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Highly Commended Art Entries



Congratulations to Year 7 students Ibrahim P and Summer D for achieving 'Highly Commended' for their entries to this year's Rotary Club Young Artist and Young Photographer Competitions on the theme 'Happiness in Nature'.

Well done and thank you to everyone else who entered.

Next year's theme is 'Friendship' and is again open to all years.

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St George's Day Winner - By George, They Did It!



Well done to 9Ples5 who won the St George's Day kahoot quiz and bagged themselves some red-themed chocolate and biscuit treats.

The form answered a series of questions about the annual patron saint's day, including famous names in sport, music, history and royalty that begin with George.

It was the finale in a series of quizzes that celebrate all of the patron saints of the UK.

Thanks to all forms in Year 7, 8 and 9 for their participation.





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Sharples Students Enjoy Nature in Their Back Yard



Students of the Gardening Club gained new skills in the allotment, cutting grass, using tools safely and preparing the raised beds. They also experienced nature at close hand, spotting ladybirds, woodlice and many other native creatures.

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University of Liverpool Prize Giving Ceremony



The maths department are very proud of Benedict L who achieved a certificate of merit and a prize from the University of Liverpool after his efforts were recognised in their recent maths competition, Senior Challenge '26. Benedict was invited to a prestigious prize giving ceremony at the university to receive his prize. Well done Benedict!

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English Department's Stars of the Week

Work of the Week

Year 7

Emily B for an excellent diary entry from Viola's perspective in Twelfth Night. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 8

Lewis B for a fantastic 'spell of pain' in Macbeth, complete with illustrations. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 9

Kyeranne R for working hard on his quote explosions. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 10

Leon L for excellent work on figurative descriptions. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 11

Saarah D for her brilliant, perceptive essay on worship in She Walks In Beauty. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Readers of the Week

Year 7

Connie S for reading the characters in Twelfth Night.

Year 8

Umar M- Fantastic reading as the character of Macbeth.

Year 9

Ragatuu A - Brilliant reading as the character of Othello.

Year 10

Pasha Z - Clear reading in class.

Year 11

Rayan M his efforts recently reading extracts and analysing them.



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Year 9 MMA Enrichment



Another fantastic Mixed Martial Arts session with the Year 9 lads looking at wrestling and striking this week. Great work lads!



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Dates for your Diary

GCSE Exams ongoing

Saturday 16th May to
Monday 18th May:
Silver DofE Practice
Expedition (Buxton,
Derbyshire) – 3 days 2
nights

Monday 18th May:
Y9 MMA enrichment
course (1:30 – 3:15)

Wednesday 20th May:
Quarry Bank Mill trip

Friday 22nd May: End
of year BBQ for Y11

Monday 25th May to
Friday 29th May:
Half Term

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 = 97.16%
8 = 96.63%
9 = 94.31%
10 = 94.77%
11 = 91.31%

Best forms this week:

7Ples3 & 7Shar3 = 100%
8Ples3 = 100%
9Ples1 = 98.55%
10Ples1 = 99.24%
11Ples4 = 94.44%

150 pupils have achieved 100% this academic year

Career of the Week: Bailiff

Bailiffs collect payments for debts and deliver enforcement notices, summons and other court documents.

Average Salary: £

E24,000	E40,000
Starter	Experienced

Typical hours:
(per week)

35 to 40

You could work:

evenings / weekends / bank holidays on shifts



Qualifications:

- 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), or equivalent, including English and maths, for an advanced apprenticeship.
- To work as a court-appointed bailiff or high court enforcement officer you may also need GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), including English and maths.
- Your employer will give you the training you need to get a Bailiff General Certificate.

Skills required:

- Patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations.
- The ability to accept criticism and work well under pressure.
- Knowledge of public safety and security.
- Legal knowledge including court procedures and government regulations.

Relevant Subjects:

- English, Maths and Law.



Careers &
Enterprise
at Sharples School

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

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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
KS3 boys Swimming Club	Y8 Football Practice	KS4 Girls Fitness suite	Rounders KS3 & KS4 v Smithills/BMGS (a)	PE detentions
Rounders - all years	Y7/8 Cricket v Thornleigh (a)	Cricket Practice	Cricket practice	
Y7 Football Practice	KS4 Rounders v Ladybridge (a)	KS3 boys Swimming Club	KS4 Fitness Suite	
Flag football tournament- all day	KS4 Fitness Suite		Cricket practice- all years	
	Running Club			

Week beginning 18th May

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FREE ENTRY!

Come along and
see what you
can buy!

CAR BOOT SALE

Enjoy food and
snacks throughout
the day!

