



# Sharples

## SCHOOL

# Newsletter

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### Legally Blonde School Production



The curtain has fallen on this year's school production of Legally Blonde, and what an unforgettable run it has been. From the opening number to the final bow, the cast and crew delivered a performance bursting with energy, humour, and heart—leaving audiences thoroughly entertained and immensely proud.

Months of dedication were evident in every scene. The cast brought the story to life with confidence and charisma, capturing the spirit of determination and self-belief that lies at the centre of the show. Lead performers impressed with their stage presence and vocal talent, while the ensemble maintained a vibrant energy that carried the production from start to finish.

Behind the scenes, the technical team worked tirelessly to ensure every detail was polished. From creative set designs and seamless scene changes to dynamic lighting and sound, the production values elevated the entire experience. The costumes, in particular, added a splash of colour and personality, perfectly complementing the show's lively tone.

This production was not only a showcase of talent but also a testament to teamwork. Students collaborated across year groups, supporting one another and building a strong sense of community.

Audience feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, with many praising the professionalism and enthusiasm displayed by everyone involved. For some students, this was their first time on stage; for others, a chance to shine in new ways. For all, it was an experience that will be remembered for years to come.

Congratulations to the entire cast and crew for their remarkable achievement. Legally Blonde has set a high standard for future productions, and we look forward to seeing what next year will bring.

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#### KS3 Orchestra Visit



On Friday 24th April, 40 musicians from KS3 travelled to Media City, Manchester to watch an open rehearsal by the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra as they prepared for their concert at the Bridgewater Hall on Saturday evening. Pupils heard a performance of Hector Berlioz's 'Symphonie Fantastique - Movement II' before seeing how the conductor directs the orchestra to ensure they are performance ready by going over small sections of music a number of times, adding more articulation or emphasising the dynamics more to convey the emotion of the piece and to tell the story to the audience.

Hollie and Emily (both year 7) said - "it was a phenomenal experience. I really liked the harp and I didn't realise just how big it was".





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#### Recycled Art Club

The Recycled Art Club started on Wednesday at dinner time. Sessions are held every Wednesday in G60 and students can eat their lunch in the room. Our artistic influence this term is the Japanese artist Miwa Koizumi, who became interested in using plastic waste to produce artwork, after she moved to New York and came across a lot of plastic waste in the environment.

Sharples students are using recycled materials, imagination and creativity to produce ocean creatures. Everyone is welcome.



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

##### Work of the Week

Year 7

Gabriella for her excellent progress during reading intervention and for showing her understanding of the story in a book cover and blurb. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 8

Ayni H for her wonderful poem from STEM week. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 9

Arfa A - For a lovely paragraph on relationships from A View From The Bridge. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 10

Ben L for his brilliant poetry annotations. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 11

Chase B for a wonderful paragraph on the importance of work experience. [Click here to view the work.](#)



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#### Gardening and Growing at Sharples



Gardening Club at Sharples is busy at spring. We have planted both new and main crop potatoes and are growing many flowers and vegetables from seed. Students have been busy weeding and pruning in our garden and allotment.

Since January, the entire school has been involved with the Royal Horticultural Society's (RHS) "Plants For Well-Being" project, growing peas and microgreens after Christmas. Many students and staff really enjoyed the challenge and it was wonderful to see a plant in every room. Students are now growing a variety of sunflowers in forms, which will be used to decorate our Sharples garden areas.

Each student has been emailed a link to a survey about the RHS Plants for Well Being Project. Please complete the survey to give feedback to the RHS about the project, how much you enjoyed it and how it can be improved.



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On Tuesday morning, 30 Year 10 students took part in an exciting Creative Writing Workshop led by visiting author Martin Griffin. The session was a fantastic opportunity for students to explore their imagination and develop their narrative writing skills in a fun and engaging way.

Throughout the workshop, students experimented with new ideas, built on their storytelling techniques, and gained valuable insight into the writing process. They also had the chance to take part in a Q&A session, where they asked thoughtful questions and learned more about life as a writer.

It was great to see so many students confidently sharing their creative ideas, with some truly impressive and original pieces produced during the session. A brilliant morning that left everyone feeling inspired!

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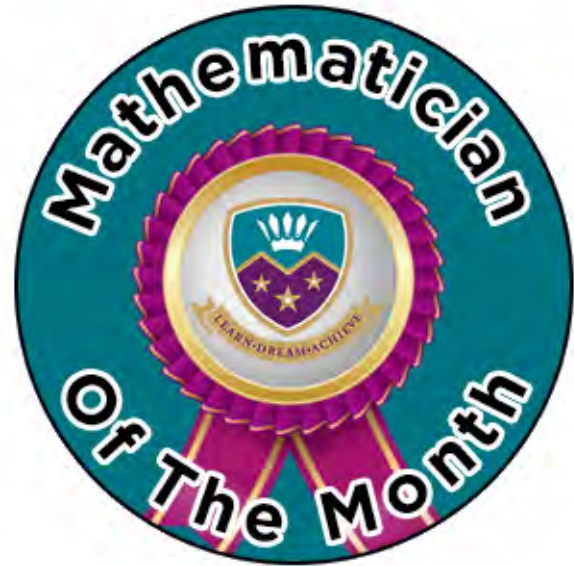
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#### Mathematician of the Month

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 this month's nominees for fantastic work in maths lessons!



