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Student Stars in Macbeth



Sharples student, Dylan R, has made an exciting stage debut at the Octagon theatre in Bolton, where he's been performing alongside a professional cast of actors.

The Year 10 drama student has made his starring role in Shakespeare's dramatic tragedy, *Macbeth*, in which he has been playing Fleance (the son of Banquo).

The talented youngster was selected to play the part after an open audition, and has been impressing the director and packed audiences ever since.

The play, which runs through most of March, has meant Dylan has had to juggle his school studies alongside rehearsals, actual performances and other commitments he has with a drama school outside of school. He shares the role of Fleance with another young actor, and between them they have been in every matinee (afternoon performance) and evening performance since the production started on March 4th - when Dylan performed on the very first opening night (with VIPs and press).

Despite the nerves, Dylan says it's all been worth it. "I've gained so much experience and knowledge in such a short space of time, and I've loved every minute of it. The cast is fantastic and have been really supportive. I will be sad when it ends!"

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Head teacher Miss Molyneux said, "Dylan is a wonderful student and we're extremely proud of him. Macbeth has been an exciting opportunity for him to get a real-life insight into what it's like in the professional world of performing arts. It's one thing to see a stage production like this at the fantastic Octagon, but it's quite another to play an active part in treading the boards as they say. He's gained invaluable experience which will serve him well as he continues his studies - which includes a Drama GCSE."

Macbeth is one of Shakespeare's most famous and sinister plays, with plenty of fighting, powerful dialogue and supernatural twists and turns. It features three evil witches who predict that the leading character Macbeth will become King of Scotland, and his greed for power ultimately leads to his downfall. Even his best friend Banquo gets dragged into the violence and tragedy. Dylan plays Banquo's son, whom the witches also predict will become King.

Students at Sharples School study Macbeth in Year 8, and next week a group of pupils are going to watch the modern version of the play, which has enjoyed fantastic theatre reviews. We're thrilled that the production, which has been touring other parts of the country, has come to our home town - and has given local boy, Dylan, a unique and exciting opportunity to be a part of it!



