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Year 7 Science Show



Our Year 7 students were blown away at this year's Science Show — and so were we!

From hair-raising moments with the Van de Graaff generator, to cannon fire demonstrations that shook the hall, and hydrogen balloon explosions that lit up the room — science truly came to life!

Students also got an up-close look at biology in action during a rat dissection, and ended on a high note with the roar of the ethanol rocket - pictured.

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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 September's nominees for a fantastic start to the year in maths lessons!

Year 7

Imogen M
Coby St
Summer D
George H
Alfie A
Tanvir H
Connie S
Essa D
Zidan A

Year 8

Aaminah P
Umar D
Isabell G
Sophie W
Bisma Aslam N
Anayah I
Maryam M
Hashim A
Fajar Ahmad A

Year 9

Leo F
Eunice C
Afreen P
Kaleb C
Misba J
Shamim P
Raeesa M
Ethan M
Melih Y
Phoebe B

Year 10

Hani K
Declan J
Romeo B
Rohaam H
Zain W
Zain P
Idris O
Annabelle B
Afia Z

Year 11

Megan P
Aishah A
Sara N
Umar M
Kulsoom M
Yusuf P
Falak K
Charley R
Mariyah M
Hafsa D

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English Department Stars of the Week

Work of the Week

Year 7

Imama N - Fantastic work on emotion word, comma sentences. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 8

Darcey E - A superb analytical paragraph on sonnet VII. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 9

Radeyah T - Excellent understanding of writer's intentions. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 10

Muhammad W - An excellent response to a GCSE style question with some fantastic use of peer assessment. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 11

Juwairryah S - A great response to P1 Q3 with lovely use of self-assessment. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Readers of the Week

Year 7

Charlie M for enthusiastic reading of Short Stories.

Year 8

Aqeela P for reading different characters from Blood Brothers clearly with intonation.

Year 9

Jason A for always volunteering to read aloud, reads fluently and clearly.

Year 10

Ibrahim A, reads out really well and projects his voice.

Year 11

Cody R, gets into character well when reading An Inspector Calls.



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Maths Cipher Club



This week marked the exciting launch of the 2025 Cipher Club in the Maths Department! Students are invited to put their problem-solving skills to the test by taking part in the University of Southampton Cipher Challenge — a series of puzzles and code-breaking tasks released weekly.

Each new challenge builds on the last, offering a fun and rewarding way to develop logical thinking and teamwork skills.

If you'd like to get involved, email Mrs Helm or come along to U27 on Thursday lunchtime.

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Year 10 Cup Game

On Monday night our Year 10 Boys took on Canon Slade in the Bolton Cup. The game was very close and intense with Kobe scoring and giving us a 1-0 lead. 5 minutes before halftime Canon managed to pull it back level. Starting strong, Sharples managed to push Canon and put them on the back foot with some fantastic counter attacking play, one resulted in Kobe being taken down in the box for a Sharples penalty. Up steps Hayden with a fantastic strike to make it 2-1. Unfortunately as Canon pressed to save the game, we conceded a penalty with 10 minutes left. Up steps our goalkeeper, Isaac, who makes a fantastic triple save, YES, A TRIPLE SAVE!

In the dying embers of the game Canon produced a wonder strike to make it 2-2 and take the game to penalties. Today wasn't our day as we lost the tie on penalties with Canon not missing a single penalty, in comparison to us only converting 1. Unlucky boys, onto the next one. #UpTheSharples!

Year 7 A and B teams travel to Canon Slade



It was fantastic to see so many Year 7 students representing the school this week as over 20 pupils travelled to Canon Slade for a friendly fixture. It was always going to be a difficult challenge against very talented opposition. Both teams competed throughout and showed great character despite suffering convincing defeats in both matches.



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Year 11 Netball Tournament



Year 11 took part in their final netball game of their Sharples career on Tuesday evening when they took part in the Bolton Town tournament at Bolton School. The team showed brilliant teamwork and spirit, putting in a valiant effort against extremely tough competition. The girls have been an absolute pleasure to teach and coach over the 5 years, and I hope they continue enjoying their netball as they move on from Sharples! Well done, girls!

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Year 7 & Year 8 Netball Mini Festival



Our Year 7 and Year 8 netball teams travelled to St Joseph's on Thursday afternoon to take part in a mini festival. Both squads showcased excellent teamwork and skill throughout the event, representing Sharples brilliantly! A special mention must go to Daisy M and Lucy L, who were named Players of the Tournament for Sharples in recognition of their fantastic performances. Well done, girls! We go again next week against Ladybridge!

