



# Sharples

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#### April in Gardening Club



April has been a very busy month in Gardening club as Spring has really taken hold. The first week back after the Easter break saw our Year 7 students potting on their sunflower seeds, which they planted in early March. They separated the seedlings into individual pots, which they then took home to grow into big, beautiful sunflowers.

Last week we planted lots of salad and vegetable seeds, to again take home or for the food technology department to use in lessons. We have lettuce, chives, oregano, rocket, cosmos and peas growing steadily now the warmer weather is here. Students also took home some wildflower seeds, with a pot and some compost to also grow at home. Keep us posted on their progress please Year 7. Several students also wrote acrostic poems, for our whole-school EcoCode.

Mrs Finney has had some seed potatoes on her window ledge in U47 for the past month, chitting (which allows the 'eyes' to sprout ready for planting). These were planted last week in a freshly cleared raised bed in our courtyard garden. The Year 10 students, with some help from Year 7, have spent weeks clearing the overgrown shrubs and mulching the soil to give our potato crop the best start possible. Watch this space for our potato progress!

Finally, on Wednesday this week, as the weather is so lovely, we took the gardening club students to the wildlife area at the back of school. This area was developed over the summer break, with new decking and viewing platforms ..... *continued*

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surrounding a pond and wildlife area. It was the first time most of our students had seen this area, which is gated off from the main outdoor space, due to the deep pond. We collected a massive bag of litter, which had blown in over the winter and we looked for wildlife in and around the pond. We spotted water boatmen and spiders scooting across the pond's surface and heard lots of song birds in the trees.

Our plans for the month ahead are to separate our salad, flower and vegetable seedlings, care for our recently planted orchard and native trees and submit our application to become a Green Flag Eco-School.

#### UKMT Maths Challenge



Tanky C and Michael C competed in the second round of the UKMT maths challenge before Easter and have both just been awarded a Certificate of Merit, which was the highest award to achieve. Well done!

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

##### Work of the Week

Year 7

Khadijah A has written an excellent Epic poem in her own time! [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 8

Zaiba A has demonstrated excellent techniques when writing a report. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 9

Hannah D has evaluated a text brilliantly! [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 10

Konpal F has written a great comparison on Afternoons and Cozy Apologia. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 11

Connie O has engaged brilliantly with revision for her upcoming exams. [Click here to view the work.](#)

##### Readers of the Week

Year 7

Ibrahim P for always volunteering to read.

Year 8

Lucas P for consistently shows great enthusiasm for reading and reads confidently in lessons.

Year 9

Yahya I for reading out the context of Othello.

Year 10

Aidan B for reading the part of Mercutio with a wonderful sarcastic tone.

Year 11

Sadie WH for becoming more confident giving verbal answers aloud in lesson.



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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 the nominees in April for fantastic work in maths lessons!

#### Year 7

Lucas S  
Pinklily T  
Ifeoluwa E  
Caleb S  
Aisha H  
Lolita L  
Macey H  
Umar K  
Leila P

#### Year 8

Quiterie Y  
Zain T  
Is'Haaq A  
Safiyyah P  
Sofia G  
Fahima S  
Jaicob L  
Darcie L

#### Year 9

Safa S  
Izaan A  
Eden R  
Gabriella M  
Hashim C  
Humaira P  
Joe J  
Anson L  
Saim A

#### Year 10

Isa H  
Floris A  
Mariya P  
Finn W  
Matthew S  
Myles B  
Harry W-R  
Marizhka J  
Rowan W

#### Year 11

Marcus V  
Solomon B B  
Marcus L  
Amara B  
Amelia P  
Aiza A  
Curtis M  
Callum B  
Noormohamed N



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#### Futsal League Launch



The PE department launched a new after school futsal league this week for each year group. Students signed up for the competition that will run throughout Summer and teams were chosen by PE staff. There will be prizes for the winning teams and finals played in front of the year group later in the Summer term along with some fixtures against other schools in the borough. Year 10 will have their first session next week but the league has already seen 83 students from KS3 attend on separate days throughout the week. Well done boys and we're looking forward to the games next week!

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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 29th April to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

Year Groups attendance this week:

Year 7 = 96.35%  
Year 8 = 94.91%  
Year 9 = 94.44%  
Year 10 = 94.29%  
Year 11 = 95.57%

Best forms this week:

7shar5 = 98.94%  
8ples4 = 98.55%  
9R = 99.21%  
10P = 98.72%  
11S4 = 100%

158 pupils have achieved 100% this academic year.

