



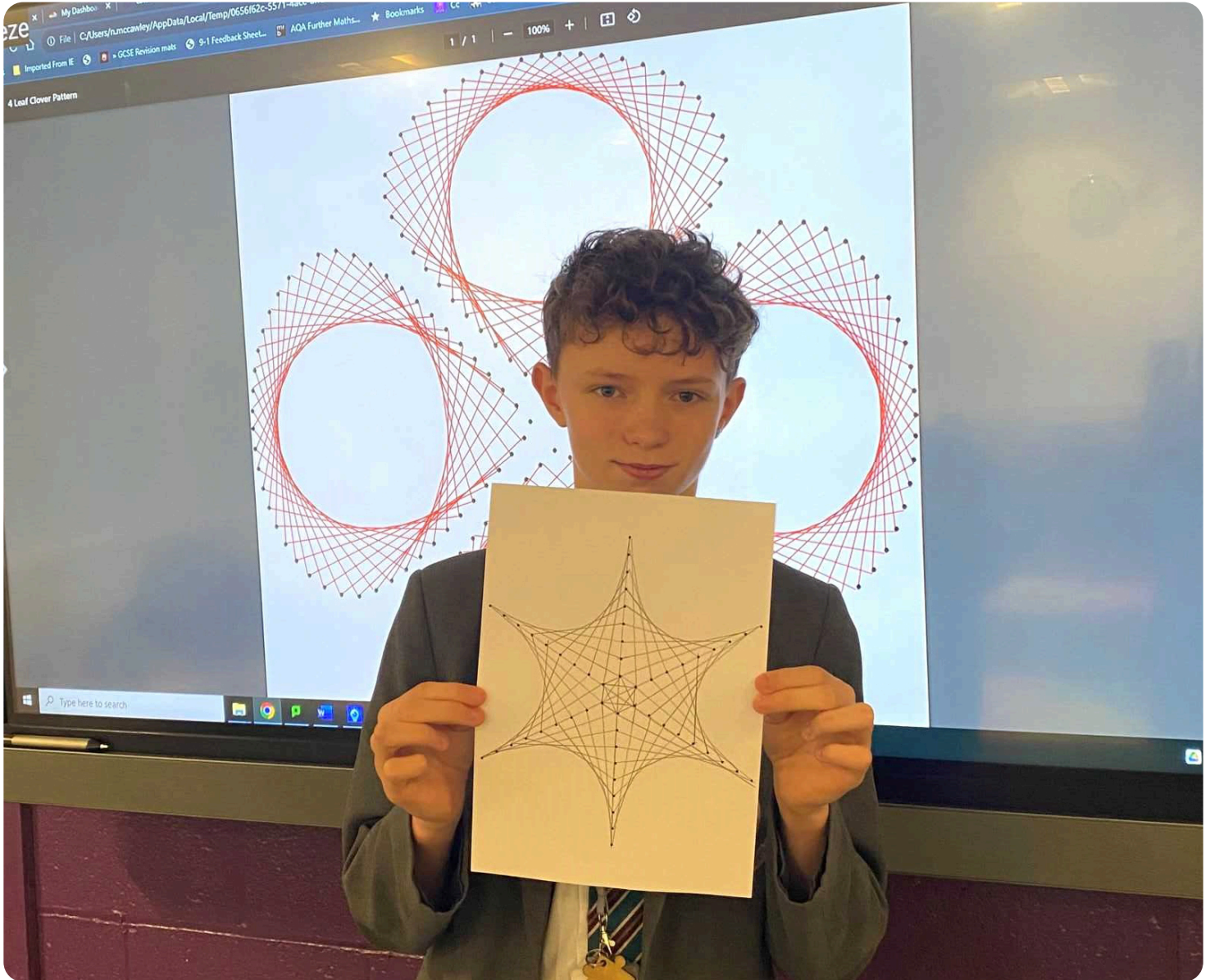
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#### Maths in Art Club



Maths in Art club is running again this year on a Monday lunchtime in G22 for Year 7 and 8 pupils. This week pupils explored Curve Stitching and created various designs with what appear to be curves but are made from only straight lines (as pictured). Pupils are going to develop their ideas next week with string art to create some craft items to take home. If you would like to join us please ask your maths teacher or Mrs McCawley for further details.

