



# Sharples

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# Newsletter

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### Ms Webster's End of Year Letter

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to inform you of the arrangements for the end of term and expectations for the start of the new school year in September.

From Monday, 18 to Thursday, 21 July lessons will be as normal. Please ensure your child attends school on time every day this week for a prompt start to registration at 8.45am. Friday, 22 July will be a non-uniform day for students, there is no charge for this. Students will be dismissed from school at 12.45pm and the school buses will be available at this earlier time. There will be an extended canteen service available at break time for all students. Those entitled to the Free School Meal allowance will be able to access it at break time.

During the last weeks of the academic year, we celebrate our achievements and showcase our learning community. We enjoyed our Year 11 Prom at the Last Drop Hotel and we also staged our brilliant school production of Grease, with six performances over three days. Beyond that we have our Sports Day, our Rewards Trip to Alton Towers as well as numerous curriculum visits to enhance our students' cultural capital. In the final week of term, we will also host our Achievement Assemblies when we celebrate the academic successes of our students.

As always, we will also be placing an unrelenting focus on our 'high expectations, no excuses' culture from September to ensure that we build on our tradition of academic success year-on-year for Sharples students. Our high expectations extend to school uniform, as when they are wearing their uniforms, our students are ambassadors for Sharples. To maintain these high standards, I would like to draw your attention to the following statements from our Uniform Policy:

- All pupils require a school bag for books, equipment, etc.
- Shoes should be black polishable or simulated leather. Black laces only. No boots, canvas shoes or trainer style shoes, including branded sports makes, for example (but not limited to) Nike, Adidas, Reebok, Converse and Vans
- Make-up, jewellery and nail varnish must not be worn for school. If ears are already pierced, one small, plain stud may be worn in each earlobe

For full details of our Uniform Policy, please refer to the school website – [www.sharplesschool.co.uk/policies/](http://www.sharplesschool.co.uk/policies/)

In the "Information" section on the website you will also find Information Packs which contain a wealth of useful information to support you in the new academic year.

Finally, I would like to thank you for your continued support for our school, and remind you of the following key dates:

- Year 7 students will start on Tuesday 6, September, they should arrive no later than 8.40am to ensure a prompt start to the school day at 8.45am
- All other year groups (Y8-Y11) will return on Wednesday 7, September, they should arrive no later than 8.40am to ensure a prompt start to the school day at 8.45am

I hope you have a safe and restful summer and I look forward to welcoming your child back to Sharples for the start of the new school year.

Yours sincerely

Ms A Webster (Headteacher)

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

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#### The Christine Wild Building



In November 2019 Councillor Christine Wild, who was the Chair of Governors at Sharples School opened the fantastic new block building (pictured above left). Christine who supported Sharples school for over thirty years and unveiled the plaque at the official opening.

In February 2020 we received the sad news that Christine had passed away suddenly. It was only fitting that the new block should be named after Christine. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic this had to be put on hold.

We are very happy to announce that on the 7th July, the new building was officially named the Christine Wild Building. The plaque (pictured right) was unveiled by Christine's Son, Matthew. Matthew was accompanied by his wife Janet and their children, Thomas and Ella (pictured above right).

Councillor Hilary Fairclough and Councillor Martyn Cox attended, along with the staff and governors of Sharples. Janet gave a fitting speech and Hilary gave a heartfelt tribute to a friend who is greatly missed.





