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Library Grand Opening



After an extremely long wait, on Tuesday 1st November, our new library officially opened! In the morning, during assembly, our very talented Head Boy, Head Girl and newly-appointed reading ambassadors talked about what the library opening meant to them. Throughout the day, our golden ticket winners were given the opportunity to gain first and exclusive access to the library. They were incredibly excited to be one of the first to get their hands on one of the hundreds of new fiction and non-fiction books we had to offer. We also had a very talented local author, Danielle Jawando, who came in to speak to students about how she became a published author. The inspiration was so contagious that all her books from the library had been taken out by the end of the day! Here are some quotes from our students:

“There was so much choice in the library, it was overwhelming” – Safira T

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“Reading offers more than a chance to escape but also to learn. The best thing about books is there is a book for everyone.” – Finley W

“I believe this is an investment into the future of every pupil here, and I’m very excited for students at Sharples to take the opportunity to discover their own appreciation for words.” – Raesa M

“For me, reading allows you to be a part of an imaginary world and escape to a different world and having this new library means so much to me. Personally, my favourite book is Harry Potter and the Philosopher's stone, and I love that we have the whole collection in the library.” - Hatim K



Parent Governor Vacancy

We are pleased to inform you of the result of our election for parent governor.

Elected: Mr Rayaz Chel.

We would like to thank those who put their names forward and we are sorry that there were insufficient places for all those interested this time.

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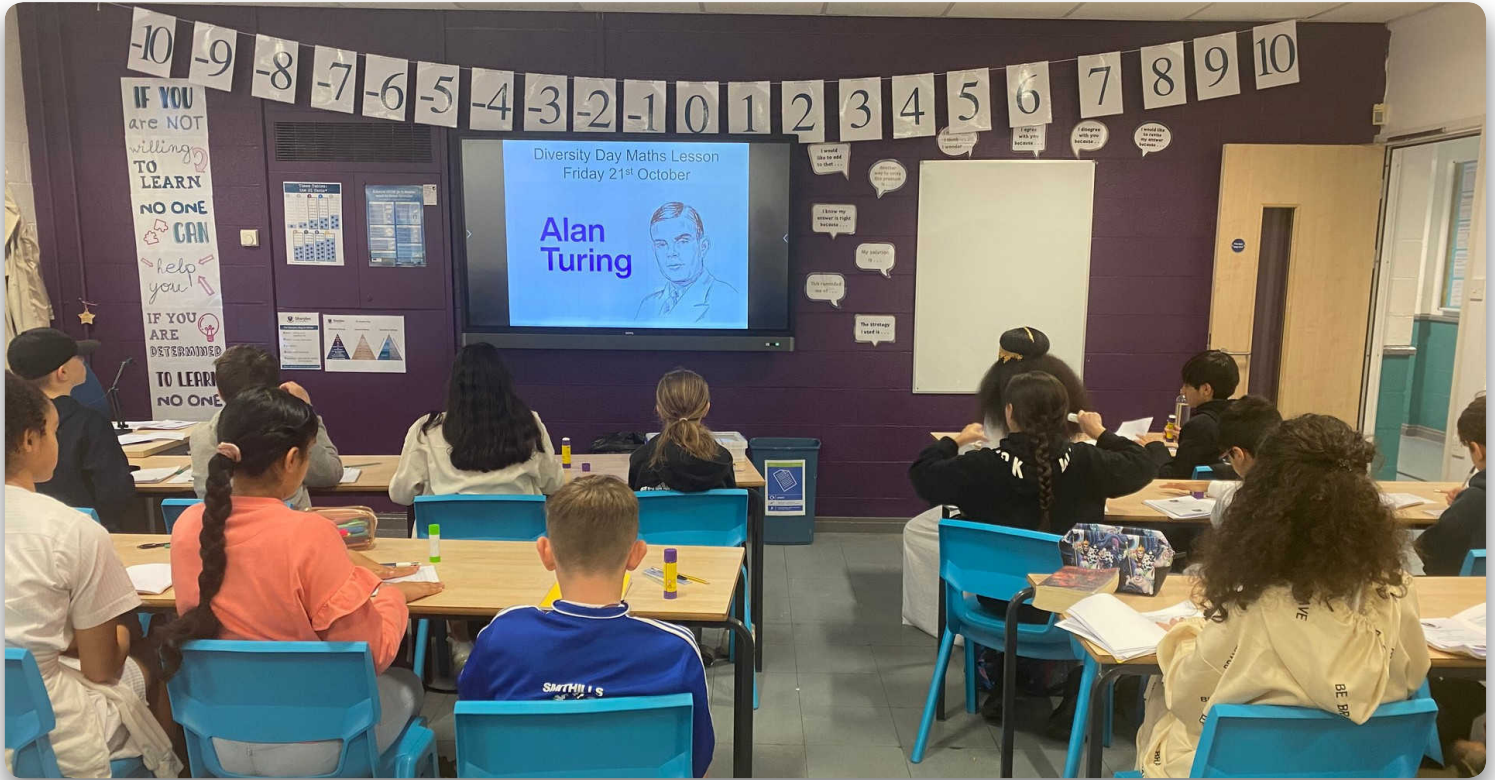


