



# Sharples

## SCHOOL

### Newsletter

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#### Ms Webster's End of Term Letter

Dear Parent / Carer,

**END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS** Thursday, 22 December will be a non-uniform day for students, there is no charge for this. Students will be dismissed from school at 12.30pm 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.

The Autumn Term of 2022 has been extremely busy but very rewarding for both staff and students. We have focused firmly on routines and expectations, and, as always, the school motto, 'Learn, Dream, Achieve,' lies at the heart of everything we do.

One of our priorities has been to offer students in all year groups a wide range of enrichment opportunities, both within and beyond the school day. Year 7 students have accessed a multitude of lunchtime clubs which contribute to the Sharples Baccalaureate. Many Year 9 students have signed up to the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and the PE department are reporting record numbers of students attending extra-curricular sessions. We have also hosted several visits from authors and our Student Affairs Committee had the opportunity to work with the BBC to interview Sir Keir Starmer.

One of this term's highlights was Open Evening, which was incredibly well attended and resulted in fantastic feedback from many of the visiting families. Our current students played a huge part in ensuring that the event was successful through their roles as Subject Ambassadors and Tour Guides, I was incredibly proud of them all. As a result of this event and our extensive transition programme we are very pleased to report that this year we have received almost 800 applications for places at Sharples. Once again, Sharples is significantly oversubscribed.

As we move towards the start of the new term, I want to remind you that we have high standards in relation to appearance at Sharples and the full uniform policy can be accessed on the school website. To maintain our high standards, I would like to remind you that, school trousers should be black, formal and full length. Jeggings, leggings or jean style trousers are not acceptable. In addition, socks should be plain black or white, trainer socks are not allowed. For further details, please refer to our website – <https://www.sharplesschool.co.uk/policies/>

As we are now in the midst of winter with frequent inclement weather, it is important to note that your child will be outside at some points during the school day. It is therefore recommended that your child has a warm coat and an umbrella with them every day.

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On a final note, I hope that you all enjoy a well-earned Christmas break and I look forward to welcoming our students back to school ready for a **prompt start to registration at 8.45am on Tuesday, 10 January 2023.**

Yours faithfully

Ann Webster  
Headteacher

*Click here to view the original letter as a PDF.*

### Award Winners!



Earlier this month, members of the SLT went to the House of Lords in London to attend the presentation of the National School Awards.

We were extremely happy to be announced as the winners of 'Leadership Team of the Year' and to collect the award on behalf of all the staff and students of Sharples School.

In other good news, our Director of Business and Finance, Mrs Pedder, has also been named as 'Business Manager of the Year' in the Education Today Awards for 2022.

It is fantastic to have our school acknowledged at the prestigious awards ceremonies.



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#### Science Enrichment Newsletter

##### Educake

The following students all scored 100% on their Educake Home Learning quizzes.

Year 9 - Saffiya A, Sumeyo A, Jazmin B, Humayra I, Maisy R, Zainab A, Mariya P, Kyle Y, Khadijah Y and Aashan S. Year 10 - Sadiya K and Mohamed E. Year 11 - Imaan H.

##### STEM club





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This week pupils in Year 8 built their own model of the lungs! This allowed them to understand the important role played by the diaphragm in expanding the lungs and increasing their volume, leading to a decrease in pressure and thus drawing air into the lungs. The picture shows the diaphragm relaxed and the lungs "empty", whilst the other shows the diaphragm contracted and the lungs "filled"! Pictured (on the previous page) is Mohammed-Shahzaib with a working model.

Students also applied finishing touches to their planetariums. It was messy work with paint and glitter adorning the desks! The last session before Christmas will be a small party to allow the group to celebrate their hard work over the course of the term. Pictured (on the previous page) are the planetariums close to judgement day! Good luck to all entrants!

#### **Moses Holden**

On Thursday, the Astronomy students were given a fascinating talk about the life of Bolton-born astronomer Moses Holden, by the biographer Stephen Halliwell. The talk gave an insight into the self-taught genius of Holden and how his passion for knowledge led him to have such an incredible career and life exploring a number of different scientific pursuits.

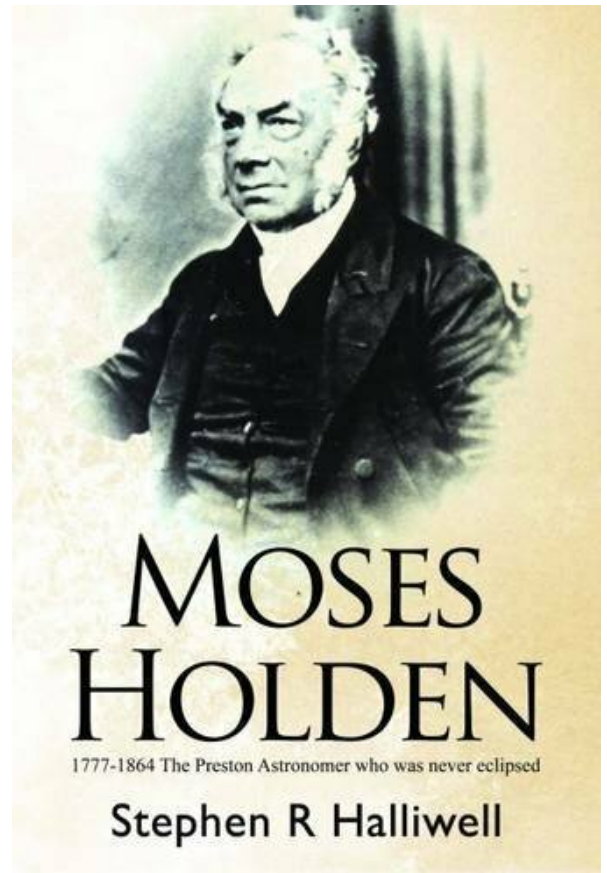
#### **Astronomy Christmas Competition**