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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:

7 = 96.01%

8 = 97.25%

9 = 95.11%

10 = 95.62%

11 = 94.97%

Best forms this week:

7Shar1 = 100%

8Ples3 & 8Ples4 = 100%

9Shar5 = 97.37%

10Ples4 = 100%

11Shar5 = 99.60%

723 pupils have achieved 100% this academic year

Dates for your Diary

Monday 13th October:
Year 11 Photographs -
Individual and group

Wed 15th October:
Sharples Aspiring
event (15:15 – 16:00)

Thursday 16th
October: Preparing for
GCSE Success
Evening - Year 10
(16:00 – 18:00)

Friday 17th October:
Hardwick Hall Year 11
History Trip

Friday 17th October:
Live Google Meet
session with author
Pooja Puri for all of
Year 9 (12:05 – 12:55)

Career of the Week: Artificial intelligence (AI) engineer

They develop programs and algorithms which teach a machine or computer to carry out tasks and learn from them.

Average Salary: £ £35,000£75,000StarterExperienced

Typical hours:
(per week) 37 to 40a week

You could work: 9am to 5pm

Qualifications:

- You could get to this job through a university course or an apprenticeship.
- 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), or equivalent.
- 2 to 3 A levels, or equivalent, for a degree.

Skills required:

- Maths knowledge.
- Analytical thinking skills.
- To be thorough and pay attention to detail.
- Knowledge of engineering science and technology.
- The ability to write computer programs.
- The ability to come up with new ways of doing things.
- Knowledge of systems analysis and development
- Persistence and determination.
- To have a thorough understanding of computer systems and applications.

Relevant Subjects:

- Maths, Computing, Engineering.



Information sourced from: <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/job-profiles/artificial-intelligence-ai-engineer>



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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	Y10 Netball tournament	Y9 Football v ESSA (h)	KS4 Fitness Suite-SHAR	PE detentions- KS3 homework
Netball - all years	Y8 Football practice	KS3 Girls swimming	Girls Football- all years	Y11 Bolton Cup match v Harper Green (h) TBC
Y7 Boys football practice	KS4 Fitness Suite-SHAR	KS4 Girls Fitness	Y7, Y8 & Y9 Netball v Ladybridge (a)	
	Running Club- all years	Y8 Bolton Cup match TBC		

Week beginning 13th Oct

Wrap Up Sharples



Helping to keep the people of Bolton warm this winter

Think:

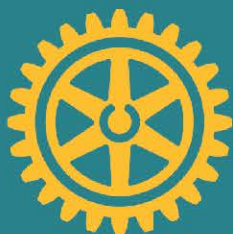
“Is this coat good enough for you to wear?”



Wrap Up is a campaign run by local Rotary Clubs, in partnership with the registered charity Hands On London. Thick warm winter coats donated to Wrap Up are collected by volunteers and each garment is inspected to ensure it is clean and in a good condition to be given away. The collected coats are distributed via homeless shelters, refugee centres, organisations supporting the elderly, women's refuges, children's centres and other charities helping people in crisis.

The Wrap Up box is in Student Reception. Please have a look at home and deposit any donations in the box before half term.

Rotary



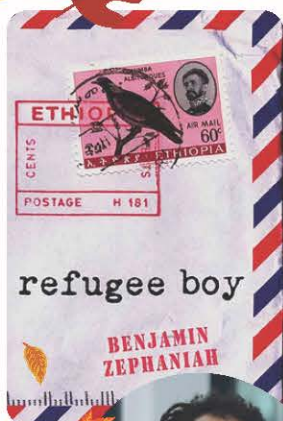
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ENGLISH NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 10TH OCT

It's Black History Month, so to recognise and celebrate the works and achievements of black writers and artists head to the library and check out **Refugee Boy** by Benjamin Zephaniah or our many books by Malorie Blackman.



COMPETITIONS

We're nearing the deadlines for the current writing competitions: you still have a chance to get involved and get published!



You have until next Friday to hand your ghost stories into Miss Hassan in U12.



'I Have A Dream'
Poetry Deadline: 24/10/25



WORD OF THE WEEK

Zealous

= Having or showing great energy or enthusiasm in pursuit of a cause or objective.

E.g. The volunteers were zealous in their efforts to clean up the park.



LIBRARY EVENTS

BOOKS AND BISCUITS
with Mrs Topham
Every Tuesday Lunchtime



WHAT ELSE IS ON?



Mock Trials
continue - Year
9 and 10 learn
the inner
workings of a
courtroom.



