



Sharples

SCHOOL

Newsletter

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Ms Molyneux's Start of New Academic Year Letter

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to a new academic year! It has been wonderful to see our students return to school this week, and in assemblies we have shared with them the great news of the GCSE results for our departing Year 11. 62% of all students achieved a Grade 5 or above, and 82% achieved a Grade 4+ or above in English and maths. Their hard work was rewarded with these fantastic outcomes, and we hope that all students can aspire to rise to their own potential in the coming years.

It has been a busy start to the term, as we welcomed 250 new Year 7 students to receive their Sharples ties and join the family. The next two weeks will see Year 7 enjoy their "Freshers Fortnight", with opportunities to sign up to our clubs and extra-curricular activities, and our legendary Freshers Disco on Friday 19th September 6-8pm. Tickets are £2 and can be bought from the Gold Ties at break and lunchtime.

Over the summer break we have made a number of improvements to the school site. Hill Cot House Reception has been completely remodelled to provide more privacy for parents when speaking to reception, the Year 7 bathrooms have been completely refurbished and all our stairs and landings have been resurfaced for everyone's safety. In the coming weeks we are excited to be having a new school bell and tannoy system installed. This will incorporate the new Sharples Radio Station which will be broadcast by a team of students across the school at break and lunchtime.

This year we are continuing to improve our communication with parents and carers, with the aim of achieving the Leading Parent Partnership Award by the end of 2025-26. Our Parent Forum will be held once again each term so please watch out for the dates, and our growing PTA is a vital part of our school community, last year raising over £5000 to support our students. During our forum last year, parents provided lots of useful feedback on Home Learning at Sharples and as a result, we have moved to a clear timetable for all subjects and year groups in order to streamline the deadlines that students are required to meet. The schedule can be found on our school website: <https://www.sharplesschool.co.uk/home-learning/>

Finally, on Thursday 25th September, we open our doors to prospective families for our Open Evening 2025, and school will end at 14.25 on this day, although many students will be volunteering at the event. The school buses have been rearranged to take account of the early finish. Friday 26th September is a Training Day for staff and therefore a non-school day for students.

Thank you for your ongoing support and we look forward to working in partnership with you all once again this year.

Yours sincerely

Ms C Molyneux

Headteacher

Note: Click here to view the original letter as a PDF.

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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

Year Groups attendance this week:

This will be updated next week

Best forms this week:

This will be updated next week

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 10th
September: Freshers
Fair (Lunch time - Year
7s only)

Friday 12th
September: Year 7s
Individual Photos

Friday 12th
September: Year 7
musical performance

Friday 19th
September: Freshers
Disco (Year 7 only)

Wednesday 24th
September: Year 11
Spain trip parents
evening

Career of the Week: Optometrist

Optometrists test vision, identify eye health problems, prescribe glasses and fit contact lenses.

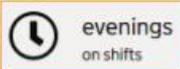
Average Salary:



Typical hours:
(per week)



You could work:



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

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.



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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	Y7 Football (Big Astro) - AHM	Y10 Football (Big Astro) - AHM	Y9 Football (Big Astro) - AHM
Y11 Football (Small astro) JBA	Y10 Football (Small astro) JBA	Y11 Football (Small astro) JBA	Y11 Football (Small astro) JBA	Y11 Football (Small Astro) - JBA
Netball Yr 7/8 (SH) - LAL	KS3 Dodgeball (SH) - LAL/AHM	Just Dance- all years (SH) - LAL/PGR	Basketball (SH) - LAL	Y7 Girls Football (SH) - LAL
	Sports studies catch up/KS3 hmwk- AHM			



PE After School Clubs - This Half Term

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
KS3 boys Swimming Club	Y8 Football Practice	No clubs due to staff meeting	Girls Football	No clubs
Netball - all years	KS4 Fitness Suite		Y9 & 10 Football Practice	
Y7 Boys football trials			KS4 Fitness Suite	
Y7 Girls football trials				

Week beginning 8th Sept

WHAT IS CHILD FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION ?

Have you got your own bank account? Do you have a bank card? If you do, you need to know about CFE.

CHILD FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION or **CFE** for short, is when criminals groom children, so they can exploit them and use their bank accounts to commit crimes like money laundering or fraud.

They want to hide money made from crime, and they use children and young people to do this.

USING PEOPLE LIKE THIS IS A CRIME AND IT IS ABUSE!

LOOK OUT FOR!



A stranger or "new friend" asks for your bank account details.

They message you through games or social media.

Promise of "easy money" for doing nothing.

They ask you to open a bank account or use your card.

Tell you not to tell your parents or teachers.

HOW TO STAY SAFE



Don't share your bank account or card details with anyone.

Never agree to receive or send money for someone.

Tell a trusted adult if someone makes you feel unsure.

Block and report strangers who ask you weird questions online.

Remember... real jobs don't ask you to move money!

IF YOU ARE WORRIED REMEMBER...

To tell a parent, teacher, or trusted adult right away.

They can help you check if the person is trustworthy or if they are trying to get you to do something wrong.

They can help you report something suspicious to the police.

The police will listen, they will not judge you and they will help.

If something feels strange or makes you uncomfortable,

YOU HAVE THE POWER TO SAY NO!

You can be smart. You can be strong. You can protect yourself and your friends and you can...

**ROYAL
AIR FORCE**
REGULAR & RESERVE

**FIND
YOUR
FORCE**

MISSION READY

BUILT TO RISE ABOVE EXPECTATIONS

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