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The Award for
MAKING A DIFFERENCE -
SECONDARY SCHOOL OF THE YEAR

SILVER AWARD

Year 10 G2G Escape Room



This week, our Year 10 G2G students took part in an escape room based on Romeo and Juliet. The students had to work together to break out of Friar Lawrence's cell using initiative, their teamwork skills and communication skills. Each station had a different digit that would lead to their breakout and each station had a series of different puzzles. Take a look at the pictures above to see what the students got up to!



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Duke of Edinburgh Award Students complete their expedition



This summer, 85 students from Year 9 have completed their Duke of Edinburgh's Award qualifying expedition with two days' walking in the Lancashire countryside in the Rivington, Anglezarke and Bibbys Farm area.

The students had to be self-sufficient in their teams of about 6. They planned their routes, did all their own navigating, carried their own camping equipment and supplies, cooked their own evening meals on their camp stoves and camped overnight. They also carried out a project to identify and record different species of trees, birds and grasses that they found during the weekend. All 85 passed with flying colours.

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All the students had gained valuable experience and learned lessons from their training walks and practice expedition in the autumn and spring in the countryside close to school. Their qualifying expedition went smoothly as they put their experience to the test in the summer sunshine. Prior to their expedition, Year 9 students have been working on their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award through the year, organising and completing their own activities in three categories: Skill, Physical and Volunteering, over periods of 3 or 6 months. Some of their activities have included running regularly with the school's Running Club, volunteering in primary schools or food banks or old peoples' homes and developing a skill, such as learning a musical instrument or a foreign language in their own time. They have really had a varied experience. Most importantly perhaps, the students have developed and repeatedly shown teamwork, independence and resilience, organising and planning their own activities, showing commitment in getting them done and supporting each other with smiles on their faces. They have persevered resiliently when things have gone against them and they will carry these qualities and maturity with them in their GCSE studies and in all that they do after that. Congratulations and very well done!

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Waterstones Trip



This week, we took a select group of excellent readers to Waterstones to purchase a free book of their choice, grab a drink from the cafe and enjoy a snack whilst they read through their new purchases. Students were very excited to pick a book of their choice and were desperate to start reading as soon as possible! We have had some excellent readers this year with students like Naomi C and Amirah H reading over 100 books in the year. It was wonderful to see them picking out a book yesterday and rewarding them for their efforts over the year.

Well done to all!

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Performing Arts - Summer Showcase Concert



Congratulations to all of our music students who took part in this year's summer showcase concert. Students from all year groups performed their pieces which included performances from our school rock band (pictured), guitar group, and soloists from our fantastic brass, piano, saxophone, guitar, and drumming students. There were also extracts from a range of musical theatre repertoire, performed by Sharples Choir and Year 10 Performing Arts students. Owen from guitar group said "I love my music lessons and I'm glad I was able to take part in the concert." Jack said "I really enjoyed taking part in the concert too, especially when I was able to watch all the other performers. I look forward to my guitar lessons every single week."

Well done to our talented musicians!

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Performing Arts - Creative Arts Day



We were delighted to invite Year 5 pupils from St Paul's, The Oaks and Sharples Primary School to this year's Creative Arts Day. Our theme this year was Carnival and pupils responded brilliantly to the samba drumming rhythms and merengue zumba moves. The day was supported by our Performing Arts ambassadors who took on a leadership role in recreating sections of the choreography and modelling excellent practice. A big thank you to everybody who took part!

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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 = 94.95%
Year 8 = 93.78%
Year 9 = 93.20%
Year 10 = 92.67%

Best forms this week:

7Ples4 = 99.13%
8p = 98.88%
9H = 96.85%
10P = 98.32%

28 pupils have achieved 100% this academic year

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 15th July onwards: DofE Silver Qualifying Expedition

Monday 17th July and Tuesday 18th July : Academic Achievement Assemblies

Friday 21st July: Chef visit from the Marriott (8:30 – 10:00)

Friday 21st July: Last day of term

Career of the Week: Judge

Judges hear evidence in criminal and civil courts, make rulings and pass sentences based on the information presented during cases.

Average Salary: £ £91,217 (Starter) ————— £267,509 (Experienced)

Typical hours: (per week) 37 to 42 a week

You could work: between 8am and 6pm at short notice

Qualifications:

- To apply, you must: be a qualified solicitor, barrister or chartered legal executive/ have worked as a legal professional for between 5 and 7 years/ meet nationality requirements.
- 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), or equivalent, including English.
- 2 or 3 A levels, or equivalent.

Skills required:

- Legal knowledge including court procedures and government regulations.
- Active listening skills.
- The ability to think clearly using logic and reasoning.
- Knowledge of English language.
- To be thorough and pay attention to detail.
- Excellent verbal communication skills.
- The ability to use your judgement and make decisions.

Relevant Subjects:

- English, Humanities, Business Studies.



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



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BE CREATIVE

BE INSPIRED

HAVE FUN

**WOULD YOU LIKE
TO PLAY A
MUSICAL
INSTRUMENT?**

You can have weekly instrumental or vocal lessons from our specialist music teachers in your school and also hire an instrument by visiting us at:
www.boltonmusicservice.com/parents-and-pupils

**YOU CAN ALSO
JOIN A BAND,
GROUP OR CHOIR**

You can join one or more of our bands, choirs and orchestras at Mere Hall and other venues after school.

You do not need to have lessons with us to be a member of our ensembles.

There is something for everyone.

For further information, visit our website or call our team on:

01204 333533

**Bolton
Music Service**

Working in Bolton and Blackburn with Darwen

School's Out Take an emotional health check



Head into the summer with a better understanding of your **child's brain development** and their **emotional wellbeing** as you support them into their next new phase.

FACT

Our brains develop most rapidly in childhood shaping our emotional health and wellbeing for the rest of our lives.

HERE FOR YOU

Online courses developed by clinical psychologists can help you to **understand your child, read their behaviour and help them look after their emotional health.**



inourplace.co.uk

Understanding your child online course has been paid for by **Bolton NHS Foundation Trust**, so you can access it **completely free** using the code **RIVINGTON**

Short courses on **Understanding the impact of the pandemic on your child or teenager** also included.