



# Sharples

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# Newsletter

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### Important Information Regarding Wednesday 1st February

Dear Parent,

Re: NEU Industrial Action – 1st February 2023

You may be aware that the National Education Union (NEU) has called a day of industrial action on Wednesday 1st February 2023.

A significant number of our employees are members of the NEU and as such we will be affected by the industrial action. As a result of this, the following arrangements will be in place on Wednesday 1st February:

- All students in Year 7 and in Year 11 will attend school as usual
- School will be closed to students in Years 8, 9 and 10 and work packs to support learning at home will be provided.

As we did during the Pandemic and in line with the Department for Education Guidance, we will also provide in-school places for vulnerable students and to the children of critical workers regardless of their year group. If you are a critical worker and you wish to send your child into school, please complete the following form by Monday 30th January.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdH46A0h9u6qjCHiD0PnU5AZiuUosXfYJeGU878PEI3v2QDcw/viewform>

The school will reopen as normal to all students on Thursday 2nd February 2023.

Yours faithfully

Ann Webster  
Headteacher

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#### King Charles Visits Bolton



The following article was written by Zoe Alcantara de Melo (Year 9) about the visit of King Charles to Bolton on Friday 20th January.

*We left early and when we made it the excitement finally hit us. We spent 30 minutes to 1 hour waiting for the King and Queen Consort to arrive so we had some lunch and relaxed for a while before going outside to welcome the King at the Town Hall steps. We stood at the front and saw the Mayor of Bolton and the priest. When the King and Queen Consort arrived everyone went crazy when he shook hands and watched a dance on the streets. Then they entered the town hall building and we got to shake hands with the Queen Consort. The experience was definitely unforgettable. Thank you to everyone that made this happen.*



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#### DofE Bronze Award certificates



Our 2022 cohort have completed their Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Awards. 36 Year 10 students have received their certificates and badges this week. These have been very well-earned by the students, who have all completed their own volunteering, physical and skills activities over the course of three or six month periods. They have then completed their two day overnight expedition in teams of six, walking, camping, cooking, carrying their own equipment and planning and navigating their own routes. Above all they have depended on each other and worked together as teams.

More than half of these students have gone onto their Silver Awards this year, building on their experience and skills from Bronze. For students interested in DofE, Bronze Award is open to Sharples students in Year 9 and Silver Award in Year 10. More details on the website at:



<https://www.sharplesschool.co.uk/duke-of-edinburgh/> .



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#### **Science Enrichment Newsletter**

##### **Educake Top Scorers**

Well done to everyone who completed their home learning this week. The top scores for each year group are:

Year 11: Haleema M and Ella H.

Year 10: Aaliyah S, Aaliyah B, Mohamed E, Michael C and Ying.

Year 9: Evie A-S, Umar I, Ismael Q, Emmilee W and Muhammed A.

##### **STEM club**

This week in the STEM club, pupils learnt about all the nasty bacteria and fungi that live amongst us! Using a cotton swab, pupils took samples from a variety of sites around the school including: the girls' toilets, Mr Albrighton's keyboard, Mr Crowe's desk and also the touch screen monitors located in each classroom! Once the samples had been safely retrieved, the cotton swabs were dabbed onto agar jelly. This provides tasty sustenance for any bacteria or fungi to feed off and grow. The agar plates were then inserted into an incubator to ensure that they are at the optimum temperature and humidity for maximum growth. Next week the pupils will observe their agar plates and investigate whether any new species of bacteria or fungi have been discovered!

##### **Astronomy club**

In the Astronomy club this week, students were building a model of the GAIA Satellite. GAIA is a space probe designed to measure the distance of hundreds of millions of stars in our Galaxy. It will provide important information about the structure, origin and the history of the Galaxy in which we live. Stand by for updates as the group starts to assemble the model.

##### **The Oaks Astronomy Session**

Year 5 students from The Oaks Primary School enjoyed a session all about space and astronomy. The students, ably helped by the astronomy ambassadors, completed a series of activities, such as investigating the properties of light and sorting galaxies, before heading outside to use telescopes, solar glasses and visiting the Sharples observatory.

##### **Science career of the week**

This week's career is Engineer. Engineers work in a variety of roles developing new products or solutions to technical challenges. Information about experience opportunities, providers, entry requirements and much more can be found here: [Science career of the Week](#)

Please speak to Mr. Burke, who will provide you with more information about this, or any other, science career.

##### **Space News**

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Fans of Star Wars will know that Luke Skywalker's home planet of Tatooine orbits 2 stars. This was once thought to be a far-fetched idea constrained to the realms of science fiction. However, recent research has found that many binary star systems could be host to Earth-like planets which have stable orbits for a billion years. Should such a planet orbit within the 'habitable zone', where the temperature is such that water is liquid, this raises the possibility of life being discovered. Maybe Star Wars is more realistic than we thought.