In the year 2055, Santa wants to expand his project to include another planet in our Solar System. There are several requirements that must be met by any planet for it to be considered suitable for Santa's operation. If you think you can help, please let the Astronomy ambassadors know, so they can pass it on! See the posters or speak to an ambassador to find out more.

#### **Space News**

On 11 December, the Orion spacecraft, part of NASA's Artemis mission, successfully splashed down in the Pacific Ocean. This marked the final major milestone of the Artemis I mission. Following some further tests of the spacecraft, eyes will be on the Artemis II mission, which will be the first crewed flight test of the Artemis missions.

*Mr. Fowlds - Science Enrichment Coordinator*





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#### Year 10 Good2Great Event in Maths



This week, 64 Year 10 students took part in "The Coca-Cola Challenge" as part of the Maths Good2Great event. Working in groups of four, they were tasked with creating a unique 3D shape that would hold exactly 150ml of drink inside.

Well done to the three winning teams for their incredible teamwork, creativity and precision. They will now represent Sharples at regional maths competitions later in the year.

1st Place: Michael C, Mohamed E, Owen G, Abdullahi A

2nd Place: Amirah A, Isaac D, Henry P, Ethan E

3rd Place: Zenab A, Abby H, Eve H, Bethany K





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#### **English Department's Stars of the Week**

##### **Work of the Week**

Year 7

Ashiya P has written an excellent response to an evaluation question. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 8

Hadiya R has shown excellent inferences and good use of Show Not Tell. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 9

Jack S has written a great letter. [Click here to view the first page](#) and [here to view the second page.](#)

Year 10

Abby H has shown great detail and precision in her analysis of the poem The Manhunt. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 11

Hamzah D has written an excellent article giving his opinion on a celebrity. [Click here to view the work.](#)

##### **Readers of the Week**

Year 7

Aeesha B for her excellent reading of her own narrative ending to the story 'Dog, Cat, Baby'.

Year 8

Khubaib I for reading The Hobbit.

Year 9

Mariya P for a clear reading of chapter 10 of Frankenstein.

Year 10

Ben J for a confident reading of stave 5 of A Christmas Carol.

Year 11

Mustafa P for his confident reading of Eric in An Inspector Calls.



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#### Netball Christmas Party



It has been a great start to the year for our netball squads. Netball practice, on a Monday and Tuesday, has been well attended and it has been brilliant to see the older girls step up and help with the development of our new Year 7 team. We have seen plenty of fixtures for all of our squads and it is evident improvements are being made across all year groups. It is fantastic to see the Year 7 squad growing in numbers each week in addition to their increase in confidence; they have been giving the Year 8s a run for their money in training matches on a Tuesday! Year 9s have had a busy term with matches being played across the borough, where they have demonstrated some brilliant and competitive netball. Monday was the last training session of 2022 which had a Christmas twist to it! The girls enjoyed some Christmas music and treats in recognition for all of their hard work and dedication they have shown over the last few months. We look forward to plenty more fixtures in the new year! Well done girls!

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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 = 93.65%

Year 8 = 88.43%

Year 9 = 90.72%

Year 10 = 90.18%

Year 11 = 91.28%

Best forms this week:

7Shar3 = 95.98%

8L = 93.54%

9L = 94.49%

10H = 98.49%

11S3 = 100%

281 pupils have achieved 100% this academic year

#### Dates for your Diary

Monday 19th  
December:  
Sharples Family  
Meal - Year 7 SHAR  
(11:30 – 12:45)

Tuesday 20th  
December:  
Sharples Family  
Meal - Year 7 PLES  
(11:30 – 12:45)

Wednesday 21st  
December:  
Christmas Markets  
(12:45 – 13:20)

### Career of the Week: TV or Film Director

*TV and film directors lead the creative and technical production for cinema and television.*

Average Salary: £

Typical hours:  
(per week)   
irregular

You could work:

#### Qualifications:

- You can apply for this job through a university course, a college course, working towards this role, producing and releasing your own films and specialist courses run by private training providers.
- 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 and Maths.

#### Skills required:

- Knowledge of media production and communication.
- To be thorough and pay attention to detail.
- The ability to work well with others.
- Leadership skills.
- The ability to use your initiative.
- The ability to accept criticism and work well under pressure.

#### Relevant Subjects:

- English, Maths & Performing Arts.



Information sourced from: <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/job-profiles/tv-or-film-director>







# WHAT?

Barclays Game On - GO Lead provides training to girls in Key Stage 3 to design, create and deliver football opportunities for their peers. Girls' football activators can follow one of two leadership pathways: marketing or delivery. As a group of activators they will be tasked with delivering an extra-curricular opportunity for their peers to experience and enjoy football.

Speak to Miss Curzon to sign up!

# GO LEAD

