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Year 10 Mock Interviews



At the end of last half-term all of Year 10 have taken part in mock interviews (pictured) aimed at helping the students learn how to answer difficult questions, improve their communication skills, reduce stress before actual job interviews and help boost their confidence.

We welcomed 21 guests who work in a wide range of industries including; Architecture, Accountancy, Medical, Insurance, Property Management, College, Apprenticeships, Publication, Engineering, Software Development, British Army and Royal Air Force. Each student was then matched to a career of their interest so that the mock interview was meaningful.

Ahead of the mock interviews, students had a presentation on communication skills and the importance of clear verbal communication, active listening and positive body language. Additionally, students learnt how to write a personalised CV, and how to

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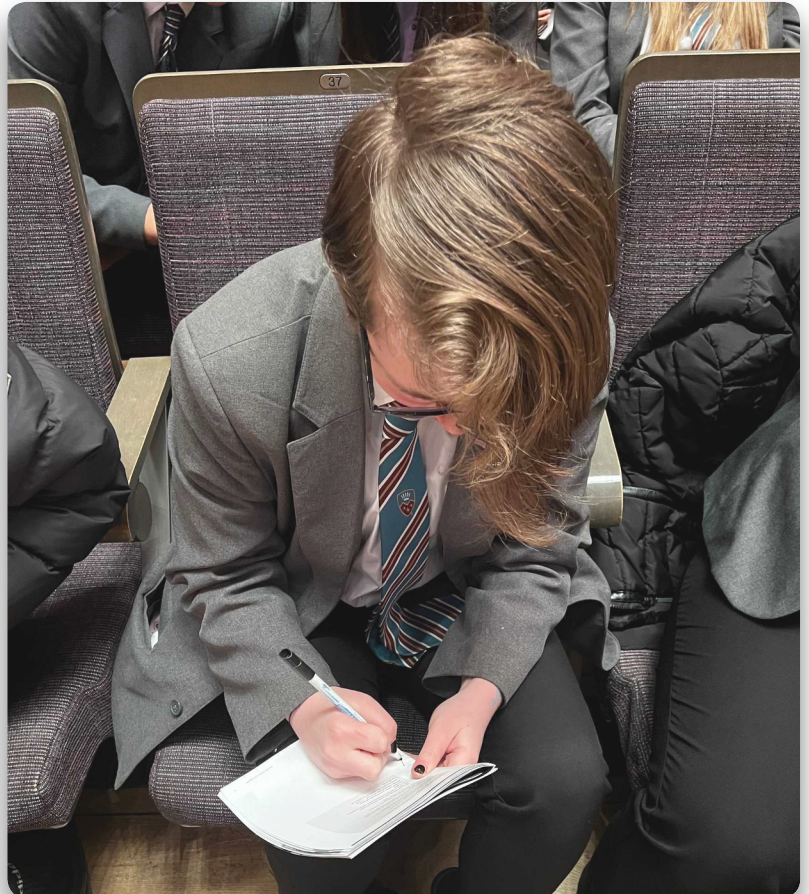
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build evidence to demonstrate personal achievements and successes. All of which has been added to their personal Record of Achievement folder.

On the day, students attended their interview with their Record of Achievement folder and had a 10 minute interview. After the mock interview, each student has been given individualised feedback so that they can reflect on their successes and areas for development.

Poetry Live Event



On Monday, a group of our Year 10 pupils went to Manchester for the Poetry Live Event. The pupils were given the opportunity to both see and engage with a group of excellent poets. The poets performed some of their best work and talked through the process of writing a poem. It was very beneficial for our pupils to hear from Carol Ann Duffy, Simon Armitage, Owen Sheers and Imtiaz Dharker; all poets they are currently studying for the GCSE Anthology Poetry exam. It was an excellent event which left the pupils feeling very inspired, with one pupil even beginning to write her own poem whilst she was there!



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English Department's Stars of the Week

Work of the week

Year 7

Miss Kirk's entire Year 7 class have been nominated this week for their excellent door dressing for World Book Day! [Click here to see the picture.](#)

Year 8

Dylan F for his lovely description of a picture and inclusion of different sentence types. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 9

Isabella W for great work on the context of A View from the Bridge and Greek Tragedies. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 10

Izzy W for excellent annotations on Act 1, Scene 5 of Romeo and Juliet. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 11

Kimberly C for excellent revision of key quotes in A Christmas Carol. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Readers of the week

Year 7

Sol Mc for his excellent reading on World Book Day.

Year 8

Jundab S for his confident reading of Macbeth.

Year 9

Noah L for reading with excellent clarity, showing understanding of ambitious and complex vocabulary.

Year 10

Aroosh S for her reading of non-fiction texts.

Year 11

Muhammad I for his reading of a nonfiction article.



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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: Mariya R and Imaan H.

