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Ms Webster's End of Year Letter

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to inform you of the arrangements for the end of term and expectations for the start of the new school year in September.

From Monday, 17 to Thursday, 20 July lessons will be as normal. Please ensure your child attends school on time every day this week for a prompt start to registration at 8.45am. Friday, 21 July will be a non-uniform day for students, there is no charge for this. Students will be dismissed from school at 12.30pm and the school buses will be available at this earlier time. There will be an extended canteen service available at break time for all students. Those entitled to the Free School Meal allowance will be able to access it at break time.

During the last weeks of the academic year, we celebrate our achievements and showcase our learning community. We enjoyed our Year 11 Prom at the Last Drop Hotel and we also staged a very successful Summer Music Evening. Beyond that we have our Sports Day, our Rewards Trip to Blackpool Pleasure Beach as well as numerous curriculum visits to enhance our students' cultural capital. In the final week of term, we will also host our Achievement Assemblies when we celebrate the academic successes of our students.

As always, we will also be placing an unrelenting focus on our 'high expectations, no excuses' culture from September to ensure that we build on our tradition of academic success year-on-year for Sharples students. Our high expectations extend to school uniform, as when they are wearing their uniforms, our students are ambassadors for Sharples. To maintain these high standards, I would like to draw your attention to the following statements from our Uniform Policy:

- All pupils require a school bag for books, equipment, etc.
- Shoes should be black polishable or simulated leather. Black laces only. No boots, canvas shoes or trainer style shoes, including branded sports makes, for example (but not limited to) Nike, Adidas, Reebok, Converse and Vans

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- Make-up, jewellery and nail varnish must not be worn for school. If ears are already pierced, one small, plain stud may be worn in each earlobe

For full details of our Uniform Policy, please refer to the school website – <https://www.sharplesschool.co.uk/policies/>

In the “Information” section on the website you will also find Information Packs which contain a wealth of useful information to support you in the new academic year.

I would also like to remind you that the school day is extended until 3.15pm from September in line with Department of Education requirements. The school bus companies have been informed and the times of their services will be adjusted accordingly.

Finally, I would like to thank you for your continued support for our school, and remind you of the following key dates:

- Year 7 students will start on Tuesday 5, September, they should arrive no later than 8.40am to ensure a prompt start to the school day at 8.45am
- All other year groups (Y8-Y11) will return on Wednesday 6, September, they should arrive no later than 8.40am to ensure a prompt start to the school day at 8.45am

I hope you have a safe and restful summer and I look forward to welcoming your child back to Sharples for the start of the new school year.

Yours sincerely

Ms A Webster
Headteacher

[Click here to view the original letter as a PDF.](#)

Summer Reading Challenge

If you're bored this summer then why not have a go at our Summer Reading Challenge! There are a multitude of challenges for you to complete in this booklet and all are worth different points. If you would like to participate, either print or make a copy of this booklet electronically and then send it to your English teachers in September. You will be put into a raffle to win an Amazon Kindle once all entries are in. Deadline is Friday 8th September. Happy Reading!

[Click here to download the presentation.](#)

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CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER - JULY 2023

Sports Day 2023

Last Thursday was the Sharples Sports Day for 2023 and what a fantastic day it was! Every student in Years 7-10 participated in several forms of activity throughout the day and it was great to see so many smiling faces.

There was lots of competition in the much anticipated Inter-form Football & Rounders, with each form competing to reach the finals day which were held on Thursday 20th.

There were lots of students that chose to take part in Benchball games with other forms whilst some others preferred to showcase their dancing skills in the Sports Hall with Just Dance. Dodgeball was extremely busy all day with Mr Myers having to apply a cutoff for students as there were too many wanting to play!

Outside on the field there were inflatables with lots of students competing to reach the end of the assault course first whilst taking many tumbles along the way! There was also an ice-cream van where there wasn't a point in the day where there were less than 20 people queuing! We think lots of you enjoyed this judging by the amount of ice cream round students' mouths! At the bottom of the field was a new addition this year, Foot Golf, where students can compete against each other to get round the course in the least amount of shots. It was great to see so many of you enjoy this activity.

The main aim of Sports Day was mass participation. We have achieved that with every student taking part in some form of physical activity for at least half of the school day. Maybe the best part of the day would be the weather, as it had rained all week apart from Sports Day! Although I think Blackpool had enough rain for both days combined on Friday...

The PE Department would like to thank all of the members of staff that assisted in Sports Day and made it into the success it was.

Mr Charlton has created a video to show the great time our students had throughout the day! [Click here to view it.](#)

We already cannot wait for Sports Day 2024.

Well done, Team Sharples!



