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Ms Webster's End of Half Term Letter

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you and your family are well. As we approach the end of the half term, I would like share with you a few of our many achievements

Over this half-term, all students have been working hard, and many have engaged with enrichment activities beyond the timetabled curriculum. In particular, I want to pay tribute to our Year 11 students who, despite the many challenges they have faced throughout their final years at Sharples, have demonstrated both positivity and resilience when completing their first GCSE examinations.

This half term, a number of Year 10 students completed their practice expedition for the Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award, luckily their efforts were rewarded with a sunny and dry weekend. Our Year 10 Sports Studies students also experienced an Outdoor Adventure Day in the Lake District. This was a great opportunity for our students to develop new skills and to work together as they completed activities such as kayaking and paddle boarding. We have also continued to welcome many students from local primary schools to Sharples to access a variety of learning opportunities, such as, STEM and astronomy workshops.

We are already planning our end of year awards events for next half term, and I am looking forward to celebrating the endeavours of our students through our annual Academic Achievement Assemblies. As always, I would encourage you to read our weekly newsletter and follow us on Twitter to keep up to date with our school events and successes.

On a final note, we have high standards in relation to appearance at Sharples that we expect all students to adhere to. The full Uniform Policy and details of our expectations linked to shoes, jewellery, hair and make-up can be accessed on the school website <https://www.sharplesschool.co.uk/policies/>.

We finish school for the half term break at 3.05pm on Friday, 27 May and I hope that all students have a safe, enjoyable and restful break. We look forward to welcoming our students back, to school, on Monday, 6 June with a prompt start to registration at 8.45am.

Thank you for your continued support of our school, it is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely

Ms A Webster

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TICKETS AVAILABLE
FROM MONDAY
6TH JUNE
£3.00 EACH
OR £10.00
FOR A FAMILY OF 4

MONDAY 27TH, TUESDAY 28TH AND WEDNESDAY 29TH JUNE
7.00PM - 9.00PM

DofE Silver Expedition success



Nineteen Year 10 students have completed their Duke of Edinburgh's Silver Award practice expedition with three days' walking and two days camping in the Clitheroe and Bowland area of Lancashire.

Students worked together in teams of six or seven, planning and navigating their own routes, carrying their own tents and food for the three days, pitching their own tents, cooking their own evening meals and supporting each other as a team. This was a real step up for all of us as it was the school's first ever Silver Award expedition after several successful years at the Bronze Award level.

The students rose to the challenge superbly and they are now reviewing their experience, ready for their qualifying expedition in July. Meanwhile, 52 Year 9 students are preparing for their DofE Bronze expeditions in June.