*Mr. Fowlds - Science Enrichment Coordinator*

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

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

Year 7

Henriette L has shown fantastic knowledge and understanding of the context of Animal Farm. She has been able to recall facts and key information from previous lessons with confidence and accuracy. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 8

Michell S for excellent annotations on the opening scene in Macbeth. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 9

Anna S has created a great visual synopsis of chapter 11 of Frankenstein. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 10

Maryam T has written an excellent article covering teenage life today. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 11

Isabelle M has produced brilliant essay plans based on A Christmas Carol. [Click here to view the work.](#)

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

Year 7

Mohammed Zain P and Aamira H for reviewing the most books so far this half-term.

Year 8

Amaan B for his expressive reading of the fight scene against Voldemort in Harry Potter.

Year 9

Kashan A for an excellent reading of chapter 13 of Frankenstein.

Year 10

Thomas B for his excellent reading of various characters in Romeo and Juliet.

Year 11

Luke B for an incredibly perceptive reading of an extract.



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#### Girls Football vs Essa



A big well done to our KS3 and KS4 football teams who both came away winners on Thursday evening against Essa Academy. The Year 7 & Year 8 team started off a little nervous but soon found their rhythm and it took the girls only 10 minutes to score their first goal through an incredible strike from Talia D. Another two goals followed in quick succession, again from Talia D and a left-footed half volley from Khadija V. After a tough and physical game, the match finished 3-0. A shout out to Ruby M for keeping a clean sheet in goal!

The KS4 team also secured a win for Sharples and managed an impressive 7-0 victory. The girls were on the front foot from the beginning and scored 4 goals in the first half. Grace G secured her 4th goal of the game early on in the second half with Izzy F and Fatima U also adding their names to the score sheet. Mariya P also held on to a clean sheet in net after a great save in the last few minutes of the game! A great effort from all of the girls! We hope the momentum continues when the KS3 team face BSCA on Monday!

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#### Swimming Gala



The school swimming squad were in action for the annual Bolton Swimming Championships at Bolton One this week. The team included both KS3 and KS4 and they have been preparing for the event after school with Mrs Garth.

The competition was fierce but Sharples still managed to give an excellent account of themselves. Three of our students even managed to finish in medal positions. Grace T is a competitive swimmer outside of school and came 1st place in both butterfly and front crawl. Adrian W hasn't been as active in his training recently but showed what a talent he is finishing in second place for butterfly. Year 7 student Jayden O managed 3rd place in butterfly, an incredible achievement at his first competition for school. Well done to all students who represented the school for their brilliant efforts!

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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 = 95.07%  
Year 8 = 94.56%  
Year 9 = 95.11%  
Year 10 = 93.76%  
Year 11 = 91.80%

Best forms this week:

7ples1 = 99.52%  
8L = 98.09%  
9R = 97.35%  
10L = 98.02%  
11S1 = 97.22%

219 pupils have achieved 100% this academic year

#### Dates for your Diary

Monday 30th  
January: Health & Social Care Exam (13:00 onwards)

Tuesday 31st  
January: Trip to Bolton Catering College (10:00 – 13:30)

Tuesday 31st  
January: Enterprise Exam (13:00 onwards)

### Career of the Week: Pharmacologist

*Pharmacologists study the effects of drugs and other chemical substances on cells, animals, humans and the environment.*

**Average Salary:** £ £25,000 £50,000

**Typical hours (per week)** 38 to 40 a week

**You could work:** evenings / weekends flexibly

#### Qualifications:

- You can apply for this job through a university course or an apprenticeship.
- 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A\* to C), or equivalent, including English, Maths and Science.
- 3 A levels, or equivalent, including Biology and Chemistry.

#### Skills required:

- Science skills.
- Knowledge of biology.
- Knowledge of chemistry including the safe use and disposal of chemicals.
- Complex problem-solving skills.
- Analytical thinking skills.
- To be thorough and pay attention to detail.
- Thinking and reasoning skills.
- Maths knowledge.

#### Relevant Subjects:

- Science, Health & Social Care and Maths.



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



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#### PE Lunch Time Clubs - January - February

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Y7 Football (Big Astro) - AHM	Y8 & Y10 Football (Big Astro) - AHM	Y9 Football (Big Astro) - AHM	Y7 Football - Boys & Girls (Big Astro) - AHM & JRA	Girls only Football (Big astro) - SCU
Netball Yr 7/8 (SH) - SCU	Y7 Dodgeball (SH) - SCU & JRA	Just Dance- all years (Gym) - LAL	KS3 Dodgeball (SH) - LAL & SCU	Y7/8 Football (Big astro) AHM
Boccia (Gym) - LAL/JRA	KS4 Boys Fitness Suite - PGR	KS3 Basketball (SH) - SCU		KS3 Basketball (SH) - LAL & JRA
	Just Dance (Gym) - LAL	KS4 Boys Fitness Suite - PGR		



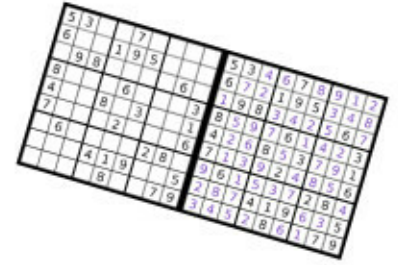
#### PE After School Clubs - January - February

