



# Sharples

## SCHOOL

### Newsletter

Issue 473  
28th March 2024

#### End of Term Letter

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the end of a very busy and productive term, I want to share with you a few of our many achievements.

This has been a crucial term for our Year 11 students as we prepare for their final exams. Our staff are offering a wide range of additional learning opportunities including Saturday sessions and, in addition, we will be offering an extensive 'Easter School' to support our Year 11 students. The Y11 cohort have now completed their second round of PPE's and the outcomes of these exams enable staff to provide targeted interventions leading into the GCSE exams.

As usual, our commitment to enrichment offer continues at pace, both within and beyond the school day. This term a group of 20 students visited a Latvian school for a week, this trip was fully funded through the Turing Programme. Other residential trips this term included a visit to Paris and a STEM weekend in the Peak District.

As a whole school, we have celebrated World Book Day and also STEM Week with a fantastic range of activities taking place across all departments. We have also hosted our second Sharples Iftar which was a fantastic event celebrating the diversity of our learning community.

Sharples is a busy and vibrant school and I would encourage you to follow us on Twitter/X and to read our weekly newsletter in order to keep up to date with the numerous opportunities which we provide to engage our learners.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the importance of students arriving at school fully equipped for learning. All students should have a school bag with them every day containing their books and any other learning resources they might need. They should also have stationery items, such as, a pen, a pencil and a ruler as these will be needed in the majority of lessons. Students having the correct equipment with them enables a prompt start to each lesson and ensures that learning time is maximised for the benefit of all.

School closes for the Easter break on Thursday, 28 March at the normal time of 3.15pm.

On a final note, I hope that you all enjoy a well-earned Easter break and I look forward to welcoming our students back to school, ready for a prompt start to registration at 8.45am on Monday, 15 April 2024.

Yours faithfully

Ms Webster

Headteacher

[Click here to view the original letter as a PDF.](#)

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## Sharples Students participate in Youth Leads

### EASTER BUNNY ROBS UK!

Saturday 11th February, an 'eggs-travagant theft', according to the West Mercia Police. You guessed it, another crime report. Except this isn't what you'd quite expect! This hungry fellow is facing jail, after stealing 200,000 Cadbury Crème eggs! That's right, 200,000 Cadbury Crème eggs- England's very pride and joy since 1963! Talk about sweet tooth! Bizarre, cunning, carefully orchestrated- could this have been the very end to Easter?



By Khadijah P

#### Behind the scenes

Joby Pool, 32 years old, labelled the 'Easter bunny', broke into a Telford industrial unit, using a metal grinder, as a self-employed ground worker. Pool used a tractor unit, which had already been stolen in Yorkshire in October, to tow away the trailer. Mr Beale, the prosecutor hunting for the truth was present during the court:

"This clearly wasn't the spur-of-the-moment ... because he had taken with him the tractor unit and he had to know that the load was there in the first place" Mr Beale (The Yorkshire Post, 2023)

Extremely suspicious behaviour going on! Driving away, with around £40,000 worth of Crème eggs, he approached the Northbound M42. Yes, £40,000! Pondering over the final successes to his plan, he reached junction 11. To crack the silence, sirens struck from behind informing him he was being followed for suspicion of theft. Surrendering, he stepped out of the vehicle and walked towards the police 'with hands up', after weighing out the options of realistically returning prosperous with his menacing scheme. Not such an eggcellent plan after all!



#### Court cracking the case

"It's clearly a leading role and it's clearly significant planning" Mr Beale

To plan a stunt that is news breaking, I think we can all agree with that! A two-year prison sentence would just be the beginning. To have the very nerve to steal our chocolate- two years may not be so bad! Wouldn't you agree?

In fact, several other 'chocolate varieties were also stolen'!

Magistrates were later told Pool had handled stolen goods, drove whilst being disqualified and convicted for theft in 2019! Not the best reputation at all!

#### Safe and sound

After the truth was unveiled, Pool claimed there had been "no interference with the food... they can go back on the shelves." The chocolate was returned to its rightful home and if it wasn't for the Mercia Police, Easter wouldn't have been the same! However, the question is still out there, why did he do it? What did he want to do with all that chocolate?

