



# Sharples

## SCHOOL

### Newsletter

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#### Ms Webster's End Of Year Letter

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to inform you of the arrangements for the end of term.

From Monday, 15 to Thursday, 18 July lessons will be as normal. Please ensure your child attends school on time every day this week for a prompt start to registration at 8.45am. Friday, 19 July will be a non-uniform day for students, there is no charge for this. Students will be dismissed from school at 12.05pm and the school buses will be available at this earlier time. There will be an extended canteen service available at break time for all students. Those entitled to the Free School Meal allowance will be able to access it at break time.

During the last weeks of the academic year, we celebrate our achievements and showcase our learning community. We enjoyed our Year 11 Prom at the Last Drop Hotel and we also staged a very successful Summer Music Evening. Beyond that we have our Sports Day, our Rewards Trip to Blackpool Pleasure Beach as well as numerous curriculum visits to enhance our students' cultural capital. In the final week of term, we will also host our Achievement Assemblies when we celebrate the academic successes of our students.

As you may already know, I am retiring at the end of this academic year. Working at Sharples for over 30 years has been an absolute privilege, the memories I have of the school will stay with me for many years to come. Together, as a community we have achieved many great things. Our students have achieved incredible examination results year after year and we have won a prestigious national award for 'Secondary School of the Year'. More importantly we have built an amazing school community that prepares students exceptionally well for the exciting opportunities they will experience when they leave Sharples.

I know that from September under the leadership of Miss Molyneux Sharples will continue to flourish and live by its motto, 'Learn. Dream. Achieve.' When I do leave school for the last time at the end of this academic year, I know that I will also always keep an eye open for news about Sharples and will celebrate every future success with you. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support throughout my time at Sharples, I will always appreciate it and never forget it. I wish you and your family and the wider community all the very best for the future.

Finally, I would like to remind you of the following key dates:

Year 7 students will start on Tuesday 3, September, they should arrive no later than 8.40am to ensure a prompt start to the school day at 8.45am

All other year groups (Y8-Y11) will return on Wednesday 4, September, they should arrive no later than 8.40am to ensure a prompt start to the school day at 8.45am

I hope you have a safe and restful summer.

Yours sincerely

Ms A Webster (Headteacher)

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



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#### AO volunteering day with Sharples Gardening Club



On Thursday 11th July, employees from the company AO took some time off work to volunteer with the gardening club here at Sharples School (as pictured above). Guided by Ms Birks' gardening expertise, work was done on the Year 7 yard to eliminate weeds and to protect and preserve the trees planted by the members of gardening club earlier in the year. 12 members of our gardening club put on their gardening gloves and assisted the volunteers in their work, demonstrating the gardening skills they have learned throughout the year and being true ambassadors for Sharples School. Pupils were polite and appreciative of the time and effort the volunteers had put in to support the work they have done all year. The members of the gardening club have also planted some potatoes, and from September, we will be working more closely with our partner school in Seville, comparing plants and gardening techniques between both schools. Well done to everyone for all your efforts this year in promoting nature at Sharples and being a true eco-school!

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#### Sports Day 2024



The wet Summer continued this week and the adverse conditions disrupted the running of sports day. The forecast looked to be dry the day before but this wasn't the case in the morning. Year 7 and 8 were able to participate in just dance, glow in the dark dodgeball, foot golf, enjoy the inflatables (pictured) with an ice cream and compete against their year group in inter form netball and football. Unfortunately, the annual event had to be postponed in the afternoon, much to the disappointment of staff and students. The department will be running some inter form football finals next week and a special event on Tuesday afternoon for Year 10.

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# SPORTS AWARDS

## 2024

P5 & P6

Wednesday 17 July

All those who have represented the school will be recognised throughout the afternoon. A 'player of the season' will be awarded for each team.

THEATRE - INVITE ONLY

**kooth**  
Summer Competition  
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Summer  
Safeguarding Guide



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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 8th July to Friday 12th July

Year Groups attendance this week:

Year 7 = 94.15%

Year 8 = 94.13%

Year 9 = 90.94%

Year 10 = 91.62%

83 pupils have achieved 100% this academic year.