Anime Club -
Wednesday
lunch in U15



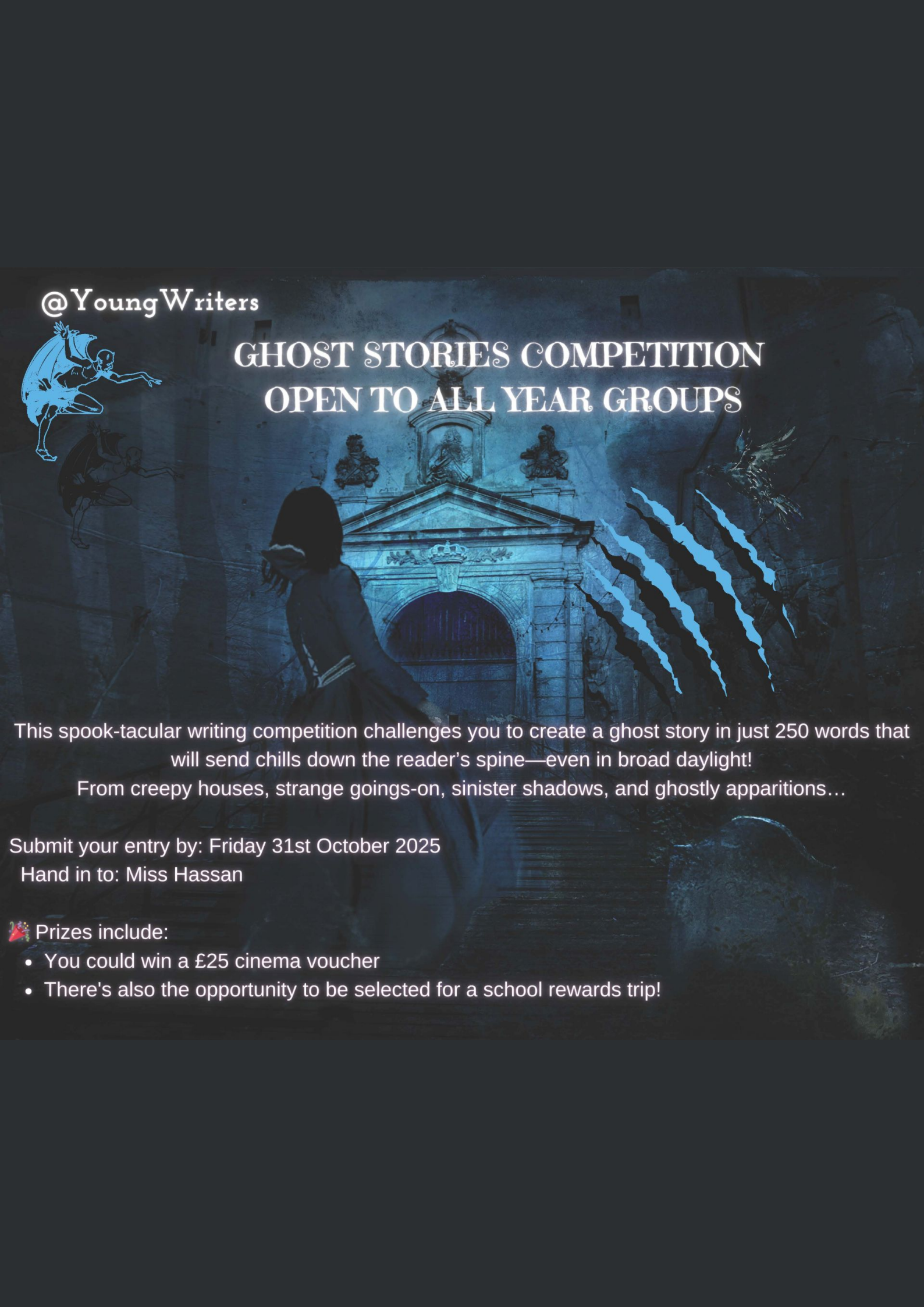
BREAKFAST CLUB

IN THE CANTEEN
EVERY MORNING FROM 8AM
CHROME BOOKS AVAILABLE



FREE TOAST AND BAGELS

Start your day the right way!



@YoungWriters

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!

Join our Bolton College D/deaf community!

At Bolton College, we've been empowering D/deaf learners for over 35 years. When you choose us, you're not just joining a college; you're becoming part of a vibrant, supportive, and thriving D/deaf community!

Seamless School-to-College Transition

We offer learners the opportunity to try out workshops before officially joining us in the new academic year.

Bespoke Learning, Just for You

Our tailored packages ensure that our learners' educational experiences are personalised to meet their needs and goals.

Exceptional Support Services

Our support services, including BSL Communication Support Workers/Interpreters, ensure that communication barriers are a thing of the past.

D/deaf Club

Our D/deaf Club allows our learners to develop their language skills whilst having fun; they can connect with peers, engage in exciting activities, and interact with inspiring D/deaf role models.

Expert Language & Technical Tutorials

Our tailored packages ensure that our learners' educational experiences are personalised to meet their needs and goals.

Resource Modifications

Accessible resources are essential; our modification service crafts specialised D/deaf resources, ensuring a smooth learning experience.



D/deaf Transition and Progression Advisors

Expert guidance and support from our Transition and Progression Advisors ensures that each of our learners reaches



“The support from the College's D/deaf team has been so helpful. I'm currently studying business, and I'd like to progress to university.”

Hamza

If you have any questions, or if you'd like to attend our D/deaf **Open Event on Wednesday 15th October, 5pm-7pm**, contact us at CSWCoordinators@boltoncc.ac.uk or call **01204 482 674**.

Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to thrive and grow. Join our friendly and welcoming community of D/deaf learners who are achieving their dreams at Bolton College!

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