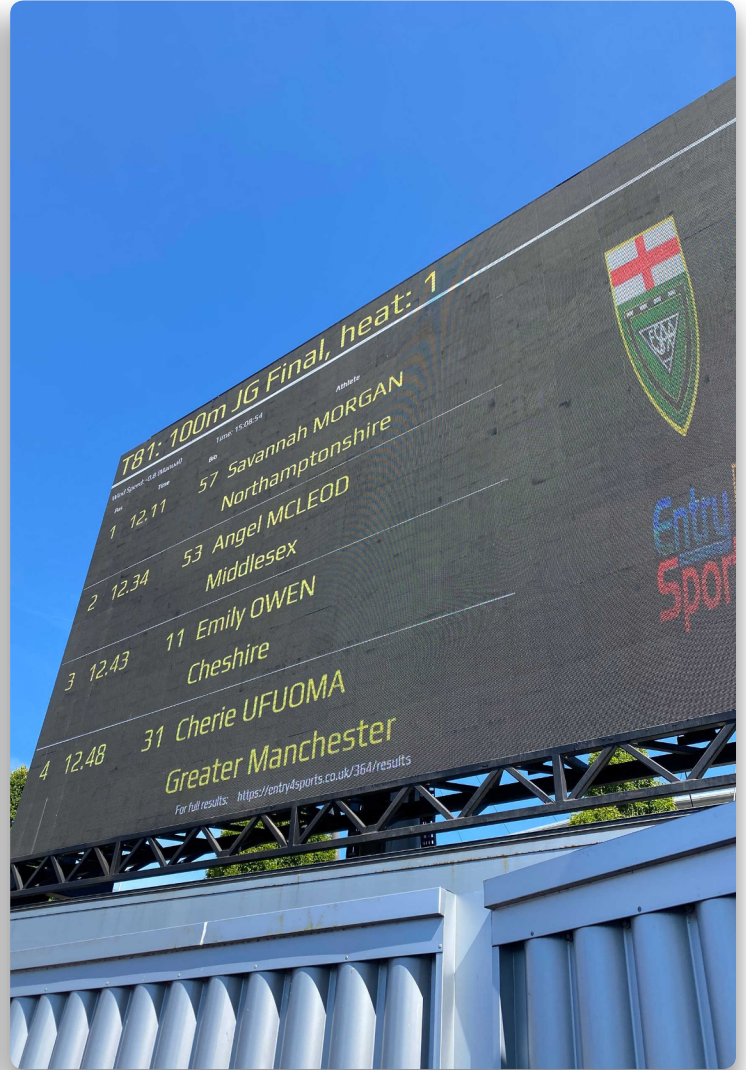


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#### English Schools Finalist - Cherie U



A huge congratulations to Cherie U (Year 9) who competed at the English Schools Athletics Championships at Sport City last weekend. After a comfortable win in her heat on Friday morning, Cherie made it through to the semi-finals which took place in the evening. Up against one of the fastest junior athletes in the country, Cherie finished 2nd in the semi-finals which booked her a place in the final of the junior girls 100m which took place on the Saturday. Racing against some of the most talented athletes in the country, Cherie kept up to the standard and only narrowly missed out on a medal position. Finishing 4th, Cherie managed to run a PB and secured a club record for Bolton Harriers. This is an unbelievable achievement from a very talented athlete. We look forward to seeing the many more successes in Cherie's athletics career.

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#### Sharples Baccalaureate Rewards Afternoon



It has been fantastic to see the number of Year 7 students enjoying the selection of clubs that have been on offer since the start of September. Over 40 clubs have been available including, STEM club, fashion design club, Harry Potter club, Just Dance and Star Wars club to name a few! Each time a student attended a club, they received a point that contributed towards their Sharples Baccalaureate. Students could gain a bronze, silver or gold award at the end of each term depending on how many points were collected. The number required to gain each award was also increased after every term. Across the whole year, more than 11,000 points were collected with 172 students achieving at least one bronze award since the start of the academic year!

This term points were increased to an all time high! To gain a bronze award, 15 points were needed, silver required 25 with gold needing 35! A platinum award was also introduced this term for those who collected over 40 points; this also included a brand new Sharples Bacc badge! With the incentives of rewards and prizes, commitment and attendance at clubs has been fantastic this term and this was evident on Tuesday afternoon where over 45 students were treated to two free periods full of activities and

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treats! Straight after the Year 7 picnic, those who gained their gold award had the afternoon off, where they had the option of craft making, pool, football, cricket, Nintendo Switch and many other games!

All awards will be given out in form time next week with just under 100 students gaining at least their bronze certificates with 32 achieving the new platinum award. A special mention must go to Tahseen S, Khadija A, Aishah A, Aisha A, Amaan B, Umamah B, Zayba J, Huma L, Hamna H, Emaan A, Micah C, Blake D, Abdullah H, Safiyyah I, Fatima P, Zak S and Kulsoom M who achieved the gold award across all 3 terms! Year 7 have shown amazing dedication to clubs since September and we hope the new year group have the same enthusiasm! Thank you to all the staff who have organised clubs at lunchtimes and afterschool to ensure Year 7 had a fantastic extra-curricular programme!







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#### Science Enrichment - Drayton Manor

On Wednesday, 60 Animal Care students took a trip to Drayton Manor Zoo to complete animal observations as part of their coursework. Afterwards, as a reward for working so well this year, they had time to explore and enjoy the park! As always, our students represented Sharples amazingly and a great day out was had by everyone that attended.

Thanks again to our Animal Care students for all their hard work, and thanks to Miss Booth for organising the trip for them.