The Yorkshire post, 2023. Cadbury's Crème Eggs: Yorkshire man facing jail after admitting stealing 200,000 Cadbury's Crème Eggs. Available at:

[www.fnb.ink/xplode23-cadbury](http://www.fnb.ink/xplode23-cadbury)



Year 11 students Khadijah P, Zainab G, Yasmin P and Aiza A have participated in a youth programme outside of school - Youth Leads!

They were working on a social action project to raise awareness in our community and in doing so we were pleased with a tour of the town hall by the Mayor of Bolton and got to sit in the room of debates whilst sitting on the chair where the chief executive normally sits and previous Kings and Queens! They even got to get a sneaky try on of the Mayoress' chain and took a fun selfie with the butler! They took part in a photoshoot where they were models for the day and had a lot of fun at Bolton FM radio station too!

Khadijah hosted at the graduation event where the Mayors of Bolton and Manchester, Deputy Lieutenants, industry insight speakers and the founder of the programme were present and Aiza gave a wonderful speech too. The girls wrote articles creating the new 2024 and previous 2023 edition magazine for the youth programme now featured online and pictured above. A fantastic experience and we are very proud of all 4 Sharples girls.

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Click here to view the Student Affairs Committee Newsletter  
Issue 6 - March 2024

#### Eco School News



Over the past month, Eco Club have been really busy. As Gardening Club (pictured), students made “home-made “bird cakes” from scratch using fruits, coconut oil and vegetable suet. They melted the fats and mixed the ingredients before pouring into moulds. Once set, the bird-cakes were hung up in the trees.

We have been clearing the area behind the Year 7 playground of brambles and other weeds. Students are now planting 100 native English woodland trees in this area. We hope the new wooded area will provide more biodiversity and once the trees grow, a place for shade for students. We will also plant 5 fruit trees, to make a small orchard, at the front of school.

Earlier in the term, Year 8 wrote to MP Mark Logan, expressing their concerns about environmental issues, both locally and globally. Mr Logan has written back to students, commenting that, “Your commitment addressing these concerns is commendable and inspiring”. [Click here to view the response](#). Well done, Year 8!

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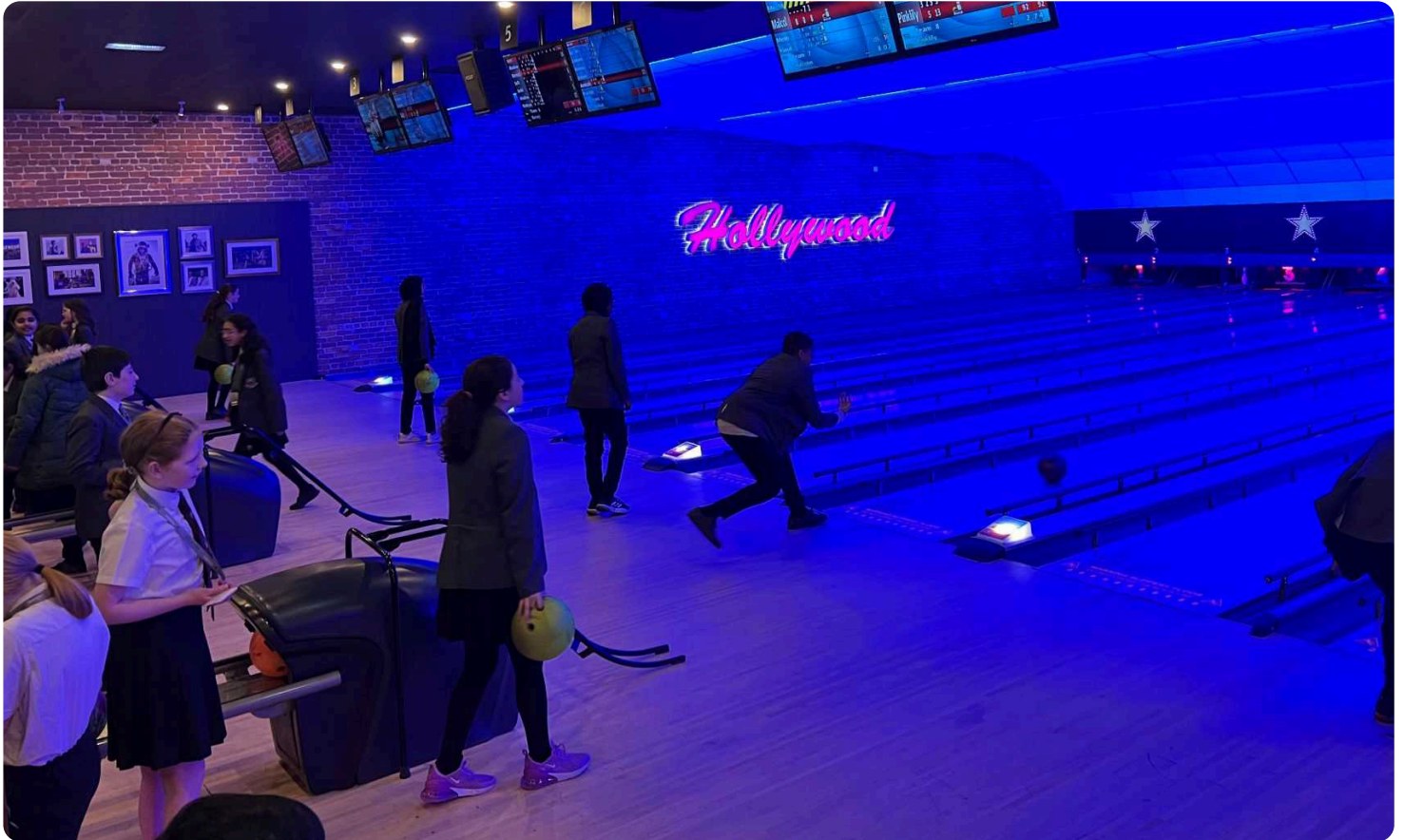