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
KS3 Swimming	Yr 7/8 Netball practice	KS3 Swimming	KS3 & KS4 Girls Football practice	Wigan Warriors KS3 Rugby practice
KS4 Girls fitness suite	Yr 7/8 Football practice	Running club- all years	KS4 Boys fitness suite	
KS3 Football vs BSCA (a)	Panathlon Leaders 9-2pm	Basketball- all years	Badminton practice	
Y9/10 Netball practice	Yr 9 Football v Thornleigh (a)			
Yr 10 sports studies ALS/detentions	Yr 8 Football v Canon Slade (a)			

Week beginning 30th Jan



# National Puzzle Day



## 29<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Celebrate National Puzzle Day  
with us by sharing your favourite  
puzzle.

This could be a picture, video or completed printed puzzle.  
All entries to be sent to Mrs McCawley by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>  
February. If you would like a puzzle to complete pop into  
G22

6	+		=	14	20	-	12	=	
+		+		+	+		+		+
	+	9	=	16	25	-		=	13
=		=		=	=		=		=
13	+		=			-		=	

Reward points available  
for every completed  
puzzle as well as entry  
into a prize draw.



# Y7 CLUBS



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Astronomy</b> <i>MFO - G43</i>	<b>Art</b> <i>JMY - G79</i>	<b>Polyglot</b> <i>CLI - N11</i>	<b>Game Development</b> <i>MCA - U40</i>	<b>International Club</b> <i>CLI - N11</i>
<b>Choreography</b> <i>AST - G67</i>	<b>STEM Club</b> <i>DBU/DAL - G59</i>	<b>Design and Make Club</b> <i>LMO - G73</i>	<b>Chess</b> <i>KMC - G46</i>	<b>Board Games</b> <i>DAL - G59</i>
<b>Keyboard Club</b> <i>JCO - G66</i>	<b>Dodgeball</b> <i>SCU/JRA - SH</i>	<b>Blooket</b> <i>MHA - U39</i>	<b>Choir</b> <i>EMA - G66</i>	<b>Girls Football</b> <i>SCU - Big Astro</i>
<b>Hwk Club</b> <i>TAs - N6</i>	<b>History Movie</b> <i>IDA/KBO - U51</i>	<b>Acting Club</b> <i>CSM - G67</i>	<b>Football</b> <i>AHM - Big Astro</i>	<b>Book Club</b> <i>LHT - U8</i>
<b>Netball</b> <i>SCU/JRA - SH</i>		<b>Guitar &amp; Ukulele</b> <i>JCO - G66</i>	<b>Dodgeball</b> <i>LAL - SH</i>	<b>Disney Movie</b> <i>NAY - U19</i>
		<b>Just Dance</b> <i>LAL - SH</i>		<b>Technicians Academy</b> <i>NWA - G84</i>
		<b>Debate Club</b> <i>HPA - U9</i>		

# The Sophie Scholl Awards

“Someone has to make a start.” How about you?



**Holocaust Memorial Day is commemorated each year on 27th January, the date of the liberation of the Nazi concentration camp Auschwitz-Birkenau in 1945. Holocaust Memorial Day remembers the millions of victims of the Nazi Holocaust, including six million Jews, and of other, more recent genocides.**



**The Sophie Scholl Awards were introduced at Runshaw as part of our events to commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day.** The courage of Sophie Scholl, of a similar age to Runshaw students, was an inspiration to us all. We now extend an invitation to pupils in partner high schools to help us celebrate the short life of this brave young woman by participating in awards reserved for them.

Sophie was 18 when the war started in 1939. She and her family, inspired by their strong religious beliefs, actively resisted the Nazis – an incredibly courageous thing for Germans to do. In 1942, Sophie, along with her brother Hans and a few other students, founded the White Rose, a non-violent resistance movement which painted anti-fascist slogans on walls, defaced Nazi emblems and distributed anti-war leaflets. In early 1943, Sophie and the other leaders of the group were caught, condemned as traitors and executed by beheading. Sophie was just 21.

During her trial, despite the attempts of the judge and prosecutors to browbeat and ridicule her, Sophie remained steadfast as one individual against the massive power of the Nazi state. “Someone has to make a start”, she said. Convinced that good in the end would prevail, her last words as she was led into the execution yard were, “The sun still shines!”

For many inspired by Sophie’s example, a white rose has come to represent peace, justice and a love of humanity.

**Students in partner high schools are asked to make an entry based on ONE of the following themes:**

- The inspiration of Sophie Scholl
- The White Rose
- Someone has to make a start

**Entries can be**

- a written piece (maximum 250 words but could be much shorter)
- a poem
- a piece of art work or music – of any kind
- an idea to do something at school based on Sophie’s example
- anything at all based on one of the above themes.

Entries can be individual or group work.

**Entries should be forwarded to Giles Inman, Runshaw College, Leyland, PR25 3DQ. The deadline for entries is 4.30pm on *Wednesday 22nd February 2023.***

Awards of vouchers and certificates will be awarded for the best entries.