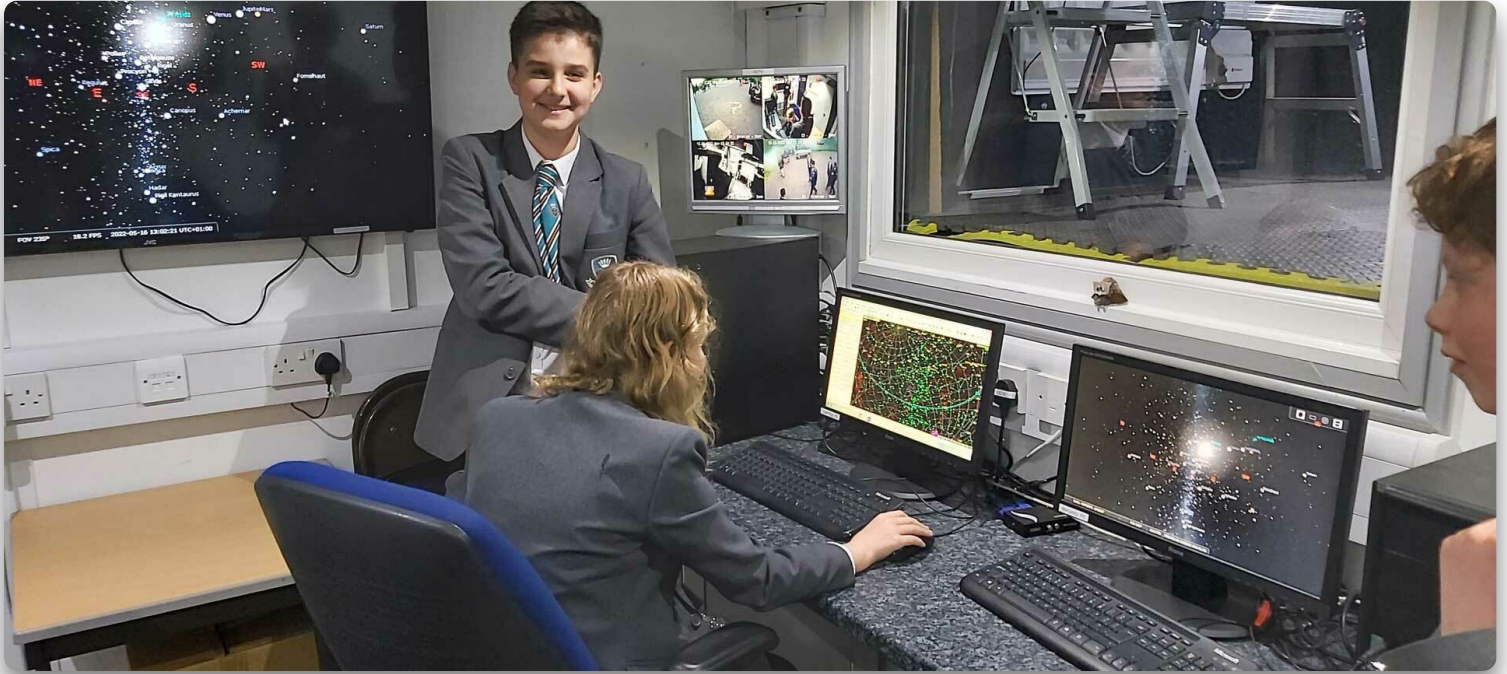


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Science Enrichment - Astronomy Club



This half-term, our lunchtime Year 7 Astronomy Club have been learning how to use our observatory control room and telescope, exploring the principles of light and magnification, using binoculars to observe animals and plants on the horizon beyond school (as well as spying on what some of their friends are up to on the playground!) and taking advantage of the clearer skies to observe the motion of sunspots across the solar surface, as well as the atmosphere above, the solar corona or 'crown'.





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Congratulations to our Year 7 Astronomers this half-term who have successfully completed the training course to operate our observatory and received their well deserved certificates; we look forward to working with you next year as Year 8 Astronomy Ambassadors!



Do Try This at Home!

Finally, from all of the Science at Sharples team, we hope you have a great half-term break, and if you are looking for something engaging and educational 'Do Try This at Home' is a series of fun Science experiments with short demonstration videos and simple, step-by-step instructions that can be carried out using only household objects:
<https://www.iop.org/explore-physics/at-home#gref>

Mr J. Harding - Science Enrichment Coordinator, Space Education Lead

English Department's Readers of the Week

Year 7 - Callum M for his reading of Nick Bottom in A Midsummer Night's Dream.

Year 8 - Harmain H for her efforts reading and her frequent visits to the library.

Year 9 - Izzy W for reading and interpreting a text well.

Year 10 - Abdullah F for making exceptional progress in terms of vocally reading and interpreting texts.



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Maths Assessments

Maths assessments will take place after half term for all students.

Year 7 assessments take place on Thursday 23rd June (non-calculator) and Monday 27th June (calculator)

Year 8 assessments take place on Monday 13th June (non-calculator) and Wednesday 22nd June (calculator)

Year 9 assessments take place on Friday 17th June (non-calculator) and Tuesday 21st June (calculator).

Year 10 assessments take place on Monday 20th June (Paper 1 - non-calculator), Wednesday 22nd June (Paper 2 - calculator) and Thursday 23rd June (Paper 3 - calculator)

Assessments will cover the content taught in lessons this year. All students have been provided with a revision list.

These assessments are very important as they will help staff and students to identify where the gaps in learning are so that we can plan effectively for next year. For Year 10 students, they will also help to inform decisions around tiers of entry.

Preparing for your maths assessment...

- The best way to revise maths is to practise maths.
- You can find practice questions on Mathswatch or on Mymaths. Please let your maths teacher know if you have forgotten any login details.
- Make sure you take time to learn any formulae you need.
- Start revising early, and try to revise little and often. Revising a little bit every day will help you to remember more than if you do a very long revision session the day before.
- If you need help, make sure you ask your teacher. We are here to help you to get the best assessment score you can.
- Make sure you bring the equipment you need to your exam. You will need a pen, pencil and ruler. You will also need a calculator.
- Having a good scientific calculator that you know how to use can make a huge difference to your assessment score. The school recommended calculator is the Casio Classwiz FX-83GTX. (For students in KS4 who are working towards the higher tier GCSE, we recommend the Casio Classwiz FX-991EX)

If you have any questions, you can email Mrs Hart (a.hart@sharplesschool.co.uk).