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

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#### Mathematician of the Month



Every month a student is nominated from each of the maths classes for Mathematician of the Month. These students are nominated based on their hard work, enthusiasm and efforts within the lesson. Congratulations to all this month's winners!

#### Year 7

Bilal B  
Emily W  
Mailson S  
Khadija M  
Ibrahim M  
Mahisha S  
Zeyad H  
Madina V  
Emelia G

#### Year 8

Safiya I  
Aamira H  
Lilah K  
Safiyya K  
Xena R  
Sophia H  
Umali G  
Elise K  
Ben L

#### Year 9

Huma L  
Farrah H  
Zak I  
Owais U  
Aimee W  
Kate G  
Lucas D  
Cohen S  
Juwairryah S  
Bethany K

#### Year 10

Isabelle W  
Ibrahim T  
Mariya P  
Jasmine K  
Alizah A  
Alesha M  
Mohammed R  
Thomas J  
Megan E  
Andiswa N

#### Year 11

Michael C  
Khadija I  
Sadie W  
Travis P  
Aaliyah B  
Osama P  
Kira L  
Sanna B  
Heidi H  
Umme A



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#### Maths Praise Postcard Competition



Students were set the challenge of designing a praise postcard for the Maths Department to use and we received some wonderful entries which showed pupils' creativity. We are proud to announce the winner of the competition was Grace B, with Aaliya I, Imaani P and Saffiya A runners up. Thank you to all pupils who entered the competition, all entries will receive reward points for their efforts.

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#### Science Enrichment Newsletter

##### Educake Top Scorers

Well done to all the students who completed their home learning task this week. And a particular congratulations to the following highest achievers.

Year 7: Mahdiya P 95% and Imani T 90%

Year 8: Zara K 95%, Ayaan K 95%, Aiden L 95% and Fatimah A 95%

Year 9: Ibrahim V 100%, Maliha C 100% Kiah-Louise D 100%, Raees M 100% and Sandani G 100%

Year 10: Saffiya A 100%, Finley B 100% and Sherjeel I 100%

##### STEM club

This week in the STEM club pupils were testing their reaction times! So important in avoiding collisions on the road, or even reacting to events during a game. A fast reaction time allows us to remain agile and efficient in responding to stimuli. Using only a metre ruler (pictured right) pupils were able to use a conversion table to work out their reaction time in seconds. The best was under 0.12s! Next week pupils will be completing flame tests with different chemicals.



##### Astronomy club

This week, students investigated how light can be reflected, scattered, refracted and dispersed. These are key skills in studying space as they can be used to determine the composition of stars and therefore be used to work out the size, distance and temperature of distant celestial objects.

##### Observatory visit

As part of the Year 9 space topic, students were invited to visit the observatory, where they were given a tour by the Year 11 astronomy students. Back in the classroom, they were treated to interesting and illuminating talks about neutron stars, black holes and supernovae (as pictured on the next page).

##### Science Career of the Week

This week's career is 'Radiotherapy Technologist'. Radiotherapy technologists perform quality assurance on clinical equipment and perform scans to treat disease. 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.



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#### **Revision Skill of the Week**

Revision skill of the week is... 'Past Paper Questions'. Reading through notes, watching videos and making flashcards is a great way to begin revising, but no revision is complete without testing your knowledge out with questions from previous exams. Once you think you have mastered a topic, have a go at a question, check the mark scheme and see how you got on. This is an active revision technique with a massive impact on exam results.

*Mr. Fowlds - Science Enrichment Coordinator*

#### **Literature Society is Back at Sharples**

Sharples Literature Society was kicked off by Year 7 with some great enthusiasm.

Year 7's topic is Greek Mythology and we're excited to see what projects, poems, illustrations and creations they come up with to go with their theme.

The deadline is 12/12/23 and there'll be a display of the finished projects in school at the end of term!

Any Year 7s interested, who didn't attend the initial session, should visit Mr Husayn in N10 at break.

And don't worry if you're not in Year 7 - the rest of KS3 and Year 10 will follow in the coming half-terms.

