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Bolton Youth MP Election Result



On Tuesday, Mr Charlton and a number of Sharples students attended the ceremony where the next Bolton Youth MPs would be announced. Our Head Girl & Year 11 SAC Member, Amirah was one of the shortlisted candidates.

Amirah started her campaign back in October 2023 by displaying courage by putting herself forward for election. Amirah then worked very hard behind the scenes to complete various training exercises so she was best equipped to stand for election. Amirah launched her election campaign during the middle of Year 11 mocks, something which is testament to the determination and drive she possesses. Amirah presented to each of the 5 year groups here at Sharples, with little or no support. This was because Amirah was confident enough to lead these assemblies and it was astonishing to see the passion in Amirah when presenting to her fellow students.

As a school, we held an online vote where all students had the opportunity to cast their votes for the two candidates who they wished to represent Bolton as a Youth

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MP. During the results event, each candidate spoke regarding their campaigns and it was clear to see the natural confidence from Amirah and how she conducts herself so professionally in front of not only peers, family and adults, but in front of local councillors including the Leader of Bolton Council.

Despite the result not going in Amirah's favour, she was able to accumulate over 1,600 votes which is a phenomenal achievement considering Sharples has approximately 1,200 students. Amirah should be extremely proud of the achievement to not only have been shortlisted, but knowing that 1,600 young people in Bolton voted for Amirah to be the ideal candidate for them.

As a school, we are very proud of Amirah for demonstrating fantastic leadership, courage, determination and drive throughout the election process. Mr Charlton would like to add that after seeing Amirah throughout the whole process, this is something that she has a natural gift for.

We would like to end by congratulating Muhammad Amaar & Shalom, for being elected as Bolton's Youth Members of Parliament.

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The Young Chef



On Thursday 15th March, eight Sharples students competed at the 1st heat for the Young Chef Rotary competition. The competition involved cooking a 2 course meal, they were judged on appearance, taste and even hygiene skills! All students wowed the judges. The judges were all thrilled with the dishes. *continued...*

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In Year 11 we had dishes from Owen G who amazed us with his katsu curry, Molly W with her homemade spaghetti carbonara, Joseph H with his pan seared chicken with asparagus and peppercorn sauce.

In Year 10 we had Isabel R with her chicken and hoisin pasta, Mahjabeen S with her biscoff cheesecake, Istahil AD with her chicken bariis with xawaash and finally Saffiya A with her mint and mango cheesecake and her karahi chicken with fresh naan curry which was inspired by her family recipe.

All students exceeded the judges expectations and went above and beyond. The finalists for the 1st heat were... Istahil AD in 3rd place, Saffiya A in 2nd and Mahjabeen S in 1st place. Saffiya and Mahjabeen will go through to the next round and compete against schools across the North West. Hopefully we have another winner at Sharples School, who will follow in the footsteps of last year's winner of the North West competition Ayesha Vepari.

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Sharples Trip to Latvia



From 3rd-9th March, 18 pupils in Year 8 and Year 9 participated in an International project funded by the Turing Scheme. Pupils travelled to Latvia, to visit our partner school, Kegums Secondary School. The aim of the project is to develop self-directed teaching strategies, and to integrate the teaching of soft skills and key career skills to the curriculum.

Pupils have been working on the project since the beginning of the academic year, meeting at least once a month to discuss global citizenship, career prospects and the key differences between the education systems in the UK and Latvia. We have also incorporated a partner school from Denmark in our research, and reading strategies have been the focus this half term.

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Our partner school greeted us in Riga and joined us on a fascinating guided tour of the beautiful city, known for its art nouveau architecture. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday were spent in lessons, with Miss Liddy and Mr Charlton teaching lessons too. Pupils participated in English, maths, science and art lessons to name a few, and integrated quickly into school life. Sharples pupils helped in the English lessons, and developed great friendships.

On Tuesday afternoon, pupils learned about typical Latvian treats and spent time wrapping typical sweets. Pupils worked with their Latvian friends and tried the different flavours, learning more about the culture. Wednesday afternoon was time spent learning about career and further education prospects abroad, discussing the options available to study in English abroad.

Despite the cold, pupils explored the botanical gardens with their Latvian friends, and found the wildlife and variety of plants very interesting on Thursday. Friday was a day full of history, with a visit to Bauska castle (pictured on the previous page). Pupils played renaissance games together, taking some time away from technology for a few hours. The goodbyes were tough as pupils have created strong friendships in a short space of time.