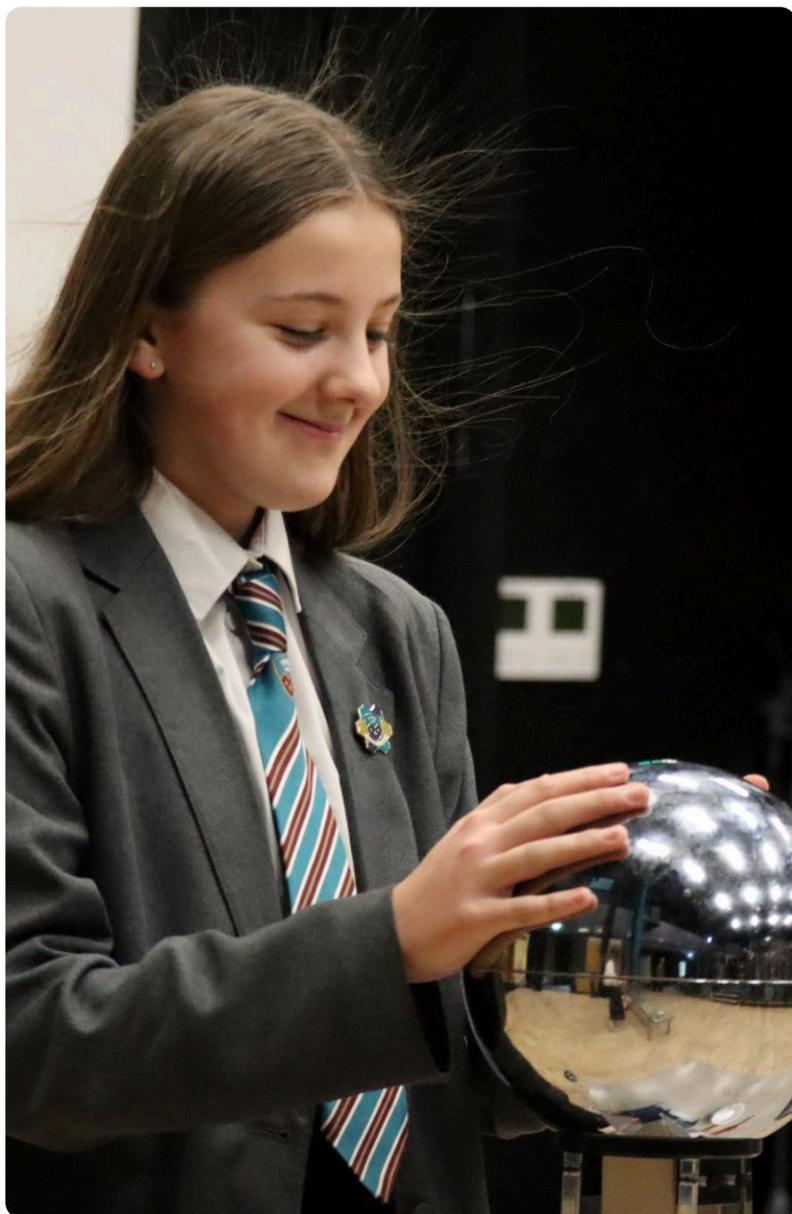


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STEM Week - Science Show



Year 8 and 9 students were treated to a series of exciting science shows packed with dramatic demonstrations and fascinating experiments. Highlights included the ethanol rocket blasting into the air, the crackling sparks of the Van de Graaff generator, and the spectacular “whoosh bottle” reaction. Alongside the thrills, students learned about the scientific principles behind each experiment, from energy transfer to static electricity and combustion. The shows combined entertainment with education, sparking curiosity and plenty of participation from the audience. It was a memorable experience that demonstrated just how exciting and engaging science can be.

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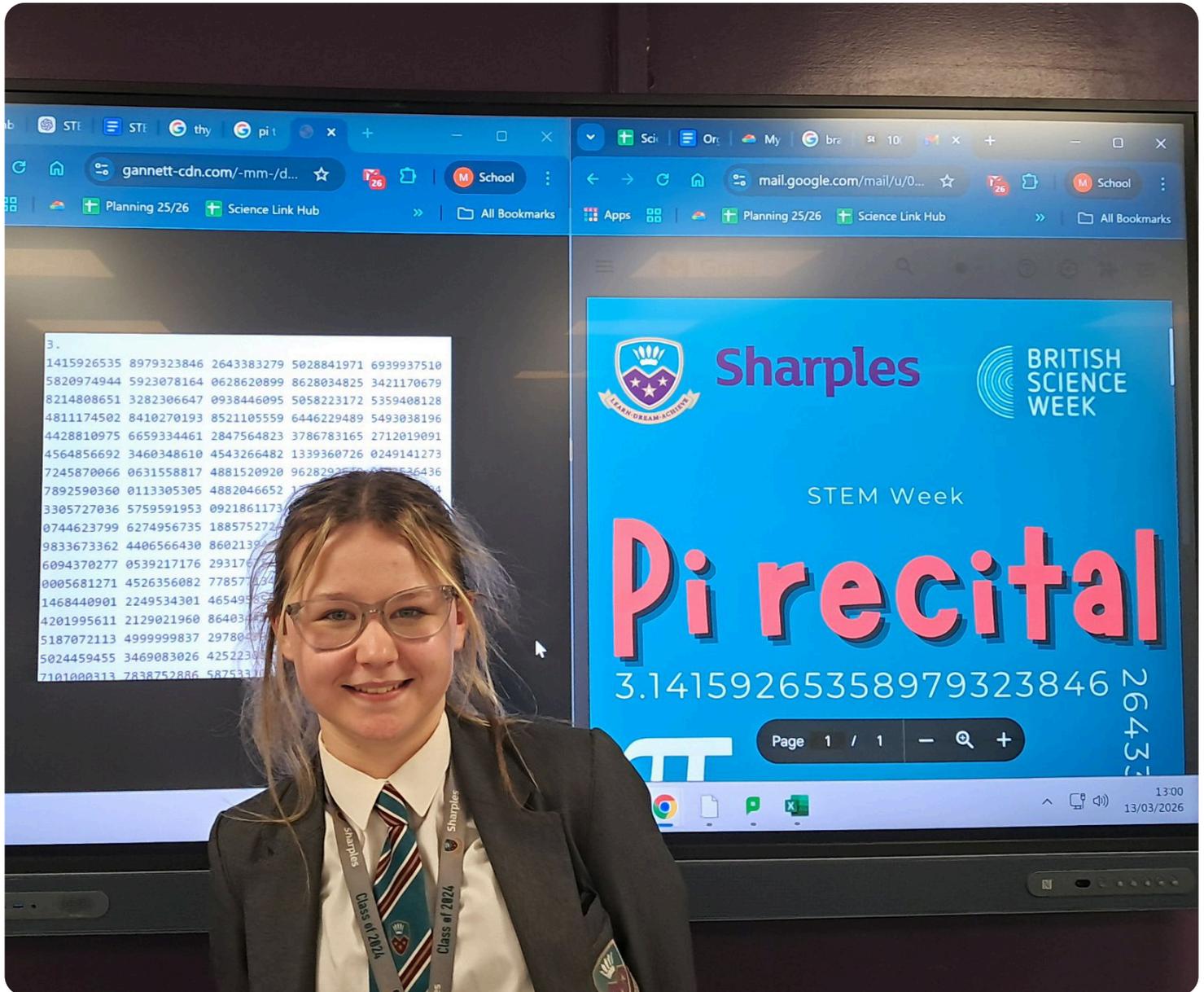


