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Rotary Trip to Congleton Town Hall!



A huge well done to a group of our Y7 and Y9 students who represented the school brilliantly at a Rotary event in Congleton on Saturday. The students spoke with confidence and enthusiasm as they delivered presentations showcasing their involvement with Interact and the many environmental projects taking place across our school community. They highlighted the positive impact of their work, demonstrating their commitment to making a difference both within school and beyond; they received excellent feedback for their efforts! Well done, everyone!



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Safiyya Scoops Top Prize in Thrilling Cooking Final



Safiyya, a talented Year 10 student, has won the Rotary Young Chef competition after beating cooks from two other rival schools in a tense final. The young chef showed incredible skill in the kitchen to take home the winner's trophy. The final round brought together the best young cooking talents from three local schools. The pressure was on as the students stepped into the kitchen. Safiyya had to cook against tough competition, but she stayed completely calm and focused. Each chef had to plan and cook a healthy, delicious two-course meal for two people. They had a strict budget to buy all of their ingredients. They also had a strict time limit of exactly two hours to get their food onto the plates. Professional chefs judged the competition. They graded the students on several things: Their expert knife skills, keeping their cooking stations neat and tidy, working safely and hygienically and the final presentation and taste of the food.

Safiyya wowed the judges with her amazing technical skills and creative flavours. She worked hard after school for weeks to practice her recipes and perfect her timing. For her main course, she served a perfectly balanced dish that looked beautiful. She followed it up with a stunning dessert that the judges praised for its fantastic taste and texture. Her food teacher Miss Brown said, "Safiyya has a real passion for cooking. To go head-to-head with other top schools and win is a massive achievement. We are all incredibly proud of her hard work."

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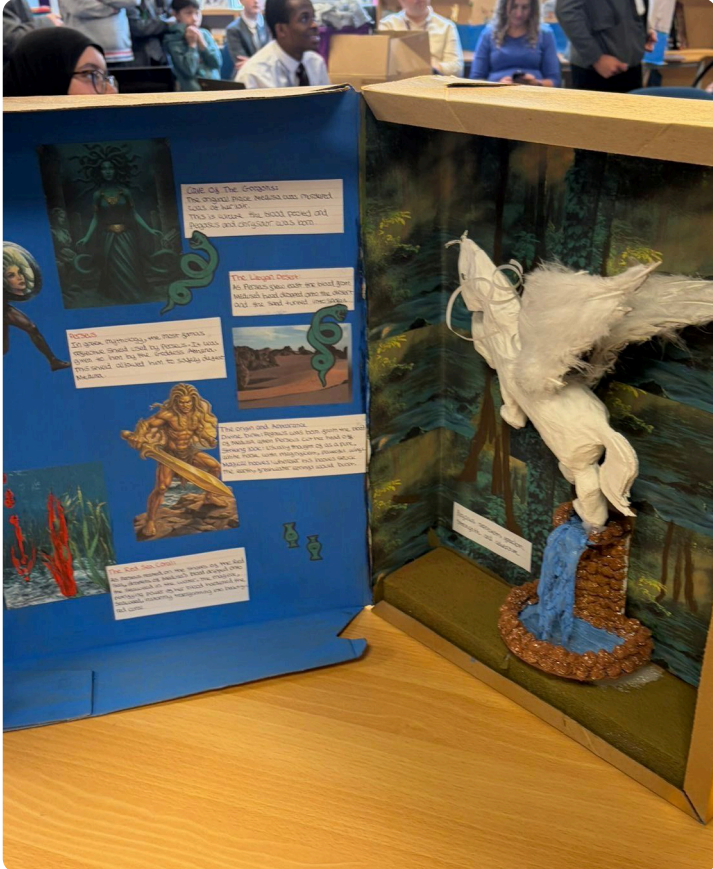


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Literature Society Celebration Evening



On Wednesday 10th June, we were delighted to welcome parents into our library to celebrate the winners of each year group for one final face off.