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Diversity Day



As part of the school's Diversity Day on Friday 21 October, the Maths department looked at the life of Alan Turing. The students learnt that Alan Turing had many talents, including inventing the world's first computer, but is perhaps most famous for cracking the Enigma Code. This code was used by the Nazis in the Second World War to communicate with their U Boats (submarines) which were used to sink British ships. Alan Turing was one of the country's best mathematicians and worked at a top secret intelligence base called Bletchley Park. It was Turing who cracked the Enigma code and saved our navy and supply ships from the U Boats. He was a national hero.

However, in 1952 he was arrested for having a sexual relationship with another man – at that time homosexuality was illegal in the United Kingdom. He did not deny it and told everyone that he saw nothing wrong with his actions. Turing was found guilty. Two years later, aged 41, he was dead - the death was ruled as death by suicide, although his mother insisted that it was accidental.

There is now a statue of Alan Turing in a park in Manchester, where he worked at the university. He also appears on the new £50 note.

Students attempted to follow in his footsteps by applying their code-breaking skills to a variety of challenges. They also watched part of the film of Turing's life, *The Imitation Game*.



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Science Enrichment Newsletter

Snake

The new Sharples snake, Ramona, has enjoyed a nice meal (pictured right). Miss Booth has been demonstrating to the Animal Care students how to feed baby mice to the snake. The students will now be responsible for feeding the snake themselves.

Contrary to popular belief, snakes do not dislocate their jaws in order to eat. Instead, they have a split jaw with very flexible ligaments which allows them to ingest their food whole, without any need for chewing.

Educake

In Year 9, the top performers this week were Shaiza Noor and Ella Kennedy, congratulations to both of you and well done to all of the Year 9 students who completed their Educake Home Learning.

In Year 10 and 11, the highest scores were achieved by Ethan Eslick, Fatima Umarji, Zaynah Malji, Fatimah Matadar and David Lin.



Practical potions | 11-14 year
<https://rsc.li/3z6cD1>

	Elixir of Life H ₂ O(l)	Phoenix tears CuSO ₄ (aq)	Snake venom H ₂ SO ₄ (aq)	Vampire blood ZnSO ₄ (aq)	Poison (TOXIC) PbNO ₃ (aq)
Dragon whiskers Cu(s)	dragon whiskers + elixir of life	dragon whiskers + phoenix tears	dragon whiskers + snake venom	dragon whiskers + vampire blood	dragon whiskers + poison
Unicorn horn CaCO ₃ (s)	unicorn horn + elixir of life	unicorn horn + phoenix tears	unicorn horn + venom	unicorn horn + vampire blood	unicorn horn + poison
Spider eggs Fe(s)	spider eggs + elixir of life	spider eggs + phoenix tears	spider eggs + venom	spider eggs + vampire blood	spider eggs + poison
Monster serum KI(aq)	monster serum + elixir of life	monster serum + phoenix tears	monster serum + snake venom	monster serum + vampire blood	monster serum + poison

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Potions

To celebrate Halloween in science, Year 7 students had a lesson on Potions! Students first observed a scary Pumpkinator demonstration, with a blue solution, turning green then bright orange to make a scary pumpkin. They then added dragon's whiskers to snake venom, unicorn horn to monster serum and vampire's blood to the elixir of life.