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Accelerated Reader Winners



This week in English, 7S3 and 8P3 were crowned the Accelerated Reader Winners! They read the most books in their year group and completed the most quizzes this half term. They were treated to a party with a movie, pizza, popcorn and chocolates.

The numbers have been reset, so next half term everyone will start on an equal footing. Students are encouraged to start reading in the holidays to help their class win next half term!

Year 9 Statistics data collection

The Year 9 Statistics class has been out and about collecting data for their projects. They have been measuring the lengths of leaves, weighing school bags and recording their heights for primary research in their chosen hypothesis.



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Attendance Information

Reporting an absence:

If your child is too ill to attend school, please contact the school before 9.30am with full details of your child's illness/symptoms. The attendance email is the easiest way to contact school as the phone line can get very busy.

The school attendance email is: attendance@sharplesschool.co.uk

If we are unable to make contact and you do not provide a reason for your child's absence, this absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

Attendance Data

Year Groups attendance this week:

Year 7 = 94.43%

Year 8 = 94.93%

Year Year 9 = 94.89%

Year 10 = 94.50%

Year 11 = 83.04%

Best forms this week:

7R = 100%

8P = 98.94%

9S = 96.68%

10S1 = 96.85%

11P1 = 94.44%

127 pupils have achieved 100% this academic year

Date for your Diary

Monday 16th May
to Friday 24th June
- GCSE Exam
Window

Monday 30th May
to Friday 3rd June
- May Halfterm
Holiday

Saturday 11th to
Sunday 12th June
- DofE Year 9
Bronze Practice
Expedition

Career of the Week: Actuary

Actuaries work with companies and government departments, to help them forecast long-term financial costs and investment risks.

Average Salary: £ £28,000 Starter £62,000 Experienced

Typical hours: 37 to 39 a week

You could work: between 8am and 6pm

Qualifications:

- You can apply for this job through a university course, an apprenticeship or applying directly.
- 2 or 3 A levels, or equivalent, including maths.
- 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:

- Maths knowledge.
- Analytical thinking skills.
- To be thorough and pay attention to detail.
- Knowledge of economics and accounting.
- The ability to think clearly using logic and reasoning.
- The ability to use your judgement and make decisions.
- Ambition and a desire to succeed.
- Thinking and reasoning skills.

Relevant Subjects:

- Maths, Business Studies and Computer Science.



Careers &
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at Sharples School

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

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Join us in Astley Bridge Park
to celebrate the
Queen's 70th Jubilee

Friday 3 June 2022
12 'til 4pm



**Food • Music • Prosecco Bar • Magic Shows • Children's
Play Bus • Best Crown Competition • Royal Quiz •
Coffee Van • Face Painting
and much more for the whole family!**



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CELEBRATING OUR SEAS THIS
WORLD OCEANS DAY

HAVE YOU
TAKEN THE
**PLEDGE
PLUNGE?**



BE A LEDGE!



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**JOIN US FOR A DIP
WEDNESDAY 8TH JUNE**

Posh Fish Finger Butty
Pebbled wedges
Mini Coral cob £1.75

DESSERT

Seabed sponge and custard
70P

Dear Valued Client,

World Oceans Day
Wednesday 8th June 2022
'Can you make a difference this World Oceans Day?'

COMPETITION
TIME!

We would really like for you to get involved in our competition for World Oceans Day; this year we are raising awareness around plastic pollution in our oceans. Here's how you can get involved!

THE FUN STUFF

ALL AGES

Create an environmental pledge
to reduce your impact on the
marine environment

BE A
LEDGE!



SCAN &
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THE IMPORTANT STUFF

Closing date for the entries **Friday 10th June 2022.**

All pledges are to be made via the online form via the QR code.
This can be manually found: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/MellorsOceansPledge>

A winner will be chosen by Mark, Mellors Managing Director.

The winning pupil will win a £20 gift voucher and the school will win a £50 book token voucher.

Good luck and we can't wait to see your entries.

Best Wishes,

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Maia Chtirkova

AAT Accounting
Working at the Royal Mail

'There's a big demand for accountants so starting out as an apprentice practically guarantees a permanent job.'

Nathan Stevenson

Plumbing
Working at Eclipse Plumbing Heating Gas Ltd

'Being an apprentice led to me becoming a fully-qualified plumber, thanks to learning on the job from experienced trades-people.'



Apprenticeships

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