Students created new and improved projects based on the themes of Greek Myths, Detectives and Mystery, Gothic, and Film. They confidently showcased their work and presented on their processes, their rationales, and their knowledge of the themes and how they connected with Literature. We had models, short stories, paintings, stop motion animations, film reviews, and much more.

Goodies and prizes were given out for all their hard work, including Sharples merch and a wonderful selection of books.

Well done to the overall winners -

Marcie H
Pinklily T
Jack D

Thank you to all the staff and parents who attended and supported the students in their efforts.

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Interact Visit to Bolton Golf Club!



Some of our Interact members enjoyed an evening at Bolton Golf Club on Monday, where they were invited by Rotary to attend a special dinner and share their experiences as members of Interact. During the event, the students spoke confidently about the wide range of activities, projects and opportunities they have been involved in throughout the year, highlighting the positive impact Interact has had on both their personal development and the wider community. It was a fantastic opportunity for them to reflect on their achievements, celebrate their successes and showcase the valuable work they have undertaken!



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Outdoor Learning



During Outdoor Learning, we have been creating artistic impressions using natural materials. This week, we took part in Tataki Zome, a traditional Japanese art form that involves creating botanical prints by hammering fresh leaves.

To begin, we gathered a variety of fresh leaves and carefully arranged them face down on paper. Using a hammer, we gently but firmly tapped over each leaf, crushing its cell walls and releasing the natural pigments onto the paper. Once the leaf was peeled away, it revealed a colourful mirrored eco-print that captured the unique shape and detail of the foliage.

This activity provided many valuable learning opportunities. It helped to develop fine motor skills, including hand-eye coordination, grip strength, and physical control. The group also engaged in sensory exploration by touching and comparing different natural textures and materials. In addition, the activity encouraged scientific enquiry as we discussed the anatomy of leaves, seasonal changes, and explored why some leaves produced clearer or more vibrant prints than others.

Outdoor Learning is a weekly session that provides the children with opportunities to discover new experiences, work collaboratively, and develop a wide range of skills and characteristics that support and enhance learning across the curriculum.

