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Ms Webster's letter regarding the first week back

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you and your family are well. As we approach the end of the first week of the new academic year, I would like to share with you a few of our highlights.

We are very proud of the achievements of our Year 11 school leavers who achieved a fabulous set of GCSE results. The Class of 2022 achieved 64% Grade 5 or above in both maths and English, with 83% achieving at least a Grade 4 in both subjects. In addition, the number of students achieving Grade 9's continues to rise, year on year. Once again Sharples has achieved outcomes which are significantly higher than national figures on all key accountability measures.

This week we have welcomed 240 new Year 7 students into the Sharples' family. This important milestone was marked when I presented each student with their new school tie. This year's tie ceremony was extra special because it took place in our fabulous theatre which has been significantly upgraded over the summer break (see picture below). Next week, the induction of our Year 7's will continue with Sharples Fresher's Week which includes the much-anticipated Y7 disco which is hosted by our Y11 Gold Tie students.



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This year we are introducing 'silent starts' to every lesson at Sharples. Students are expected to enter the classroom in silence, take their seat and begin the starter activity. From 12th September, students who do not do this will receive a 10-minute detention (N1). This purposeful start to lessons will ensure that all students are immediately focused on learning in every classroom. To support us with this, we would appreciate it if you could reinforce to your child the importance of making the most of every minute of learning time available to them.

On a final note, the vast majority of students have returned to school looking incredibly smart in their school uniform. We have high standards in relation to appearance at Sharples which we expect all students to adhere to. We will contact you if there are any issues with your child's uniform. The full Uniform Policy and details of our expectations linked to shoes, jewellery, hair and make-up can be accessed on the school website <http://www.sharplesschool.co.uk/policies/>.

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

Yours sincerely,

Ms A Webster

Headteacher

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

Year 7 Freshers' Fair

Year 7s will have the opportunity to attend Sharples School Freshers' Fair at lunch-time on Wednesday 14th September in the theatre. They will be able to explore the range of clubs that are on offer at Sharples and will be able to sign up to the clubs they wish to attend.

There will be something for everyone!

Please see the last page of this newsletter for the poster.





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Sharples School's first DofE Silver Award Students complete their expedition



Over the weekend of the 15th, 16th and 17th July, 18 students from Year 10 completed their Duke of Edinburgh's Silver Award qualifying expedition with three days' walking and camping in the Derbyshire Peak District.

Having completed their Bronze Awards last year, they have been the first group of Sharples School students to follow their Silver Award programme.

For their Silver expedition, the students had to be self-sufficient in their teams of 6 or so. They planned their routes, did all their own navigating, carried their own camping equipment and supplies, cooked their own evening meals on their camp stoves and put up and slept overnight in their own tents. They also carried out a project investigating the history of the Plague outbreak in Eyam, Derbyshire in 1665, the village that quarantined itself to prevent the Plague from spreading to neighbouring villages. All 18 passed with flying colours.

Building on their Bronze Award experience, the students had gained valuable experience and learned lessons from their training walks in the countryside close to

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school and their practice expedition in the Clitheroe area in May. Their qualifying expedition went smoothly as they put their experience to the test. On their third day (Sunday) temperatures were forecast to rise sharply. The students adjusted their plans accordingly. They started early so as to finish early. They adapted their route to follow shady woodland paths where possible and they finished with an hour exploring one of the show caves in the Castleton District – Treak Cliff Cavern.

Most importantly perhaps, the students have developed and repeatedly shown teamwork, independence and resilience, organising and planning their own activities, showing commitment in getting them done and supporting each other with smiles on their faces. They have persevered resiliently when things have gone against them and they will carry these qualities and maturity with them in their GCSE studies and in all that they do after that. They will also have the opportunity to complete their Gold Award in the future. Congratulations and very well done!

English G2G



Thank you to all the G2G students who submitted projects last term. They celebrated with a rewards afternoon/breakfast (pictured above). Well done to all students who worked hard last year, you have really shown how talented you are. The English Department is already planning the extra curricular events being held this year.

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Science Enrichment September 9th 2022



Summer school saw our Year 7s take part in a number of STEM activities. Students were introduced to using Bunsen burners, discovered how light can be split into different colours and investigated how to design paper helicopters effectively!