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#### Sharples Baccalaureate



It has been fantastic to see the momentum from last term continue with Year 7 attending the many clubs that have been on offer since January. Over 30 clubs have been available to Year 7 since the start of the year including, 3D printer, disney, STEM, gardening and robotics club to name a few. Each time a student attended a club, they received a point that contributed towards their Sharples Baccalaureate award. To make it harder this term, the points needed to receive a Bronze, Silver or Gold award were increased. To achieve a Bronze award, students needed 15 Bacc points, 20 points were needed for Silver and 30 points were needed for Gold! Commitment and attendance at clubs has been excellent over the past couple of months and this was evident in Wednesday's form time when 113 students achieved at least their Bronze award. Going one step further this term and as a result of their dedication to clubs, over 55 students with the highest number of Bacc points were treated to a rewards trip. On Tuesday morning, the students travelled to Hollywood Bowl and enjoyed a few hours of arcade fun and, as pictured, bowling! A huge well done to all of the Year 7 students who have been involved with clubs this term and we hope the momentum continues after Easter when a whole new selection of clubs will be on offer!

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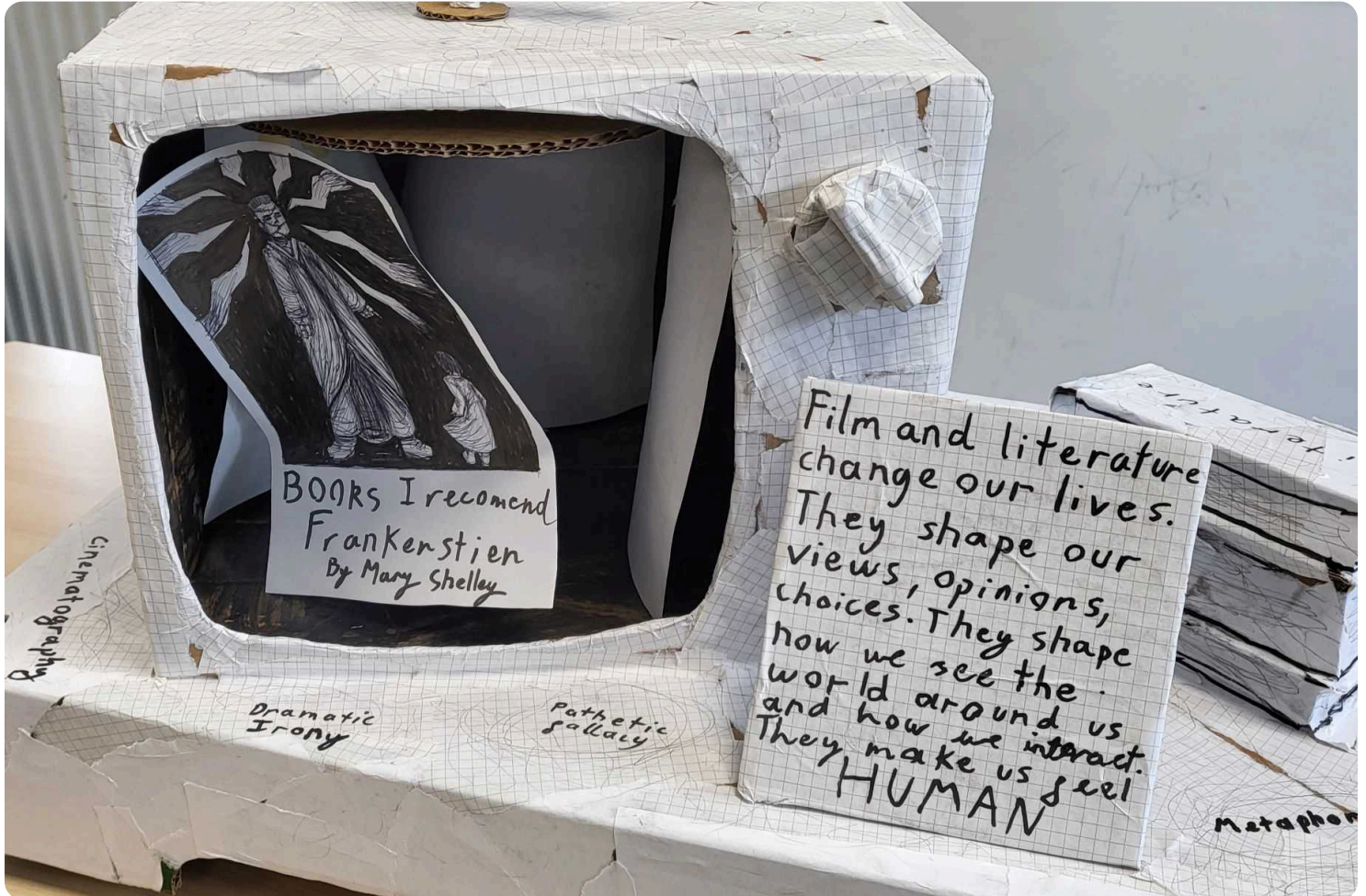


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#### Year 10 Lit Society



Another Lit Society Fair Success!

Well done to all the Year 10 pupils whose hard work was on display this week.

A special mention to:

Molly H

Ayesha M

Ben P

Zeemal, Harmain, Alizah A and Co.

