



# Sharples

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# Newsletter

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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!

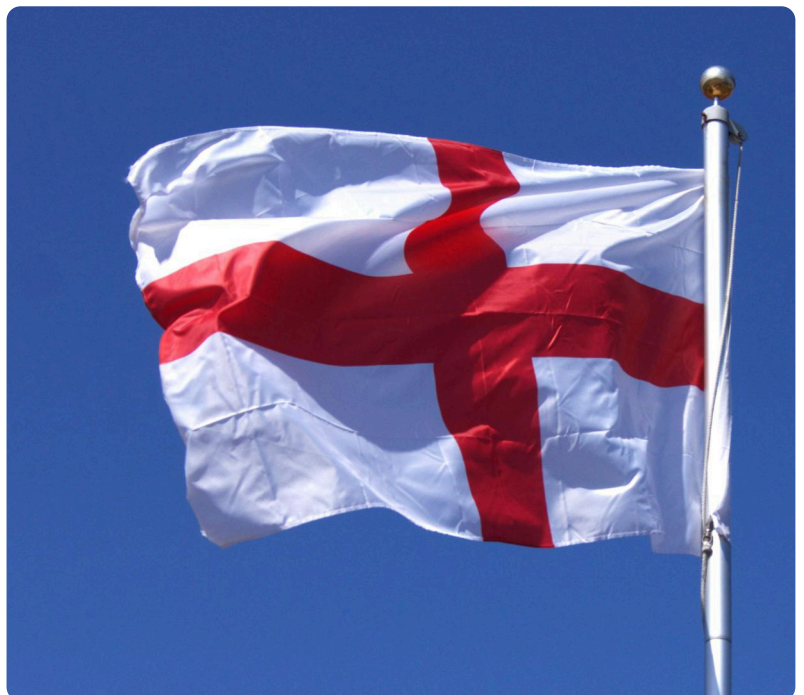


Well done to 9Ples5 who won the St George's Day kahoot quiz and bagged themselves some red-themed chocolate and biscuit treats.

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](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 = 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:** £ £24,000 Starter ————— £40,000 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.



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 8<sup>TH</sup> 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		
<del>10</del>	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
<del>11 MAY</del>	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 19<sup>th</sup> 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



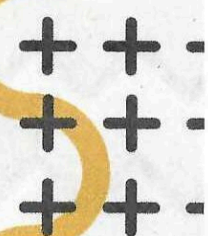
# MENU

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** **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.



**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 27<sup>th</sup> 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



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:

[programmes@khulisa.co.uk](mailto:programmes@khulisa.co.uk)



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