Pupils developed soft skills such as communication, time management, resilience and overall were fantastic ambassadors for Sharples and British people. Pupils were polite and engaged in all the activities, keen to learn more about cultural differences and traditions, as well as communicating effectively about British culture and life at Sharples. Everyone involved looks forward to continuing our valuable work with Kegums Secondary School.

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BBC Young Reporter Workshop



20 Year 9s took part in an online workshop, as pictured, to help them enter the BBC Young Reporter Competition this week. They listened to ideas about what news is and considered what is important when telling a story. The session also helped them to think about why some stories are more important to them than others.

The competition is open to all students from any year. Your entry should be about what is important to you for example, school, friends, something you've had to overcome or something you love. See their website bbc.co.uk/youngreporter for more details on how to apply and for ideas. You can also see Miss Hartley with any questions or to submit your entry.

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Robotics Workshop



An exciting opportunity for some Key stage 3 students took place last week. A Robotics workshop, pictured above, was delivered by students studying for a PHD in Robotics at Manchester University. In the morning session, 10 students from Key Stage 3 were invited to participate in a study, which involved 3 high tech robots being demonstrated to the students. The students were then questioned as to how they thought the robots could be used within a classroom environment as a teaching aid, and whether they thought it would be an effective tool. The afternoon allowed further demonstrations to the whole of Year 9, a very successful event which the students enjoyed.

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Celebrating STEM Week in Maths



The Maths department has enjoyed an eventful, fun filled week, celebrating STEM week! Students in years 7 to 9 have been taking part in various activities during lessons (as pictured). Year 7 have been taking part in MathsFest, with the winner of each class going through to the final which will take place on Wednesday 27th March.



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English Department's Stars of the Week

Work of the Week

Year 7

Kyerranne R has written a wonderful analysis of Animal Farm. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 8

Rameen S has shown a great insight into the different reactions of Duncan's murder. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 9

Riya P has written a great speech on gender equality. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 10

Sherjeel I has written an excellent analysis of the poem Valentine. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 11

Safa A has written a brilliant essay on Romeo and Juliet. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Readers of the Week

Year 7

Aasiyah P for reading aloud confidently in class.

Year 8

Anaya U for becoming more confident in reading aloud.

Year 9

Chase B for playing a maniacal Eddie in A View From The Bridge.

Year 10

Harley S for reading out answers and contributing to class discussions.

Year 11

Fatima U for reading aloud her brilliant answer to a practice essay question on A Christmas Carol.