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#### English Department's Stars of the Week

##### Work of the Week

Year 7

Khadijah M has shown excellent creative writing skills. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 8

Lorna S has shown excellent writing skills in her diary entry. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 9

Morgan I has produced a wonderful, imaginative letter. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 10

Ayesha M has shown brilliant attention to detail in her annotations. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 11

Yusuf A has written a great review. [Click here to view the work.](#)

##### Readers of the Week

Year 7

Ibrahim P for reading a letter from Gandhi fluently.

Year 8

Mariam P for her great clarity in reading lessons.

Year 9

Muhammad Shahzaib A for enthusiastically playing Mico.

Year 10

Yusuf I for reading Ozymandias like a true tyrant.

Year 11

Yayha D for playing a guilty Gerald Croft.



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#### Year 8 Boys Football



Year 8 (pictured) lost out to a good Canon Slade side this past Monday in their away fixture. It was a difficult game for both sides due to the very challenging conditions. Goals from Alfie & Elliot got us back into the game at different points. It was a display that may have been flattering although the Canon Slade forward seemed to score with every shot! The overall performance was good and was experience for the team on a much larger pitch to what they were/are used to.

Next up for Year 8 is a 'B' team fixture against Canon Slade's 'B' team away on Monday 20th November.



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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](mailto: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 = 96.68%  
Year 8 = 95.45%  
Year 9 = 93.59%  
Year 10 = 97.73%  
Year 11 = 96.93%

Best forms this week:

7Ples5 = 99.08%  
8Shar4 = 98.62%  
9P = 97.33%  
10L = 99.59%  
11R = 100%

511 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: Equalities Officer

*Equalities officers make sure people are treated equally in an organisation by promoting positive practices and attitudes.*

**Average Salary:** £ £22,000 (Starter) to £45,000 (Experienced)

**Typical hours:** 38 to 40 a week

**You could work:** evenings / weekends attending events or appointments



#### Qualifications:

- You can get into this job through a university course, college course, an apprenticeship or applying directly.
- 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A\* to C), or equivalent, including English and maths.
- 2 to 3 A levels, or equivalent, for a degree.

#### Skills required:

- Excellent verbal communication skills.
- To be thorough and pay attention to detail.
- Legal knowledge including court procedures and government regulations.
- Analytical thinking skills.
- Active listening skills.
- Knowledge of human resources and employment law.
- Customer service skills.
- Patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations.

#### Relevant Subjects:

- English, History and RS.

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



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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 - 20th November**



#### PE After School Clubs - This Half Term

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Yr 7/8 Swimming Club	KS4 boys fitness	Yr 7/8 Swimming Club	Game On Event - (reg and Pd6)	Department detentions
KS4 Netball	Y7 football v Canon Slade- 2 teams	Basketball practice	KS3 & KS4 Girls Football vs BSCA (Home)	
Y10 Netball v Essa (a)	Yr 7/8 football practice	KS4 Girls fitness	KS4 boys fitness	
Yr 8 'B' team v Canon Slade 'B' team (a)	KS3 Netball	Yr10 Sports Studies catch up detention	Y10/11 Basketball tournament @ Smithills	
	Running Club	Bolton Cross Country Championships pd3-6	Badminton practice	

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

# Early Help Parenting Drop-in

For all families with children under 18

We know that being a parent is not always easy and that families need extra support at some stage as children grow up.

Targeted Early Help Workers will be on hand to offer advice and support.

We can offer signposting to helpful services, organisations and community groups.

Poor school attendance?

Are they being excluded from school?

Are they anxious or struggling with self-esteem?

Are you struggling with your child's behaviour?

Not sure what services there are available that can help to support you?

Come and join us for a cup of tea and a chat if you want any advice or information about parenting.

**Drop-in sessions, 9.30am - 3.30pm**

Farnworth King St Centre 16 Sept 7 Oct 28 Oct 18 Nov 9 Dec

Oxford Grove Children Centre 23 Sept 14 Oct 4 Nov 25 Nov

Tonge Children Centre 30 Sept 21 Oct 11 Nov 2 Dec



**For more information please contact:**

Targeted Early Help Tel: 01204 336215

Email: [earlyhelp@bolton.gov.uk](mailto:earlyhelp@bolton.gov.uk)



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# Sharple's SCHOOL

# 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](mailto: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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