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STEM Week - Pi Recital Contest



Students recently took part in an exciting Pi Recital Contest, challenging themselves to memorise as many digits of the mathematical constant π as possible. The top 5 students were Lavina, Grace, Eunice, Scarlett and Summer, who impressed everyone with their focus and determination. The competition was extremely close, with Eunice securing third place by correctly reciting 38 digits. Scarlett achieved an impressive second place with 72 digits. The overall winner was Grace, who delivered a remarkable performance by reciting 106 digits of π from memory. Congratulations to all participants for taking on the challenge and demonstrating such dedication, confidence and enthusiasm for mathematics.

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STEM Week - Science Projects



The Science Project programme for Years 7, 8 and 9 has now been successfully completed, with students producing an impressive range of work. Year 7 explored organ systems, creating detailed models and explanations of how the human body functions. Year 8 investigated the periodic table, presenting research on elements and their real-world applications. Year 9 students tackled stellar evolution, explaining the life cycles of stars through creative and informative projects. The final displays showcased excellent effort, creativity and scientific understanding. Well done to all students for their hard work and enthusiasm throughout the project, and for presenting their findings with confidence and pride.

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Everest Base Camp Expedition



For those who remember former Head Girl, Rowan Edlington, she has recently reached the Everest Base Camp in her expedition raising funds for North West Air Ambulance. A fantastic achievement! She will be coming into school in the coming months to talk about her experience.

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Year 7 Maths Fest



For STEM Week, each Year 7 class took part in the Maths Fest competition, tackling a variety of problem-solving puzzles against their classmates. The winning team from each class will move on to the final next Wednesday afternoon. Best of luck to all the finalists!



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Year 9 Maths visit to PricewaterhouseCoopers



This week, 30 Year 9 students had the fantastic opportunity to spend the day at the PricewaterhouseCoopers offices in Manchester for a New World, New Skills event. The visit offered valuable insight into a range of careers and pathways from professionals working within one of the world's most prestigious accounting firms. Throughout the day, students took part in a series of interactive activities focused on improving their interview technique. These sessions included speed networking with PwC staff, learning how to understand and answer interview questions and putting their interview skills into practice with supportive group feedback in a relaxed setting. Students thoroughly enjoyed the experience and left feeling inspired, motivated, and excited about their future career aspirations.

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English Department Stars

Work of the Week

Year 7

Zaynab H for her lovely speech! [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 8

Aaminah A - Poetry Quote Explosions. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 9

Aaminah I - Analysis of Eddie and Beatrice's relationship. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 10

Umar E for his detailed poetry comparison. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 11

Aimee W for her thorough annotations in poetry revision. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Readers of the Week

Year 7

Adam H for reading clearly and loudly.

