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Paris Trip 2024



During the February half term, 50 Year 8 pupils went to experience true Parisian culture. Despite the long coach journey, pupils enjoyed the activities at the accommodation from the first day, braving the cold to play football. The sun was out on Saturday morning for our visit to the majestic Versailles Palace, allowing for a lovely picnic al fresco. The afternoon brought a visit to the world's largest museum (as pictured). Pupils were fascinated by the wide range of art and queued to see the Mona Lisa. Sunday was a sightseeing day, with pupils seeing the main sights during a boat tour. The rain didn't deter the group, and pictures were expertly taken at the Eiffel Tower, les Champs Élysées and L'Arc de Triomphe by some of the budding photographers. On Monday, pupils spent the entire day enjoying the rides in Disneyland Paris. Thrillseekers took advantage of the shorter queues to go on some of the rides several times. Van Gogh's art was the main attraction on Tuesday morning, as pupils had the opportunity to look at some of the most famous impressionist masterpieces in the world at the Musée D'Orsay. The afternoon was reserved for science experiments in the Cité des Sciences, where pupils learned about nature, space, robots and human behaviour. After this jam-packed cultural break, pupils had a couple of days to relax before returning to school. It was an unforgettable experience full of art, history and traditions.

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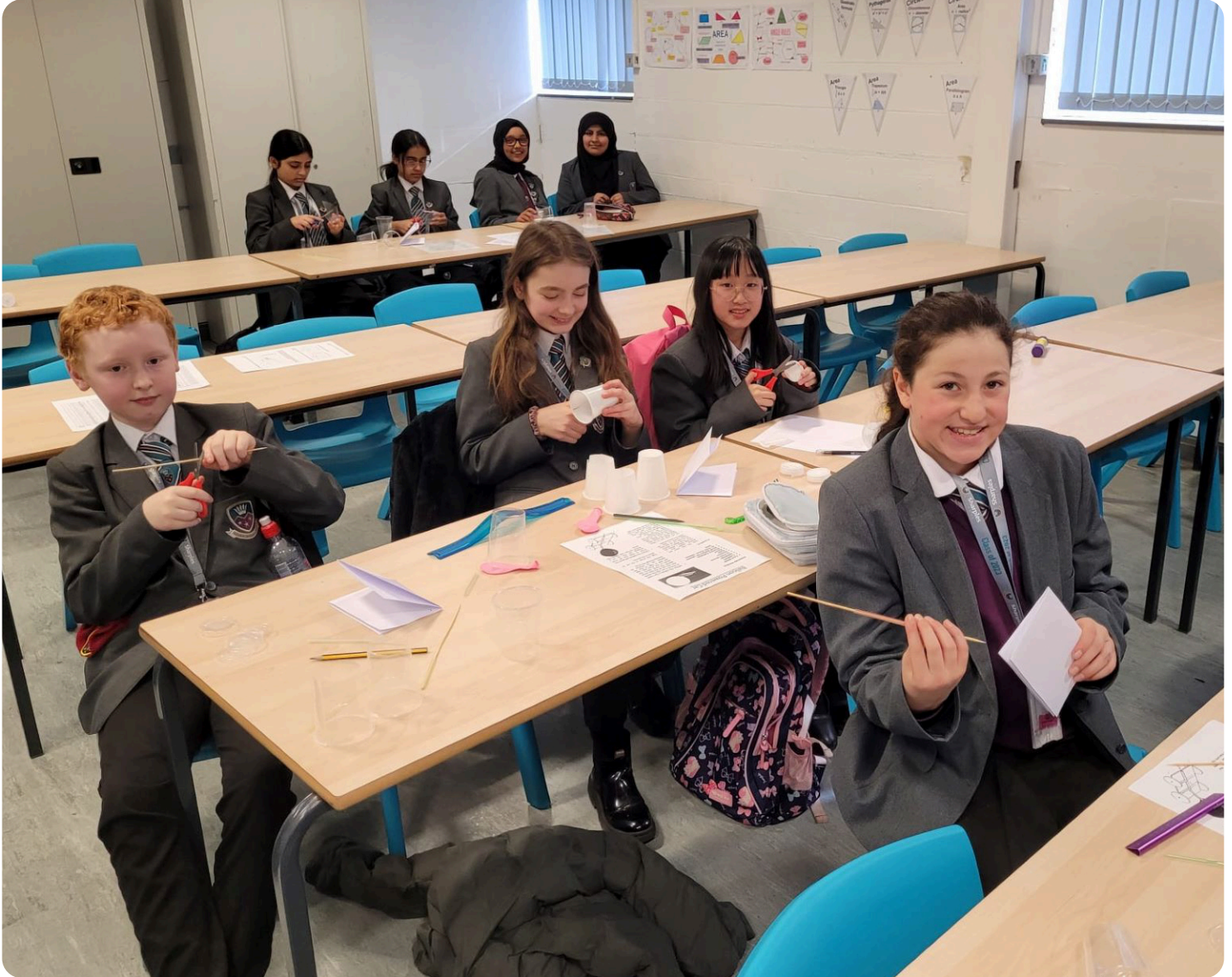


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Year 7 Maths Club



Year 7 maths club (pictured) was launched this week and will continue to run on Thursday lunchtimes in G20.