#### Year 7

Rameen I  
Charlie S  
Pheobe N  
Aisha G A  
Tabitha G  
Tasha A  
Adam P  
Jessica S  
Aysha L

#### Year 8

Aamira V  
Yunus H  
Halimah A  
Maryam I  
Lewis D  
Muhaymin S  
Raees K  
Ayni H  
Avyukt N

#### Year 9

Paris B  
Aiofe W  
Shaheer S  
James B  
Muhammad-Zayan A  
Emilia G  
Zian F  
Ethan M  
William D

#### Lewis G

Year 10  
Aiden L  
Zahraa B  
Safaa-Zubair  
Muhammad K  
Raven G  
Lorna S  
Lucas A  
Umar E  
Hajar H

#### Daima H

Oscar M  
Year 11  
Khadijah I  
Tahseen S  
Omelkhier B  
Zainab P  
Olivia T  
Kulsoom P  
Marcus A  
Lewis R

#### April Radio Podcast

Click the link to listen to The Sharples Radio April Podcast, featuring reports on: Battle of the Bands, The Paris trip, April Fools Day, The PGL trip, St George's Day, Legally Blonde The Musical and Quick Fire Questions with Zak Stuart.

[Click here to listen.](#)





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#### Windermere Sports Studies Trip!



It was an exciting day for our Y10 Sport Studies students on Wednesday as they travelled up to Windermere to complete part of their coursework in the Outdoor Adventure Activity unit of the course. Students completed a hill walk up Gummer's How and took part in a kayaking session on Lake Windermere in the glorious sunshine! The hill was a real challenge but all students completed the trek and showed great resilience to reach the summit where they were met with some breathtaking views! During the kayaking session, it was fantastic to see students developing new skills and working together to complete different activities on the water. The instructors ensured nobody was allowed to stay dry with a celebratory jump in at the end to finish what was an action packed day for all involved!

See the next page for more pictures.



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#### Year 8 Football



An additional game was arranged this week to provide an opportunity for more players to represent the school who have been committed to training all year with the team. It was great to see some students represent the school team for the first time. Sharples didn't get the result we wanted but Luke did his best in goal to keep the score down. Dexter showed great confidence throughout in defence. We have already asked the team for a re-match later this year!

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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 = 95.33%  
8 = 96.74%  
9 = 94.90%  
10 = 94.98%  
11 = 94.78%

Best forms this week:

7Ples1 = 99.63%  
8Ples3 & 8Shar2 = 100%  
9Ples5 = 98.84%  
10Shar3 = 99.19%  
11Ples4 = 98.98%

167 pupils have achieved 100% this academic year

#### Dates for your Diary

GCSE Exams ongoing

Monday 4th May:  
Bank Holiday (school is closed)

Tuesday 5th May:  
PE Year 7 orienteering event

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History trip to London (7:30am – 9:00pm)

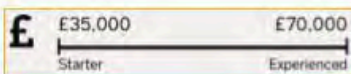
Thursday 7th May:  
Year 7 The Art of Brilliance (reading and wellbeing event)

Friday 8th May:  
Year 10 Animal Care trip to Chester Zoo  
All day

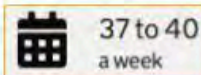
#### Career of the Week: Civil Service Manager

*They work in government departments, managing teams that establish policies and provide public services.*

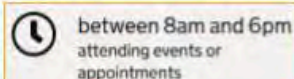
Average Salary:



Typical hours:  
(per week)



You could work:



#### Qualifications:

- You can apply for this job through working towards this role, applying directly or a graduate training scheme.
- 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A\* to C).

#### Skills required:

- Business management skills.
- Leadership skills.
- Customer service skills.
- The ability to use your initiative.
- Excellent verbal communication skills.
- The ability to accept criticism and work well under pressure.
- The ability to monitor your own performance and that of your colleagues.
- To be thorough and pay attention to detail.

#### Relevant Subjects:

- Business Studies, Computing, Maths and English.