Year 8

Sameeha K for being a passionate and avid reader in the class.

Year 9

Khadijah M for being an enthusiastic and passionate reader, demonstrating great use of intonation.

Year 10

Ashiyah P for developing her answers when reading aloud.

Year 11

Micah C for volunteering to read a narrative with challenging vocabulary to the class.



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Year 7 Make it 5 Wins in a Row this Term!



Year 7 have had a busy couple of weeks and have been using their full squad for the fixtures with many Year 7 students playing their first game for school. The game on Wednesday was a cup match and a more experienced squad travelled to ESSA for the match. The weather was very different to the fixture on Monday and Sharples cruised to a 4 goal lead after goals from Polat, Dawood, Costello and Khalil. Sharples conceded 2 late goals to make the final score 4-2 but overall it was a comfortable victory for the team. Harry, Joey and Stevie were excellent throughout the match and dominated possession for the team.

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Year 7 B team fixture



Our Year 7 boys football B team took on Thornleigh B team in a friendly fixture on Monday night. It was great to see the lads representing Sharples and coming away victorious after a very close game. The match finished 4-3 and a special mention goes to Leon C, who was outstanding and man of the match.

Well done boys, onto the next one! #UpTheSharples

Year 8 Victory at Thornleigh

Year 8 travelled to Thornleigh to play football on a lovely spring evening. The game was very competitive with both sides playing some great football. Sharples played some lovely football and went 2-0 up only to be pulled back to 2-2 at half time. The second half started in a similar vein with Sharples going in front again before Thornleigh again equalised. At no point in the game did Thornleigh take the lead, but always seemed to manage to cancel out any lead Sharples had. At 4-4, Praise came on as a substitute and immediately caused problems for Thornleigh with his pace. Within minutes he had set up a goal with a ball played to the back post. Shortly followed by him cutting inside and rifling the ball past the stranded keeper. The final whistle went and Sharples were victorious 6 goals to 4. Overall a very good performance from the whole team, with a mention to our man of the match Praise.



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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 = 95.67%
8 = 95.15%
9 = 94.16%
10 = 93.23%
11 = 92.09%

Best forms this week:

7Ples5 = 98.96%
8Ples3 = 98.08%
9Ples2 = 96.35%
10Ples1 = 100%
11Ples4 = 97.16%

193 pupils have achieved 100% this academic year

Dates for your Diary

Monday 23rd March:
Y7 Bacc Bowling Trip
(9:15am – 12:55pm)

Monday 23rd March:
Y10 Romeo and Juliet
Performance (P2)

Monday 23rd March:
Y11 An Inspector Calls
(12:05 – 12:55pm)

Wednesday 25th
March: Y8 Family Meal
Easter- SHAR

Thursday 26th March:
Y8 Family Meal Easter
- PLES

Thursday 26th March:
Trip to watch Macbeth
(7:30 – 9:30pm)

Career of the Week: Cognitive Behavioural Therapist

Cognitive behavioural therapists use talking therapy to help patients change negative patterns of thinking or behaviour.

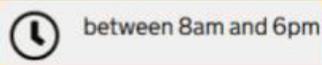
Average Salary:



Typical hours:
(per week)



You could work:



Qualifications:

- You can apply for this job through a university degree or applying directly.
- 2 to 3 A levels, or equivalent, for a degree.
- a degree in a relevant subject for postgraduate study.
- 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C).

Skills required:

- Counselling skills including active listening and a non-judgemental approach.
- Knowledge of psychology.
- The ability to understand people's reactions
- Active listening skills.
- Patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations.
- Sensitivity and understanding.

Relevant Subjects:

- Health & Social Care, Science, Humanities & English.



