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Ms Webster's End of Half-term Letter

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the end of a very busy and productive half term, I want to share with you a few of our many achievements.

In addition to our excellent classroom provision, we have worked hard to ensure that our students have had access to high quality enrichment activities. In January, over 150 Year 7 Students enjoyed the annual 'Night at the Museum' trip, they arrived back very tired but with great memories that will last for a lifetime. Throughout this half term our students have engaged with numerous educational, sporting and cultural opportunities including our 'Theatre Club' and, as always, the students have been excellent ambassadors for our school and the values which we uphold.

Next half term will be just as busy as we encourage all of our students to grab every opportunity to live by our motto, 'Learn. Dream. Achieve.' Our Year 11 students will face their second round of Pre Public Exams, Year 10 Students will complete their work experience placements and Year 9's will be making their GCSE option choices. For all year groups, Sharples offers a vibrant learning environment and I would encourage you to follow Sharples on Twitter and to read our weekly newsletter in order to keep up to date with the numerous opportunities which we provide to support and encourage our learners.

Please be aware that from Monday, 27 February breakfast will be available free of charge for all students. Breakfast will be served in the canteen every morning from 8.30 to 8.45am.

As we move towards the start of the new term, I want to take this opportunity to remind you of the high standards in relation to appearance at Sharples and our full uniform policy can be accessed on the school website <http://www.sharplesschool.co.uk/policies/> In addition, every student has now been issued with a school lanyard and identification card which they must wear each day.

On a final note, I hope that you all enjoy a well-earned half term break and I look forward to welcoming all of our students back to school, ready for a prompt start to registration at 8.45am on Monday, 27 February 2023.

Yours faithfully

Ms A Webster
Headteacher

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Youth Speaks Competition



Last Wednesday 3 of our brave Year 7 students took part in the Youth Speaks Competition - a regional public speaking competition, against 7 other schools.

For the last 8 weeks, our students have attended Debate Club and have been preparing their speeches. The competition was fierce, and whilst we didn't progress to the finals, our students showed great resilience and confidence in their speeches. A huge well done to all schools and our 3 competitors: Safira T, Zainub U, Zainab A!

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Mathematician of the Month - January



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.

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Shown on the previous page are some of the nominees for January. The full lists of nominees for each year group are below - well done to them all!

Year 7

Zainab A
Mehak H
Hani Y
Lauren A
Jack H
Khaleel P
Owen L
Zainub U
Taylor S

Year 8

Riya P
Henry R
Sophia D
Tom Mc
Elliot S
Ganani K
Ruby A
Muhanad N
Khadija A

Year 9

Amaan K
Fatima A
Zuwi S
Charlie G
Taran J
Morgan C
Charlie B
Heidi F
Mariam U
Finley B

Year 10

Chloe J
Malikah N
Joshua M
Hafsa H
Noha K
Joseph W
Jack R
Zubaida P
Zenab A

Year 11

Khadija A
Owais M
Sara K
Courtney S
Finley W
Rhys B
Aaliah U
Beatrix H
Emily B

Year 9 Boys Football

The Year 9 football team made the short journey to Thornleigh for a friendly fixture in preparation for their upcoming fixture in the Bolton Cup. It was always going to be a difficult contest with a depleted squad, but this did give the team the opportunity to use their squad and also provide debut opportunities for Aidan and Sam. Sharples took the lead against the run of play when Aashan rounded the keeper after an excellent through ball from Rob and then fired home from a tight angle. Sharples then struggled to contain the attacking threat of Thornleigh but remained competitive throughout the second half. Josh K scored a consolation goal with a wonder strike, curling the ball into the top corner from 30 yards out.



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English Department's Stars of the Week

Work of the Week

Year 7

Joe W has written a great letter to a magazine about why heroes shouldn't be banned! [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 8

Khadija V has written an excellent narrative titled The Surprise. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 9

Amaan K has wonderfully explored the monster's perspective in Frankenstein. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 10

Julia G has produced some excellent analytical notes on the poem Afternoons. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 11

Safah D for a brilliant Part A Unseen poem answer. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Reader of the Week

Year 7

Fatimah A and Khadija M for reviewing the most books in class.

Year 8

Dylan F for giving Lady Macbeth a unique voice.

Year 9

Isa H for his lively take on Coraline.

Year 10

Ahmed K and Henley N for reading the parts of Romeo and Juliet well.

Year 11

Khadijah P for a brilliant reading of an unseen poem.



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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: Joshua E-C, Zain A and Imaan H.

Year 10: Yan C, Mohamed E, Zaynah M and Aiza A.

Year 9: Evie A-S, Ayesha M, Muhammad Adil B, Tofiqah HS, Muhammed A.