Peeking behind the magic, students learned about the signs that a chemical reaction has taken place, such as fizzing, colour change or the production of a solid precipitate (see pictures on previous page).

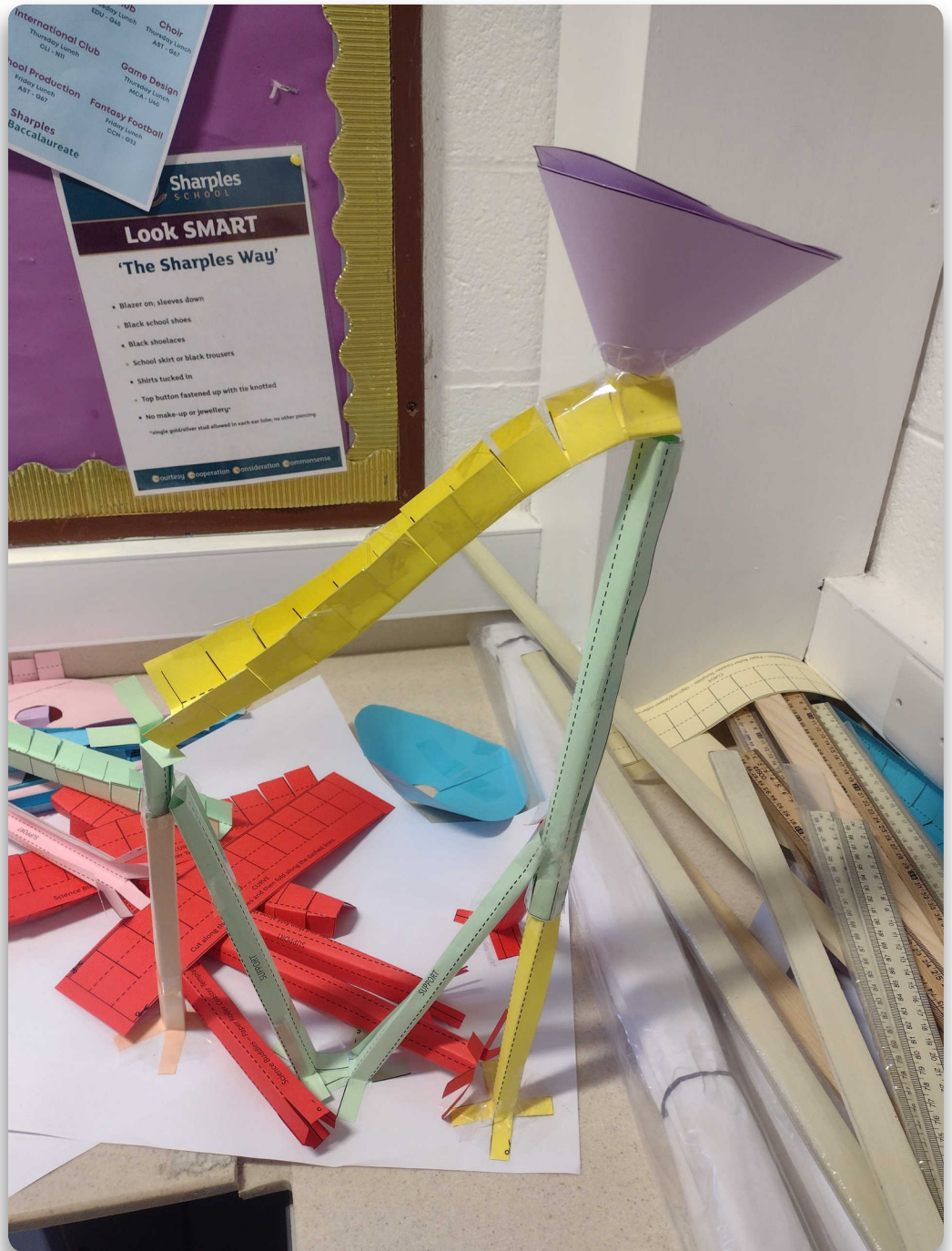
STEM Club

STEM Club students have been making marble runs (see picture right), using creativity and knowledge of physics in order to come up with interesting and complex designs.