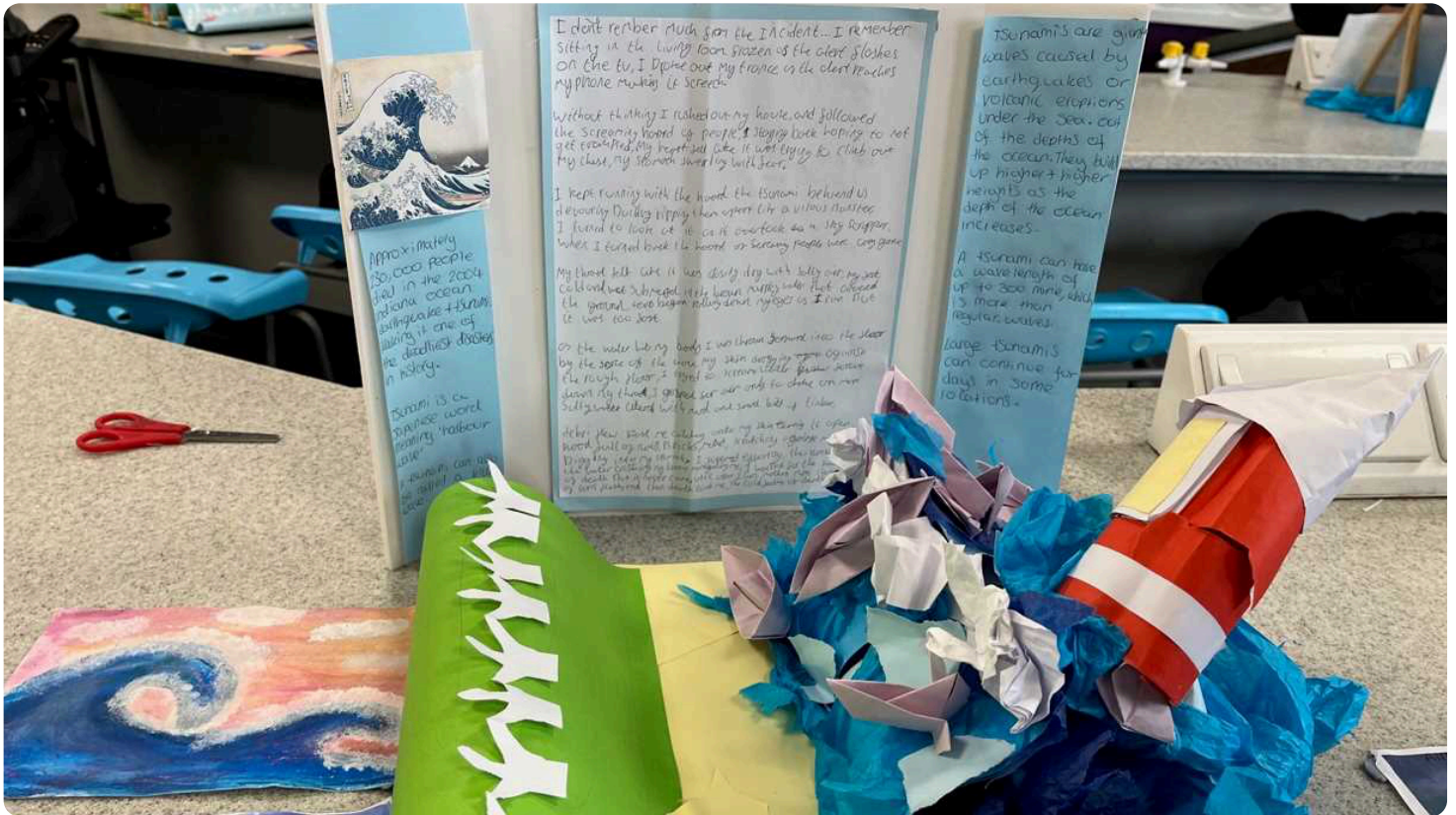


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Science Enrichment Newsletter STEM Week



Incredible efforts from the Year 7, 8 and 9 students this week have resulted in some unbelievable science projects and displays. Students took the theme of volcanoes, earthquakes and tsunamis and were able to produce wonderful work incorporating all they had learned from subjects across the board.

Students built models and used chemical reactions to simulate a volcanic eruption. Students constructed designs that could withstand an earthquake. They were also able to simulate the destructive nature of tsunamis. In history, students learned about Pliny the Younger's account of Vesuvius erupting, in computing, they analysed earthquake data and in art they used 'The Great Wave off Kanagawa' to inspire some wonderful tsunami artwork (pictured). Students learned about the effect of plate tectonics in geography, wrote thrilling stories in English about surviving a volcanic eruption and wrote articles about 'terremotos' in Spanish speaking countries. Students learned about Hephaestus, the Greek god of volcanoes in RS, performed a scene during an earthquake and performing arts, and much, much more!

A huge congratulations to all the students for getting involved and producing some fantastic projects!

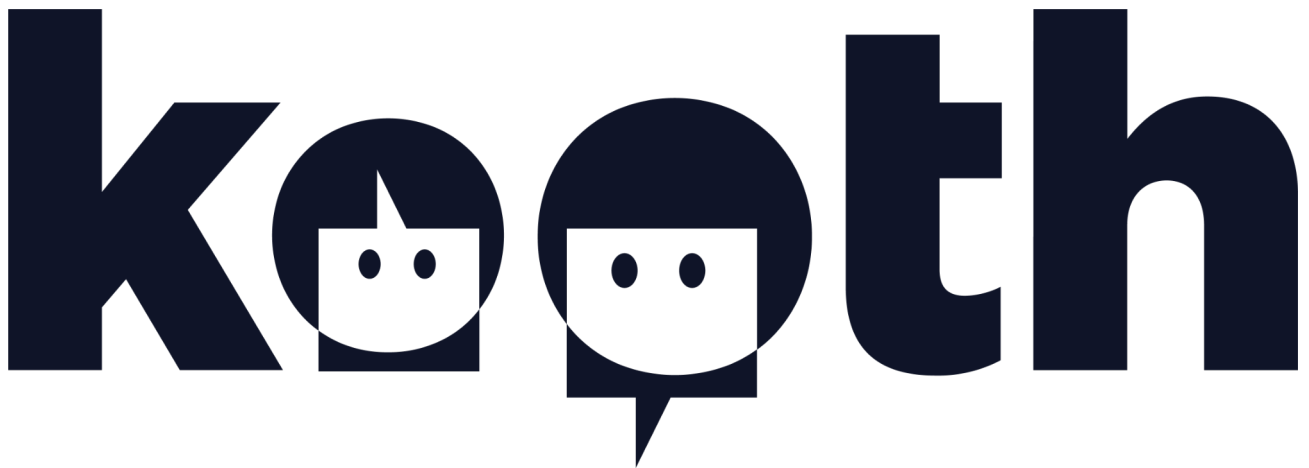


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Kooth Update



Dear Parents/Carers,

Your child may have mentioned they have been made aware of a service called Kooth or maybe you attended the Kooth online session for Sharples parents back in December?

