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Sharples Baccalaureate



It has been brilliant to see the number of Year 7 students enjoying the selection of clubs that have been on offer this term at Sharples. Over 30 clubs have been available to Year 7 including: STEM club, guitar club, debate club, astronomy club, Christmas cooking club, and art club to name a few. Each time a student attended a club they received a point that contributed towards their Sharples Baccalaureate award. To gain a Bronze award students needed 10 Bacc points, 15 points were needed for Silver and 20 points were needed for Gold. Commitment and attendance at clubs has been excellent over the last couple of months and this was evident during Friday's assembly when the top 40 students with the most points were awarded their Gold certificate and badge. Usually, all Gold winners are presented with their award in assembly, however, this term 141 students reached the target of 20 Bacc points and to avoid the assembly running over into period 1, the remaining winners along with those receiving Silver and Bronze were given their certificates in form time on Monday! Overall, 90% of Year 7 students achieved at least a Bronze award this term. This is a fantastic achievement for all involved and we hope the momentum from this term carries over into the new year when a whole new selection of clubs will be on offer!

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Autumn Term Mathematicians of the Month - Prize Draw



As reported in past newsletters, every month a student is nominated from each of the maths classes as Mathematician of the Month. These students are nominated based on their hard work, enthusiasm and efforts within the lesson. As a reward for this they receive a prize that month (pictured above), and also have their names put into a hat for a chance to win a hamper in an end-of-term raffle for each year-group.

We held the raffle this week and the winners were announced in assemblies. Congratulations to:

Year 7: Xena R

Year 8: Zaiba D

Year 9: Hatim K

Year 10: Thomas B

Year 11: Saraah H

Well done again to them and all the Mathematicians of the Month for their brilliant efforts this term. Enjoy a well-earned Christmas break!



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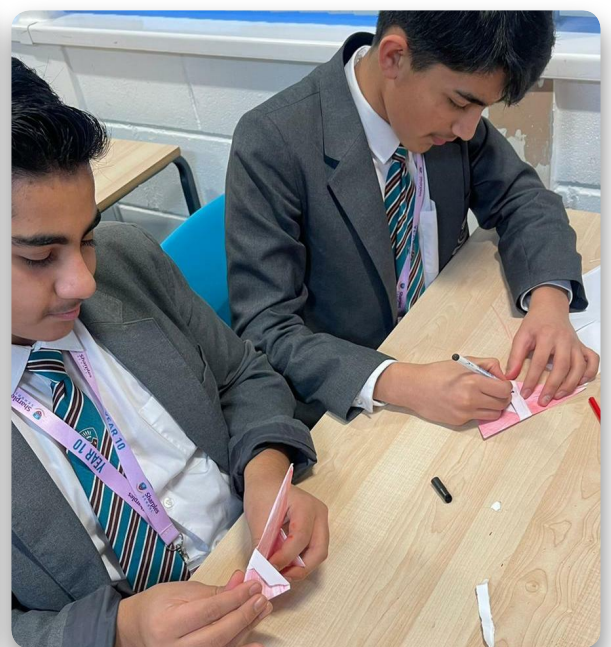
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Christmas in Maths



This week classes have been working on a variety of Christmas-themed activities, testing their creativity and team-working skills as well as mathematical knowledge. This has included co-ordinate drawings, curve stitching, origami, relay challenges and the pirate game! The attached photos show some of the festive creations from a Year 10 class. Happy Christmas!





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Science Enrichment Newsletter

Educake

Congratulations and well done to all students for completing their Educake Home Learning this term. Sharples students have answered an incredible 289,948 questions. This practice is a great way for students to quickly improve their knowledge and understanding of science topics. Keep it up!



Jodrell Bank Trip

On Thursday, Year 10 and 11 students enjoyed a trip to Jodrell Bank observatory in Cheshire. Students were able to explore the museum exhibits, before talks on topics such as the history of astronomy and the evolution of stars. Students then visited the enormous radio telescope, which receives radio signals from neutron stars, which are some of the strangest objects in space, and cannot be seen using visible light telescopes. One student was even turned into a neutron star!

STEM club

This term pupils have completed a number of different activities such as:

- designing planetariums
- building a rollercoaster
- creating a density column
- designing a new species
- creating a towering inferno
- making rockets



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Next term pupils will start by creating their own slime!

Congratulations to all members who maintained such high participation levels and enthusiasm throughout the term!