Best forms this week:

7ples4 = 98.69%

8shar4 = 98.26%

9S = 96.79%

10A = 94.91%

#### Dates for your Diary

Saturday 13th July –  
Monday 15th:  
DofE Silver Qualifying Expedition

Tuesday 16th July (10:05 – 10:55):  
Sports Talk on Football Officiating with with current Premier League official Anthony Taylor.

Wednesday 17th July: Sports presentation (P5+P6) - Invite only, in the theatre.

Friday 19th July:  
Last day of term

### Career of the Week: Child protection officer

*Child protection officers promote children's wellbeing and protect them from harm or abuse.*

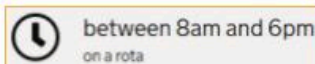
Average Salary:



Typical hours:  
(per week)



You could work:



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

#### Qualifications:

- You can apply for this job through a university course. The employers mostly look for social workers.
- 2 to 3 A levels, or equivalent, for a degree.
- 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A\* to C) and A levels, or equivalent.

#### Skills required:

- counselling skills including active listening and a non-judgemental approach
- sensitivity and understanding
- patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations
- to be flexible and open to change
- the ability to work well with others
- knowledge of psychology
- the ability to accept criticism and work well under pressure
- active listening skills

#### Relevant Subjects:

- Health & Social Care, English, RS.



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WE WANT  
**YOU!**

# HAF VOLUNTEERS

are YOU..

- Aged between 13-16?
- Receiving Free School Meals?
- Looking to add to your CV?
- Wanting to volunteer and help young people?
- Waiting for a new challenge which is fun?

We have **FREE** places available to come and complete a recognised **ASDAN** short course!



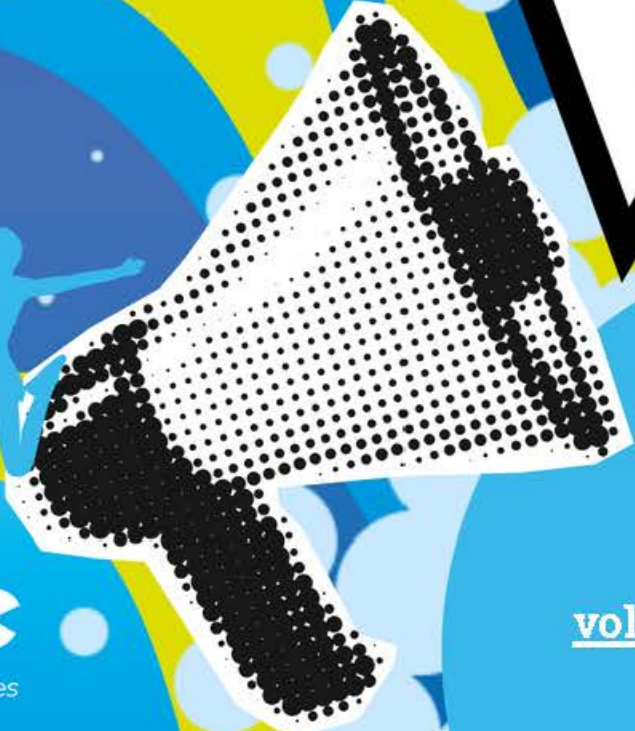
**Anderton Centre**  
Outdoor Learning & Activities

**Bolton Together**



**in the community**  
One Club. One Community. One Town.

**Bolton Council**



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NOW**

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**WE WANT YOU!**

# HAF VOLUNTEERS

## what to expect

- Choose from a range of volunteering options that suit you.
- Take part in a free, fun, outdoor session with the team at The Anderton Centre
- Develop new skills and undertake training direct with Bolton Wanderers in the Community.
- Volunteer on BLGC's Summer Activity Club.
- Attend a celebration event in recognition of your achievements.
- Complimentary vouchers upon completion of the course.
- Full support will be given throughout the project.

**Training and first meeting Tuesday July 2nd @ 6pm (BLGC)**



**In the community**  
*One for the Community, One for Us*

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Apply NOW or to find out more information please contact [volunteering@blgc.co.uk](mailto:volunteering@blgc.co.uk)

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