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World Book Week



This week, we took World Book Day to a whole new level with an epic week-long celebration! Our students dove headfirst into the literary world, embarking on thrilling challenges and activities that sparked their imagination. Intense battles of literary knowledge in Masked Reader and Kahoot during form time, students battled it out for a chance to earn a staggering 20 reward points each! But that's not all – during lunchtimes, our English department transformed into a hub of excitement with activities like Brunch and Books, where students devoured tantalising treats while diving into their favourite reads (as pictured above). For those craving a more relaxed atmosphere, there was Audiobook and Chill, where students could unwind with captivating stories in a cosy atmosphere.

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Duke of Edinburgh's Silver Training Walk



24 Year 10 students welcomed the start of Spring last weekend with a DofE Silver Award training walk in the Egerton, Chetham Close, Egerton area. Building on their Bronze Award experiences from Year 9, they worked on their map reading, countryside skills and teamwork, in preparation for their summer expedition, which will be in the Derbyshire Peak District in July.

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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. Well done to this month's nominees for fantastic work in maths lessons!

Year 7

Radeyah T
Ammaarah P
Charley M
Samar
Hussain A
Diana Emami
K
Safaa H-K
Lewis G
Ashwin K
Mo A

Year 8

Aiysha F
Aaliyah M
Zainab M
Safaa M
Idris O
Jonathan S
Maddison R-
M
Zainab M
Blayze Elvis
M

Year 9

Umamah B
Cole F
Summer S
Ibrahim V
Dieudonne M
Aisha S
Jemimah S
Emily R
Tom W

Year 10

Darcie B
Olivia-Grace
E
Ella G
Ben P
Jade H
Aysha P
Jazmin B
Abigaella N
Ashton W
Halima G

Year 11

Yusuf A
Alisha B
Yahya D
Rayhan I
Hanaf G
Cameron C
Maddison S
Lucas L
Josh M
Kiza C



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Year 9 Options Week

This week was Year 9 Options Evening. Students and their families received information about the options process and were able to visit stands to find out about the courses available for them to choose. A reminder that the deadline for Options Forms to be submitted is Tuesday 12th March. If you have any queries please contact Mrs Hart A.Hart@sharplesschool.co.uk

Gardening Club

The Eco Committee have worked hard this month, planting crocuses for Mother's Day, weeding the garden, removing overgrown and dead plants and mulching the soil to prevent weeds regrowing with woodchip kindly donated by Belmont Tree Surgeons. They have also planted sunflower seeds and are clearing the grounds of brambles, ready to plant more trees, obtained from the Orchards for Schools programme.

Year 10 Good to Great Competition

This week, eight Year 10 students took part in a North West Maths Feast competition at the University of Manchester testing problem-solving and teamwork skills. The students competed against students from other schools and won awards for demonstrating great teamwork and the highest score in a round. Well done to all of the students who took part!

Year 10 Boys Football Quarter Final

Year 10 had their much anticipated quarter final against Turton this week. It was always going to be a close, competitive game against a team that narrowly knocked Sharples out of the cup last year. The team is a good footballing side and the pitch didn't suit Sharples style of play and they had to adapt and be much more direct. It wasn't a good start for Sharples as they conceded within the first 10 minutes. The team reacted in the right manner though and pressed for an equaliser. Sharples dominated the rest of the first half and went close numerous times with Declan having his shot saved when through on goal and then a goalmouth scramble with the ball cleared off the line when Noah looked certain to score. The second half was very competitive and Sharples looked the most likely to score but couldn't find the finish to match the excellent build up play from Bagasi and cross field passes from Josh in defence. However, Turton doubled their lead against the run of play to send Sharples out of the cup for the second year in a row. The team will be looking to bounce back in the league against Westhoughton, as they look to become league champions for the second year in a row.

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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 are:

Year 10: Finely B 100%, Harmain H and Ayesha M 97%

Year 9: Umamah B, Mariam S and Saarah A 100%

Year 7: Anaum C, Grace H 95%

STEM club

This week in the STEM club pupils were testing for carbon dioxide! Using limewater, boiling tubes and straws, pupils were able to observe that the limewater turned cloudy after they had repeatedly exhaled through the straw! They then discovered that this is due to chalk (calcium carbonate) being formed in the solution!

Astronomy club

The astronomy club this week visited the observatory, to learn more about how telescopes can be used to discover objects that are many lightyears away. Students also took advantage of the sunny weather to use the solar glasses to observe the Sun safely. Remember! Never look directly at the Sun!

Science career of the week

This week's career is Service engineer. Field service engineers design, install, or repair equipment related to different sectors of the technology world. 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.

STEM Week

Next week, students will be taking part in STEM week. The theme this year is 'Volcanoes, Earthquakes and Tsunamis'. Students will be collecting work from a broad range of aspects in order to present their findings to other students. We look forward to seeing what they produce!

