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Start of Summer Term 2 Letter

Dear Parent/Carer,

The final half term of the year is now underway and it is already shaping up to be a very busy one at Sharples.

Year 11 students are coming to the end of their Sharples journey and as we look back on their time with us, I can honestly say that they have made the school and indeed their families proud. The hard work that has gone into their GCSE exams will undoubtedly see deserved outcomes in August, but the achievements of the year group go well beyond just academic success. From sporting excellence to charity fundraising, leadership prowess and just being great role models for our young pupils, the Year 11 students will be missed. We will bid them farewell next week, with a look through the memory archives and a trip to Alton Towers. I am sure you will join me in wishing them every success for the future and hope that they will always have fond memories of their time with us. Sharples Forever.

Next Wednesday 17th June is National Thank a Teacher Day and at Sharples we celebrate the hard work of every single staff member who makes a difference to the lives of our young people every day. From the site team opening school on weekends and in the holidays to facilitate revision sessions, to staff from across the school giving up their evenings, weekends and holidays to take students on trips that provide amazing experiences for our young people, we know that going above and beyond is part of being a member of Team Sharples. Students will be invited to write cards to say thank you to the staff, and if you would like to join me in thanking our staff team, please email your messages to office@sharplesschool.co.uk and we will ensure that they are delivered next Wednesday.

June is "The Month of Reading" at Sharples and all students are encouraged to pick up a book and enjoy reading over the next few weeks. The Sharples Library will be holding a number of events to whet the appetite for reading and in form time, students will be engaging with reading challenges. We have a well-stocked library at Sharples, and all pupils are able to bring books home to read at their leisure. We ask parents to encourage reading for pleasure with your child, as it can boost academic outcomes and has a positive effect on mental wellbeing.

Finally, I would like to draw your attention to some important dates for your diary in the coming weeks:

- Year 8 Progress Evening - Thursday 25th June 4-7pm
- Year 7 Progress Evening - Thursday 8th July 4-7pm
- Sharples Summer Fayre - 3.15-5.30pm
- Academic Achievement Awards Ceremonies for Y7-10 - mornings of Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th July - Live via Zoom for families.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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Duke of Edinburgh Award Students complete their expedition



On the weekend of 6th & 7th June, 41 students from Year 9 have completed their Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award qualifying expedition with two days' walking in the beautiful Lancashire countryside around the Rivington, White Coppice and Adlington areas.

The students had to be self-sufficient in their teams of about 6. They planned their routes, did all their own navigating, carried their own camping equipment and supplies, cooked their own evening meals on their camp stoves and camped overnight. They also planned a project to identify and record different species of trees, birds and grasses that they found during the weekend. All 41 passed with flying colours.

All the students had gained valuable experience and learned lessons from their training walks and practice expedition in the autumn and spring in the countryside close to school. Their qualifying expedition went smoothly as they put their experience to the test in typically showery English summer conditions.

Prior to their expedition, Year 9 students have been working on their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award through the year, organising and completing their own activities in three categories:- Skill, Physical and Volunteering, over periods of 3 or 6 months. Some of their activities have included running regularly with the school's Running Club, volunteering in primary schools or food banks or old peoples' homes and developing a skill, such as learning a musical instrument or a foreign language in their own time. They really have had a varied experience. *...continued*



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On 20th & 21st June another 40 year 9 students will be completing their Bronze Qualifying Expedition in the same area. All our Bronze students will have the opportunity to build on their experience by undertaking their Silver Award in Year 10.

Most importantly perhaps, the students have developed and repeatedly shown teamwork, independence and resilience, organising and planning their own activities, showing commitment in getting them done and supporting each other with smiles on their faces. They have persevered resiliently when things have gone against them and they will carry these qualities and maturity with them in their GCSE studies and in all that they do after that. Congratulations and very well done!

English Department Stars of the Week

Work of the Week

Year 7

Tasha who has been working hard to improve her spellings and sentence types in English intervention. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 8

Aarav for his understanding of how tension is built in the extract. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 9

Nabiha for excellent quote explosions in her poetry lesson. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 10

Sarim for his brilliant start to creating a timeline for the character of Juliet in preparation for his upcoming mock exams. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Readers of the Week

Year 7

Umer A for being a confident, fluent reader in form, and for always being willing to read aloud. Keep it up Umer!

Year 8

Pippa M for reading aloud her letter.

Year 9

Mason R for always volunteering an answer.

Year 10

Aisha S for reading with clarity and fluency.



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Changing the Tune: Bolton Year 9 Students Partner with Fort Alice Charity to Stand Up Against Catcalling



In an inspiring display of youth leadership, eight Year 9 students from Bolton have taken a powerful stand against street harassment. Partnering with the community-focused Fort Alice Charity, these teenagers have written, produced and starred in a hard-hitting promotional video aimed at dismantling the culture of catcalling.

The impact of their work is set to ripple across the entire borough, as the video has been officially adopted into the Bolton PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic) curriculum, ensuring thousands of local pupils will engage with this vital message.

The project sparked from a simple but sobering reality: street harassment is an issue that young people, particularly teenage girls, navigate far too early. Rather than accepting catcalling as an unavoidable part of growing up, this group of eight students decided to challenge it head-on.