Space News

On the 9th November, Uranus will appear at its brightest in the sky, making it an ideal time to try to see the 2nd farthest planet in the solar system. The reason for Uranus' bright appearance is due to it being at "syzygy", meaning the Sun, Earth and Uranus are almost in a straight line. Looking South late evening on Wednesday will be the best time to attempt to spot a faint blue-green spot in the constellation of Aries. If available, a pair of binoculars (or telescope) is recommended to aid viewing the distant planet.

Mr. Fowlds - Science Enrichment Coordinator





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English Department's Stars of the Week

Work of the Week

Year 7

Ibrahim A has cleverly crafted a poem using a descriptive paragraph as inspiration. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 8

Saarah D has written an exemplary descriptive paragraph. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 9

Finley B has written an excellent monster description. [Click here to view the first page](#) and [here to view the second page.](#)

Year 10

Safa A has analysed the poem Afternoons brilliantly! [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 11

Josh B has written an exceptional analytical style answer. [Click here to view the first page](#), [here to view the second page](#) and [here to view the third page.](#)

Readers of the Week

Year 7

Safira T for speaking in the Grand opening of assembly, giving her review of her favourite book.

Year 8

Abdul Y for emotionally singing 'On Easy Terms' whilst reading for Mrs Johnstone (Blood Brothers)

Year 9

Aesha B for her fantastic reading of Frankenstein to the class

Year 10

Zainab G for her confident reading of A Christmas Carol

Year 11

Aisha P for her inference skills and the way she seamlessly links the text A Christmas Carol to the context.



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Sharples Star Boxer

Year 11 student Tayyab S travelled to Liverpool this week, winning a 48kg section Boxing competition. The National bronze medal championship winner is a star of the future and we look forward to sharing more of his successes in the future.



Sharples Baccalaureate

After a fantastic start to the academic year with many students well on their way to earning their Bacc award at Christmas, a new half term brings new clubs for the Year 7s! Loads of new clubs are now on offer at both lunchtimes and after school, ranging from Christmas cooking club, Disney movie club, Ballet, Geography games club, Creative RE club and many more; there is something for everyone! Please see the poster on the final page of the newsletter for the timetable. VIP club will also start on Monday 14th November for students who have already achieved at least 30 Bacc points. Keep up the great work, Year 7!

Football Round up (Year 7 vs Westhoughton)

Year 7 continued their 100% start this season with a well deserved 3-1 win against a good Westhoughton side on Tuesday. Goals from Elliot (x2) & Alfie helped the group on their way to making it 4 wins from 4! It was fantastic to see each player doing their bit and contributing to the team as much as possible. Special mention to Lucas who was absolutely excellent in defence throughout the game!

As the nights get darker, there will be less football matches from now until after half term but we are actively looking for friendlies in the meantime before the league and cup recommence after Christmas. Once again, details of any matches will be shared with pupils. Year 7 & Year 8 football training will continue on Tuesday after school.

There will be opportunities for players who don't currently play for the team to get that opportunity to do so. Details of which will be sent out to Year 7 form tutors in due course.



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Dates for your Diary

Monday 7th to Friday 18th
November 2022
Year 11 PPEs

Wednesday 16th November
Bolton Cross Country
Championships (12:00 – 16:00)

Monday 21st November
B6 Code Challenge (Year 10 &
Year 9 - 12:30 to 16:00)

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: Geneticist

Geneticists study genes to work out how cells and organisms behave.

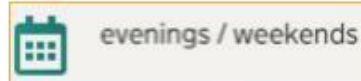
Average Salary:



**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 at least 1 Science.
- A degree in a relevant subject for postgraduate study.

Skills required:

- Knowledge of Biology.
- Excellent verbal communication skills.
- Science skills.
- To be thorough and pay attention to detail.
- Thinking and reasoning skills.
- Maths knowledge.
- Analytical thinking skills.
- The ability to read English.

Relevant Subjects:

- English, Maths and Science

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

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PE Lunch Time Clubs - September - October

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



PE After School Clubs - September - October

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Yr 7 Swimming	Yr 7/8 Football practice	Yr 9 & 10 Football practice	KS4 Boys fitness suite	Yr11 Football match v St Catherine's (a) (Bolton Cup)
KS4 Girls fitness suite	Yr 7 & 8 Netball practice	Running club- all years	Badminton- all years	
Yr 9/10 Girls netball	Yr 10 Football match v Westhoughton (a)	KS3 & 4 Girls Football v Ladybridge (a)	Yr 7/8 Basketball tournament @ Ladybridge	
KS3 Thai boxing club		Basketball- all years PGR		

Week beginning 7th Nov



Scan to see available
dates and register!