STEM club





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This week in the STEM club pupils build density towers! Using solutions of different sugar concentrations, the team (pictured on the previous page) were able to demonstrate that a more dense solution will sink to the bottom of the test tube, whilst a less dense solution will float to the surface. It was also noted that the more highly concentrated solution would have a sweeter taste! Not only were the rainbow patterns aesthetically pleasing, similar ideas were discussed to explain why ice (less dense) floats on water (more dense!). The fact that hot air is less dense than cold air, also helps to explain why a hot air balloon can soar over the cold dense air! STEM club restarts after half term on Tuesday 28th February.

Science career of the week

This week's career is 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.

Sharples Primary Escape the Lab

Students from Sharples Primary were the latest to attempt to solve scientific puzzles in order to 'Escape the Lab'.

Congratulations to all three teams who were able to escape in the allotted time of ten minutes. Thank you to Mr. Davies and Mr. McCann for running the event. A massive thank you to Hatim from Year 9 for assisting the smooth running of this event.



Space News

A meteoroid was observed to light up the sky as it entered the atmosphere over the English channel, early Monday morning. This is just the seventh time an asteroid has been correctly predicted to enter the atmosphere. The 1-metre asteroid would have completely burned up on entry and would not have reached the Earth's surface.

Mr. Fowlds - Science Enrichment Coordinator

An Inspector Calls Live Performance

This week, our Year 11 pupils watched a live theatre performance of An Inspector Calls. It was great to see the characters and events come to life and our pupils thoroughly enjoyed being able to revise their GCSE text in this manner.

We now look forward to having the Manchester Actors Company back in to perform Macbeth for our Year 8 pupils in April.



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League Decider



On Tuesday evening, our KS4 football team (pictured) faced Westhoughton in a game that would decide the winners of the league. With both teams undefeated all season and our last encounter ending in a 5-5 draw, both schools decided to take part in a playoff to see who would come away with the top spot. After a nervous start from Sharples, Westhoughton were quick off the mark, scoring 2 goals in the first 15 minutes. It was looking like we were heading into half time without scoring, however, a brilliant solo run from Grace G ensured we headed into the break 3-1 down. After a quick start in the second half, the girls managed to pull a goal back before Westhoughton scored their fourth of the night. With 5 minutes left, Sharples scored again through a great strike from Fatima U which ensured an edge of the seat finish! In the dying seconds, Izzy F put in a fantastic cross which was heading in the direction of Fatima U and in full stretch, Fatima was just inches away from equalising. This proved to be the final kick of the game and the match finished 4-3 to Westhoughton meaning we finished runners up of our league. An agonising finish but a brilliant achievement nonetheless. Well done, girls!

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KS4 Football Tournament



Off the back of a narrow defeat on Tuesday, our KS4 team (pictured) were ready for redemption in the KS4 Bolton town football tournament on Thursday evening. The girls settled their nerves in the opening game beating Smithills comfortably before facing Westhoughton for the second time this week in what they knew would be a tough game. Looking like the game would finish in a draw, a last second goal ensured Westhoughton came away with the win which arguably should have been ruled out due to the full time whistle going before the goal was scored! Up next was Bolton School B which was an end to end game finishing 2-0 to the opposition. Dusting themselves off, the fourth game of the night against Thornleigh B saw the girls demonstrate some of the best football they have displayed all year and secured an impressive 3-0 victory. Going into the last game of the group, a win against Turton would have seen us progress through to the semi-final. The best chance of the game came from Grace G who hit a fantastic strike but was denied through an incredible save from their keeper. This ensured the game finished 0-0 and meant Turton progressed through to the semis. It was a brilliant evening and a great chance to see some of the fantastic talent across the borough. 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

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 = 93.17%

Year 8 = 90.90%

Year 9 = 91.22%

Year 10 = 92.16%

Year 11 = 89.60%

162 pupils have achieved 100% this academic year

Best forms this week:

7ples4 = 97.80%

8S = 97.02%

9R = 96.30%

10P1 = 96.69%

11S4 = 95.00%

Dates for your Diary

Monday 20th to
Friday 24th
February: Half-term

Monday 27th
February: Year 10
Poetry Live

Thursday 2nd
March: Year 9
Options Evening
(16:00 – 19:00)

Monday 6th to 10
Friday March:
National Careers
Week

Career of the Week: Technical Architect

Technical architects help plan, design and build IT systems for clients.

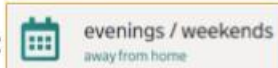
Average Salary:



Typical hours:
(per week)



You could work:



Qualifications:

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

Skills required:

- Knowledge of computer operating systems, hardware and software.
- Analytical thinking skills.
- Maths knowledge.
- To be thorough and pay attention to detail.
- Excellent verbal communication skills.
- Operations analysis skills.

Relevant Subjects:

- Business Studies, Computer Science, Graphics & Maths.



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



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Thursday
2nd March 2023
4pm-6.30pm

Year 9 Options Evening

A chance to talk to the teachers to find out more about the courses available and the application process.



Briefings will
take place at

4.15pm
5.00pm
5.45pm

Options
marketplace
open until
6.30pm