Students were also introduced to Sharples Observatory. They learned how to use software to find stars and planets and positioned the telescope accordingly.

In the next few weeks, Science Enrichment at Sharples continues with new lunchtime clubs. These include:

- Astronomy club is returning during Monday lunchtimes in G43. Find out about the stars and planets around us and learn how to use the observatory. Sign up in form time for Year 7s.
- Lego Robotics club will also be returning soon. This club will take place during Tuesday lunchtimes in G57. Applications are open, so please email Mr. Simpson if you are in Year 9 and would like to take part.
- A new “Physics clinic” will begin on Tuesday lunchtimes in G52. If you are in Year 11 and have any questions or issues related to physics, Miss Melmoth will support you in your physics development.
- Year 7 science club returns on Tuesday lunchtimes in G45 with Mr. Burke and Mr. Albrighton. Come and do some fun experiments.
- Chess club returns to Sharples. All years and abilities are welcome on Thursday lunchtimes in G46 with Mr. McCann. A chance to develop problem solving skills and take part in competitions, or just play for fun.
- A new Animal Care club will begin for Year 9 students on Wednesday lunchtimes in G41 with Miss Booth. Learn to care for a range of animals, including Romulus and Remus, the Sharples rats. If you are interested in Animal Care as an option, this is the club for you.
- Home learning clinic Friday and Monday lunchtime G52. Catch up on any home learning with support from staff.

Ambassador applications are also open. If you would like to be considered for the role, please email Mr. Simpson. Years 8-10.

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Date for your Diary

Thursday 15th September
Freshers disco
(6:00 – 8:00pm)

Thursday 29th September
Open Evening (4:00 –
7:00pm) Headteacher's
Talk at 5.00pm and
6.00pm.

Friday 30th September
Staff training day
(school closed to students)

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.

Career of the Week: Aid worker

Aid workers help people in overseas countries affected by man-made and natural disasters like wars, outbreaks of disease and earthquakes.

Average Salary:



Typical hours:
(per week)



You could work:



Qualifications:

- You can apply for this job through a university course, volunteering and working towards this role.
- 3 A levels, or equivalent.
- 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C) and A levels, or equivalent, for a degree apprenticeship.

Skills required:

- Sensitivity and understanding.
- The ability to work well with others.
- The ability to accept criticism and work well under pressure.
- The ability to understand people's reactions
- Excellent verbal communication skills.
- Excellent written communication skills.
- Patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations.

Relevant Subjects:

- English, Geography, Health & Social Care, Science and RS.



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



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PE Lunch Time Clubs - September - October

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Y7 Football (Big Astro) - AHM & CCH	Y8 Football (Big Astro) - PGR & AHM	Y9 Football (Big Astro) - PGR & AHM	Y10 Football (Big Astro) - CCH & AHM	Girls only Football Football (SH) - GBA & SCU
Netball Yr 7/8 (SH) - GBA & SCU	Netball Y9/10 (SH) - GBA & SCU	Just Dance- all years (SH) - GBA	Y7 Football (SH) - GBA & SCU	Y7/8 Football (Big astro) - AHM
	Y7 Dodgeball (Gym) - CCH	Y8 Dodgeball (Gym) - SCU	Y9 Dodgeball (Gym) - CCH	KS4 Dodgeball (Gym) - CCH
		Fantasy Football Club - CCH		

PE STAFF ONLY



PE After School Clubs - September - October

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Y7 Swimming Club	Y7 & Y8 Football Practice	Y8 Swimming Club	Girls Football	TBC
KS4 Girls Fitness Suite	Y7 & 8 Girls Netball	Running Club- All Years - TBC	KS4 Boys Fitness Suite	
Thai boxing		Y9 & Y10 Football Practice	Badminton- all years	
Y9 & 10 Girls Netball		Basketball practice- all years		

● Football and netball fixtures will be arranged throughout the term!

Y7'S ONLY!



FRESHERS FAIR!

**WEDNESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER
LUNCHTIME - THEATRE**

**SIGN UP TO THE CLUBS YOU WISH
TO ATTEND!**

