



# Sharples

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# Newsletter

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### Open Evening 2025!



We had a brilliant evening welcoming all our prospective families to Sharples for our annual Open Evening on Thursday! It was fantastic to see so many visitors exploring what our school has to offer. The event was made even more special by the incredible efforts of over 500 student helpers, whose energy, passion, and dedication helped make the evening such a great success. Throughout the school, there was a real buzz of excitement. In Science, visitors got hands-on with dissections! In English, they stepped into the world of heroes and villains and in Food Technology, there was a live cookie masterclass which was a huge hit! In Geography, none other than a guest appearance from 'Sir David Attenborough' brought the subject to life in spectacular fashion! The evening was a true celebration of the Sharples community and the vibrant learning environment we are so proud of. Thank you once again to everyone who took part!

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#### Sharples Stewards!



We are delighted to announce the appointment of our new Sharples Stewards (pictured above). This important role will see students supporting the organisation and setup of key events throughout the year! Their first major responsibility was assisting with our recent Open Evening. From preparing spaces, to welcoming visitors and supporting the site staff, their contribution was invaluable! Well done, everyone!

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#### Year 8 Maths Careers Activity



This week, our Year 8 students took part in a careers-focused activity exploring jobs that involve estimation and rounding. Their task was to act as a building surveyor for a client, estimating the cost of new flooring for an apartment. They calculated the area of different-shaped rooms, estimated the cost for their chosen flooring, and then worked out the total cost for the whole apartment. To finish, students presented their proposals to the class. The quality of work was excellent, and their clients would have been very impressed. Well done, Year 8!



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

##### Work of the Week

Year 7

Alys M - For excellent verb, person sentence examples. [Click here to view.](#)

Year 8

Fatima N for some great analysis on the poem My Last Duchess. [Click here to view.](#)

Year 9

Nadia K for a beautiful analytical paragraph in her poetry lesson. [Click here to view.](#)

Year 10

Aiysha F for a brilliant start to her first poetry essay. [Click here to view.](#)

Year 11

Ibrahim V for an excellent attempt at a character analysis question. [Click here to view.](#)

##### Readers of the Week

Year 7

Joey A for speaking clearly and confidently when given answers aloud in class.

Year 8

Aamira V for her role as Mrs Johnstone in Blood Brothers.

Year 9

Amin A for excellent fluency when reading the Jungle.

Year 10

Emilie Rose H for brilliantly reading A Christmas Carol.

Year 11

Syed T for an excellent reading of Gerald in An Inspector Calls.

#### September at Sharples Gardening Club

Ms Finney and Ms Birks run Gardening Club every Thursday. So far, we have run 3 sessions and have had 25 gardeners in attendance. We have several areas that we cultivate. We are lucky enough to have an inner school quadrangle garden, an orchard, a woodland, an allotment and a pond area, here at Sharples.

Autumn is a busy time for gardeners, as it is time to harvest many of the fruits and vegetables that we planted earlier in the year. Our new members have had fun weeding, digging up potatoes, planting new seeds and digging new beds in the allotment. We have harvested carrots, chives, cabbages and lots of potatoes over the past three weeks. In the next few weeks, we hope to cook with some of our ingredients.





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#### Year 7 secure their first win of the season



The Year 7 football team (pictured) were back in action again this week playing Ladybridge at home. It was a tight first half with Sharples taking a narrow 2-1 lead into half time after goals 2 from Joshua. The second half was a different story as the team showed their dominance and found their composure in front of goal. The final score finished 8-1 with a number of students scoring their first goal for school. Goals from Joey, Khalil, Dawood, Tom and Harry secured the convincing win.

#### Year 10 Football Friendly

Our Year 10s took on Thornleigh in a friendly game Tuesday evening. It was a tough game with a number of starting players unavailable but the team worked hard and put up a good fight. Unfortunately Thornleigh had too much for us and went on to win 5-1. Onto the next one #UpTheSharples

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#### Year 7 Netball vs Essa



A huge well done to our Year 7 netball team (pictured above) who took part in their very first match against Essa on Monday night! It was fantastic to see such excellent teamwork on display throughout the game. The girls showed real determination, supported one another brilliantly, and represented our school fantastically! It was great to see them all enjoying their netball! Well done, Year 7!

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#### Year 8 secure another win with a last minute winner!



Year 8 (pictured) travelled to Ladybridge looking to build on their impressive win at Thornleigh last week. Sharples weren't at their best in the first half and were sloppy in possession. They were fortunate to go into the interval one nil up after a moment of brilliance from Max who beat his man and then curled into the top corner from outside the box. Man of the match Zach broke down the right wing and lobbed the ball over the keeper for Sharples second goal in the second half. Ladybridge reacted well and pulled a goal back and then equalised with 4 minutes remaining of the game. Sharples pressed for a winner and Archie was brought down in the box and he then stepped up to take the penalty and calmly convert from the spot and seal all 3 points for the team with almost the last kick of the game.

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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

##### Year Groups attendance this week:

7 = 98.00%

8 = 96.75%

9 = 95.20%

10 = 97.11%

11 = 95.06%

##### Best forms this week:

7Ples5 & 7Shar3 = 100%

8Shar1 = 100%

9Ples4 = 96.97%

10Ples2 = 99%

11Shar5 = 99.10%

842 pupils have achieved 100% this academic year

#### Dates for your Diary

Friday 26th

September: Staff Training Day - school closed to students

Tuesday 30th Sept and Wednesday 1st Oct: Open Mornings (09:15 – 11:00)

Wednesday 1st October: Year 11 practical PPE Hospitality and Catering (09:15 – 12:55)

Thursday 2nd October: Next Steps Evening Year 11 (16.00 - 18:00)

#### Career of the Week: Software Developer

*They create and test programs that allow people to complete tasks, run services and use digital devices.*

##### Average Salary:



##### Typical hours: (per week)



##### You could work:



##### Qualifications:

- You could get to this job through a university course, a college course, an apprenticeship or a graduate training scheme
- 2 to 3 A levels, or equivalent, for a degree.
- 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A\* to C), or equivalent, including English, Maths and Computing.