All the projects showed creativity, imagination and dedication, as highlighted with the above project. We are all very proud of your efforts and so should you all be.

Next term is Year 8's turn with the topic of Detectives; we look forward to what they come up with.

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#### Year 7 MathsFest Winners



Over the last few weeks, all Year 7 students have been taking part in MathsFest, working in teams of 2 or 3 in their maths classes to solve a series of problems and puzzles. The winners of each class went through to a final which took place yesterday. The teams all displayed excellent team-work and problem solving skills, and it was very difficult to identify a winning team. We can announce that the winners were Lilly S and Lois C.

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

##### Work of the Week

Year 7

Elsa A for a wonderful drawing of what life could be like on Animal Farm if Boxer were the leader. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 8

Ibrahim A had written a great analytical paragraph on Macbeth. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 9

Owais Ul H has put great effort into his work on A View from the Bridge. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 10

Fatima Y has written a thoughtful comparison. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 11

Maddison S for a great report written. [Click here to view the work.](#)

##### Readers of the Week

Year 7

Zeyad H for playing a great version of Benjamin.

Year 8

Nimra R for always reading engagingly, enthusiastically and passionately in lessons.

Year 9

Amaan B for expressive and enthusiastic reading during reading lesson.

Year 10

Molly H for playing an animated lesson.

Year 11

Mohammed-Zain M for Excellent understanding and comprehension of non-fiction texts.



