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Easter In Paris



During the Easter break, 50 Year 8 pupils had the fantastic opportunity to visit Paris. We set off on Good Friday, so we experienced Easter in France. The visit started with a trip to Versailles, walking around the gardens in the sunshine. We also visited the palace, with the famous Hall of Mirrors known in history as the location where the Treaty of Versailles was signed, ending the First World War.

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On the second day, we went into Paris, taking a boat trip on the River Seine (pictured below right) to take photos of the main sites. We also had the perfect opportunity to take pictures of the Mona Lisa in the Louvre in the afternoon.



The pupils were thrilled to spend a day in DisneyLand, testing their limits on the scariest rides for the more adventurous members of the group. All the pupils enjoyed the atmosphere and meeting their favourite Disney characters.

Our final day in Paris was spent exploring the Cité des Sciences, Europe's largest science museum (pictured above left). Pupils took part in experiments and learned about robots and the human body. To end the trip, we walked along Les Champs Élysées, commonly regarded as the most beautiful avenue in the whole world, striking a pose in front of L'Arc de Triomphe (pictured on the previous page).

Pupils took every opportunity to practise their French speaking skills, and members of the public were impressed with how polite our pupils were as they engaged with all the activities on offer, learning about culture, history and language, along with life skills such as time management and communication. The pupils truly represented the Sharples family, and everyone involved, all staff and pupils, had a fantastic time in France. Thank you to Miss Boardman, Mrs Ali, Mr Barnes and Mr McCann for making the trip possible and giving the pupils this amazing opportunity.



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Outward Bound Trust - Adventure Week

Over the two week break, some of our students participated in the Outward Bound Trust adventure week. The Outward Bound Trust is a charity that challenges young people to never give up, to change their perspective, and to learn the most important lesson they could ever have: to believe in themselves.



Below two of our students from Year 10 share their experiences during the week.

Joseph W

“On the 10th to the 14th of April I got the incredible opportunity to go to Ullswater Lake District with the Outward Bound Trust organisation and sponsored by Sigma Capital company. I made many new friends (who I now speak to after the trip) and experienced some brand new life experiences, there were so many thrilling events such as: jumping in the huge lake of the area, canoeing across (see above) the entirety of the huge aforementioned lake, and going on a two day expedition (similar to our bronze DofE



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that we previously) and getting to go away to the snowy mountains for a night.

After the event we were all offered the opportunity to go back again during the summer under the same funding too!

Overall, I could not recommend this experience to anyone more, as no matter whether you think you like this sort of outdoorsy stuff or not, or whether you're worried about making friends or not, I could not recommend it all more!"

Izzy W

"During the Easter holidays, I was given the opportunity to go to the Lake District with the Outward Bound Trust, fully sponsored by the company Sigma Capital. While there I got to participate in lots of activities, like jumping in and canoeing across the lake, raft building, a two day expedition into a snowy mountain - and much more! On top of this, the experience allowed me to meet new people and make new friends, as well as gain experience in working in a team with a group I am not familiar with. The instructors are very helpful and willing to work around difficulties and fears you have, and give support when we struggle, though they mostly encourage us to do things ourselves.

Overall, this is definitely an experience I would recommend to everyone, even if you aren't outdoorsy!"

English Department's Work of the Week

Year 7

Fatima A for getting the highest in the class on an assessment. Here are a few pages of the assessment.

Year 8

Aisha A has produced some lovely work on the poem 'The New Colossus'. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 9

Humayra I has crafted a beautifully written speech on gender equality. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 10

Abby H has shown excellent writing skills in her lively article. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 11

Huma S has written an excellent response to an unseen poem. [Click here to view the work.](#)



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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:

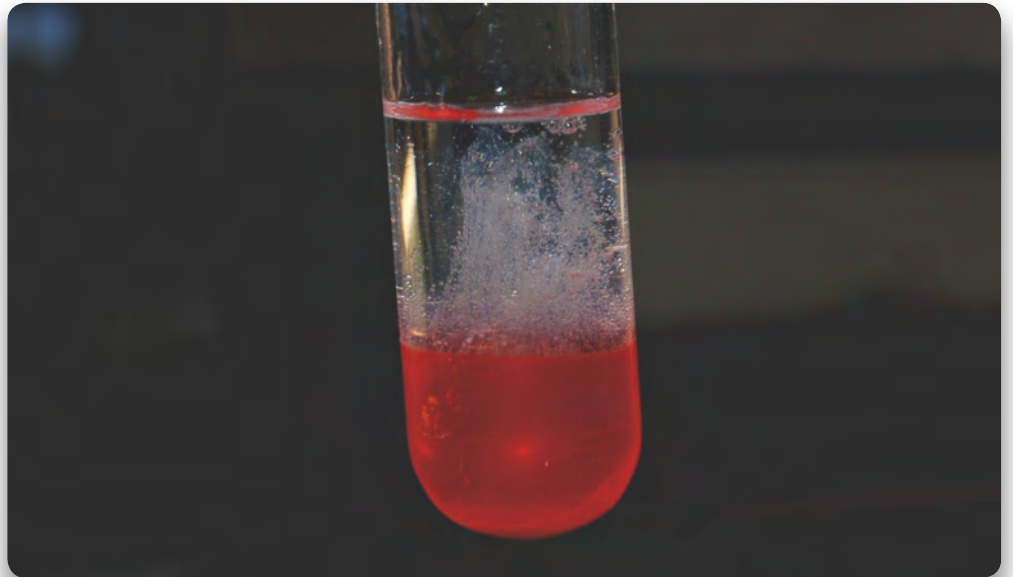
Year 9: Umaynah B, Erin A, Jasmine K and Zoe ADM.

