



# Sharples

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### Newsletter

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

Dear Parent/Carer,

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

This has been a crucial term for our Year 11 students as we prepare for their final exams. Our staff are offering a wide range of additional learning opportunities including Saturday sessions and, in addition, we will be offering an extensive 'Easter School' to support our Year 11 students. The Year 11 cohort have now completed their second round of PPE's and the outcomes of these exams enable staff to provide targeted interventions leading into the GCSE exams.

As usual, our commitment to our enrichment offer continues at pace, both within and beyond the school day. This term groups of Sharples students have experienced a STEM Residential in the Peak District, and engaged with an Enterprise Day working with local businesses. As a whole school, we have celebrated National Careers Week and also STEM Week with a fantastic range of enrichment opportunities. Our commitment to CEIAG has been highlighted this month with 240 of our Year 10 students engaging with face-to-face work experience placements, the feedback from employers has been excellent and our students have, as usual, been brilliant ambassadors for Sharples.

Sharples is a busy and vibrant learning community and I would encourage you to follow us on Twitter and to read our weekly newsletter in order to keep up to date with the numerous opportunities which we provide to engage our learners.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the importance of students arriving at school fully equipped for learning. All students should have a school bag with them every day containing their books and any other learning resources they might need. They should also have stationery items, such as, a pen, a pencil and a ruler as these will be needed in the majority of lessons. Students having the correct equipment with them enables a prompt start to each lesson and ensures that learning time is maximised for the benefit of all.

School closes for the Easter break on Friday, 31 March at the normal time of 3.05pm.

On a final note, I hope that you all enjoy a well-earned Easter break and I look forward to welcoming our students back to school, ready for a prompt start to registration at 8.45am, on Monday, 17 April 2023.

Yours faithfully

Ms Webster

Headteacher

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#### Princess Trust - Enterprise Challenge



In January, 60 Year 10 students participated in the annual Princess Trust - Enterprise Challenge. This competition is run across Lancashire and Yorkshire and has over 900 participants. Part of the competition saw the Year 10 students split up into teams of 6, and compete against each other. The teams were set the challenge of developing an entrepreneurial solution linked to sustainability. Each team was then asked to present their business idea to the Prince Trust judges. Team KIG, consisting of Jenna, D'Arcy, Zakiyya, Kevin, Michael and Talal were shortlisted for the competition final in Leeds.

The final was held on Friday 24th March 2023 at the Leeds Marriott Hotel. Team KIG had to pitch their entrepreneurial idea (Uniform Upcycle) to a panel of business judges and an audience of over 100 members. Team KIG not only delivered a pitch which was inspirational and thought provoking, but one which entertained both audience and judges alike. Their idea, which involves reducing waste of outgrown uniforms, but also recycling these uniforms in order to provide affordable options for families on low or no income, which is extremely important in today's current economic climate.

Once all the pitches had been made, the judges deliberated for a short while, before returning and announcing the Top 3 in reverse order. This was perhaps the most nail biting moment of the day! Uniform Upcycle came through victorious, winning the competition, their idea standing out way ahead of their competitors. For their victory, Uniform Upcycle were awarded with a £500 prize to allow this or another enterprise to be created by the pupils within the school.

Congratulations to Team KIG - to Jenna, D'Arcy, Zakiyya, Kevin, Michael and Talal.

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#### Sharples Baccalaureate



It has been fantastic to see the momentum from last term continue with Year 7 attending the many clubs that have been on offer since January. Over 30 clubs have been available to Year 7 since the start of the year including, technicians academy, disney club, STEM club, keyboard club and maths club to name a few. Each time a student attended a club, they received a point that contributed towards their Sharples Baccalaureate award. To make it harder this term, the points needed to receive a Bronze, Silver or Gold award were increased. To achieve a Bronze award, students needed 15 Bacc points, 20 points were needed for Silver and 30 points were needed for Gold! Commitment and attendance at clubs has been excellent over the past couple of months and this was evident in Thursday's form time when 134 students achieved at least their Bronze award! Going one step further this term and as a result of their dedication to clubs, over 50 students with the highest number of Bacc points were treated to a rewards trip. On Monday morning, the students travelled to Hollywood Bowl (pictured above) and enjoyed a few hours of arcade fun and bowling! A huge well done to all of the Year 7 students who have been involved with clubs this term and we hope the momentum continues after Easter when a whole new selection of clubs will be on offer!