*Mr J. Harding - Science Enrichment Coordinator*

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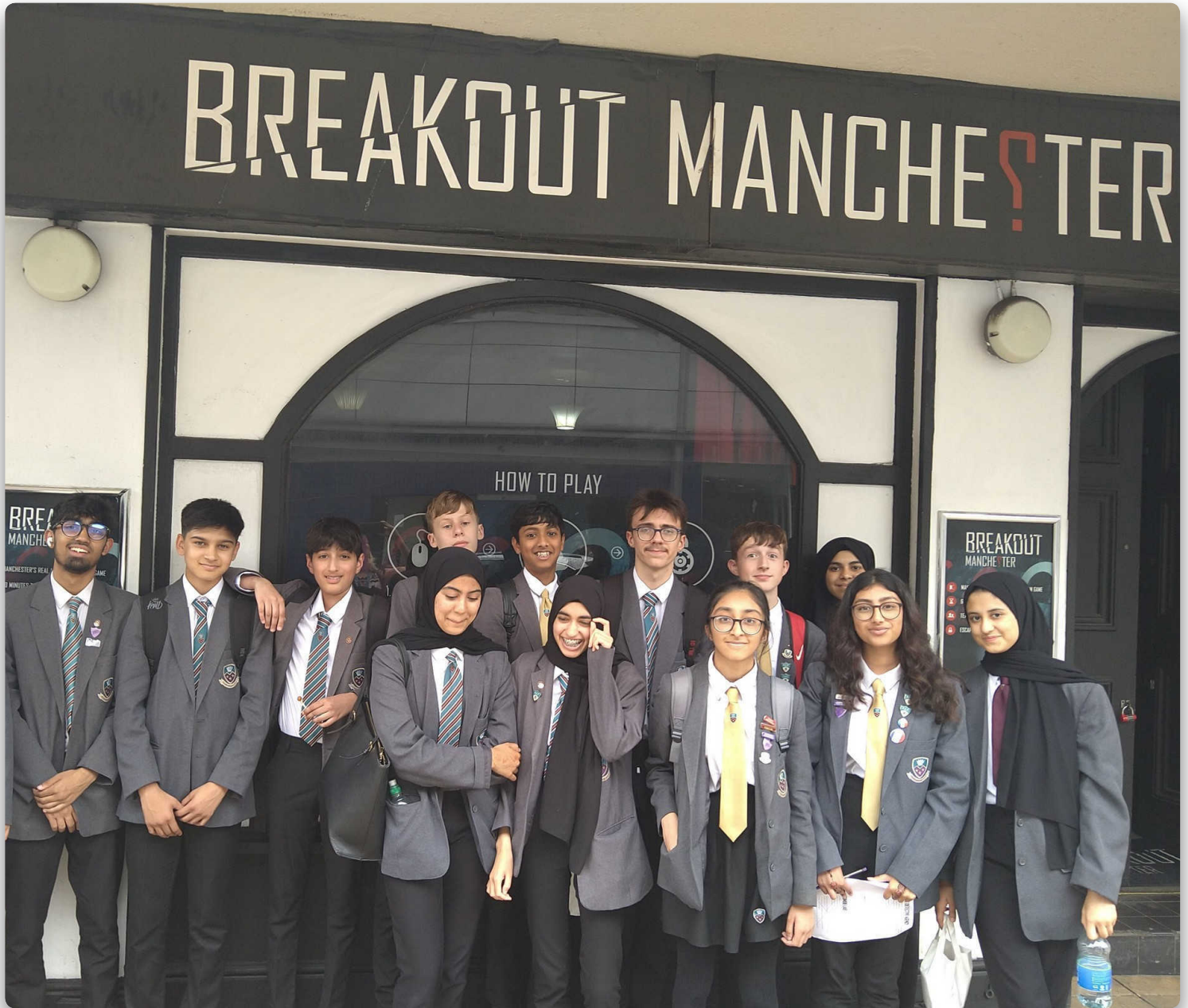


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#### Year 10 Escape Room Trip



We recently held a Year 10 Good to Great Maths Competition in school and this week the winning teams attended Breakout Manchester Escape Room to put their problem-solving and team-working skills into practice and attempt to escape!

Pupils were locked in a room in their teams and had an hour to solve a series of puzzles, riddles and tasks to escape. Three out of the four teams escaped in the time, with one team having an impressive 8 minutes remaining! All students had a great time and were fantastic ambassadors for Sharples School.

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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](mailto: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 = 90.79%  
Year 8 = 91.95%  
Year 9 = 88.52%  
Year 10 = 88.00%

Best forms this week:

7R = 97.69%  
8S1 = 95.19 %  
9H = 94.20%  
10P1 = 95.81%

80 pupils have achieved 100% this academic year

#### Date for your Diary

Friday 15th to  
Sunday 17th July  
- Year 10 Silver  
Expedition

Monday 18th and  
Tuesday 19th  
July - Academic  
Achievement  
Assemblies

See letter on first  
page regarding  
the end of 21/22  
academic year  
arrangements

#### Children and young people aged 18 years and under who have a positive test result

It is not recommended that children and young people are tested for COVID-19 unless directed to by a health professional.

If a child or young person has a positive COVID-19 test result they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for **3 days after the day they took the test**, if they can. After 3 days, if they feel well and do not have a high temperature, the risk of passing the infection on to others is much lower. This is because children and young people tend to be infectious to other people for less time than adults.

Children and young people who usually go to school, college or childcare and who live with someone who has a positive COVID-19 test result should continue to attend as normal.

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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**