Year 10: Aroosh S, Jenna C, Safaa Y, Sanaa G and Abubakr N.

Year 9: Yusuf I, Mariam U, Umaynah B, Mariya P, Alizah A, Florisa A, Adam E, Mantasha M, Muhammed A and Charlie B.

STEM club

Next week pupils will begin some exciting practicals investigating the properties of salts! We are familiar with table salt (Sodium Chloride), which we use to season the food that we eat. The teams will however discover the full variety of different salts that can be produced. They will even be able to produce a novel salt of their choice! The exciting results will be included in next week's update!

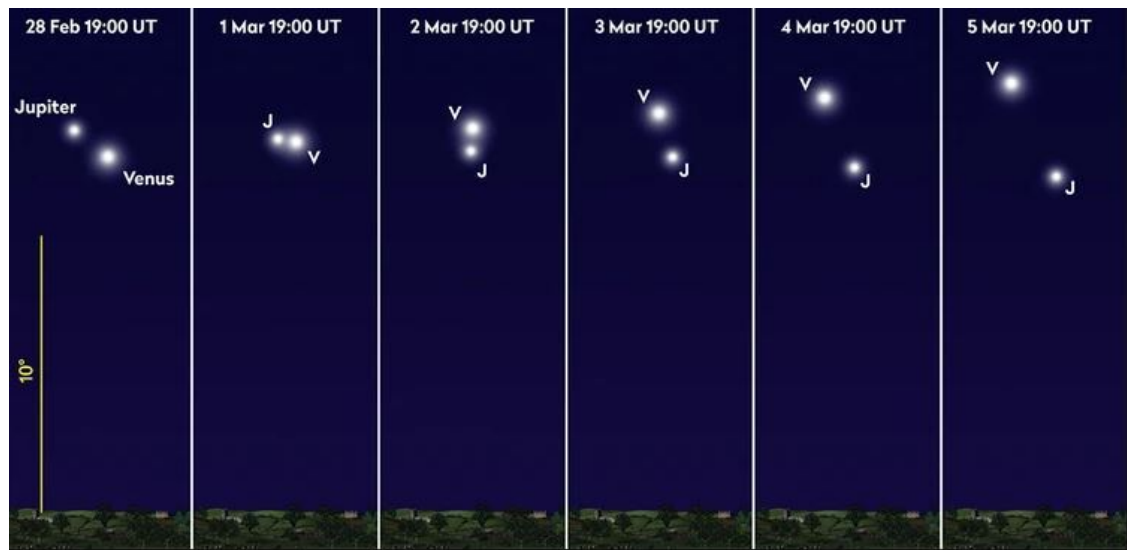
Science career of the week

This week's career is 'Clinical technologist'. Clinical technologists are responsible for performing quality assurance on medical equipment and advising clinical staff on how to optimise its performance. 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

A highlight for stargazers this week is the appearance of Venus and Jupiter, close together in the night's sky. Looking just above the Western horizon in the early evening is the opportune time to observe this phenomenon, known as a conjunction.



March 8th is also the date for the launch of Terran 1, the first 3D-printed rocket.

Mr. Fowlds - Science Enrichment Coordinator



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Year 10s Football vs Little Lever

Our Year 10s took on Little Lever in the cup this week in, what turned out to be, a great tie. Little Lever were quick out of the blocks and found themselves 3-0 up early in the match. Sharples managed to get it back to 3-3 through goals from Raif, Haruna and a wonder goal from Harvey. Unfortunately this wasn't enough as Little Lever scored again to make it 4-3 and with that the tie was over, Little Lever took control and won 7-3. 'Man of the Match' was Isaac and the team should be proud of themselves as, at no point, did they give up. Onto the next one!



PE Lunch Time Clubs - This Half Term

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Yr 7 Football v Bolton School (a) Bolton Cup Staff training session	Yr 9 Netball tournament @ Bolton School Yr 7/8 Football practice Yr 10 sports studies ALS/detentions	Yr 8 Football tournament @ MUFC- day time KS3 Swimming Yr 9 Football v Turton (a) (Bolton Cup) Running club- all years Basketball- all years	KS3 & KS4 Girls Football practice KS4 Boys fitness suite	Rugby Club run by Wigan Warriors



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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 = 95.47%

Year 8 = 93.29%

Year 9 = 95.17%

Year 10 = 93.15%

Year 11 = 86.93%

Best forms this week:

7Shar5 = 100%

8R = 100%

9E = 100%

10L = 97.46%

11S = 94.98%

157 pupils have achieved 100% this academic year

Dates for your Diary

Monday 6th March:
Year 10 Manchester
Photography Trip

Monday 6th to 10th
Friday March:
National Careers
Week

Monday 6th to 17th
Friday March: Year
11 PPEs (Second
Round)

Saturday 11th
March: DofE Silver
Training Walk

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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