SHARPLES SCHOOL

Sunday 14th June
10am - 2pm

Sharples School Car Park
BL1 8SN



Scan the QR code to book
your own pitch!

Book early - limited spaces available!





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**SHARPLES PTA INVITE
YOU TO OUR**

SUMMER FAYRE



**FRIDAY 3RD JULY 2026
3:15-5:30PM SHARPLES SCHOOL**

Food stalls, raffle prizes, ice cream,
activities and much more!



**ALL
WELCOME!**

MATHS EXAMS ARE COMING!



☆ PREPARE TODAY, SUCCEED TOMORROW ☆

PLAN • PREPARE • ACHIEVE

EXAM DATES

USE THE GOOGLE STUDENT SHARED AREA



Everything you need to revise and feel confident in your exams.



PAST PAPERS

Practice exam questions and get familiar with the format.



REVISION SHEETS

Review key topics and strengthen your understanding.



KNOWLEDGE ORGANISERS

Condense important information and make connections.



USE MathsWatch

Watch videos, complete interactive questions and track your progress.

A LITTLE PRACTICE EVERY DAY MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE!



YOU'VE GOT THIS!

LEARN • DREAM • ACHIEVE



SET GOALS



PLAN TIME



REVISE SMART



TRACK PROGRESS



ACHIEVE SUCCESS



MATHS
PAPER 1
MORNING



STATISTICS
PAPER 1
AFTERNOON



MATHS
PAPER 2
MORNING



FURTHER MATHS
PAPER 1
AFTERNOON



MATHS
PAPER 3
MORNING



STATISTICS
PAPER 2
AFTERNOON



FURTHER MATHS
PAPER 2
AFTERNOON





ENGLISH NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 8TH MAY

One down, three to go...

Weekend Revision Sessions

10am - 12pm - last week we were able to invite the whole year group; this weekend we will expect all Y11 again.



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



TIME'S ALMOST UP YEAR 9 LITERATURE SOCIETY

On Tuesday, as part of Sharples Literature Society 2026, Y9 students, ensure you complete your projects and see Mr Husayn if you require any support towards the finish line.

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

The presentations will be held in U15 at lunch time on the 19th of May. Come up and support your friends peers!

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

I SING OF CHANGE BY NIYI OSUNDARE

I sing
of the beauty of Athens
without slaves
of a world free
of kings and queens
and other remnants
of an arbitrary past
Of earth
with no
sharp north
or deep south
without blind curtains
or iron walls
of the end
of warlords and armories
and prisons of hate and fear
Of deserts treeing
and fruiting
after the quickening rains
Of the sun
radiating ignorance
and stars informing
nights of unknowing
I sing of a world reshaped.

WHAT ELSE IS ON?

Books and Biscuits



Tuesday
Lunchtime
in the library



WORD OF THE WEEK

Integrity

= The quality of being honest and having strong morals.

E.g. "Integrity is important in building trust."



Anime Club
1:05 in U15
every Wednesday



MENU

Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Dish	Macaroni Cheese Served With Salad £1.80	Chicken Burrito served With Salad £2.10	Chips & Sausage £2.10	Chicken Singapore Noodles £1.85	Tugo Pizza Slice £1.50
Vegetarian Main Dish	Phav Bhaji served with Naan Bread And Salad £1.85	Quorn Bolognese & Garlic Bread £2.10	Chips & Fish Fillet £2.10	Courgette Curry with Bombay Potatoes £2.10	Chickpea & Lentil Curry Served with a Bhaji or Samosa £1.85
And there's more	Panini £1.95 Sandwich £1.45-£1.85 Jacket Potato From £1.85 Salad Box £1.90	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

Mellors
FOOD
HAPPY

KEY 5 1 OF YOUR 5 A DAY MEAT FREE 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.

**JOIN FREE
BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL**

BOLTON MHST: ONLINE PARENT/CARER WORKSHOP ON LOW MOOD

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

- What Low Mood is and how it presents
- What factors contribute to Low Mood
- Practical ways you can support your child

This would be perfect for you if your child or young person is:

- Appearing sad, withdrawn, or lacking motivation
- Losing interest in activities they previously enjoyed
- Experiencing changes in sleep, appetite, or energy levels
- Struggling with self-esteem, confidence, or emotional wellbeing



LOCATION: HORWICH HEALTH & WELLBEING HUB

DATE: WEDNESDAY 27th MAY

TIME: 9:30-11:00



**Greater Manchester
Mental Health
NHS Foundation Trust**

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

NURTURING CONNECTIONS

SKILLS FOR PARENTS
AND CARERS



5TH MAY 2026 - 16TH 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:

programmes@khulisa.co.uk



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