##### Skills required:

- Complex problem-solving skills.
- Excellent verbal communication skills for sharing ideas.
- Persistence and determination.
- The ability to write computer programs.
- To have a thorough understanding of computer systems and applications.
- The ability to write computer programs

##### Relevant Subjects:

- Computer Science, English and Maths.



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



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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	Y8 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	Y9 Football v Thornleigh (h)	Y8 Football v Canon Slade (a)	KS4 Fitness Suite-SHAR	PE detentions
Netball - all years	Y8 Football practice	Y9 & Y10 Netball v St Joseph's (a)	Girls Football- all years	
Y7 Boys football practice	KS4 Fitness Suite-SHAR	Y9 Football practice-JBA		
	Running Club- all years	KS3 Girls swimming		
		KS4 Girls Fitness		

Week beginning 29th Sept





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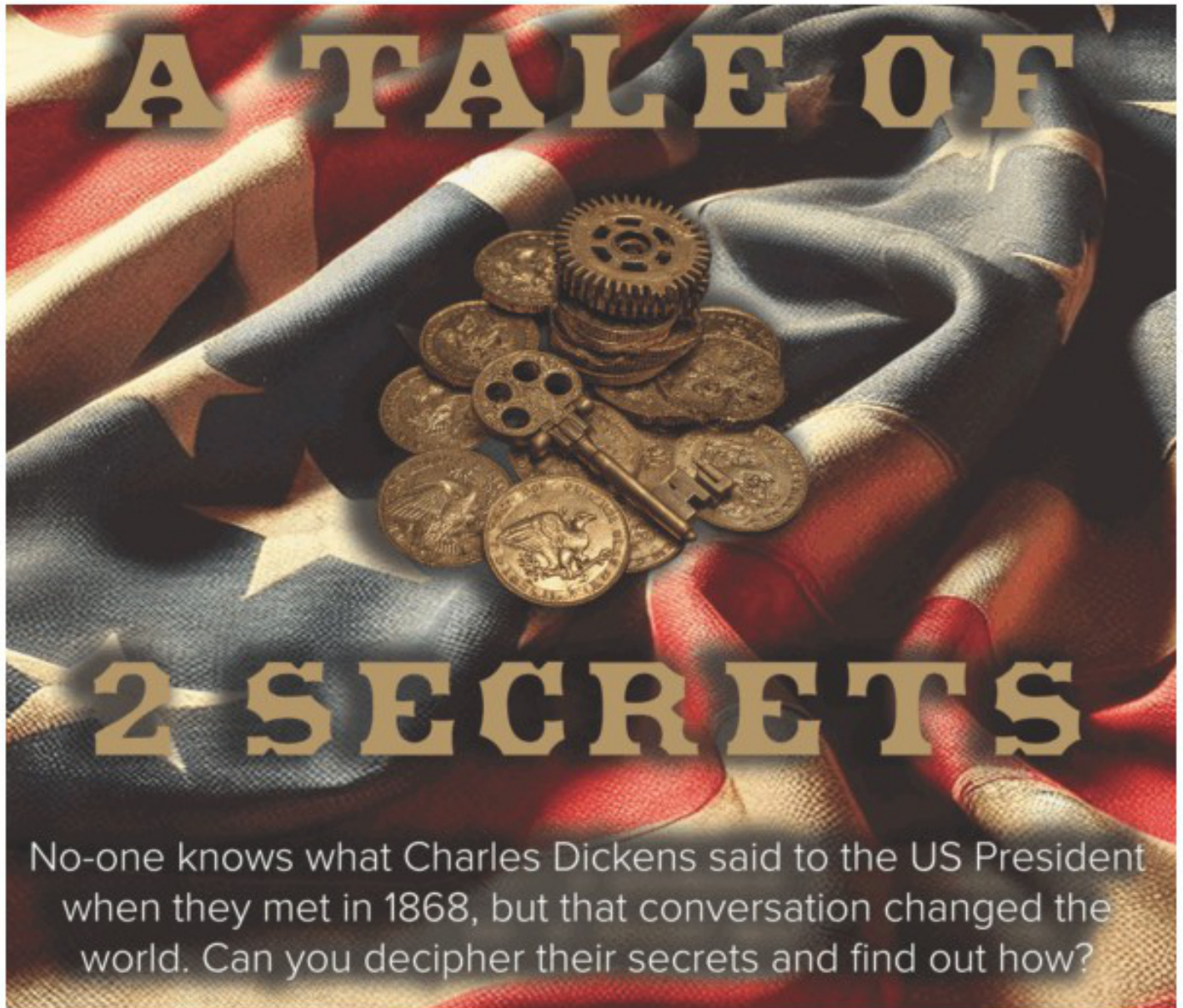
# CALCULATED COLOURING CLUB

Thursday Lunchtime  
G16  
For Year 7





Calling all codebreakers and future cyber security experts...



Take part in the University of Southampton  
National Cipher Challenge!

Free entry. Prizes available.

Entrants can take part alone or  
in teams of any size.

Weekly lunchtime club to support you.

If you would like to register, contact  
Mrs Helm by email or in U27.