LIVE!

9:30am-
13:30pm

Get Into Medicine.

FREE

CONFERENCE

**Dr Siva and Dr Kennedy will take you
step-by-step through your application to medicine.
This includes:**

- Application Timelines
- Interview Training
- Personal Statements
 - CV Building
- Entrance Exams: UCAT & BMAT
- Accessing Medical Leadership Programmes, Awards Programmes and Scholarships to University

**You'll also hear from a recently successful applicant
on what it takes to make your candidacy to Med
School stand out!**

With Dr. Kennedy & Dr. Siva



Scan to
register!



LIVE!

Get Into Veterinary.

FREE

CONFERENCE

Dr James and Dr May will take you
step-by-step through your application to vet
school.

- Application Timelines
- Interview Training
- Personal Statements
- CV Building
- Accessing Medical Leadership Programmes, Awards Programmes and Scholarships to University

You'll also hear from a recently successful applicant
on what it takes to make your candidacy to
Vet School stand out!



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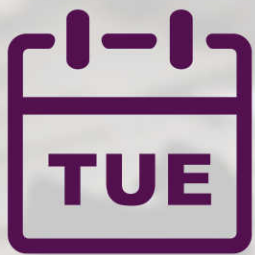
EXTRA-CURRICULAR

SEPT - DEC



WHAT?
KEYBOARD CLUB - Learn new skills on the Keyboard or Piano.
ALL YEAR GROUPS

WHEN?
LUNCHTIME
12.55 - 1.25



WHAT?
Y11 BAND - A club just for Y11 students to play together in a band.
SHARPLES BAND - Sharples School band. **ALL YEAR GROUPS**

WHEN?
LUNCHTIME
12.55 - 13.25
AFTER SCHOOL
15.05 - 16.00



WHAT?
GUITAR & UKULELE CLUB - Learn new skills on the Guitar and Ukulele. **ALL YEAR GROUPS**
ROCKSCHOOL - Learn an instrument, and create your own band. **ALL YEAR GROUPS**

WHEN?
LUNCHTIME
12.55 - 13.25
AFTER SCHOOL
15.05 - 16.00



WHAT?
SHARPLES CHOIR - Sing as part of a group.
ALL YEAR GROUPS

WHEN?
LUNCHTIME
12.45 - 1.25



WHAT?
MUSIC THEORY CLUB - Learn about the theory behind Music.
ALL YEAR GROUPS

WHEN?
LUNCHTIME
12.55 - 1.25

Sign up in Music (G66). First come, first served. Speak to Mr Corrigan if you have any questions.



Y7 CLUBS



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Maths in Art <i>NMC - G22</i>	Art <i>JMY - G79</i>	Polyglot <i>CLI - N11</i>	App Development <i>MCA - U40</i>	International Club <i>CLI - N11</i>
Astronomy <i>MFO - G43</i>	Geography Games <i>CFI - U47</i>	Running Club <i>NHT - PE</i> <i>After School</i>	Chess <i>KMC - G46</i>	Board Games <i>DAL - G59</i>
Ballet <i>AST - G67</i>	Dodgeball <i>CCH - SH</i>	Blooket <i>MHA - U39</i>	Choir <i>JCO/EMA - G66</i>	Girls Football <i>SCU - Big Astro</i>
Keyboard Club <i>JCO - G66</i>	History Movie <i>IDA/KBO - U51</i>	Acting Club <i>CSM - G67</i>	Creative RE <i>PMC - U32</i>	Book Club <i>LHT - U8</i>
Netball <i>SCU/GBA - SH</i>		Guitar & Ukulele <i>JCO - G66</i>	Football <i>AHM - Big Astro</i>	Disney Movie <i>NYA - U19</i>
Hwk Club <i>TAs - N6</i>		Just Dance <i>SCU/GBA - SH</i>		
Xmas Cooking <i>VFA/NWA - G83</i> <i>After School</i>		Debate Club <i>HPA - U9</i>		