



# Sharples

## SCHOOL

### Newsletter

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#### Ms Molyneux's End of Term Letter

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of the spring term at Sharples School, I would like to take a moment to reflect on what has been a truly positive and productive period for our school community.

This week in particular has captured the spirit of our school. We have seen students taking part in a range of activities that highlight both their talents and their commitment. Our sports teams, including Football, Netball, Swimming and Darts, have represented the school with pride. In the classroom, students have continued to engage thoughtfully in their learning, with many departments showcasing excellent work and progress. We have also enjoyed creative contributions from our students, including the "Battle of the Bands" end of term concert and preparations for our whole school production "Legally Blonde" are in the final stages. We hope you can join us for the show on Wednesday 22nd/Thursday 23rd April at 19.00. Tickets are available on MCAS.

In addition, many of our students have taken part in enrichment opportunities and wider school activities, from The Sharples Iftar, to Geography Fieldwork Trips and theatre visits, showing maturity, enthusiasm, and a real sense of community. It is these moments that truly reflect the values we aim to promote at Sharples School.

I would like to thank our dedicated staff, whose hard work and commitment make these opportunities possible, as well as our parents and carers for your continued support.

A particularly important milestone is approaching for our Year 11 students. With just six weeks remaining until the start of their GCSE examinations, this is a crucial time. I would like to commend them for the effort they have shown so far and encourage them to remain focused and determined in the weeks ahead. Consistent revision, good organisation, and a positive mindset will make all the difference.

To our Year 11 cohort: we are incredibly proud of you. You have worked hard to reach this point, and we have every confidence in your ability to succeed. Please continue to make the most of the support available to you and approach your exams with confidence. To that end, we have a full programme of Easter School revision for the students, with sessions available each day in school.

As we move into the Easter break, I hope all members of our school community find time to rest, recharge, and enjoy time with family and friends.

Thank you once again for your continued support of Sharples School. We look forward to welcoming students back for the summer term at 8.40am on Monday 13th April 2026.

Kind regards,  
Caroline Molyneux, Headteacher

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#### PeaceJam Conference 2026



On Saturday, a group of our Interact members travelled to Manchester Communication Academy to take part in the annual PeaceJam conference. It was an inspiring and action-packed day, with students taking part in hands-on workshops and mentoring sessions designed to empower and develop their skills.

Our students also delivered a thoughtful presentation on the dangers of social media and its impact on young people. To make the experience even more memorable, they had the opportunity to meet the Lord Mayor of Manchester!





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#### Year 7 Sharples Bacc Rewards Trip



It has been fantastic to see the momentum from last term continue with Year 7 attending the many clubs that have been on offer since January. Over 40 clubs have been available to Year 7 since the start of the year including, 3D printing, Disney, STEM, gardening and robotics club to name a few. Each time a student attended a club, they received a point that contributed towards their Sharples Baccalaureate award. To make it harder this term, the points needed to receive a Bronze, Silver or Gold award were increased. To achieve a Bronze award, students needed 15 Bacc points, 20 points were needed for Silver and 30 points were needed for Gold! Commitment and attendance at clubs has been excellent over the past couple of months and going one step further this term, 60 students with the highest number of Bacc points were treated to a rewards trip. On Monday morning, the students travelled to Hollywood Bowl and enjoyed a few hours of arcade fun and bowling! A huge well done to all of the Year 7 students who have been involved with clubs this term and we hope the momentum continues after Easter when a whole new selection of clubs will be on offer!