Collaborating with Fort Alice Charity—an organisation renowned for empowering families and vulnerable young people—the students spent weeks conceptualising the campaign. They didn't just act in the video; they drove the creative direction, ensuring the script reflected the authentic experiences and language of modern teenagers.

"We wanted to show that catcalling isn't a compliment—it's intimidating," said one of the Year 9 creators. "If we can change how people our age think about it now, we can stop it from becoming normal behaviour when we're older."

Students were awarded a certificate of achievement by the Mayor of Bolton.

Well done to Charley, Elsa, Emily, Mariya, Amaan, Isa, Lewis and Muhammad-Zayan.

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Future Scientists in the Making: The Big Bang 2026



Our Year 7 and Year 8 students recently took a thrilling leap into the future with an educational trip to The Big Bang Fair 2026 at the NEC in Birmingham. As the UK's largest celebration of STEM for young people, the event offered our students an unforgettable, hands-on experience. From interacting with cutting-edge robotics and exploring sustainable technologies to watching explosive live stage shows, the energy was electric. The trip was a fantastic opportunity for our young scientists and engineers to bridge the gap between the classroom and real-world innovation, leaving everyone thoroughly inspired about future careers in STEM.

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Calculated Colouring Club



The Calculated Colouring Club was popular this week. Pupils enjoyed using their maths skills to colour in a variety of pictures. If you would like to join, the club runs every Thursday lunchtime in G16.



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Final MMA session



Monday was the last of 6 sessions for the 16 selected lads who took part in the MMA enrichment course. The boys worked on wrestling, Brazilian jiu-jitsu and their Muay Thai striking. It was a fantastic effort from each of the lads and they represented themselves along with Sharples excellently.

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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 = 96.55%
8 = 96.91%
9 = 94.82%
10 = 94.89%
11 = 93.04%

Best forms this week:

7Ples1 = 100%
8Ples1 = 100%
9Ples2 = 98.15%
10Ples5 = 99.57%
11Ples1 = 97.13%

144 pupils have achieved 100% this academic year

Dates for your Diary

Exams ongoing

Monday 15th June: Y8 Sharples Aspiring Event for History (11:00am – 12:00pm)

Tuesday 16th June: Year 7 Geography Rewards Trip

Tuesday 16th June: The Young Chef Final: Rotary (12:15–3:15pm)

Wednesday 17th June: Y9 & Y10 Bolton Town Athletics Champs (11:15am – 3:15pm)

Friday 19th June: Y7 & Y8 Bolton Town Athletics Champ (11:15am – 3:15pm)

Career of the Week: App Developer

App developers design and build mobile applications for smartphones, PCs and tablets.

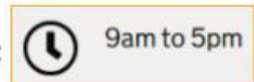
Average Salary:



Typical hours:
(per week)



You could work:



Qualifications:

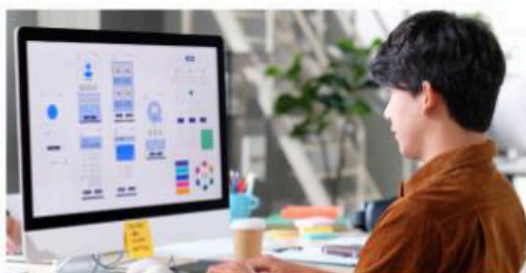
- You can apply for this job through a university course, an apprenticeship or a graduate training scheme.
- 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C) and A levels, or equivalent, for a higher or degree apprenticeship.
- 1 or 2 A levels, or equivalent, for a foundation degree or higher national diploma.
- 2 to 3 A levels, or equivalent, for a degree.

Skills required:

- Maths knowledge for understanding programming.
- The ability to write computer programs.
- Analytical thinking skills.
- To be thorough and pay attention to detail.
- The ability to come up with new ways of doing things.
- Knowledge of systems analysis and development.
- Complex problem-solving skills.

Relevant Subjects:

- English, Maths and Computing



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



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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
Y9/10 Athletics Practice	Y7/8 Athletics Practice	Y9/10 Athletics Championships @ Leverhulme	Cricket practice	Y7/8 Athletics Championships @ Leverhulme
	Y7/8 cricket v Thornleigh		KS4 Fitness Suite	
	Running Club		Girls Football- all years	
			Running club trip to Jumbles	

Week beginning 15th June

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SUMMER FAYRE



FRIDAY 3RD JULY 2026

3:15-5:30PM SHARPLES SCHOOL

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



**ALL
WELCOME!**

Choices:
Only Choose One!

Trip Date:
Monday 13th July

Years 7,8,9,10
Ninja Warrior

Years 7,8,9,10
The Jumbles
Country Park

Years 7 & 8
Ten Pin
Bowling

Years 7,8,9,10
Blackpool
Pleasure
Beach

Years 9 &10
Trafford
Centre



Summer Reward Trips



Criteria:

Since Easter no more than 10 negatives and good attendance

Invited students will have the trips on their MCAS
Please see letter on MCAS for more details

Last Day for Payment:

Monday 23rd June



CELEBRATE THE WORLD CUP SYMMETRY

AN OPTIONAL HOMEWORK CHALLENGE!

