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Sports Studies Windermere Trip



It was an exciting couple of days for our Year 10 Sports Studies students who travelled up to Windermere as part of their coursework in the Outdoor Adventure Activity unit earlier in the week. 60 students completed a hill walk up Gummer's How and took part in a kayaking session on Lake Windermere. The hill walk was a real challenge but all students completed the trek and showed great resilience to reach the top. It is fair to say that the students were blown away by the breathtaking views when they reached the summit (as pictured)! During the kayaking session, it was fantastic to see students developing new skills and working together to complete different activities on the water. The instructors ensured nobody was allowed to stay dry with a celebratory jump in at the end to finish what was an action packed day for all involved!

More pictures are available on the website post, please [click here](#).

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Young Chef Semi-finals

Last week Ayesha V (Year 10) and Kim C (Year 11) competed in the Young Chef semi-finals (pictured), competing against other pupils who had qualified across the region. They had to complete a 3 course meal live in front of chef judges, including a chef from the Marriott Hotel. Both Kim and Ayesha competed at Sharples last year and won 1st and 2nd prize after having cooked a 2 course meal.

This time the competition was stepped up by making it a 3 course meal and the pressure was on! Both Kim and Ayesha worked really hard to produce fabulous dishes full of flavour and spice, the judges loved Kims spicy beef and rice (pictured) and Ayesha's potato fritter, made with a homemade spicy yoghurt chutney. Their food amazed the judges and their ability to compete against other pupils live while judges and spectators watched was amazing. Both girls displayed such tenacity as they faced others in this heat and represented Sharples School.



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A Maths challenge from the University of Liverpool



Over February half term pupils from Years 7 to 10 were given the chance to complete a challenge set by the University of Liverpool. The challenge consisted of a series of difficult problem solving questions that took a significant amount of time to work through. With over 2000 entries in total we are proud to announce that Hamzah M (Year 8) received Best in School for Challenge '23 and Jasmine K (Year 9) received Best in School for Senior Challenge '23. Both pupils have been given the chance to attend the Challenge prize giving evening in May to accept their prizes.

Congratulations Hamzah and Jasmine. Keep up the good work!

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Science Enrichment Newsletter **Scientists of the Month**

Congratulations to the winners of March's Scientist of the Month. Well done for all your hard work. The winners were:

Year 7: Ho Kwan C, Oscar A

Year 8: Muhammad V, Safiyyah I

Year 9: Taran J, Abdul Hanan S

Year 10: Joseph W, Zaynah M

All nominees can be found here: [Scientist of the Month nominees.](#)

Educake Top Scorers

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

Year 9: Khalil L, Nimra M, Maham M, Alizah A, Florida A, Safiyyah A, Muqaddas N, Isa H, Finn W, Kyle Y, Khadijah Y, Jasmine K and Aayma Z.

Year 10: Josh M, Zenab A, Matthew B, Ethan E, Marcus V, Hadia K.

STEM club

This week in the STEM club pupils were making bath bombs (pictured right)! Mixing bicarbonate of soda, citric acid, baby oil and some coloured dye, pupils created their own unique bomb! This illustrated the commercial importance of the chemical sciences, with there being a huge industry for health products. Pupils now have the knowledge to produce personalised presents in the future!

Astronomy club

The Astronomy club students were creating model spacecraft (pictured next page) to experiment with the diverse designs that could facilitate a spacecraft's launch through horizontal takeoff.





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Space News

Astronomers have long been puzzled by the origin of two massive bubbles of gas extending above and below the Milky Way's centre known as Fermi bubbles. Recent observations of excess positrons zipping past Earth have suggested that the bubbles were formed from a stream of electrons and their antimatter counterparts, positrons, which were emitted by the supermassive black hole at the galactic centre. The initial burst launched most of the particles along jets aimed perpendicular to the galaxy's disk, causing the emission of different wavelengths of light as they interacted with other galactic matter. The new discovery sheds light on the formation of these fascinating features of our galaxy.

Chester Zoo competition for Year 9

Two more outstanding examples of animal fact-files are Isobelle W's comprehensive compilation on the Red Panda ([click here](#)) and Vivian M's detailed report on the Aye-Aye ([click here](#)).

Mr. Fowlds - Science Enrichment Coordinator



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English Department's Stars of the Week

Work of the Week

Year 7

Mariam P has done some lovely annotations on using rhetoric in speeches. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 8

Declan J has shown an excellent attempt at descriptive writing. He has attempted to use a range of sentence types to add sophistication to his description. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 9

Saffiya A has worked brilliantly on looking at the context of the poem 'The British' by Benjamin Zephaniah. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 10

Ella M has produced an excellent response to the poem 'Living Space' by Imtiaz Dharker. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 11

Kuloum K has written an exemplary response about the theme of loss in Romeo and Juliet. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Readers of the Week

Year 7

Khadeejah D for her eagerness to always read and liveliness that keeps the class engaged.

Year 8

Amaan B for his confident and expressive reading of The Family Upstairs by Lisa Jewell. Pronunciation and understanding of more advanced vocabulary was one of the highlights.

Year 9

Taran J for volunteering to read in class.

Year 10

Zenab A for performing the role of Juliet excellently.

Year 11

Yusuf D for always reading with passion and enthusiasm which allows everyone to remember key quotations.