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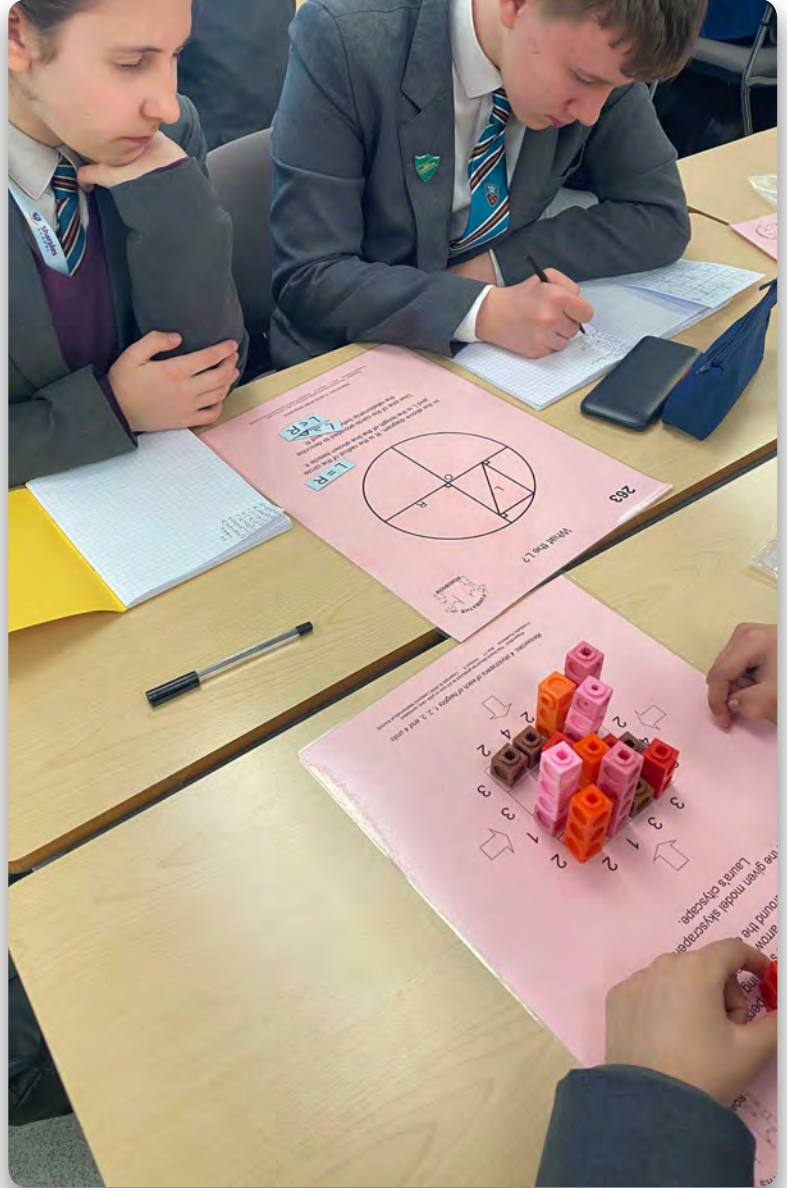
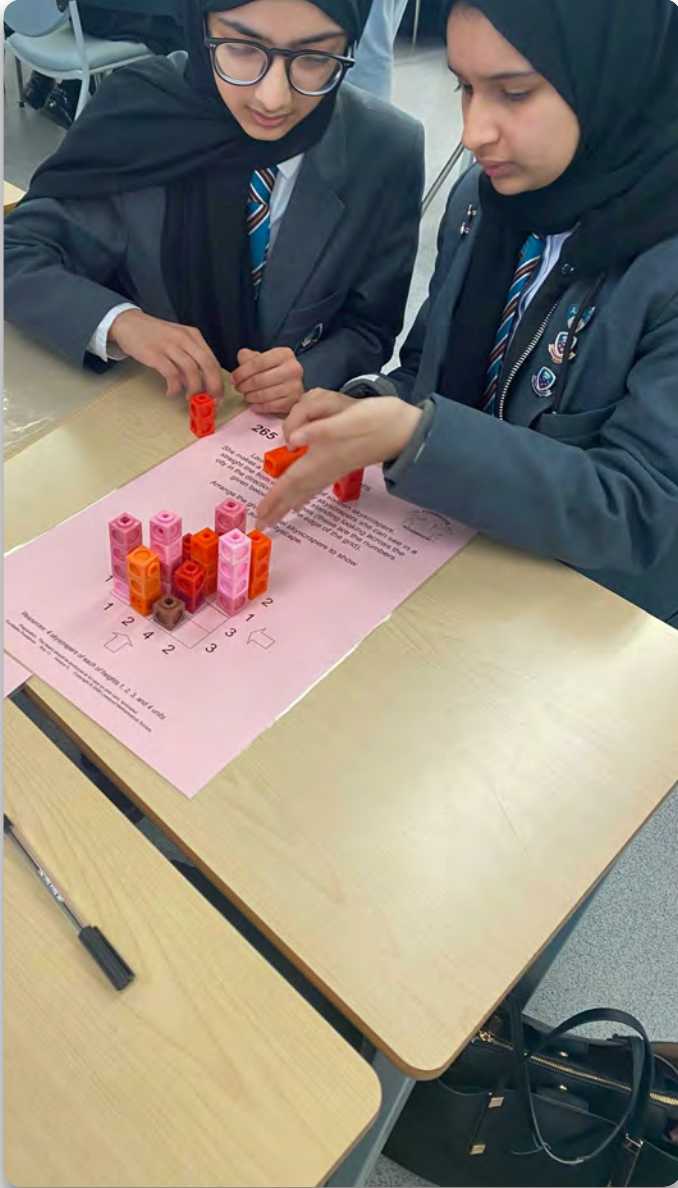


