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Book Club visit to Waterstones



Sharples Book Club visited Waterstones (pictured above) in Bolton before the half term holiday. Ten students, who have shown commitment and enthusiasm for reading, visited the store and they had a fantastic time! Students had a tour of the shop, chose a book and took part in a book hunt. Congratulations to Hadiya and Azeema who won the book hunt!

TFGM have made changes to the school bus timetables.
[Click here for details](#)

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Science Enrichment Newsletter

STEM club

This week in STEM club pupils (pictured right) were making their own slime! This was done using PVA white glue, 1/2 teaspoon of baking soda, 2 drops of food colouring, 1 tablespoon of eye contact solution, baby oil and a spoon for mixing! Fortunately, none of the slime managed to get on anyone's uniform, although it was a gooey affair! Hopefully nobody decides to reproduce this at home!

Astronomy club

This week in Astronomy club, students learned about the use of space probes in order to get images of other planets and moons taken from outside the Earth's atmosphere. The atmosphere can distort and block our view of distant objects. Using probes overcomes this problem.

Science Career of the Week

This week's career is 'Clinical Technologist. Clinical technologists are responsible for performing quality assurance on medical equipment and advising clinical staff on how to optimise its performance. 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.

Revision Skill of the Week

Revision skill of the week is... 'Dual coding'. Dual-coding theory uses words and pictures together for better learning. Combining words and pictures helps us remember information for longer. Using both ways of thinking can be helpful for learning and remembering. Dual-coding converts text into diagrams, symbols and pictures, making it easier to digest lots of information.





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Star party





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Despite inclement weather, the star party was well attended and there were lots of inside activities for students to participate in (as pictured on the previous page). Unfortunately, the rain set in early and never ceased, so viewing the lunar eclipse was not possible. Nevertheless, there were constellation biscuits, planet colouring and interesting presentations from our astronomy students on topics such as black holes and neutron stars.

Scientist of the Month

Congratulations to the winners of October's Scientist of the Month! Well done for all your hard work. Each student will receive a certificate and a goody bag.

Year 7:

Academic Achievement - Yusuf L
Progress - Charley M
Community - Shamim P

Year 8:

AA - Salahuddin A
P - Adam I
C - Safaa Z

Year 9:

AA - Safiyyah I
P - Charley R
C - Adullateef A

Year 10:

AA - Aaminah D
P - Aayma Z
C - Mariam S

Mr. Fowlds - Science Enrichment Coordinator



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Year 8 Countdown Competition



Following the heats before half term, the Year 8 class champions competed against each other on Wednesday (as pictured) to become the overall Countdown Champion. There were 3 rounds, based on the TV game show: the numbers game, where they used their arithmetic skills to get as close as possible to a random 3-digit number; a word round, where they had to make the longest word from 9 random letters; and the Conundrum, where they had to solve a 9-letter anagram. As expected, all competed brilliantly and the result was very close, the winner will be announced next week.

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Student Affairs Committee attends theatrical production



The Student Affairs Committee attended a theatrical production of 'Cut' this past Monday whilst visiting the Knife Angel (pictured) in Bolton Town Centre. The show is based off a true story related to knife crime in Liverpool. The production was in partnership with the Knife Angel during its visit to Bolton this November. The Angel is 27 foot tall and is made up of over 100,000 blades that have been seized and handed in off the streets by various Police forces across the country. Students were able to see first hand the sheer amount of knives/blades used as part of the structure and the problem that this presents in day to day life. The production highlighted the implications and sometimes deadly consequences of carrying a knife regardless of the circumstance or reason for this.

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English Department's Stars of the Week

Work of the Week

Year 7

Bilkees H has written an excellent short story for a writing competition. [Click here to view it.](#)

Year 8

Safa D has shown excellent writing skills in her comparison of Mickey and Edward in Blood Brothers. [Click here to view it.](#)

Year 9

Hadiya R has written a brilliant, analytical paragraph looking at tension in the novella, The Jungle. [Click here to view it.](#)

Year 10

Declan H has written a great essay on the poem Dulce et Decorum Est. [Click here to view it.](#)

Year 11

D'arcy K has shown brilliant analysis in her detailed annotations of Romeo and Juliet. [Click here to view it.](#)

Readers of the Week

Year 7

Raeesa M for always reading fluently and reading at an appropriate pace.

Year 8

Khaleel P for reading the part of Mickey in Blood Brothers and always volunteering to read aloud.

Year 9

Aamirah M for always volunteering to read. She's always enthusiastic about reading and reads with care in class.

Year 10

Maariya M for her focus when reading A Christmas Carol and her thoughtful comments on the writer's intent.

Year 11

Molly W for reading Mrs Birling's lines using true characterisation.



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English Open Taekwondo Champion



A massive congratulations to Eloise A (Year 7, pictured) who won gold at the English Open Taekwondo tournament for her weight division on Sunday in Leeds! Eloise has been fighting competitively for the past 18 months and last year won gold at the British National Championships for her weight class. Eloise has increased her training to 3 times a week and currently trains at the National Taekwondo Centre in Manchester with a former youth development coach from Team GB! This is a fantastic achievement and we look forward to hearing of Eloise's successes in the future!

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First Game of the Girls Football League!