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Sharples Bacculaureate



It has been fantastic to see the number of Year 7 students enjoying the selection of clubs that have been on offer since the start of September. Over 40 clubs have been available including: STEM, textiles, chess, performing arts and jewellery club to name a few! Each time a student attended a club they received a point that contributed towards their Sharples Bacculaureate. Students could gain a bronze, silver or gold award at the end of each term depending on how many points were collected. The number required to gain each award was also increased after every term. Across the whole year, more than 16,000 points were collected with 210 students achieving at least one bronze award since the start of the academic year!

This term points were increased to an all time high! To gain a bronze award, 15 points were needed, silver required 25 with gold needing 35! A platinum award was also introduced this term for those who collected over 40 points. With the incentives of rewards and prizes, commitment and attendance at clubs has been fantastic this term and this was evident on Thursday afternoon where over 50 students were treated to two free periods full of activities and treats! Straight after lunch, those who gained their platinum award had the afternoon off, where they had the option of craft making, pool, football, Nintendo Switch and many other games!

Year 7 have shown amazing dedication to clubs since September and we hope the new year group have the same enthusiasm! Brand new to this year, we also appointed 20 Sharples Bacc ambassadors who will help lead the programme into Year 8 and support the new group of Year 7's.

Thank you to all the staff who have organised clubs at lunchtimes and afterschool to ensure Year 7 had a fantastic extra-curricular programme!

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Science Enrichment Newsletter

It has been a fantastic year for science enrichment at Sharples. With clubs, trips, events and a range of other activities, students have had the opportunity to develop their scientific curiosity beyond the classroom.

Below are a selection of highlights from this academic year.

Science Show



The year kicked off with an amazing science show put on by the science teachers, with fantastic support from the science technicians. Students were amazed by a vast array of demonstrations from instantly freezing ice-cream to making bottle rockets.

Primary school visits

Throughout the year, students from local primaries (pictured on the next page) have been invited into Sharples to do a vast range of activities. Whether it be learning about space and visiting the Sharples Observatory or getting to use a science laboratory to explore light and sound, the students were amazed by the activities on offer.



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Clubs

The attendance and participation of the STEM Club (pictured above) has been fantastic all year. Students have had the opportunity to do some incredible activities.

In the Astronomy club, students worked tirelessly to create a model space probe, they learned about how asteroid impacts have shaped the lunar surface and made horizontal launching rockets.

STEM Week

Students competed to create the best marble run and elevator pitch, science carousel, learned how to handle chickens and were treated to the Food Showdown.

Jodrell Bank

Astronomy students were amazed by the enormous radio telescope at Jodrell Bank (pictured right), and were amazed by the incredible discoveries that were possible through using radio arrays.



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Smithills Farm

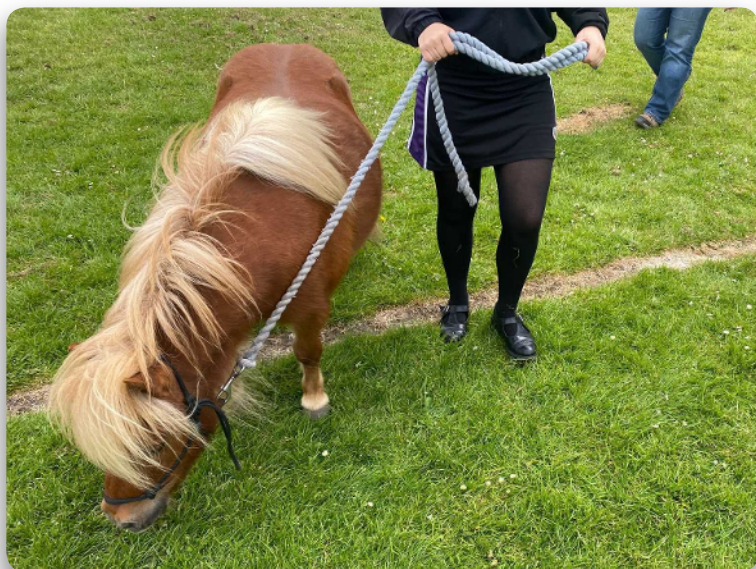
Animal Care students were able to put all their skills and knowledge to the test by having hands-on experience at Smithills farm. (pictured right)

Chester Zoo

Another fantastic trip was to Chester Zoo, where students met an incredible range of exotic animals, and entered a fact file competition.

Sharples School animals

This year, we have been home to a hamster, two guinea pigs, a snake and three rats!



Ponies

Animal Care students were given a further opportunity to interact with larger animals when 2 ponies visited the school (shown above). Students were shown how to brush, feed and care for the ponies and then took them for a walk around the fields.

Chicks

For three weeks, Sharples played mother hen to a group of eggs, before it was time for hatching. In total, ten chicks hatched and were then named by the students.