In the first session, students applied their mathematical skills to make 'balloon powered cars', trying different approaches to see who could design the fastest car. Students and staff really enjoyed the session and it was great to see so many of our Year 7 students taking part, hopefully our engineers of the future!

Year 7 students wanting to join maths club should see their maths teacher if they need an early lunch pass.

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National Careers Week at Sharples

National Careers Week (NCW) is a celebration of careers guidance aimed at empowering young people to make informed choices about their next steps, something we feel very strongly about here at Sharples School where every week is Careers Week!

[Click here for more information.](#)

**WE'RE SUPPORTING
NATIONAL CAREERS WEEK 2024.**

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Science Enrichment Newsletter

Educake Top Scorers

Well done to everyone who completed their home learning this week. The top scores for each year group, who all scored 100% are:

Year 10: Zaynab M, Jasmine K and Ziyaad M.

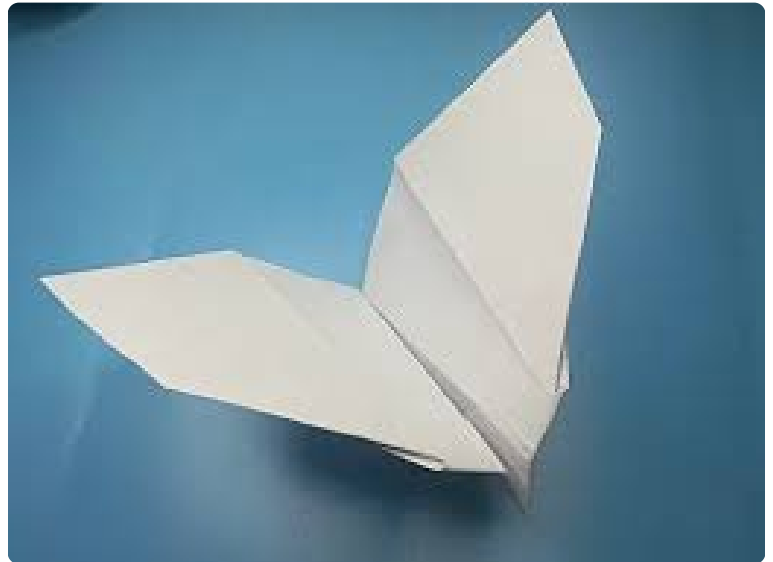
Year 9: Aisha A, Corey M, Muhammad Ahad P, Zak S and Samaarah C.

Year 8: Khadijah P and Zainub U.

STEM club

This week in the STEM club pupils were learning about aerodynamics!

Designing and building their own aeroplanes using cardboard allowed them to investigate the factors that affect lift, such as wing surface area and air speed! There was a competition to discover which plane could travel the furthest across the room! Needless to say, ambitions soared with some pupils questioning the factors that led to the demise of Concorde!



Astronomy club

Students were imagining a Universe without Supernovae! A star goes supernova when it explodes. This explosion is so energetic, that atomic nuclei fuse to make new elements. Without supernovae, there would be no oxygen, gold or silicon! Without these elements, the Universe would be very different!

Science career of the week

This week's career is Physiotherapist. Physiotherapists help people affected by injury, illness or disability through movement and exercise, manual therapy, education and advice. 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.

Mr. Fowlds - Science Enrichment Coordinator



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English Department's Stars of the Week

Work of the Week

Year 7

Tia Rose N has shown a great understanding of analytical writing. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 8

Zainab A has written a fantastic letter to her local MP about an environmental issue. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 9

Holly Mae L has written a brilliant analysis of the characters Eddie and Beatrice in A View from the Bridge. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 10

Ahmed D has produced an excellent report as part of his work on English Language. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 11

Zainab G has shown great effort in her letter. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Readers of the Week

Year 7

Tombo A for Reading Animal Farm out beautifully in class.

Year 8

Laaibah A for her excellent portrayal of Lady Macbeth.

Year 9

Cody R for reading aloud an extract with great passion.