Kooth provides a safe, secure means of accessing online emotional health support from a professional team of qualified counsellors and emotional wellbeing practitioners.

Kooth offers wellbeing support 365 days a year via a range of self-help materials and peer to peer support which young people are able to contribute to. Everything is pre-moderated and age appropriate, in order to safeguard our users, so you know that what your child is accessing is safe.

Kooth works alongside schools and colleges across the UK and are running student facing webinars through April and May on topics like 'Staying safe online' and 'Tips for managing exam stress'.

Kooth is also offering free virtual sessions for parents on the 22nd & 25th April that provide tips on how you can support your child manage anxiety about their upcoming exams - [please use this link to sign up](#).

There's also resources designed especially for parents available on the website including advice on how to talk to your teen about their feelings: [Parents/Carers resources](#).

If you have any questions or would like to discuss what Kooth.com can offer you can email parents@kooth.com



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English Career of the Month

Newspaper Journalist

Newspaper journalists investigate and write up stories for local, regional and national newspapers.

Qualifications:

You can apply for this job through a university course, college course, apprenticeship or working towards this role.

2 to 3 A levels, or equivalent, for a degree.

4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), or equivalent.

Skills required:

Knowledge of English language.

Knowledge of media production and communication.

To be thorough and pay attention to detail.

The ability to accept criticism and work well under pressure.

Excellent written communication skills.

Ambition and a desire to succeed.

To be able to use a computer and the main software packages competently.



Relevant Subjects:

English, Creative Media.

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/job-profiles/newspaper-journalist>



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Former Student Gives Sports Analyst Careers Talk



It was fantastic to welcome back former student Jack Heggie this week to deliver a presentation and careers talk (as pictured) for Year 9 and 10. Jack always had a real passion for sport and performed very well academically whilst studying at Sharples. Jack left Sharples and pursued his dream of working as a sports analyst and has had numerous roles including working for Everton FC, MUFC, the Nike Academy and his current role working for the leading sports analyst company Catapult. Jack was able to give a fascinating insight into the level of analysis used in Formula 1, NBA and was able to demonstrate how new software packages can be used to break down the recent game between Liverpool and Manchester City. Along with providing a specific insight into the work of a sports analyst, he was able to share some key messages for students to help with their future decisions and careers. These included the importance of attention to detail, being proactive and gaining work experience, showing respect within the workplace, pursuing your passion, the importance of understanding software and data and the benefits of speaking an additional language when working with global organisations.

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Taekwondo Success



A big congratulations to Eloise K (Year 7 student, pictured) who won Gold in her weight division at the Ultimate Taekwondo Championships at Barnsley Metrodome on Sunday. With over 265 competitors from 27 clubs, this was a fantastic achievement! The event offered the opportunity for Eloise to continue to build on her skills whilst also coming away with a gold medal!

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Year 8 Netball Tournament



A big well done to our Year 8 netball team (pictured) who took part in the Bolton Schools tournament on Tuesday afternoon. Placed in an extremely tough group, the girls had difficult opening games against Bolton and Canon Slade. With the hardest fixtures out of the way, the girls settled and started to play some good netball and came away with a draw against Turton before securing a big victory over Essa. Unfortunately, this wasn't enough to progress through to the next stage of the tournament. A great effort, girls!

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Year 7 Netball vs Ladybridge



It was a great, winning afternoon for our Year 7 netball team (pictured) who faced Ladybridge on Wednesday! The girls demonstrated some of their best netball to date and managed a very impressive 13-1 victory! A shout out to Millie B who came away with 'girl of the game' after showing off some brilliant shooting. This was good preparation for when the girls take part in the town tournament next week!

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Year 7 Football Tournament



The Year 7 football team (pictured) had a disappointing result in the league last week and were hoping to bounce back in a small sided tournament at Canon Slade on Tuesday. It was a fantastic football festival with all 5 teams performing well on the day and Sharples finishing as runners up. The team started brightly and registered a 3 nil win in their opening fixture, Olly opened the scoring and the lively Lucas scored a brace. The next game was a thrilling encounter against Canon Slade that could have gone either way but remarkably ended goalless despite both teams missing numerous chances. Sharples lost their third game after failing to capitalise on their opportunities and being caught on the counter attack. The team finished on a high note and beat Little Lever in their final match 2 nil. It was a good display with many positives and lots to build on for their next game against Westhoughton in the league.

