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Open Evening: Maths Department

The Maths department enjoyed welcoming future students to our 'crack-the-code rooms' at open evening this year. Visitors could choose between the Harry Potter and Halloween rooms. Each room had a mix of puzzles which, when solved, gave clues to help crack a final code. The classrooms looked brilliant and families had a great time taking part. A big thank you to the Maths ambassadors and other student helpers who ensured the evening ran smoothly.



Year 11 Next Steps Event

Our Year 11 Next Steps Event was a great success, with lots of parents, carers and students in attendance. During the evening, families heard from our Directors of English and Maths about how students can best prepare for their GCSEs, as well as receiving valuable advice on effective revision techniques. We were also delighted to welcome 16 post-16 providers, including colleges, sixth forms and apprenticeship organisations, who shared information about the exciting opportunities available to students after their GCSEs.

[Parents and carers can click here to access the presentation from the evening.](#)

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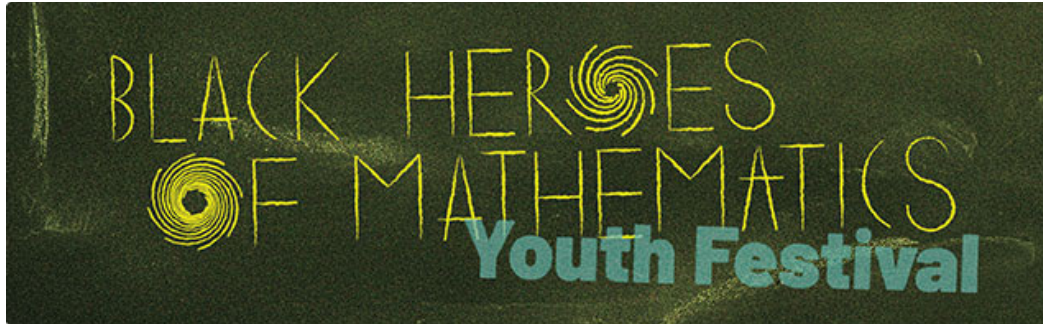


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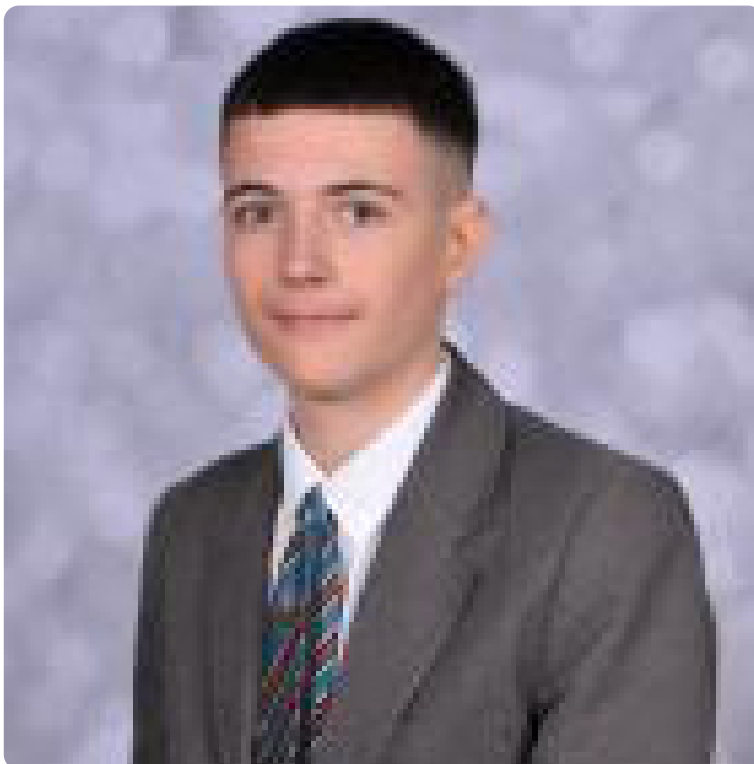
Black Heroes of Mathematics Youth Festival



This week, Year 7 students took part in an inspiring online event as part of the Black Heroes of Mathematics Youth Festival.

The festival celebrates the centenary of a historic milestone: on 26 September 1925, Dr Elbert Cox became the first Black person in the world to earn a PhD in Mathematics. Schools across the UK are joining in the celebrations leading up to the 100th anniversary.

As part of the event, Nira Chamberlain OBE, a professional mathematician, led an engaging session exploring whether certain phenomena should be considered Mathematics or Physics.