Information sourced from: <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/job-profiles/cognitive-behavioural-therapist>



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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
Y7 Football v Turton (a)	Bolton Swimming Championships- 12-30pm	Y11 parents evening	KS4 Fitness Suite- SHAR	PE detentions
KS3 boys Swimming	Y8 Football practice	KS3 girls Swimming Club	KS3 girls football v Kearsley (h)	
Y7 & Y8 netball v St James (h)	KS4 Fitness Suite- SHAR	Y9/10 football practice	KS3 darts tournament @ Ladybridge	
	Running Club- all years			
	Racquets- all years			

Week beginning 23rd March

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ENGLISH NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 20TH MARCH

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION

YEAR 10 LITERATURE SOCIETY

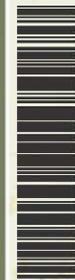
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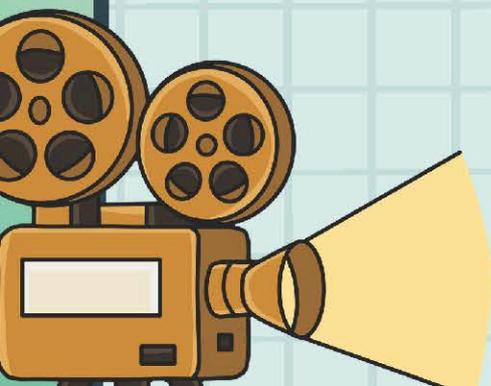
25/03/26



Year 10 Literature Society: One Week Left

Presentations will be at lunchtime on **Wednesday 25th**, in the library, where students and staff can come to celebrate your finished projects.

There'll be up to 100 reward points up for grabs and prizes with treats for the best. There'll even be a rewards trip at the end of the year for the winners!





POEM OF THE WEEK

STORM ON THE ISLAND SEAMUS HEANEY

We are prepared: we build our houses squat,
Sink walls in rock and roof them with good slate.
This wizened earth has never troubled us
With hay, so, as you see, there are no stacks
Or stooks that can be lost. Nor are there trees
Which might prove company when it blows full
Blast: you know what I mean - leaves and branches
Can raise a tragic chorus in a gale
So that you listen to the thing you fear
Forgetting that it pummels your house too.
But there are no trees, no natural shelter.
You might think that the sea is company,
Exploding comfortably down on the cliffs,
But no: when it begins, the flung spray hits
The very windows, spits like a flame cat
Turned savage. We just sit tight while wind dives
And strafes invisibly. Space is a salvo,
We are bombarded by the empty air.
Strange, it is a huge nothing that we fear.

MORE COMPETITIONS



CLOSED:

Winners of the Grim Tales and Rotary's Young Writers competition will be revealed soon! Good luck to all who participated.

GRIM TALES



SHARPLES RADIO

The Sharples Radio team have been busy making monthly podcasts. All podcasts can be found on the Student Voice page of the school website.

<https://www.sharplesschool.co.uk/student-voice/>



WHAT ELSE IS ON?

Books and Biscuits



Tuesday
Lunchtime
in the library



Anime Club
1:05 in U15
every Wednesday

WORD OF THE WEEK

Brevity

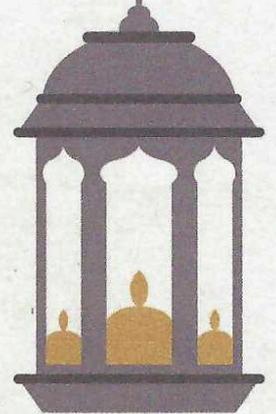
= Concise and exact use of words.

E.g. "The brevity of his speech made it impactful."