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#### Maths in Real Life conference at the University of Manchester



This week, eight Year 9 pupils had the opportunity to visit the University of Manchester and speak to professionals in different fields about how mathematics helps them. Students spoke to mathematicians who were origami professionals, material engineers, PHD students and they even modelled the maths behind the world's highest roller coaster ride!

They took part in a variety of activities and puzzles (pictured above) throughout the day- Ameena P and Khadija N used their problem solving skills to win a prize as they found a way to use the least amount of paper to package a box. Very resourceful!

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

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

Year 7

Sienna E has written a lovely descriptive writing piece! [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 8

Muhammad N has written an excellent analysis of Lady Macbeth's character. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 9

Darcie B has written a great narrative. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 10

Jake W has produced a thoughtful poetry comparison. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 11

Muhammad Farid A has written a lovely narrative. [Click here to view the work.](#)

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

Year 7

Jaicob L for always enthusiastically taking any opportunity to read.

Year 8

Ahmed M for his use of facial expressions and gestures when reading Macbeth.

Year 9

Amy P for reading and analysing the relationship between Eddie and Beatrice in AVFTB.

Year 10

Jayden O for enthusiastically playing many roles in Romeo and Juliet.

Year 11

Inioluwa E for his brilliant knowledge and reading of literature texts.



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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 9: Ameena P, Erin A and Joe T.

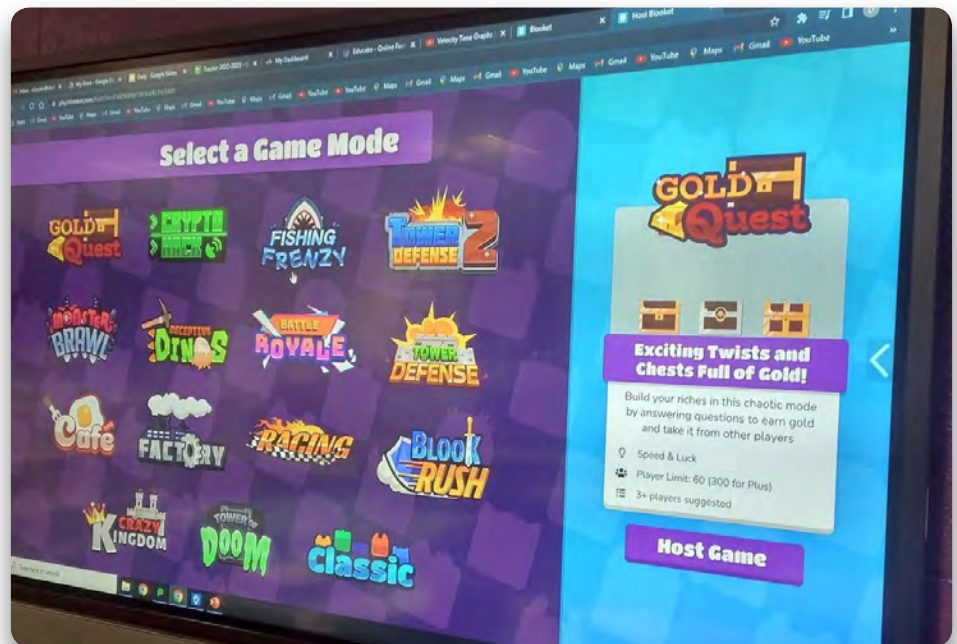
Year 10: Luke CW, Fatima U, Osama P, Madiha P, Cherie U, Zainab G, Muhammed Yusuf P, Lawrence S and Maria S.