Tribute - Liam Bracken

Everyone at Sharples was devastated at the news last week of the sudden passing of former student Liam Bracken.

Liam was an exemplary student in the Class of 2024. He was liked by staff and student alike and left Sharples with fantastic GCSE results and having secured a much sought after apprenticeship at Sherwin Williams.

Our thoughts are with Liam's family and friends at this very sad time.



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Parental Engagement Lead

Dear Members of the Extended Sharples Family,

My name is Mrs Heaton and I am writing to introduce myself to you as the new Parental Engagement Lead of Sharples School.

My role is to ensure that all parents, guardians and other interested parties feel up to date and included in matters relating to life at Sharples School.

Last year saw the introduction by Mrs Hart of our Parent Forum, which brings together other staff, parents and guardians to discuss school life and to continue to drive our school forward from strength to strength, focussing on our ethos of 'Learn, Dream, Achieve'.

I am privileged to have been a teacher at Sharples for over 10 years and have seen first hand the many strengths of our school community and look forward to working with parent partners to continue the work started by Mrs Hart at our next Parent Forum, which is scheduled for Monday 20th October 2025 at 4pm, where we will be discussing issues ranging from Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) with Mr Poole, to ensuring that our website and communication is fit for purpose.

If you are interested in helping to make our school the best it can be, please get in touch and confirm your attendance by emailing admin-support@sharplesschool.co.uk.

I look forward to meeting you and hearing your views!

Thank you so much for taking an interest in your child's school.

Mrs A Heaton

Parental Engagement Coordinator

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

Flu Vaccinations

If you would like your child to receive the flu vaccine in school this year, please follow the link below to complete an online consent form. If you wish to decline, please still complete the form to indicate your decision. [LINK TO THE FORM](#)

The vaccinations will take place at Sharples on the 6th of November 2025.

The link will close on 17th of October 2025.

If your child has already received the flu vaccine elsewhere since September 2025, please complete the form and select 'No' to consent.

If you experience any issues accessing the link, please contact 0333 358 3397, selecting the appropriate options.



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Rowan - Apprentice of the Year Runner up



Congratulations to former Head Girl, Rowan Edlington, who was presented the runner up award for Apprentice of the Year at the South West Region Awards this week. Rowan is a higher level apprentice for EDF Energy and continues to make everyone at Sharples very proud!

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Calling all Ghost Story Writers!

Are you haunted by ideas? Do you hear whispers in the night... telling you to enter our Spine-Chilling Ghost Story Competition?

Whether you're a Year 7 with a vivid imagination or a Year 11 who's already mastered the art of suspense, this is your chance to terrify us (in the nicest possible way). Think creaking floorboards, flickering lights, mysterious messages... and that thing under the bed.

Deadline: Friday 31st October (when the veil is thinnest). Open to all students in Years 7–11. Eerie prizes for the best stories (and eternal bragging rights)

Submit your story to Miss Hassan before the witching hour — well, before the end of the school day on Friday 31st October. Word limit: 250 words – we love a twist, but keep it snappy!

Happy haunting... we mean, writing.

@Young Writers

GHOST STORIES COMPETITION OPEN TO ALL YEAR GROUPS

This spook-tacular writing competition challenges you to create a ghost story in just 250 words that will send chills down the reader's spine—even in broad daylight!

From creepy houses, strange goings-on, sinister shadows, and ghostly apparitions...

Submit your entry by: Friday 31st October 2025
Hand in to: Miss Hassan

🏆 Prizes include:

- You could win a £25 cinema voucher
- There's also the opportunity to be selected for a school rewards trip!

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English Department's Stars of the Week

Work of the Week

Year 7

Adam B for excellent examples of emotion word, comma sentences. [Click here to view.](#)

Year 8

Poppy B for her brilliant understanding of Petrarch's sonnet. [Click here to view.](#)

Year 9

Raessa M for her beautiful and thoughtful poetry annotations. [Click here to view.](#)

Year 10

Amaara M for her fantastic self-assessment. [Click here to view.](#)

Year 11

Owen D for a detailed language response. [Click here to view.](#)

Readers of the Week

Year 7

Aisha GA for always volunteering to read and reading with clarity and intonation.

Year 8

Max L for reading the part of Mrs Lyons.

Year 9

Mason R for reading aloud brilliantly and modifying his tone of voice for characters.

Year 10

Safira T for reading a section of the poem Kamikaze to the class.