*See the next page for more pictures.*

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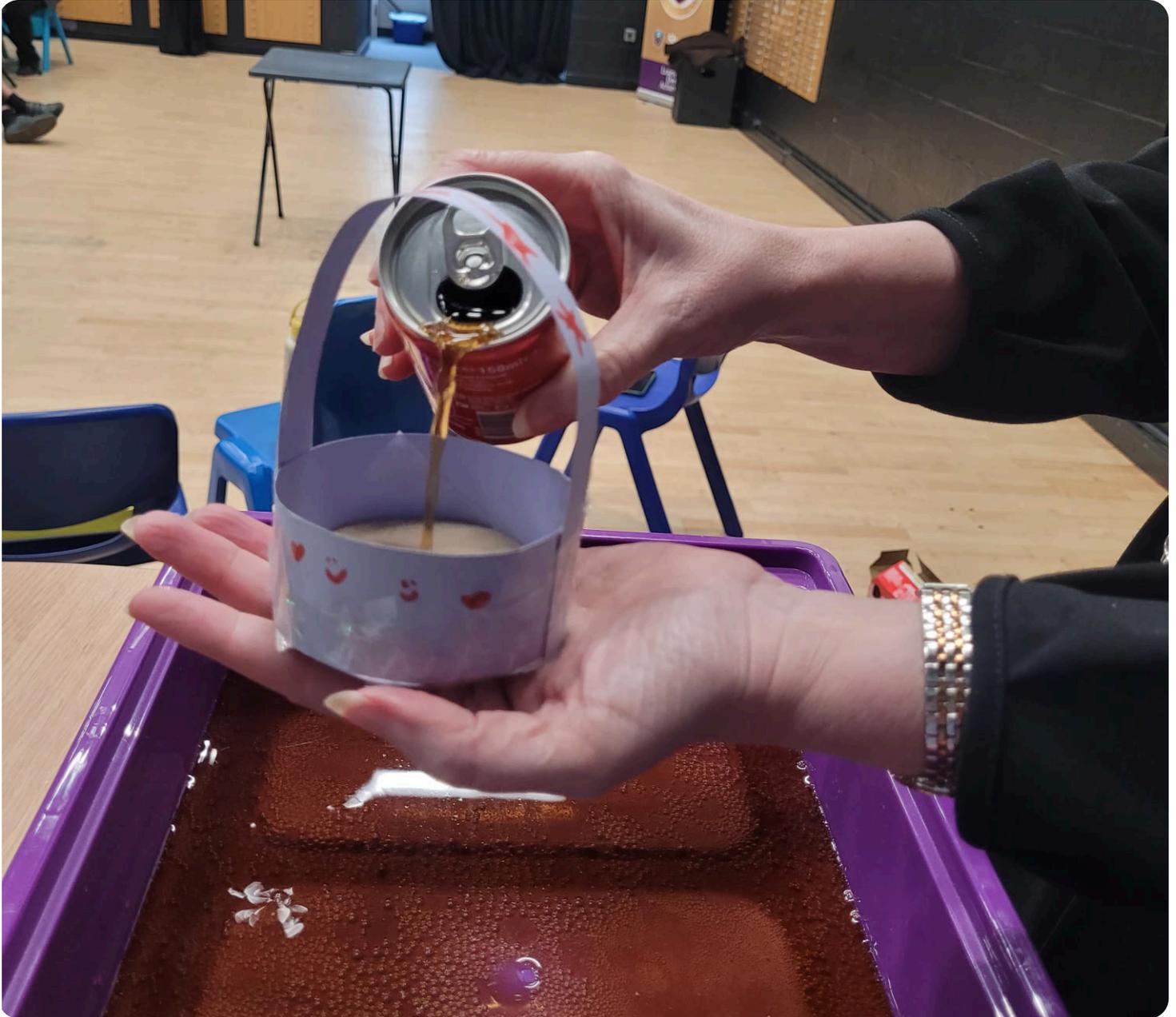


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#### Maths Coca-Cola Challenge



As part of STEM Week, 64 Year 10 students took part in “The Coca-Cola Challenge.” Working in groups of four, they were tasked with designing a unique 3D shape capable of holding exactly 150ml of liquid. Each team used mathematical reasoning to calculate and construct their shape before presenting their ideas on a poster.

The challenge showcased impressive teamwork, creativity, and precision from all participants. Congratulations to the two winning teams for their outstanding efforts!

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#### The Great Bookish Eggstravaganza

Over the Easter holidays, why not decorate/paint an egg with your favourite book, character or genre!

Email a picture of your entries to Miss Patel ([h.patel@sharples.school.co.uk](mailto:h.patel@sharples.school.co.uk)) with your student card next to it. Winners will be decided during the first week back!



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#### Grim Tales Competition Winner



Congratulations to **Aaishah Umarji**, Y7 for a fantastic “Murder Masquerade” story.