Year 10: Sarah N and Joseph W.

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

STEM club

This week in the STEM club we reflected on the practicals completed last term. Pupils were given the chance to pick the experiment that they will complete next week. It was decided that "Strawberry DNA" (as pictured) is the preferred choice by popular vote. Teams will hopefully be able to obtain better results than previously!



Science career of the week

This week's career is 'Clinical Engineer'. Clinical engineers use physical and materials sciences, combined with manufacturing and computing skills, to help improve the diagnosis and treatment of disease, and also the rehabilitation of patients. 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.

Astrophotography

Check out this incredible picture (on the next page) taken by Owen G as part of his Astronomy coursework. The image shows the Horsehead Nebula, a dark or absorption nebula in the constellation of Orion. A dark nebula is a cloud of dust where star births occur. The nebula is named due to the shape resembling a horse's head, seen in the centre of the image. The image also includes a reflection nebula to the left. Great work Owen!



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Space News

Looking up at the night sky never fails to inspire awe and wonder, and this weekend is a particularly exciting time for stargazers. Venus, our closest planetary neighbour, will be visible to the naked eye and will be in close proximity to the crescent moon. The best time to catch this beautiful sight is during the late afternoon on Sunday. Recent discoveries have also shed new light on the mysteries of Venus. It was once believed that the planet had only a handful of active volcanoes, but recent studies have revealed that Venus actually has a staggering 85,000 active volcanoes, 50 times more than previously thought. This discovery has not only deepened our understanding of Venus, but also of how planets evolve and change over time. So if you're looking for a weekend activity that's out of this world, be sure to take a look at Venus and marvel at the wonders of our universe.

Chester Zoo competition for Year 9

A reminder that we have 17 places available on a trip to Chester zoo on June 29th. The cost of the trip is £25. The students who produce the best animal fact file will be offered a place on the trip. Please hand your fact files to your science teacher by 28th April.

Here is a brilliant example from Saffiya A.

For more information, please speak to Miss Booth.

Mr. Fowlds - Science Enrichment Coordinator



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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 = 84.61%

Year 8 = 83.97%

Year 9 = 82.93%

Year 10 = 81.48%

Year 11 = 81.16%

52 pupils have achieved 100% this academic year

Best forms this week:

7Shar1 = 87.39%

8L = 88.62%

9R = 88.38%

10A = 90.48%

11S4 = 92.42%

Dates for your Diary

Monday 24th April to 28th April:

Year 11 Spanish speaking exam

Tuesday 25th April:

Year 10 Outdoor Adventures Trip

Monday 1st May:

Bank Holiday (School closed)


Thursday 4th May:

Year 7 Parents evening (16:00 – 19:00)

Career of the Week: Auditor

Internal and external auditors check organisations' financial records and procedures to make sure they are accurate and efficient.

Average Salary: £  £19,000 to £65,000

Typical hours:  37 to 39 hours a week

You could work:  evenings away from home



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

Qualifications:

- You can apply for this job through a university course, an apprenticeship, training with a professional body or applying directly.
- 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), or equivalent, including English and maths.
- 3 A levels or equivalent.

Skills required:

- Knowledge of economics and accounting.
- Maths knowledge.
- To be thorough and pay attention to detail.
- Analytical thinking skills.
- The ability to accept criticism and work well under pressure.
- Business management skills.
- Customer service skills.

Relevant Subjects:

- Business Studies, Computer Science & Maths.



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PE Lunch Time Clubs - This Half Term

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 & LAL	Rounders- SCU/LAL
Boccia (Gym) - LAL	Y7 Dodgeball (SH) - LAL/SCU	Rounders - LAL/SCU	Basketball (SH) - LAL & SCU	Y7/8 Football (Big astro) AHM
Yr 9/10 Cricket (Field) - CCH	Karate (boys)- COACH- starts 9th May	Yr 7/8 Cricket (Field) - PGR	Yr 9/10 Cricket (Field) - CCH	Yr 9/10 Cricket (Field) - CCH
Rounders - SCU	Yr 7/8 Cricket (Field) - PGR			



PE After School Clubs - This Half Term

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Netball (SH)	Karate (Girls)	Rounders	Girl's Football practice	
Yr 7/8 Football practice	Cricket practice- all years	Basketball- all years	Game on	
KS3 Swimming		Running club- all years	KS4 Boys fitness	
		KS3 Swimming		

Cricket & Rounders fixtures to be arranged throughout the term!