Year 10

Maryam P - In a G.C.S.E response she gave fantastic and thoughtful interpretations of the poem Valentine by Carol Ann Duffy, explaining ambiguity and alternative meanings.

Year 11

Muzen S - reading the Nurse's part in Romeo and Juliet clearly and enthusiastically.



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Greater Manchester Activity Festival



In October, a handful of lucky Year 7s had the fantastic opportunity to attend the Greater Manchester Activity Festival in Salford. On Thursday, the same group of students were invited back for a follow up event which was held at Howe Bridge Leisure Centre in Wigan where the pupils had another opportunity to develop their confidence in a carousel of different activities. Whilst there, students were able to experience archery, rock climbing (as pictured), scooter riding and gymnastics. It was brilliant to see how confidence increased throughout the day and how so many conquered their fear of heights! Well done, Year 7!

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KS3 Football Tournament



A big well done to our KS3 football team (pictured) who travelled to Ladybridge on Thursday afternoon to take part in the Bolton tournament. Drawn into a tough group, the girls knew from the start they had a difficult task on their hands to qualify for the semi-finals. Facing tough opposition in the opening two games, the girls were not able to find a rhythm and suffered early defeats to Turton and Joseph's. In their third game of the night, the girls started to play some good football and managed a draw against St James before winning their fourth game against Kearsley after a brilliant cross from Scarlett R was converted. Their final game saw them draw against Thornleigh which unfortunately wasn't enough for them to qualify for the semis. A valiant effort from the girls who were placed in an extremely tough group!

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Year 7 Boys Football



Year 7 (pictured) travelled to Horwich St Joseph's this week for their first league game since October. The team have had a number of friendlies over the winter period and have continued to train every week. The game failed a pitch inspection so it had to be played inside the dome. It was a very tight area and this led to a scrappy encounter. Sharples battled well but struggled to stay in the game despite creating a number of chances on the counter attack. St Joseph's finished the game convincing winners and Sharples will be looking to bounce back in their next league game against Westhoughton.

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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

Monday 26th February to Friday 1st March

Year Groups attendance this week:

Year 7 = 93.64%
Year 8 = 95.61%
Year 9 = 93.31%
Year 10 = 94.68%
Year 11 = 93.35%

Best forms this week:

7ples2 = 96.77%
8shar5 = 99.15%
9L = 97.23%
10P1 = 97.85%
11S4 = 97.77%

212 pupils have achieved 100% this academic year.

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 2nd March (09:00 – 12:00): DofE Silver Training Walk

Saturday 2nd to Saturday 9th March: Trip to Latvia

Monday 4th March: World Engineering Day

Monday 4th March: Year 10 Maths Feast

Thursday 14th March (13:00 – 16:00): The Young Chef Event

Career of the Week: Tax Inspector

Tax inspectors make sure the correct amount of tax is paid and investigate cases of fraud.

Average Salary: £ £30,000 (Starter) to £57,000 (Experienced)

Typical hours: 38 to 40 a week

You could work: between 8am and 6pm

Qualifications:

- You can apply for this job through a university course or an equivalent award like a professional accountancy qualification.
- 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), or equivalent.
- 2 or 3 A levels, or equivalent.
- A degree in a relevant subject for postgraduate study.

Skills required:

- Customer service skills.
- Knowledge of economics and accounting.
- Patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations.
- Maths knowledge.
- The ability to work on your own.
- To be thorough and pay attention to detail.
- Analytical thinking skills.

Relevant Subjects:

- English and Maths.



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



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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
Netball Yr 7/8 (SH) - SCU & LAL	Y7 Dodgeball (SH) - LAL	Just Dance- all years (SH) - SCU	KS3 Dodgeball (SH) - LAL	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	Basketball (SH) - LAL
Boccia (Gym) - SCU & LAL	Sports Studies catch up (G32)- AHM	KS4 Boys Fitness Suite - PGR		
		Y10 Football (Small Astro) - JBA		

WEEK COMMENCING -
4th February



PE After School Clubs - This Half Term

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Yr 7/8 Swimming Club	KS4 boys fitness	KS3 Swimming club	Y9 Options Evening	No clubs
Y7 and Y10 Netball @ Essa	Y7 football practice	Basketball practice	Girls football	
	Yr 8 football practice	Y8 football tournament @ MUFC (a)	KS4 fitness suite	
	KS3 Netball	Y10 football v Turton (h) Bolton Cup		
	Y9 Netball Tourn @ Bolton			

• Other fixtures will be arranged throughout the term!



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EASTER BINGO

Thursday 28th March

6.30pm

Sharples School Theatre

£3 for a book of tickets
27 Easter prizes to be won across
9 full games of bingo plus a jackpot game.

Come along on the evening to
support Sharples School