Year 11

Zaeem P for reading clearly to the whole class with enthusiasm.

Year 9 Football Home Victory

The Year 9 football team played their first home game of the season against Thornleigh and after going a goal down in the first half, they managed to score twice in the second to secure the victory. Overall a positive performance from the whole team, with particular praise going to our back 3 of Alex C, Jason A and Adam B who were outstanding.



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Oliver M - Trampolining Success!



The following article has been provided by Oliver himself. Sharples School is very proud of his achievements and they deserve to be celebrated.

For the final time with Bolton Trampoline Gymnastics Academy I have finished my last competition wearing the red and black leotard. Over this weekend I competed in both Double Mini Trampoline and regular Trampoline. I can safely say I came 1st in DMT and 3rd on Regular Trampoline.

However, to say this was my final competition with Bolton it doesn't mean it stops here. Looking into the close future I am going to train with Bury Trampoline Club & Liverpool High Performance Trampoline Club. Then in the more distant future, Greater Manchester Trampoline Club. A lot of clubs were mentioned however ultimately I am going to bounce with Greater Manchester TC when everything has been sorted on their side and when they have found suitable accommodation.

With that being said, this weekend has been a memorable time but certainly not the last. I will continue on with trampolining always and forever.

I am extremely proud of my achievements and happy with how I placed this weekend and look forward to the 4-5 month 'off season'. [Click here to view how a typical competition is set up.](#)

Just as an overview for Double Mini Trampoline, I am League and English Champion out of the whole of the UK.

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Sports Leaders Host Local Primary Schools!



A huge well done to our fantastic Sports Leaders who successfully hosted their very first event of the year this afternoon! We welcomed Year 1 and Year 2 pupils from local primary schools to take part in a range of fun football activities. The event was a great success, with visiting teachers commenting on how confident, organised, and encouraging our leaders were throughout! Their enthusiasm and teamwork created a brilliant atmosphere, ensuring that all the young students had a great time! Well done, girls!

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Year 9 & Year 10 Netball



Our Year 9 and Year 10 netball teams played their first matches of the season on Wednesday afternoon in a friendly mini festival ahead of the upcoming league fixtures and tournaments starting next week. It was a great opportunity for the girls to get back on court, shake off the cobwebs, and enjoy some game time! The afternoon was a great warm-up for the competitive matches ahead!

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Year 8 secure back to back wins with an away win at Canon Slade



Year 8 made the short journey to Canon Slade looking to avenge their heavy defeat at the hands of Canon in the Bolton Cup last season. Sharples looked full of confidence after their win against Ladybridge last week and started brightly and soon found themselves 2 goals up after Archie and then Qayyim both broke the off side trap to slot past the oncoming keeper. It wasn't to be an easy afternoon though and Canon Slade pressed for an equaliser and eventually pulled a goal back in the second half. For the remainder of the second half Sharples had to dig deep and show great character and commitment to get the 3 points. Canon Slade looked certain to equalise 3 times but heroic defending from Max and Rehan and a superb save from Riley ensured another win for the team.

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Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 8th
October: Bolton
Wanderers in the
Community -
Changemakers - Year
9 (11:15 – 12:55)

Wednesday 8th
October: Bolton
Wanderers in the
Community - Literacy
Programme Year 8
(13:35 – 14:25)

Thursday 9th October:
Year 10 Places of
Worship trip

Friday 10th October:
World Mental Health
Day Trip to Bolton
Townhall

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:

7 = 97.37%
8 = 96.68%
9 = 96.27%
10 = 96.16%
11 = 94.53%

Best forms this week:

7Ples4 & 7Shar2 = 100%
8Ples3 = 99.56%
9Ples4 = 98.63%
10Ples5 = 98.57%
11Shar5 = 99.61%

774 pupils have achieved 100% this academic year

Career of the Week: Air Traffic Controller

Air traffic controllers give information and instructions to airline pilots to help them take off and land safely and on time.

Average Salary: £
£46,000
£100,000

Starter
Experienced

Typical hours:
(per week) 35 to 45

You could work: days / nights / weekends
on shifts



Qualifications:

- You could get to this job through an apprenticeship or training scheme.
- 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), or equivalent, including English and maths, for an advanced apprenticeship.

Skills required:

- Concentration skills.
- Knowledge of transport methods, costs and benefits.
- The ability to use your judgement and make decisions.
- The ability to accept criticism and work well under pressure.
- Excellent verbal communication skills.
- Complex problem-solving skills.
- To be thorough and pay attention to detail.