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Lego Robotics competition



Sherjeel and Hatim represented the school brilliantly in the Lego Robotics competition, winning the regional heat to make it to the national final.

Minesweeper competition



In the final week of term, the Sharples team of Cherie, Lawrence, Zahra, Angus and Abby went to the University of Manchester to compete in a Minesweeper competition. The students built and used their robot EROL (Excellent Revealer of Landmines). They came 4th in the navigation challenge, before finishing 3rd in the presentation and then came 1st in the metal detection challenge, identifying all 8 objects correctly.

Mr. Fowlds - Science Enrichment Coordinator



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The inter-form football finals were played yesterday for years 7-10 with students supporting from the sideline. The matches were very competitive and students enjoyed watching their peers with some games decided by a dramatic penalty shoot out. Congratulations to all our winning forms, some of whom are pictured on the previous page.

Sports Presentation



It was a special week for the PE department who hosted a sports presentation, inviting 171 students to attend the event. It was a fantastic occasion to reward both individual and team achievements in sport from throughout the year. The commitment towards extra curricular PE has been superb and students deserved to be recognised for their participation. Click [here](#) to watch a compilation of photos highlighting some of the outstanding achievements from the year.

It was a wonderful occasion which saw many of our students collect trophies and medals to celebrate their achievements. Team captains were asked to deliver a short



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speech summarising the best moments from the season. It was a delight to see them standing at the front and speaking so confidently to their peers, who listened attentively throughout.



The evening concluded with a momentous finale as Sharples announced their first ever sports captains. A huge congratulations to Year 10 students Cherie U and Raif M who will now undoubtedly inspire and motivate our younger students. Please click here to see footage from our sports presentation ceremony.

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 24th August:
GCSE Results Day

Tuesday 29th August
to Friday 1st
September:
Summer School

Tuesday 5th
September:
Year 7 students ONLY

Wednesday 6th
September:
ALL YEAR GROUPS IN

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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:

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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.**



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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.



Monday 24th July - Friday 1st September (excluding 28th August)

Urban Outreach is working with an army of volunteers to help make a lunch for your child during the summer holidays. This is aimed at children and young people who would normally receive a free school meal. To collect your packed lunch please go to the nearest centre listed here between 11am and 12 noon during the summer holidays.

Astley Bridge: Oldham's Children's Centre, Forfar St, BL1 6RN

Blackrod: St Katherines Church, Church St, BL6 5EN

Brightmet: Brightmet Library, Brightmet Fold Lane, BL2 6NT
Bright Meadows Children's Centre, Greenroyd Ave, BL2 5DD

Daubhill: St Bedes Church, Normanby St, BL3 3QR

Willows Community Centre, back Caledonia St, BL3 5PA

Deane: Deane Church Shop, 292 Wigan Rd, BL3 5QT
Sutton Centre, Addington Rd, BL3 4QZ

Farnworth: Farnworth Library, Market St, BL4 7PG

New Bury UCAN, 53 George St, BL4 9PU

Great Lever: Great Lever Children's Centre, Leonard St, BL3 3AP

Rose Hill URC, 75 Bradford Rd, BL3 2HE

Halliwell: Oxford Grove Children's Centre, Oxford Grove, BL1 3BH

St Thomas Primary School, Eskrick St, BL1 3JB

Horwich: Bridge Church, Rock St, BL6 5QS

St Elizabeth's Church, Cedar Ave, BL6 6HT

Johnson Fold: Hope Centre, 27 Tattersall Ave, BL1 5TE

Kearsley: Roosevelt Road Community Centre, Roosevelt Rd, BL4 8EA

Little Lever: Kings Church Little Lever, Market St, BL3 1HN

Tonge: Castle Hill Centre, Castleton St, BL2 2JW

Tonge Children's Centre, 260 Starkie Rd, BL2 2ED

Westhoughton: Washacre Primary School, Clough Ave, BL5 2NJ

Scan the QR code to find out about activities going on near you....



Working alongside churches, community groups and businesses to ensure no child goes hungry this summer.



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Wellbeing Drop-In

Sessions for Young People

Thurs
03/08

1. Emotions

Thurs
10/08

2. Anxiety

Thurs
17/08

3. Self Esteem and Friendships

Thurs
24/08

4. Wellbeing and Self Care

Thurs
31/08

5. Emotional Health Toolkit

Join us in a relaxed and informal space to explore wellbeing.
Games, crafts, food, music and more...

Time: 11:30 - 13:30

Location: The Amber Centre, Snowden Street, Bolton, BL1 2PU

Please contact: Nicola Gillard (Children & Families Team Leader)
01204 385 848 (Option 2) for further details.