#### Dates for your Diary

Exams ongoing before and after half term holiday

Monday 6th May:  
Bank holiday  
(School closed)

Friday 10th May:  
Year 10 Geography field trip

Saturday 11th May:  
DofE Provisional Bronze Practice Expedition

Saturday 18th to Monday 20th May:  
DofE Silver Practice Expedition (venue tbc)

#### Career of the Week: Optometrist

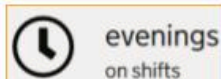
Average Salary:



Typical hours:  
(per week)



You could work:



#### Qualifications:

- You can apply for this job through; a university degree.
- 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A\* to C), or equivalent, including English, maths and science.
- 3 A levels, or equivalent, including at least 1 science.

#### Skills required:

- Knowledge of medicine and dentistry.
- Customer service skills.
- To be thorough and pay attention to detail.
- Thinking and reasoning skills.
- Excellent verbal communication skills.
- Knowledge of biology.
- Sensitivity and understanding.
- Analytical thinking skills.
- To be able to carry out basic tasks on a computer or hand-held device.

#### Relevant Subjects:

- English, Maths, Science and Health & Social Care.



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



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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
Y8 Football (Small Astro) - JBA	Y11 Football (Small Astro) - JBA	Y7/Y8 Basketball (SH) - LAL	Rounders/Cricket (Field) - LAL	Y11 Football (Small Astro) - JBA
Boccia (Gym) - SCU & LAL	Sports Studies/Ever Learner catch up (G32) - AHM	Rounders/Cricket (Field) - PGR	Y9 Football (Small Astro) - JBA	Rounders/Cricket (Field) - LAL
Rounders/Cricket (Field) - SCU & LAL		Y11 Football (Small Astro) - JBA		

**WEEK COMMENCING -**  
**7th May**



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

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Bank Holiday	Yr 8 futsal league	KS3 swimming club	Yr 10 futsal league	Yr 7 Futsal league
	Rounders - all years	Basketball practice	KS3 & KS4 Rounders vs @ Smithills	
	Running Club- all years	Yr 9 futsal league	Fitness Suite	
	Yr 7 EverLearner detentions	Yr 8 EverLearner detentions	Yr 8 EverLearner detentions	

- Cricket, Rounder and Futsal fixtures will be arranged throughout the term!



# BACC CLUBS



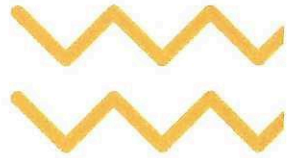
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Textiles</b> CTO - G28	<b>Times Tables Rock Stars</b> LDA - U31	<b>Be Kind to your Mind (Members)</b> RPO - U38	<b>Chess Club</b> KMC - G46	<b>Board Games Club</b> DAL - G59
<b>International Club</b> CLI - N11	<b>Astronomy</b> MFO - G43	<b>Robotics Club</b> ENE - U39	<b>Book Club</b> LHT - U8	<b>Disney Movie Club</b> NAY - U19
<b>Football</b> Astro - AHM	<b>Running Club (After School)</b> MHT - PE	<b>Gardening Club</b> CFI/JBI - U47	<b>Jewellery Club</b> SCU - N2	<b>Rounders/ Cricket</b> Field - LAL
<b>Boccia</b> Gym - LAL	<b>History Movie Club</b> ADS/IDA - U50	<b>Basketball</b> SH - LAL	<b>Football</b> Astro - AHM	
<b>Rounders/ Cricket</b> Field - SCU		<b>Rounders/ Cricket</b> Field - PGR	<b>Rounders/ Cricket</b> Field - LAL	







# Chinese Day



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**RED OR GREEN THAI CURRY**  
**SWEET & SOUR CHICKEN**  
**BLACK PEPPER CHICKEN**

**£1.95**

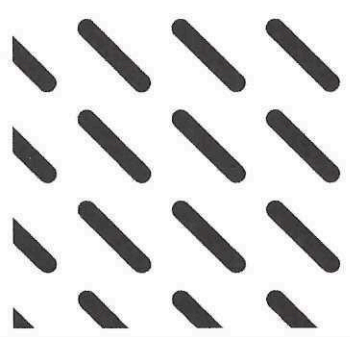
**VEG NOODLES £1.55**

Dessert

**CAKES 70P**

**BISCUITS 48P**

**ICE CREAM TUB 45P**



**8th May**

*Mellors*  
**FOOD**  
**HAPPY**