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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 = 97.64%
Year 8 = 95.71%
Year 9 = 93.40%
Year 10 = 91.76%
Year 11 = 92.17%

Best forms this week:

7ples2 = 100%
8shar2 = 99.18%
9H = 96.46%
10P = 95.76%
11S5 = 99.50%

196 pupils have achieved 100% this academic year.

Dates for your Diary

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

Thursday 21st
March: Sharples
Bacc Awards

Friday 22nd March
(09:00 – 12:30):
School
performance of 'An
Inspector Calls'
with Year 11

Monday 25th
March: Year 11
Photography exam
(all day)

Career of the Week: Podiatrist

Podiatrists diagnose and treat foot and ankle problems to improve people's mobility and quality of life.

Average Salary: £ £28,000 £50,000
Starter Experienced

Typical hours:
(per week) 38 to 40
a week

You could work: weekends



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

Qualifications:

- You can apply for this job through a university course, or degree apprenticeship.
- 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), or equivalent including English, Maths and Science.
- 2 or 3 A levels, or equivalent, including biology for a degree.

Skills required:

- knowledge of medicine and how the body works
- customer service skills
- thinking and reasoning skills
- to be thorough and pay attention to detail
- the ability to learn through your work
- sensitivity and understanding
- active listening skills
- the ability to use your initiative

Relevant Subjects:

- Health and Social Care, Science and Maths.



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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 -
18th 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
	Yr 7 & 8 football practice	Basketball practice	KS4 fitness suite	
	KS3 Netball	Y8 football v Horwich St Joseph's (a)	KS3 5- a-side football tournament @ Kings	
	Y7 Netball Tournament @ Bolton	Y9 football v Horwich St Joseph's (h)		

• Other fixtures will be arranged throughout the term!

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PERFORMING ARTS
PRESENTS

 DREAMWORKS
THEATRICALS

SHREK

THE MUSICAL JR.

29TH - 30TH APRIL

DOORS OPEN AT 6.30PM

7PM START



<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/sharples-school/e-eevdpq>



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Based on the DreamWorks Animation Motion Picture and the Book by William Steig

Book and Lyrics by David Lindsay-Abaire

Music by Jeanine Tesori

Originally produced on Broadway by DreamWorks Theatricals and Neal Street Productions
Original Production Directed by Jason Moore and Rob Ashford, "I'm a Believer" by Neil Diamond

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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



EASTER THEME LUNCH



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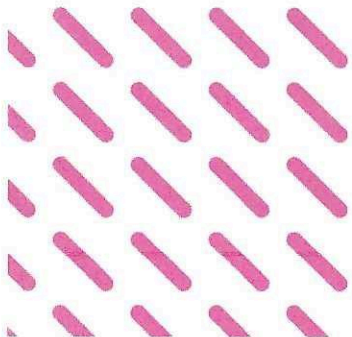
**Join us for a Traditional Roast
Dinner £1.95**

**Add a small Drink or Biscuit
£2.35**

Dessert

Easter Biscuit 48p

Easter Crispy Cake 70p



Have an egg-stra happy easter!

Tuesday 26th March

Mellors
**FOOD
HAPPY**

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 18 May 15 June 6 July 27 July 17 Aug

Oxford Grove Children Centre 1 June 22 June 13 July 3 Aug

Tonge Children Centre 11 May 8 June 29 June 20 July 10 Aug



For more information please contact:

Targeted Early Help Tel: 01204 337390

Email: earlyhelp@bolton.gov.uk



Bolton Council

Bounce back In 6 weeks

Bounce back is a six-week course in how positive psychology can give a boost to your family's mental wellbeing. It is an introductory guide to some of the latest evidence-based techniques from positive psychology that have proven benefits on mental wellbeing within the family.

Bounce back is for anyone who is interested in learning more about practical ways to improve mental wellbeing. It is particularly useful for parents and carers interested in learning new ways to support their own and their children's mental health and happiness.

Bounce back introduces six key themes from positive psychology research. Two themes address positive approaches to your past (character strengths and gratitude), two address positive approaches to the present (savouring and kindness), and the last two themes (hope and meaning) explore how you can use positive psychology to reach your potential. For each theme you are invited to try out practical techniques to boost your own and your family's mental wellbeing.

Bounce back was developed jointly with the Open University, the University of Chester and Ian Platt, a PhD Researcher, at the University of Bolton. Ian will be delivering the course for us in Bolton.

LOCATIONS:

MhIST, 1st Floor, Moorland House, 116 Bark Street, Bolton BL1 2AX

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