*It was the dead of the night. Wind howling. Streetlights flickering.....*



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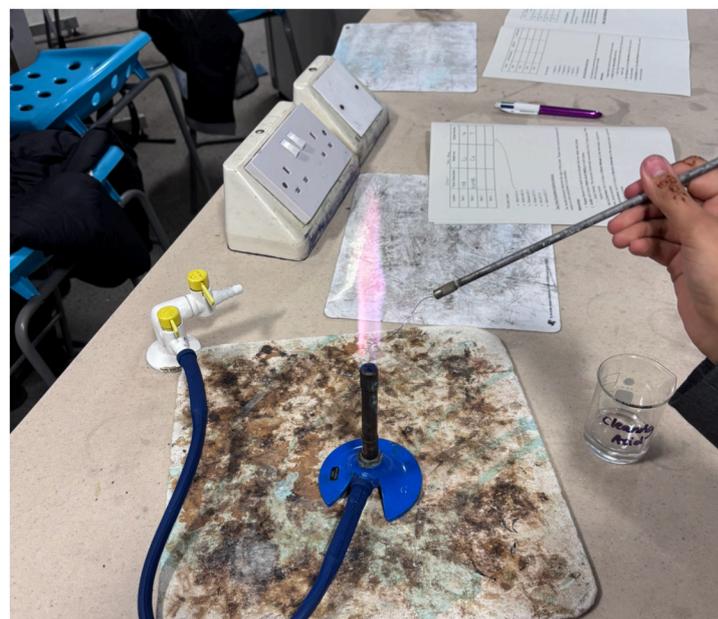
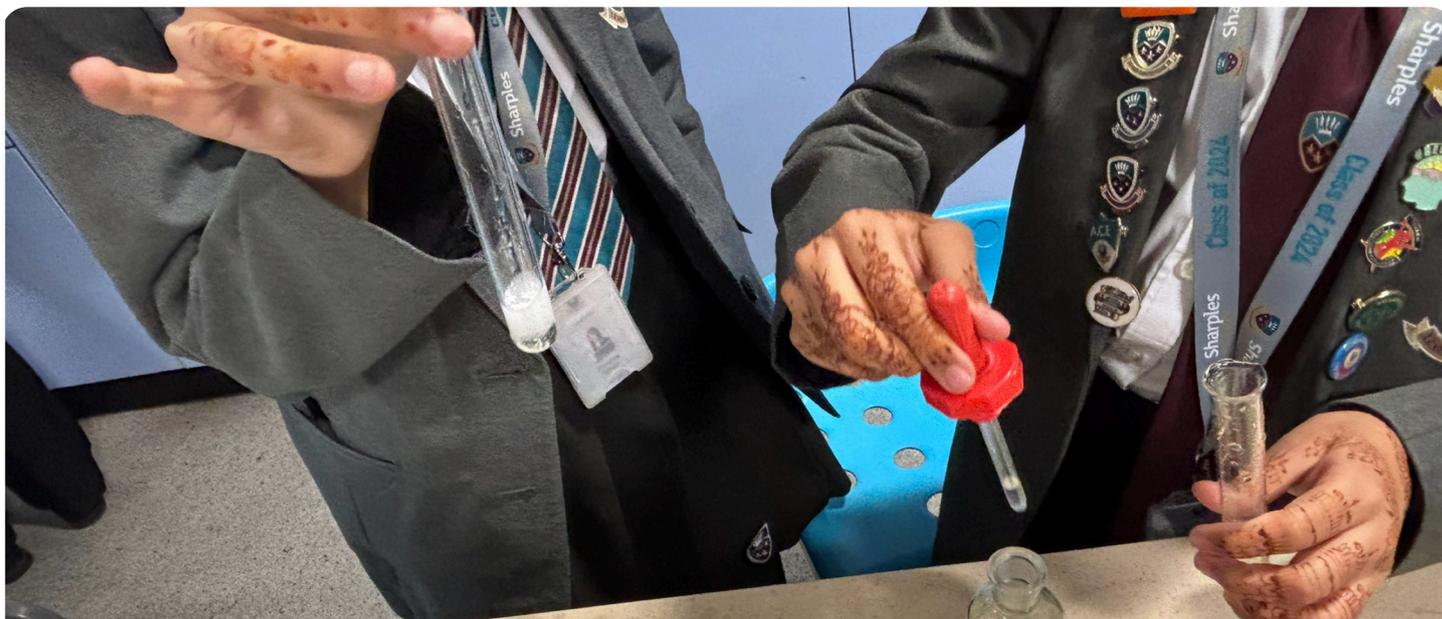


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#### Year 8 Chemists Save the 'Bolton Spire' from Chemical Sabotage!