A huge well done to our KS3 and KS4 teams who kicked off the start of the girls football league season with games against Ladybridge on Thursday evening. This was the first time some Year 7s had represented the school and after a nervous start, they soon settled and started to play some good football against tough opposition. However, it wasn't enough to come away with the win but the girls hope to redeem themselves in a couple of weeks when they take on BSCA. On the other hand, our KS4 team displayed some of the best football I have seen throughout the 3 years they have been playing together. A double hat-trick from Fatima U, a 5 goal masterclass from Khadija V and goals from Cherie U and Izzy F ensured the girls came away with an impressive 14 goal thriller! Well done, girls!

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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 = 95.02%
Year 8 = 93.71%
Year 9 = 94.07%
Year 10 = 95.92%
Year 11 = 94.74%

Best forms this week:

7shar1 = 99.49%
8shar1 = 97.33%
9S = 99.15%
10P1 = 98.52%
11P = 98.69%

539 pupils have achieved 100% this academic year.

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 9th to
Wednesday 22nd
November: Year 11
Prepublic Exams
(PPEs)

Monday 20th to
Friday 24th
November: Global
Entrepreneurship
Week

Wednesday 22nd
November: Bolton
Cross Country
Championships

Thursday 23rd and
Friday 24th
November: National
Apprenticeship
Show in Liverpool

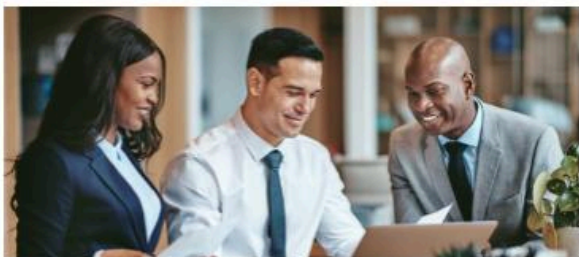
Career of the Week: Paralegal

Paralegals carry out research, prepare legal documents and give legal advice to clients.

Average Salary: £ £15,500 £40,000

Typical hours: 37 to 40
(per week) a week

You could work: evenings
occasionally



Qualifications:

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

Skills required:

- To be thorough and pay attention to detail.
- The ability to read English.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills.
- Administration skills.
- The ability to work well with others.
- Legal knowledge including court procedures and government regulations.
- The ability to accept criticism and work well under pressure.

Relevant Subjects:

- English, History and RS.

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



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Rotary **YOUNG WRITER** COMPETITION

AGES 7-17



Interested in creative writing? Write a handwritten or typed story in prose or poem entitled 'Rebuilding'.

The written entry could be fiction or nonfiction, as long as the piece relates to the theme and all entries must be legible. Prose entries should be up to a maximum 550 words. Poetry entries should be up to a maximum of 40 lines.

See Miss Hartley in U8 for more information or to submit your work.



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'There is something delicious about WRITING the first words of a STORY. You never quite know where they'll take you.'

BEATRIX POTTER

Learn
Dream
Achieve

Calling all young writers

Let your imagination run wild, and get creative with the written word by taking part in the the annual Rotary Young Writer competition.



Calling all Year 11 amazing mathematicians...

UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge

Wednesday 31st January 2024

If you would like to take part please let your maths teacher know or send an email to Mrs Hart.

Optional lunchtime support session
every Monday in G21



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PE Lunch Time Clubs - This Half Term

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Y7 Football (Big Astro) - AHM	Y8 Football (Big Astro) - PGR	Y9 Football (Big Astro) - AHM	Y7 Football - (Big Astro) - AHM	Y8 Football (Big astro) - AHM & SCU
Netball Yr 7/8 (SH) - SCU & LAL	Y7 Dodgeball (SH) - LAL	Just Dance- all years (SH) - SCU	KS3 Dodgeball (SH) - LAL & SCU	Y11 Football (Small Astro) - JBA
Y8 Football (Small Astro) - JBA	Y11 Football (Small Astro) - JBA	Y7/Y8 Basketball (Gym) - LAL	Y9 Football (Small Astro) - JBA	Y10 Football (SH) - LAL
Boccia (Gym) - SCU & LAL	Sports Studies catch up (G32)- AHM	KS4 Boys Fitness Suite - PGR		
		Y10 Football (Small Astro) - JBA		

WEEK COMMENCING - 13th November



PE After School Clubs - This Half Term

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Swimming & netball cancelled due to staff meeting	KS3 Netball practice	Yr 7/8 Swimming club	Girls football practice	Department detentions
Y8 football v Canon Slade (a)	Y7/8 football practice	Y9 football practice	KS4 boys fitness suite	
	Running Club	Basketball practice	Badminton practice	
	KS4 fitness suite	Yr 10 Sports Studies ALS		

● Football & badminton fixtures will be arranged throughout the term!



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Work Experience

2024



Our Year 10 students are currently looking for Work Experience placements during the week of 12th - 16th February 2024. If you, your employer or anyone you may know can source a placement for our students, please contact our Raising Aspirations Lead Mrs N Patel at n.patel1@sharplesschool.co.uk or contact our school on 01204 333253.

We aim to provide our students with the best opportunities in order to prepare them with the correct skills and knowledge needed for the world of work.



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