Design or find a

FLAG

that has

1

LINE OF SYMMETRY

or

2

LINES OF SYMMETRY

or

4

LINES OF SYMMETRY

BE CREATIVE!



HAND YOUR ENTRY
TO YOUR TEACHER
FOR REWARD POINTS!

DEADLINE:
MONDAY
13TH JULY

SHOW YOUR TALENT, CELEBRATE SYMMETRY
AND THE BEAUTIFUL GAME!



MENU

KEY

5
A DAY

- 1 OF YOUR 5 A DAY



- CHEF'S CHOICE

MEAT FREE

- MEAT-FREE MONDAY



- PLANT-BASED (VEGAN)

Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Dish	Macaroni Cheese with Salad £1.80	Chicken Burrito with Salad £2.10	Sausage and Chips £2.10	Singapore Chicken Noodles £1.85	Tugo Pizza Slice £1.50
Vegetarian Main Dish	Phav Bhaji served with Naan Bread and Salad £1.85	Quorn Bolognaise and Garlic Bread £2.10	Fish Fillet and Chips £2.10	Courgette Curry with Bombay Potato's £2.10	Chickpea and Lentil Curry with a Bhaji or Samosa £1.85
And There's More...	Panini - £1.85 Sandwich - £1.45-£1.85 Jacket Potato and Filling from - £1.85 Salad box - £1.90 Vegetables of the Day - 42p	Panini - £1.85 Sandwich - £1.45-£1.85 Jacket Potato and Filling from - £1.85 Salad box - £1.90 Vegetables of the Day - 42p	Panini - £1.85 Sandwich - £1.45-£1.85 Jacket Potato and Filling from - £1.85 Salad box - £1.90 Vegetables of the Day - 42p	Panini - £1.85 Sandwich - £1.45-£1.85 Jacket Potato and Filling from - £1.85 Salad box - £1.90 Vegetables of the Day - 42p	Panini - £1.85 Sandwich - £1.45-£1.85 Jacket Potato and Filling from - £1.85 Salad box - £1.90 Vegetables of the Day - 42p
Love Joes	Korma Curry Sauce and Rice - £1.90 Tikka Sauce and Rice Served with a Naan Bread - £1.90	Korma Curry Sauce and Rice - £1.90 Tikka Sauce and Rice Served with a Naan Bread - £1.90	Korma Curry Sauce and Rice - £1.90 Tikka Sauce and Rice Served with a Naan Bread - £1.90	Korma Curry Sauce and Rice - £1.90 Tikka Sauce and Rice Served with a Naan Bread - £1.90	Korma Curry Sauce and Rice - £1.90 Tikka Sauce and Rice Served with a Naan Bread - £1.90
Pasta King	Pasta Sauce of the Day with Garlic Bread - £2.10	Pasta Sauce of the Day with Garlic Bread - £2.10	Pasta Sauce of the Day with Garlic Bread - £2.10	Pasta Sauce of the Day with Garlic Bread - £2.10	Pasta Sauce of the Day with Garlic Bread - £2.10
Dessert	Fruit Pots - 55p-75p Cake of the Day - 72p Cookie - 50p Large Cold Dessert - £1.10 Hot Pudding - 90p	Fruit Pots - 55p-75p Cake of the Day - 72p Cookie - 50p Large Cold Dessert - £1.10 Hot Pudding - 90p	Fruit Pots - 55p-75p Cake of the Day - 72p Cookie - 50p Large Cold Dessert - £1.10 Hot Pudding - 90p	Fruit Pots - 55p-75p Cake of the Day - 72p Cookie - 50p Large Cold Dessert - £1.10 Hot Pudding - 90p	Fruit Pots - 55p-75p Cake of the Day - 72p Cookie - 50p Large Cold Dessert - £1.10 Hot Pudding - 90p

GRAB SOME STREET FOOD FOR HEALTHY MEALS ON THE GO



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ENGLAND VS CROATIA 17TH JUNE

MAIN

**CEVAPI WITH PITTA &
HOMEMADE AJVAR**

£1.85

TRADITIONAL FISH & CHIPS

£2.10

CHOCOLATE SPONGE & CUSTARD

90P

BISCUITS 50P





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**“PROVIDING EVERYTHING A CHILD NEEDS
TO ACCESS SCHOOL”**

HOW IT WORKS

HOW WE GET OUR SUPPLIES

THE PUBLIC AND BUSINESSES DONATE ITEMS, WE ALSO RECEIVE FUNDING TO BUY NEW ITEMS.

WHO CAN JOIN?

ANYONE IN RECEIPT OF AN INCOME RELATED BENEFIT CAN JOIN, YOU’LL NEED TO REGISTER WITH US ON YOUR FIRST VISIT.

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PRELOVED UNIFORM AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES STARTING FROM 20P

NEW ITEMS ARE AVAILABLE AT ⅓ OF THE COST

TOILETRIES AND HOUSEHOLD CLEANING PRODUCTS AVAILABLE FROM 50P

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