This week, some of our gifted Year 8 scientists stepped into the role of forensic engineers to save the city's newest skyscraper from a simulated chemical attack. Tasked with neutralizing a "sabotage" of the building's foundations, pupils used Emission Spectroscopy and Precipitation Analysis to identify corrosive Chlorides and Sulfates hidden in water samples.

The high-stakes "escape room" format required precise lab technique and complex logical deduction to crack a 4-digit deactivation code. Congratulations to our lead forensic teams for their expert problem-solving and securing the Spire!

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#### Legally Blonde Tickets

Make sure you don't miss out, get your tickets today using the link:  
<https://www.ticketsource.com/whats-on?q=sharples>

**SHARPLES**  
**SCHOOL**  
PRESENTS

**LEGALLY BLONDE**  
*The Musical* **JR.**

**WEDNESDAY**  
**22<sup>ND</sup>**  
**THURSDAY**  
**23<sup>RD</sup> APRIL**  
**7PM**

Music and Lyrics by  
Laurence O'Keefe and Nell Benjamin  
Book by  
Heather Hach

Legally Blonde JR. is presented through special arrangement with  
and all authorized materials are supplied by  
Music Theatre International, New York, NY  
(212) 541-4684 mlshows.com

**ADULT**  
**£6.50**  
**ADULT**

**CHILD**  
**£4.50**  
**CHILD**

**FAMILY**  
**£20**  
2X ADULTS AND 2X CHILDREN  
(UNDER 16)  
**2X ADULTS**  
**2X CHILD**

**SCAN FOR TICKETS!**

OR GO TO [WWW.TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/SHARPLES-SCHOOL](http://WWW.TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/SHARPLES-SCHOOL)

£6.50 - adult.

£4.50 - child (under-16).

£20 - family ticket (2 x adult, 2 x child).

£2 - pre-order your programme.

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

##### Work of the Week

Year 7

Lily M for her brilliant anthem! [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 8

Aamena M, a well constructed newspaper article reporting the death of King Duncan in Macbeth. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 9

Safiyya U - for an excellent analytical response comparing character portrayals in A View From The Bridge. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 10

Laaibah A for a fantastic poetry comparison essay. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 11

Huzaifa A for his superb narrative. [Click here to view the work.](#)

##### Readers of the Week

Year 7

Joey G for his reading of Animal Farm.

Year 8

Daniyal D for reading really passionately.

Year 9

Yusuf M for reading with intonation and clarity.

Year 10

Zak H for reading as Benvolio.

Year 11

Andrew M for reading answer aloud clearly.

#### Sharples Radio - March Podcast

Click the link to listen to The Sharples Radio March Podcast, featuring reports on World Book Day, International Women's Day, Stem Week, Eid, Easter and Teacher Quick Fire Questions with Mrs Dedat.

[Click here to listen to the March edition of the Sharples Podcast.](#)





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#### Runshaw College Maths Challenge



Last Thursday evening some of our strongest Year 10 mathematicians represented Sharples at the Runshaw Maths Challenge. Students worked together on a series of timed mathematical challenges to compete against 22 other teams of Year 10 and Year 11 students from across the North West. All those involved demonstrated excellent teamwork skills and were fantastic ambassadors for Sharples School.

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#### Year 7 & Year 8 Netball vs St James's



It was a fantastic start to the week for our Year 7 and Year 8 netball teams who faced St James's on Monday evening. Both teams took control from the outset, delivering impressive performances against strong, and tall opposition! The Year 7 team secured an 8–3 victory, while the Year 8 team followed with an equally convincing 10–4 win. A special mention goes to Teegan S and Jess S, who were both named Players of the Match for their outstanding efforts!

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#### **Bolton Swimming Championships**

Sharples School attended the annual Bolton Town Swimming Championships at the Jason Kenny Centre, with swimmers from all High Schools around the local authority. We had 8 talented swimmers in our squad.

Pinklily competed in all 4 inter individual events, with 3rd places in both the backstroke and the freestyle.