Mr. Fowlds - Science Enrichment Coordinator



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English Department's Stars of the Week

Work of the Week

Year 7

Olivia D has written a fantastic letter about why we need heroes. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 8

Zainab M has produced an excellent sonnet, written in iambic pentameter. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 9

Rayhan D has evaluated key moments from A View from the Bridge well. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 10

Finley B has written a lovely article on Ronaldo. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 11

Izzy W has written a wonderful guide to visiting the Lakes! [Click here to view the work.](#)

Readers of the Week

Year 7

Aaminah V for reading clearly and fluently quotes from Animal Farm.

Year 8

Muhammad Yusuf P for writing his own sonnet and reading it to the class.

Year 9

Tom M for becoming more confident reading in class.

Year 10

Josh K for reading Tybalt's lines with enthusiasm and passion in Romeo and Juliet!

Year 11

Abdur R for reading his essay on Mercutio.



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Sharples Student Competes in the 2024 Sofia Open



Well done to Year 10 student Aidan B (pictured above in red) who travelled to Bulgaria last weekend for the 2024 Sofia Open. It was a very tough competition competing against some of the best fighters in the world from countries such as the USA, Korea, Kazakhstan and many more. Aidan wasn't able to bring a medal home this time, he has just started his junior career and was fighting 17 year olds with more experience at that level. However, he was able to get more points towards his world rankings and only narrowly lost by one point in the quarter finals. He will be back to training this week as he prepares to go to Albania in June and use this valuable experience to help him keep jumping up the world rankings.

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Year 7 & Year 10 Netball vs Essa



On Monday afternoon our Year 7 and Year 10 netball teams (pictured) travelled to Essa to take part in a double fixture before the tournaments commence this week. It was a very cold afternoon and the girls took the first quarter to warm up and find their rhythm. At half time, the Year 10s had a considerable lead, however, the Year 7s were trailing by a goal. Going into the final quarter, the Year 7s were level and needed a break in play to counter Essa's centre pass. Through a brilliant interception by Grace W, the girls managed to score a goal in the final 10 seconds of the match which secured the victory. It was a winning night for both teams with the Year 10s coming away with a very impressive win of more than 25 goals between them and their opposition. The Year 9s will be up next in the Bolton tournament on Tuesday.

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Year 8 Boys Football Tournament



Year 8 (pictured) attended a 9 a-side tournament organised by MUFC at Littleton road this week. 5 teams from the NW and Sharples finished tournament winners and will now go into the final later this year at the first team ground at Carrington. Sharples managed to finish the day scoring a total of 12 goals, conceded none and didn't lose a single match. Hayden and Lucas led from the back and Patrick made some great saves when needed. Elliot scored a couple of excellent goals and had a number of assists from set pieces. A special mention to Callum who scored 8 goals on the day and showed no sign of fatigue after his game against Liverpool the night before.

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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 4th March to Friday 8th March

Year Groups attendance this week:

Year 7 = 96.79%
Year 8 = 95.40%
Year 9 = 94.64%
Year 10 = 94.87%
Year 11 = 93.61%

Best forms this week:

7ples2 = 100%
8ples4 = 99.52%
9L = 98.86%
10E = 98.77%
11S3 = 98.70%

212 pupils have achieved 100% this academic year.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 8th March:
Year 9 STEM
Castleton weekend

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

Friday 15th March:
Food showdown

Monday 18th
March: Year 9 Trip
to Liverpool
Maritime Museum

Thursday 21st
March: Sharples
Bacc Awards

Career of the Week: Model maker

Model makers create 3D models for many uses, from prototypes and film sets, to construction, engineering and architecture projects.

Average Salary: £ 19,000 (Starter) to £31,000 (Experienced)

Typical hours: 43 to 45 (per week) variable

You could work: evenings / weekends / bank holidays flexibly



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

Qualifications:

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

Skills required:

- Design skills and knowledge.
- To be thorough and pay attention to detail.
- Knowledge of engineering science and technology.
- Patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations.
- Knowledge of manufacturing production and processes.
- The ability to come up with new ways of doing things.
- Analytical thinking skills.

Relevant Subjects:

- Maths, Science, Engineering and Computer Science.



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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 - 11th February



PE After School Clubs - This Half Term

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Yr 7/8 Swimming Club	KS4 boys fitness	KS3 Swimming club	Girls football	No clubs
KS4 Netball	Y7 7 a-side football tournament @ Canon (a)	Basketball practice	KS4 fitness suite	
	Yr 7/8 football practice	Y7 & Y8 Netball v Ladybridge	Y8 Football v Thornleigh (a)	
	KS3 Netball	Y9 football v Horwich St Joseph's (h)		
	Y8 Netball Tournament @ 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