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#### Thunder Netball Trip



30 students travelled to Belle Vue Sports Centre on Saturday evening to watch Manchester Thunder take on Loughborough Lightning (pictured) in what was a top of the table clash in the Netball Super League! The girls were amazed by the speed of the game and were in awe of how the players moved around the court so fast! After a close first half, Loughborough pulled away in the third quarter and after 60 minutes, secured a 64-52 victory. A great day out, topped off with the girls meeting some of the players at the end of the game!

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#### Girls Football vs BSCA



A big well done to our KS4 football team who won their final game of the year on Monday night against BSCA. The girls were dominant from the outset and were leading 3-0 at half time. A quick goal within the first few minutes of the second half gave Khadija V her 5th hat-trick of the year! The girls went on to win the game comfortably and also kept a clean sheet with Mariya P in net.

This was the final game of the year for the girls with the summer sports starting after the Easter break. A great season, well done!

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Year 8 (pictured) were held to a 1-1 draw this past Monday against a good Westhoughton side. The lads initially fell behind to a deflected free kick during the first half but weren't behind for long with a great header from Callum to even the score. This seemed to be a real turning point with Sharples continuing to grow in the game and have the best chances that on another day, would end up in the back of the net. All players involved had an excellent game and it was great to see. There was not much more that the team could have done other than score, despite this, Year 8 are still unbeaten in the league this season. We hope to arrange some more games before the end of the year.

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#### First Game on our New Courts!



Year 10 (pictured) put up a dominant display against Ladybridge on Wednesday afternoon in what was the last game of the netball calendar but our first on our new courts! With some excellent attacking play from Evie A-S at centre and a brilliant, debut performance from Kim H, ensured the girls came away with an impressive, 29-7 victory. This saw the end of the winter sports for the girls and we look forward to starting the rounders fixtures after the break!

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#### Sharples Students Watch England U21s



On Tuesday night we took a number of Year 8 and 9 boys to watch the England U21s take on Luxembourg U21s at the Toughsheet Community Stadium (as pictured above). The boys got to witness a 7 goal thriller with some outstanding performances on display.

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The Year 7 team have had a busy term of fixtures in the Bolton League and this proved to be another difficult challenge, which can be expected with Sharples in the 2nd division out of 5 leagues in the Borough. Sharples started brightly and Westhoughton found it difficult to make their possession count and Tombo kept the team in the game with some excellent saves. Westhoughton eventually found the net and never looked back and were dominant throughout the game. Olly showed composure on the ball in defence and Lewis was in goal for the second half and made some fantastic saves to keep the score down.

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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

Monday 25th March to Thursday 28th March

Year Groups attendance this week:

Year 7 = 94.42%  
Year 8 = 96.65%  
Year 9 = 92.19%  
Year 10 = 90.44%  
Year 11 = 92.98%

Best forms this week:

7shar5 = 99.32%  
8shar2 = 98.94%  
9H = 97.73%  
10P = 97.80%  
11S3 = 98.81%

179 pupils have achieved 100% this academic year.

#### Dates for your Diary

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March to  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April:  
Easter Holiday

Monday 15th April  
onwards: GCSE  
French speaking  
exams this week

Monday 15th April  
onwards: Year 11  
Final Art exams this  
week

Thursday 18th  
April: Year 11  
Parents evening  
(16:00 – 19:00)

Friday 19th April:  
Year 8 Colomendy  
trip departs

### Career of the Week: TV Presenter

*TV presenters introduce and host programmes, interview people and report on issues and events.*

Average Salary:

£ Variable

Typical hours:  
(per week)

45 to 47  
variable

You could work:

evenings / weekends /  
bank holidays  
flexibly



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

#### Qualifications:

- You can apply for this job through a university course or apprenticeship.
- 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:

- Knowledge of media production and communication.
- Excellent verbal communication skills.
- The ability to accept criticism and work well under pressure.
- To be thorough and pay attention to detail.
- Active listening skills.
- The ability to use your initiative.
- To be flexible and open to change.
- Concentration skills.

#### Relevant Subjects:

- English, Maths, Computer Science, Performing Arts.



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



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Book and Lyrics by David Lindsay-Abaire

Music by Jeanine Tesori

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***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.


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