Jayden also competed in all 4 inter individual events, with 3rd places in backstroke, breaststroke and freestyle.

George competed in 2 junior individual events, finishing 7th in the breaststroke and 5th in the Freestyle.

Elysia competed in junior backstroke, finishing 4th.

Alice competed in junior breaststroke, finishing 5th.

Kayla competed in junior butterfly, finishing 5th.

Marcie competed in junior freestyle, finishing 5th.

We also entered a junior girls relay team into both the individual medley and the freestyle.

The relay team of Elysia, Alice, Kayla and Martha finished 4th in the individual medley and the relay team of Marcie, Alice, Kayla and Martha finished 4th in the freestyle.

All in all the students performed brilliantly, with particular mention going to Pinklily and Jayden who did 4 individual races back to back.

#### **Year 7 Suffer a Narrow Defeat After an Excellent Comeback**

Year 7 were looking to continue their incredible winning streak when they travelled to Turton this week in a friendly fixture. Sharples started slowly and soon found themselves one goal down. Sharples grew in belief as the half went on but still found themselves trailing at the interval. The second half couldn't have started much worse with Year 7 conceding 2 early goals and the game looked dead and buried. However, the team showed great character and refused to go down without a fight. Dawood twice capitalised on errors at the back and smashed the ball into the far corner with his left foot and then Harry equalised after a frantic 10 minutes. Polat had a great opportunity to win the game but narrowly shot wide and then Turton scored the winner with seconds left on the clock. An incredible comeback and the team were very unlucky to walk away without at least a draw.



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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 = 94.93%  
8 = 96.50%  
9 = 93.43%  
10 = 93.50%  
11 = 93.87%

Best forms this week:

7Shar1 = 98.99%  
8Shar4 = 99.11%  
9Shar1 = 97.78%  
10Ples1 = 100%  
11Ples4 = 98.89%

188 pupils have achieved 100% this academic year

#### Dates for your Diary

Monday 30th March to  
Friday 10th April:  
Easter Holiday

W/C Monday 13th  
April: GCSE exams on  
going

Tuesday 14th April:  
Year 8 Cyber First Day  
at Lancaster University  
(8:30am – 3:30pm)

Thursday 16th April:  
Year 10 Engineering  
talk with MDBA  
(12:05 – 12:55pm)

#### 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)



37 to 40

You could work:



between 8am and 6pm

##### 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 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

Our English team did an all teacher performance of An Inspector Calls to support Year 11 with their revision of the text for their GCSEs in May. The department put on a passionate performance of JB Priestley's play; we're sure Y11 will remember those quotes now!



Cast:



Inspector Goole – Miss Amdavadi

Arthur Birling – Mrs Smith

Sheila Birling – Miss Hartley

Gerald Croft – Mrs Dedat

Sybil Birling – Mrs Topham

Eric Birling – our trainee teacher, Peter

Edna – Miss Kirk



# YEAR 10 LITERATURE SOCIETY: FILM AND LIT PRESENTATIONS

On Thursday, some creative Year 10 pupils presented their amazing projects for Lit Soc on the theme of Film and Literature.

Well done to all participants for your efforts and congratulations to the winners:

1. Musa M
2. Fatima I and Safiyya K
3. Idris O and Khadija I





# POEM OF THE WEEK

## THE ÉMIGRÉE BY CAROL RUMENS

There once was a country... I left it as a child  
but my memory of it is sunlight-clear  
for it seems I never saw it in that November  
which, I am told, comes to the mildest city.

The worst news I receive of it cannot break  
my original view, the bright, filled paperweight.  
It may be at war, it may be sick with tyrants,  
but I am branded by an impression of sunlight.

The white streets of that city, the graceful slopes  
glow even clearer as time rolls its tanks  
and the frontiers rise between us, close like waves.

That child's vocabulary I carried here  
like a hollow doll, opens and spills a grammar.  
Soon I shall have every coloured molecule of it.  
It may by now be a lie, banned by the state  
but I can't get it off my tongue. It tastes of sunlight.

I have no passport, there's no way back at all  
but my city comes to me in its own white plane.  
It lies down in front of me, docile as paper;  
I comb its hair and love its shining eyes.  
My city takes me dancing through the city  
of walls. They accuse me of absence, they circle me.  
They accuse me of being dark in their free city.  
My city hides behind me. They mutter death,  
and my shadow falls as evidence of sunlight.