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



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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
Rounders/Cricket (SH) - LAL	Rounders/Cricket(SH) - LAL/AHM	Rounders/Cricket LAL/PGR	Rounders/Cricket) - LAL	Rounders/Cricket - LAL
	Sports studies catch up/KS3 hmwk- AHM			



#### PE After School Clubs - This Half Term

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Bank holiday	Sharples Y7 aspiring event pd 1-3	KS4 Girls Fitness suite	Y10 Sports Studies revision session pd6-4pm	KS3 hm/wk PE detentions
	Y7/8 Football Practice	Y9/10 Football Practice	KS4 Fitness Suite	
	KS4 Fitness Suite	Rounders practice- all years	Cricket practice- all years	
	Racquets			
	Running Club			

Week beginning 4th May

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# ENGLISH NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY

## The English GCSE countdown is almost up...



2026							MAY	
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT		
					1	2		
3	4	5	6	7	8	9		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30		
31	1	2	3	4	5			

### LITERATURE

### LANGUAGE

MONDAY

TUESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

**11**  
MAY

**19**  
MAY

**21**  
MAY

**5**  
JUNE




Mark your calendars, set your alarms, and REVISE like your future depends on it!





## YEAR 9 LITERATURE SOCIETY: GOTHIC LITERATURE



Year 9's Literature Society 2026 on the theme of 'Gothic Literature' is underway, and we have quickly had sign ups with a variety of different, interesting, and creepy ideas.

There's still time to get involved if you haven't signed up already. But you must see Mr Husayn in U15 as soon as possible.

We're looking forward to what the current participations will produce!

The deadline is at the end of this term on the 18<sup>th</sup> of May, so make something fantastic!



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!





# WHAT ELSE IS ON?

## Books and Biscuits



Tuesday  
Lunchtime  
in the library



### WORD OF THE WEEK

#### Evaluate

= to judge or calculate the quality, importance, amount, or value of something.

E.g. "The activity encouraged students to evaluate different points of view and present their own conclusions."



Anime Club  
1:05 in U15  
every Wednesday

# 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

Mellows  
**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.





# BOOST YOUR BRAIN

BLASTING OFF – THURSDAY 7TH MAY



## MAIN

**Roasted Veg & Tomato Lasagne**

**£1.85**

**Sweet Potato & Lentil Tagine**

**£1.85**



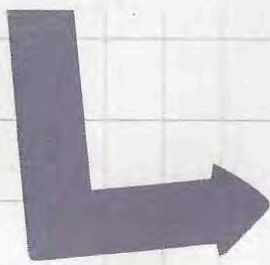
## DESSERT

**Berry Flapjack 72p**

**Granola Pots 80p**

**Fruit Pot 85p**





## HIGH ENERGY SNACKS

**Boiled Eggs** – Rich in protein and B vitamins which are essential for a healthy metabolism and energy function.

**Banana** – Full of Potassium (A natural way to replenish electrolytes), Packed with energy rich carbohydrates & vitamin B6.

**Yoghurt** – A great source of protein and a good way to start the day full of energy.

**Hummus & Vegetable Sticks** – Hummus is a low sugar carbohydrate that provides sustained energy as well as a good amount of protein, pairing this with vegetable sticks is a great fat and fibre combo.

**Oranges** – Loaded with Vitamin C and great for preventing fatigue.

**Apples** – A great source of fibre (this will stop you feeling hungry), and full of phytonutrients, vitamins, and minerals.



## FRUIT BOOSTERS

Boosting your customers daily eating habits with fruit can be so easy!

- Try chopping a few of the fruits below up and add them to your water bottle, adding both flavour and nutrients to your drink. You can make up your own tasty combinations too! Also, in the summer you could freeze the fruit and add to your bottle to keep you and your drink cool!
- Fruit Salads are a great way of getting a variety of Vitamins that your body needs each day. Topping this with a dollop of yoghurt and some granola is sure to give you an extra energy boost!



## FOOD COLOUR & BODY BENEFITS

Why should I make my counters colourful?

**White:** Strong teeth & bones – Cauliflower, Onion, Parsnip.

**Red:** Good for your heart – Watermelon, Strawberries, Tomatoes.

**Yellow:** Healing properties – Lemon, Melon, Pineapple, Banana.

**Green:** Fights infection – Green Apple, Broccoli, Cucumber.

**Blue/Purple:** Good for your brain – Blueberries, Red Cabbage.

**Orange:** Eye health – Carrot, Orange, Butternut Squash.

# NURTURING CONNECTIONS

SKILLS FOR PARENTS  
AND CARERS



5<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2026 - 16<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2026

6 X 90 MINUTE SESSIONS

ONLINE



**Are you looking for practical ways to support your child's emotional wellbeing and development?**

Our Nurturing Connections programme offers a safe and supportive space to explore:

- building positive relationships
- strengthening communication
- navigating challenges
- repairing emotional bonds

The sessions will provide you with tools and insights to help you foster resilience, empathy, and healthy behaviour in your child.

To sign up or learn more:

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