please register your attendance as soon as possible. You can view all our events here, and sign up to your chosen date.

Alternatively, please click on the event to register directly:

Monday 1 February: <https://eu.eventscloud.com/apprentice-event1.2.21>

Friday 5 February: <https://eu.eventscloud.com/apprentice-event5.2.21>

In the meantime, head over to our website for more information and details about our latest opportunities.

joinus.barclays/apprenticeships



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Lockdown Learning Parental Feedback!



“It's been fabulous.

All teachers have been motivated and enthusiastic:

Mr Burrows deserves a special mention: he thought about Charlie's needs and tried to accommodate- I was really impressed. Mr Burrows also recorded the lesson, so that makes me feel better in case we miss a lesson he could forward what was missed. Miss Calow has been in touch from the SEND department and also Miss Neagle has been in touch to offer support.

Miss Neagle is going to be in personal contact once a week too. Again, very much appreciated.

You're all doing such a good job!!

With love and thanks,

Nicola Green

Charlie's mum Y8”

Career of the Week: Software Developer

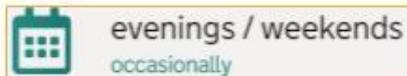
Average Salary:



**Typical hours:
(per week)**



You could work:



Qualifications:

- You could get to this job through a university course, a college course, an apprenticeship or a graduate training scheme
- 1 or 2 A levels, or equivalent, for a foundation degree or higher national diploma.
- 2 to 3 A levels, or equivalent, for a degree.
- 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), or equivalent, including English, maths and computing.

Skills required:

- Complex problem-solving skills.
- Excellent verbal communication skills for sharing ideas.
- Persistence and determination.
- The ability to write computer programs.
- To have a thorough understanding of computer systems and applications.

Relevant Subjects:

- Computer Science, English and Maths.



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

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A CAREER IN Electrical Engineering

Presented by Ian Sandall, University of Liverpool

Tuesday 19th January 2021

4pm - 5pm

Ian Sandall is an engineer working with medical sensors, NASA, Drones and Robotics.

See Miss Molyneux for more details



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