# WHAT ELSE IS ON?

## B🍪ks and Biscuits



Tuesday  
Lunchtime  
in the library



Anime Club  
1:05 in U15  
every Wednesday

### WORD OF THE WEEK

**Contemplate**

= To think deeply about something.

E.g. "She likes to contemplate the meaning of life."



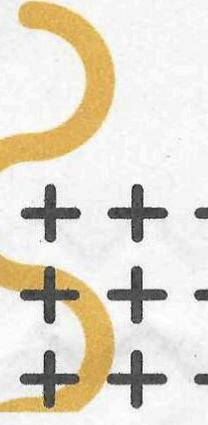
# MENU

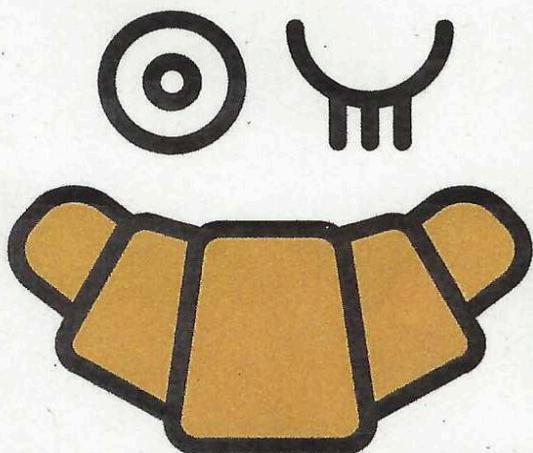
Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Dish	Cheese Flan served with Wedges & Fresh Salad £2.10 	Sweet Potato Cottage Pie served with Veg £1.85 	Chips & Beef Burger £2.10	Veg or Meat Lasagne served with Garlic Bread £2.10	Tugo Pizza Slice £1.50
Vegetarian Main Dish	Veg Biryani £1.80 	Veg Noodles £1.80	Chips & Battered Fish £2.10	Salt & Pepper Loaded Wedges £1.80 	Spicy Bean Enchiladas £1.85 
And there's more	Panini £1.95 Sandwich £1.45-£1.85 Jacket+ Filling from £1.85 Salad Box £1.90 Vegetables of the Day 42p	Same as Monday	Same as Monday	Same as Monday	Same as Monday
Love Joes	Korma Curry Sauce & Rice Tikka Curry Sauce & Rice Served with a Naan Bread £1.90	Same as Monday	Same as Monday	Same as Monday	Same as Monday
Pasta King	Pasta Sauce of the day with Garlic bread £2.10	Same as Monday	Same as Monday	Same as Monday	Same as Monday
Dessert	Fruit Pots 55p-75p Cake of the Day 72p Cookie 50p Large Cold Dessert £1.10 Hot Pudding 90p	Same as Monday	Same as Monday	Same as Monday	Same as Monday

Mellars  
**FOOD  
HAPPY**

**KEY**  **1 OF YOUR 5 a DAY**  **MEAT-FREE (VEGETARIAN)**  **CHEF'S CHOICE**  **PLANT-BASED (VEGAN)**

**\*Allergens and intolerances\*** All of our food is lovingly hand crafted and prepared on site daily. We have an allergen procedure in place, so please ensure you make our catering team aware of your allergens/ your child's allergens prior to using the restaurant. Our kitchens are used for multi-purpose production so we cannot guarantee the above dishes are completely free from allergenic ingredients or traces of these.





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

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# SPUDSTAR MENU

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## The Classics

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

## Next level Spudness

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

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## Feeling extra?

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

**JOIN FREE  
BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL**

# **BOLTON MHST: PARENT/CARER WORKSHOP ON TRANSITION SUPPORT**

These 90 minute workshops are aimed at parents/carers of young people aged 5–18 and will look at:

- What anxiety is
- How transition impacts young people
- Helpful strategies to support your child



**DATE: April 15<sup>th</sup>**

**TIME: 9:30-11:00**

**LOCATION: HORWICH HEALTH & WELLBEING HUB**



**Greater Manchester  
Mental Health  
NHS Foundation Trust**

**Scan the QR code or search 'Bolton MHST' on  
Eventbrite to secure your place**