Relevant Subjects:

- Geography, Engineering, Computing.

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



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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

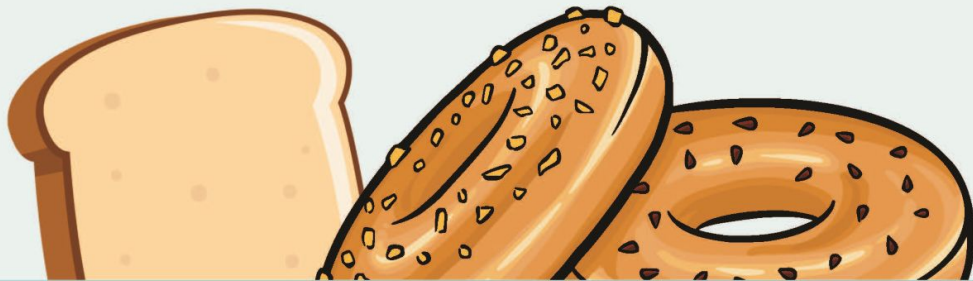
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
KS3 boys Swimming Club	Y9 Football v Canon (a) 2 teams	Y9 Football practice- JBA	KS4 Fitness Suite- SHAR	PE detentions- KS3 homework
Netball - all years	Y11 Netball tournament	KS3 Girls swimming	Girls Football- all years	
Y7 Boys football practice	Y8 Football practice	KS4 Girls Fitness	Y7 & Y8 Netball v St Joseph's (a)	
Y10 Football v Canon Slade (h) Bolton Cup	KS4 Fitness Suite- SHAR			
	Running Club- all years			

Week beginning 6th Oct



BREAKFAST CLUB

IN THE CANTEEN
EVERY MORNING FROM 8AM
CHROME BOOKS AVAILABLE



FREE TOAST AND BAGELS

Start your day the right way!



ENGLISH NEWSLETTER

HELLO OCTOBER

English has kicked off this year with some exciting opportunities for you to get involved in and there's much more to come!



WORD OF THE WEEK

Intrepid

= Having no fear

E.g. The intrepid explorer ventured into the uncharted jungle.

It was National Poetry Day this week and we celebrated poems by a Manchester poet, Matt Goodfellow.



COMPETITIONS



Get involved with the current writing competitions: you could get published in a book and be in the running to win vouchers and go on a trip!

Speak to Miss Hassan for details.

Poetry Deadline

24/10/25

Short Story Deadline

31/10/25

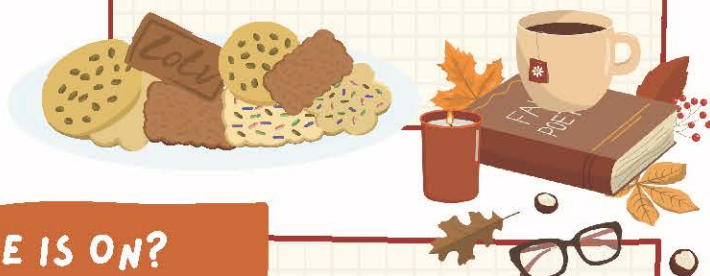


LIBRARY EVENTS

BOOKS AND BISCUITS

with Mrs Topham

Every Tuesday Lunchtime



WHAT ELSE IS ON?



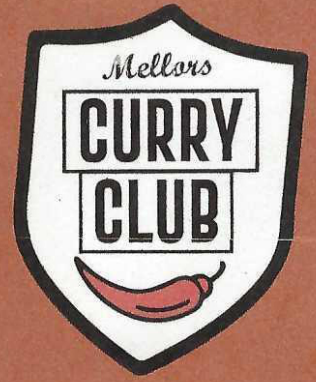
Mock Trials are underway and Year 9 are learning the inner workings of a courtroom.



Anime Club - Wednesday lunch in U15

Mellors
FOOD
HAPPY

Curry of The day



main

Lentil & Potato Dahl

Chicken Haleem

Squash & Chickpea Balti

Chicken Jalfrezi

£2.10

Dessert

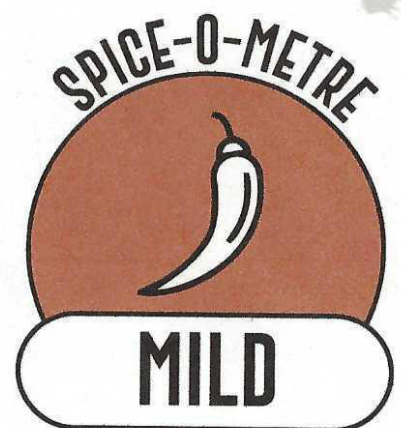
Coconut Rice

Pudding

90p

SATISFY YOUR CURRY CRAVING...