EID UL FITR

CELEBRATE THE END OF RAMA-

Tuesday 24th March



£2.10

Traditional Chicken Curry

Sweet Potato & Coconut

Chickpea Curry

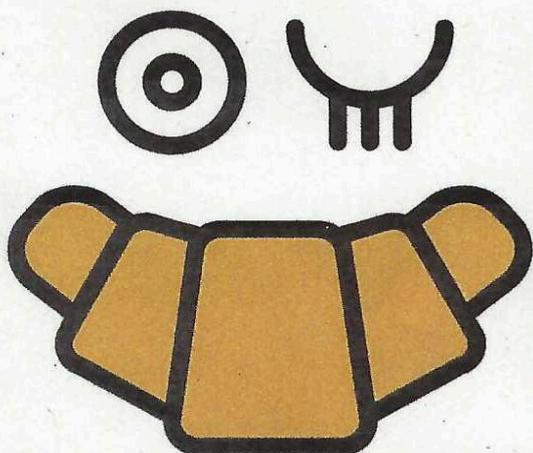
Hot Chilli Chicken & Potato

Masala all served with Rice

Cakes 72p

Biscuits 50p

Cold Desserts of the Day £1.10



Start your day with a smile

Mellors breakfasts

Toast 32p

Potato Cake 45p

Crumpet 41p

Waffle £1.10

Pancake 45p

Cheese on Toast 70p

Pain Au Chocolate 70p

Cinamon Swirl £1.18

Toasted Teacake 50p

Bacon or Sausage Barm £1.40

Egg & Bacon Barm £1.55

Croissant 70p

Hash Brown 45p

Look out for our daily
Specials

Mellors
FOOD
HAPPY



SPUDSTAR MENU

Mellors
FOOD
HAPPY

The Classics

	Per spud
Tuna Mayo	£1.85
Cheese	£1.85
Cheesy Beans	£2.10
Homemade Coleslaw	£1.85

Next level Spudness

	Per spud
Veg Chilli	£2.10
Veg Curry	£2.10
Filling of the Day	£2.10
Garlic Butter & Cheese	£2.10

Feeling extra?

	Per extra
Cheese	£0.40p
Beans	£0.42p
Dried Onions	£0.30p
Side Salad	£0.45p



MENU

KEY

- 5** - 1 OF YOUR 5 A DAY
- MEAT FREE**
- 5** - CHEF'S CHOICE
- Pf** - PLANT-BASED (VEGAN)

Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Dish	HOMEMADE MEAT & POTATO PIE £1.85	ROAST OF THE DAY £2.10	CRISPY BATTERED FISH & CHIPS £2.10	HOMEMADE VEG MOUSSAKA £1.80	SWEET POTATO ENCHILDAS £1.85
Vegetarian Main Dish	VEG NOODLES £1.80	VEGETARIAN ROAST OF THE DAY £2.10	BHARJI BURGER IN A FOLDED NAAN £1.85	SALSA WEDGES £1.80	PIZZA OF THE DAY £1.50
And there is more	SANDWICH SELECTION £1.45-£1.85 JACKET POTATO & FILLING £1.85 SALAD BOX £1.90	SAME AS MONDAY	SAME AS MONDAY	SAME AS MONDAY	SAME AS MONDAY
Street Food	Love Joes Curry Pot £1.90 Panini £1.95	Love Joes Curry Pot £1.90 Panini £1.95	Love Joes Curry Pot £1.90 Panini £1.95	Love Joes Curry Pot £1.90 Panini £1.95	Love Joes Curry Pot £1.90 Panini £1.95
Italian Daily Special	Pasta King Sauce of the Day £1.90	Pasta King Sauce of the Day £1.90	Pasta King Sauce of the Day £1.90	Pasta King Sauce of the Day £1.90	Pasta King Sauce of the Day £1.90
Dessert	Fruit Pots 55p-£1.30 Traybake 72p Biscuit 50p Cheese & Crackers 85p	Fruit Pots 55p-£1.30 Traybake 72p Biscuit 50p Cheese & Crackers 85p	Fruit Pots 55p-£1.30 Traybake 72p Biscuit 50p Cheese & Crackers 85p	Fruit Pots 55p-£1.30 Traybake 72p Biscuit 50p Cheese & Crackers 85p	Fruit Pots 55p-£1.30 Traybake 72p Biscuit 50p Cheese & Crackers 85p



GRAB SOME STREET FOOD FOR HEALTHY MEALS ON THE GO



What support can we offer?

- Support and guidance for parents who are not feeling confident following a breakdown in relationship.
- Tips for managing your own and your children's feelings.
- Rebuilding relationships with your children following family conflict.



Empower Parents

Positives we aim to achieve:

- Parents to feel equipped to manage difficult situations.
- Parents to understand their children's perspectives and have new strategies to support them.
- Building a parent peer support community.

We are here



25th February
4th March
11th March
18th March
25th March
1st April



10am - 12pm

At

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