Year 11: Ella H, Amina A, Hanah Y and Rachel C.

#### STEM club

This week in the STEM club, pupils were allowed to play a science Blooket quiz (pictured) to celebrate their achievements this term! A range of different STEM related topics were covered and as a treat...even Disney characters made it into the quiz!

Congratulations to all the Year 7 pupils who have regularly attended the STEM club. We look forward to further fun experiments next term!



#### Science career of the week

This week's career is 'Therapeutic radiographer'. Therapeutic radiographers take images of the insides of patients' bodies and plan treatments to treat a particular disease.

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.

#### Physics Talk

Year 11 students had a talk by a theoretical physicist and PhD student at the University of Nottingham, whose research focuses on the study of modified gravity theories and galaxies. The fascinating presentation included the answering of questions like: What is the speed of light? How do astronomers and cosmologists use light to learn about our Universe? How light can make you slim and stop you from ageing? Why is the most famous equation in physics wrong (sometimes)?



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#### **Space News**

At a recent Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, planetary scientist Carver Bierson presented some fascinating research on Jupiter and its moons. According to Bierson, Jupiter may have played a major role in creating the harsh conditions on its moon Io, due to its intense brightness in its early years. Additionally, Bierson suggests that this same brightness could have vaporised water on two other moons, Europa and Ganymede. If these findings are accurate, they could prove useful in the search for exomoons that are covered in ice, as it would allow researchers to eliminate unlikely orbits. Despite Jupiter appearing as a small speck in our night sky, past studies have revealed that it was far brighter during its early stages, estimated to be about 10 thousand times more luminous.

#### **Scientist of the Month**

We are relaunching Scientist of the Month with Year 7 - 10 after Easter. The nomination process will be the same so make sure you are trying your hardest in all your science lessons, remember we are looking for most progress made not just academic achievement. Year 10 pupils have requested a certificate, digital and paper, for their achievement portfolio which you will receive as well as a gift bag and 5 excellence points, either given out in assembly or delivered to form rooms, and all the nominees will receive 2 reward points. Winners and nominees will get a mention in the newsletter. Pupils who get multiple nominations will have their names passed on to sign the headteachers roll of honour.

Last months nominees, who all received 2 reward points were:

Mehr-Unisa I, Dawood HS, Amaan B, Umamah B, Sumeyo A, Felicity-Jo T, Sanaa G, Joseph W, Zaynah M, Talal K, Unais S, Raissa BA, Jenson M, Amaan H, Konpal F, Maryam P, Abdullah Y, Aamirah M, Izzy W, Zayan S, Saffiya A, Henley N and Umamah K.

#### **Chester Zoo competition for Year 9**

We have 17 places available on a trip to Chester zoo on June 29th. The cost of the trip is £25. The science department is running a competition for anyone who would like to come. To be considered for a place on the trip please make a fact file about the animal of your choosing. Your fact file must contain: pictures of the animal (either drawings or images from the internet), how long the animal lives, the scientific name of the animal, what the animal likes to eat, where it lives in the wild, the number of these animals in the wild, if the animal is endangered or not, how many young this animal has and as many interesting facts as possible. Your fact file must be colourful and display worthy, the top 17 will be selected and offered a place on the trip. Please hand your fact files to your science teacher by 28th April.

For more information, please speak to Miss Booth.

*Mr. Fowlds - Science Enrichment Coordinator*



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#### Runshaw Maths Challenge



Last Thursday evening some of our strongest Year 10 mathematicians represented Sharples at the Runshaw Maths Challenge. Students worked together on a series of timed mathematical challenges to compete against 22 other teams of Year 10 and Year 11 students from across the North West. All those involved demonstrated excellent teamwork skills and were fantastic ambassadors for Sharples School.

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#### Special Mention



Our students (some of whom are pictured above) who have been observing the month of Ramadan and fasting, displayed unwavering determination and desire to represent Sharples School in a number of football fixtures this week. Their resilience and willpower hasn't gone unnoticed and we are extremely proud to have such dedicated students who have a 'can do' attitude!

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#### Year 8 Football Roundup



Last week our Year 8s (pictured above) took on Mount St Joseph's in a league meeting. The lads started very quickly with 2 fantastic goals from our latest addition Abdur Rahman A. The game was very close with Mount managing to pull one back. Our Sharples side worked hard to keep the pressure on, battling the elements and taking the 3 points. Great work boys!