7th October





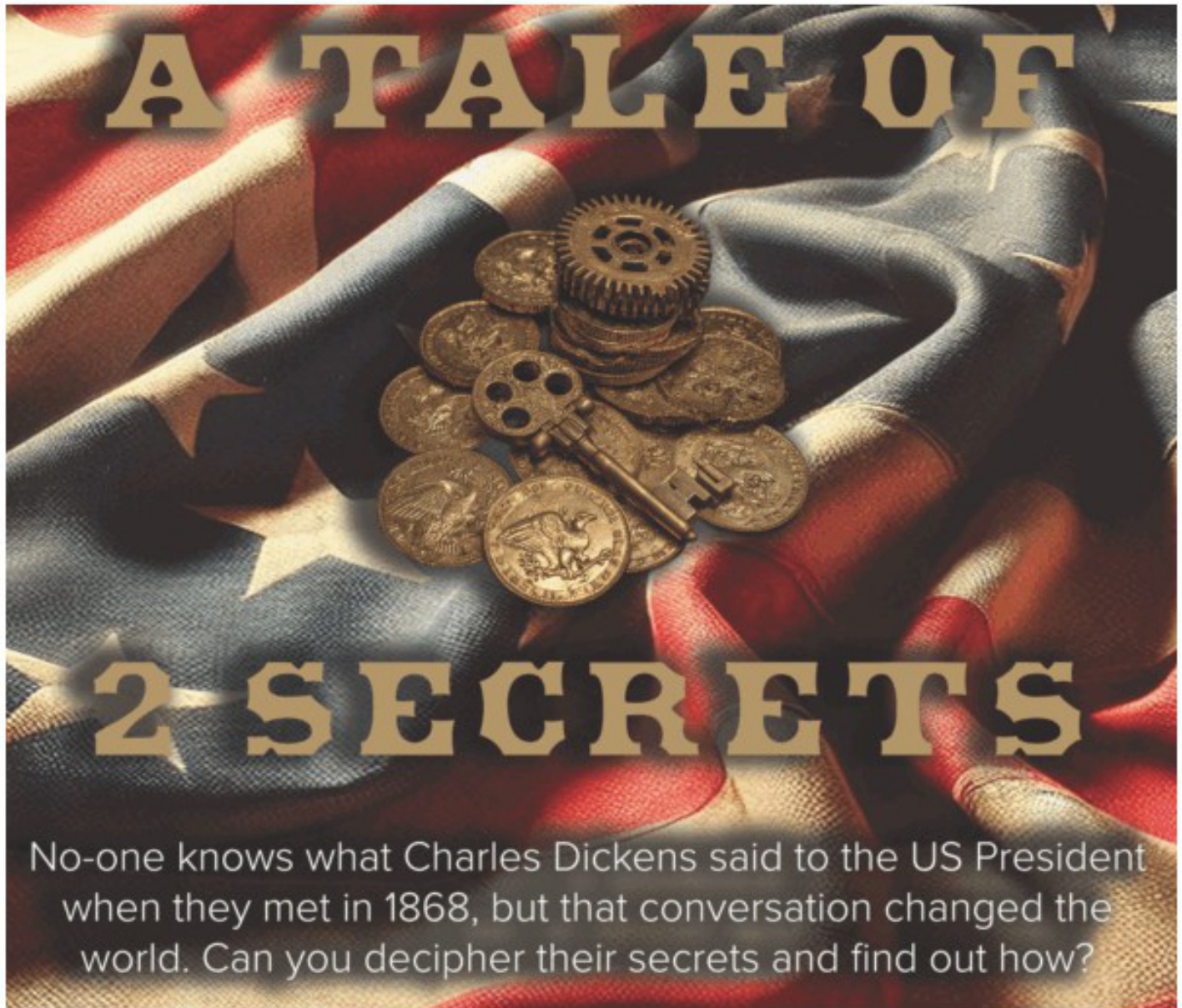
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CALCULATED COLOURING CLUB

Thursday Lunchtime
G16
For Year 7



Calling all codebreakers and future cyber security experts...



No-one knows what Charles Dickens said to the US President when they met in 1868, but that conversation changed the world. Can you decipher their secrets and find out how?

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.