Smithills Farm Trip

On a very cold Wednesday 14th December Miss Booth took Year 10 and 11 animal care students to Smithills Farm. Whilst there we met different animals at pets corner, including baby rabbits, donkeys and chicks, we fed the calves, were shown how to clip goats hooves, shown how the milking process works and met all the reptiles at the farm. This trip provides very important coursework evidence and the pupils did Sharples proud.



Space News

Astronomers have used a method called radial velocity to discover two Earth-sized planets orbiting nearby stars. The radial velocity method for discovering exoplanets is a topic that Astronomy students have recently studied. The planets have also been discovered to be orbiting in the habitable zone or 'Goldilocks' zone, where the temperature is just right for liquid water to be found. Discoveries like these, raise the hopes of finding life on other planets.

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Music Concert



Congratulations and well done to all the students involved in the Winter Showcase last week. This is the first Music concert we have done at Sharples and the standard of talent on show was excellent. Students from all year groups performed in front of an audience of family and friends. For a lot of our students this was the first time they have performed on their own or with other musicians and in front of an audience. They all did a brilliant job!

Zayn (Year 11): 'It was a fantastic experience to play drums with a live band in front of a live audience for the first time and it was lots of fun.'

The evening consisted of lots of different musical genres ranging from sing-along christmas songs to classical pieces such as Fur Elise played on the piano by Aashan, trumpet playing Tom performed Winter Wonderland and Kandi's stunning guitar piece, Malaguena. Rachel played The Nutcracker beautifully on her flute and Agnes and Amy's drumming was brilliant as they played Uptown Funk together. The Year 10 Performing Arts class sang Seasons of Love and the choir sang Mary did you know and Snowman with solos from Heidi and Bethany. The school band and rock band consisted of fantastic musicians from different year groups and their performances culminated in a rendition of Merry Christmas Everyone!

We are already looking forward to our summer concert with even more students taking part.

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English Department's Stars of the Week

Work of the Week

Year 7

Hani K for a well written introduction for her formal letter. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 8

Maya A for her brilliant analysis of the two policemen's visits. [Click here to view the first page](#) and [here for the second page.](#)

Year 9

Riyaad for a well crafted letter to Compeyson from Miss Havisham. [Click here to view the first page](#) and [here for the second page.](#)

Year 10

Zakiyyah M for a fantastic article on the benefits of capitalism. [Click here to view the first page](#), [here for the second page](#) and [here for the last page.](#)

Year 11

Josh B has written a great comparative response to two unseen poems. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Readers of the Week

Year 7

Lauren Allen for reading Serena Williams' letter with passion and enthusiasm.

Year 8

Saffiyah I for her lively reading of Libby in the Family Upstairs.

Year 9

Munisha T for her fluent reading of Orangeboy.

Year 10

Muhammed Y for a brilliant reading of A Christmas Carol.

Year 11

Yameen A for always showing keen enthusiasm when reading the stage directions for An Inspector Calls.



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Octagon Theatre Talk



On 16th December Year 10 Performing Arts and Fashion & Textiles students enjoyed an afternoon learning about costume and theatre design.

Thank you to Su Newell Head of Costume @octagontheatre who provided an interesting and inspirational talk.

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England International meets our Netball Teams



We were delighted to welcome England Netball International, Millie Sanders to Sharples this week. Millie joined the girls during their training session where she took part in a Q&A before overseeing some games. The England star was last year crowned Super League champion with Manchester Thunder and has recently signed for rivals Leeds Rhinos for the 2022/23 season. The Q&A session was brilliant for our girls to be a part of. Millie was asked questions about her route to becoming an international athlete, her typical game day routine and her ambitions for the future. What a treat for the students to end the term! Special thanks must go to Mr Ridings who organised this event.



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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 = 90.71%
Year 8 = 85.95%
Year 9 = 91.77%
Year 10 = 88.88%
Year 11 = 85.46%

Best forms this week:

7Ples1 = 94.64%
8L = 94.12%
9P = 99.29%
10P1 = 92.91%
11S = 96.31%

247 pupils have achieved 100% this academic year

Dates for your Diary

Monday 9th
January 2023: Staff training day (not open for pupils)

Tuesday 10th
January 2023:
Term begins for all students.

Monday 16th
January to Friday
27th January:
Year 9 Exams

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)

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>