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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 = 95.34%
Year 8 = 95.94%
Year 9 = 94.05%
Year 10 = 91.93%
Year 11 = 90.29%

Best forms this week:

7ples4 = 99.43%
8P = 99.47%
9R = 97.33%
10P1 = 100%
11S4 = 100%

48 pupils have achieved 100% this academic year

Dates for your Diary

Monday 1st May:
Bank Holiday
(School closed)

Thursday 4th May:
Year 7 Parents
evening (16:00 –
19:00)

Monday 8th May:
Bank Holiday
(School closed)

Friday 12th to
Sunday 14th May:
DofE Silver Practice
Expedition (Peak
District)

Career of the Week: Fashion Designer

Fashion designers use creative and technical skills to design new clothing and fashion ranges.

Average Salary: £ £20,000 £40,000

Typical hours:
(per week) 40 to 42
variable

You could work: evenings / weekends /
bank holidays
attending events or appointments



Qualifications:

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

Skills required:

- The ability to come up with new ways of doing things.
- Design skills and knowledge.
- The ability to use your initiative.
- To be thorough and pay attention to detail.
- Thinking and reasoning skills.
- The ability to work well with your hands.
- Excellent verbal communication skills.
- To be flexible and open to change.
- To be able to use a computer and the main software packages competently.

Relevant Subjects:

- Technology, Art & Textiles.

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



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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
Non pupil day	Non pupil day	Running club- all years	No clubs due to parents evening	No clubs
		Rounders- all years		
		Cricket- all years		
		KS3 Swimming		
		Basketball- all years		

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Book of the Week! w/c 1st May



This week's BOTW is *Orphans of the Tide* by Struan Murray

The City was built on a sharp mountain that jutted improbably from the sea, and the sea kept trying to claim it back. That grey morning, once the tide had retreated, a whale was found on a rooftop.

When a mysterious boy washes in with the tide, the citizens believe he's the Enemy.

Only Ellie, a fearless young inventor living in a workshop crammed with curiosities, believes he's innocent. But the Enemy can take possession of any human body and the ruthless Inquisition are determined to destroy it forever.

To save the boy, Ellie must prove who he really is - even if that means revealing her own dangerous secret

The City was built on a sharp mountain that jutted improbably from the sea, and the sea kept trying to claim it back. When the tide rose, it swallowed up the City's lower streets. When the tide fell, it spat them back out again, but left its mark. Fresh mussels clung to windowsills. Fish flailed on the cobblestones. That grey morning, once the tide had retreated, a whale was found on a rooftop.

A crowd gathered along the top of the sea wall, to gape at the roof below.

'It's an evil omen!' yelled the old preacher, his breath steaming in the air.

'The Enemy didn't do this,' snorted a sailor. 'It must have got stuck there at high tide.'

'It's dead,' said a merchant. 'Do you think we can sell it for meat?'

The whale lay on its belly, stretched from one end of the roof to the other. It had beached itself on the Chapel of St Bartholomew, whose rooftop poked above the waves at low tide. Four stone gargoyles stood at each corner, two of them digging sharply into the whale's skin. Hungry seagulls screeched overhead.

The crowd were so engrossed that none of them noticed the girl's arrival. She had tired eyes and tangled, dirty blonde hair, mussed-up from a night of broken sleep. She leaned over the sea wall and bit her lip.

'It's too big to be out of the water,' she said, speaking more to herself than anyone else. 'It'll have crushed its lungs just by lying there.'

A tiny, wide-eyed boy next to her looked up in horror. He nestled close to his mother's side, watching the girl warily. Her face was pale, with three red scratches down one cheek, and she smelled faintly of fireworks. What was worse, she was dressed like a man, and not an upstanding one either. She wore a frayed crimson scarf, and a coat that was long and hooded, stitched together from weathered cloth and grey sealskin.

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This week's BOTW is *How To Kill Your Family* by Bella Mackie

They say you can't choose your family. But you can kill them. Meet Grace Bernard. Daughter, sister, serial killer... Grace has lost everything. And she will stop at nothing to get revenge.

I step off the plane and encounter that glorious blast of hot air that British people always dramatically exclaim at when they land somewhere hot and remember that much of the rest of the world enjoys a climate which doesn't just veer between grey and cold. I'm adept at moving through airports quickly, and today that's especially true, since I'm keen to avoid the man I had the misfortune of sitting next to during the flight. Amir introduced himself the moment I'd finished putting my seatbelt on. A guy in his mid-thirties, he was wearing a shirt which was stretched desperately over his almost comical pectoral muscles, and he'd inexplicably paired it with shiny tracksuit bottoms. The worst part of his outfit, the cherry on the whole mess, was the pair of sliders he had on instead of shoes. Gucci pool shoes, with matching socks. Jesus. I considered asking the hostess if I could sit somewhere else, but she was nowhere to be found and I was already trapped between the embellished he-man and the window as the plane started to taxi.

Amir was on his way to Puerto Banús, as was I, although I would never have told him so. He was 38, did something with nightclubs, and was fond of saying that he liked to 'go large'. I closed my eyes as he bored on about the Marbella lifestyle, and told me about the challenges of having his favourite cars shipped over for the summer season. Despite my body language, my aisle mate didn't let up, forcing me to finally engage. I was going to visit my best friend, I told him. No, she wasn't in Puerto Banús, but further inland, and we were unlikely to venture into town to experience the delights of the 'Glitter' nightclub.

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