Our Year 8 Sharples team started the week with a fixture away to Little Lever, a strong side in the league. The home side started strong taking an early 2 goal lead, but Sharples managed to get a goal back through Tom. We pushed forward and put the pressure on the home side, looking dangerous every time we went forward. Little Lever scored 2 more in the second half and our Sharples boys fought back, again scoring twice through a spectacular effort from Cole and a nicely worked goal from Abdur Rahman. The game ended 5-3 to the home side but it was a great game from start to finish. Great work Sharples!

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#### Kicking On



Jaxon and Maddox B were both competing in kickboxing at the YOKOSO WAKO Dutch Open in Amsterdam this weekend (as pictured above). Both lads did excellent, coming back with the following medals:

Jaxon 1 x Gold, 1 Silver & 2 Bronze,

Maddox 1 Gold, 1 Silver & 1 Bronze,

Tag Team 1 x Silver.

Great work boys and all the best for your upcoming trip to Munich for the World Championships.



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#### Sports Leaders



A huge well done to some of our sports leaders who supported the multisport Panathlon event (pictured) for schools in Greater Manchester on Wednesday. After impressing the organisers at the Bolton event, the leaders were asked back to host the regional competition at Bolton Arena to help support children with special educational needs take part in different activities. They rotated around different sport stations and helped the younger children complete all of the events. The organisers of the competition commented on how well the girls interacted with the students and supported them throughout the day. A fantastic and fulfilling experience for everyone involved. Well done, girls!

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#### **Year 7 Football Roundup** **Sharples vs Little Lever**



Well done to Year 7 (pictured above) for continuing their winning streak in the league with a hard fought win over Little Lever. It was an extremely close game with Sharples going 2-0 up early on. Little lever piled on the pressure by scoring early in the second half but Sharples hung on to claim the three points. Well done to all of the team on their fantastic run so far this year!

#### **Callum signs for Wigan Athletic!**

Well done to Callum in Year 7 who has recently signed for Wigan Athletic. Callum has signed a two year contract with the club (shown right). We are extremely proud of the achievement and wish him all the best as he continues his footballing career. Well done Callum! Keep up the good work!





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#### **Year 11s vs Canon Slade**

Our Year 11s' five year football journey came to an end when they crashed out of the Bolton Cup against Canon Slade this week. Despite it being the team's first game of the season they showed no signs of rustiness beginning the game brightly and twice went close through Haruna after good work from Andy. Unfortunately, Sharples were made to pay for missing their opportunities when Canon Slade scored 2 goals just before the interval despite being second best for most of the half. Sharples searched for a goal to get back in the game but were picked off by the opposition as they over committed going forward. Harry E scored a lovely goal but this was only to be a consolation as Canon progressed to the next round.

A special mention to Razin who put in a superb performance despite fasting all day and even managed to make time for his prayers during the half time break.



#### **Year 9 vs Little Lever**

The performance of the week came from the Year 9 football team against Little Lever. After exiting the Bolton Cup in their last game, the team were looking to bounce back and continue their unbeaten run in the League. Sharples were missing a number of key players and brought in Rob, Cole, Abdur and Tom from Year 8. All 4 younger students showed great confidence to play against older and bigger opposition and weren't phased by the challenge in front of them.

It was a fantastic contest and the squad showed great character and discipline to battle in difficult conditions and come out with a narrow 2-1 victory. Abdur and Rowan linked up well and both registered a goal and an assist each. Joe, Josh and Harley in goal were absolutely immense at the back and performed some heroic defending in the later stages of the game to secure the 3 points for the team.



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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 = 94.29%  
 Year 8 = 92.42%  
 Year 9 = 93.99%  
 Year 10 = 92.10%  
 Year 11 = 89.87%

Best forms this week:

7Shar1 & 7Shar2 = 100%  
 891 = 97.24%  
 9H = 97.49%  
 10P = 98.22%  
 11S4 = 94.95%

124 pupils have achieved 100% this academic year

#### Dates for your Diary

Monday 3rd April to Friday 14th April: Easter Holiday

Monday 17th to Friday 21st April: GCSE French speaking exam

Thursday 20th April: Year 10 Performing Arts Exam (09:00 – 12:00)

Friday 21st April: Year 8 Macbeth Performance (9:00 – 12:00)



### PE After School Clubs - This Half Term

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Staff training session- no clubs	KS3 Netball practice Yr 7/8 Football practice	KS3 Swimming Running club- all years Basketball- all years	Girl's Football practice KS4 Boys fitness Badminton practice	

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