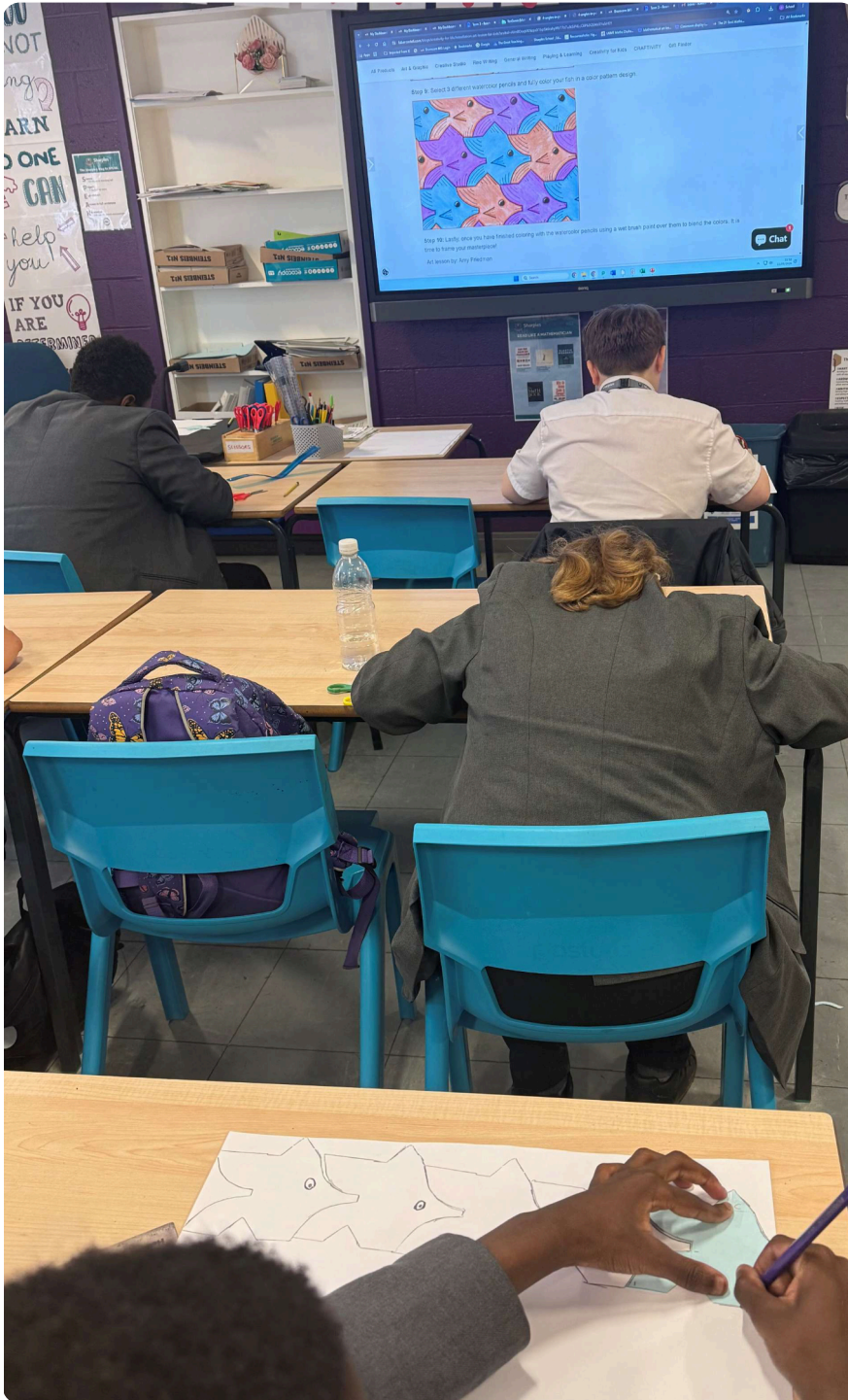


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Year 7 Exploring Escher's Tessellations



Year 7 pupils have been exploring Escher's work and investigating how he used animals and other unusual shapes to create a repeated pattern with no spaces. They created their own design using their maths and art knowledge to create some tessellation art pieces.



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English Department's Stars of the Week

Work of the Week

Year 7

Darcey B for her understanding and application of a new piece of vocabulary in Twelfth Night. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 8

Raees K - Excellent annotations analysing Still I Rise by Maya Angelou. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 9

Kiya P for her wonderful analytical work on Iago's soliloquy. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 10

Zara K for a fantastic 15 marker in preparation for their PPE. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Readers of the Week

Year 7

Martha B for reading aloud clearly and fluently.

Year 8

Paisley C for reading confidently to the class.

Year 9

Mariya P for volunteering to read.

Year 10

Kledi L for reading expressively.



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Cheerleading at the National Competition



Congratulations to Grace in Y9 who represented her Cheerleading Club at a National Competition last week.



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Cricket Friendlies Begin!



Students have been training every day at lunchtime and twice each week after school in cricket but a number of friendly fixtures have been cancelled due to poor weather. Eventually, Sharples managed to get a friendly fixture played and travelled to Thornleigh for a practice session. The squad will be going back next week with additional Y7 players who couldn't attend due to a trip. We will also be looking to arrange a hard ball friendly in the next couple of weeks on the astro turf wicket at Sharples. The attendance to cricket at lunchtime and after school demonstrates that a lot of our pupils enjoy the sport and the department encourage students to look at joining local cricket teams in the area.

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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 = 96.06%

8 = 96.77%

9 = 94.69%

10 = 95.09%

11 = 99.84%

Best forms this week:

7Ples1 = 99.60%

8Ples2 & 8Shar5 = 100%

9Ples1 = 98.99%

10Shar2 = 99.60%

11Ples1, 11Ples2, 11Ples4,
11Ples5, 11Shar1, 11Shar2,
11Shar3, 11Shar4, 11Shar5 = 100%

141 pupils have achieved 100% this academic year

Dates for your Diary

Exams ongoing

Friday 19th June –
Wednesday 24th June:
Spanish School Visit

Saturday 20th June –
Monday 22nd June:
Bronze DofE
Qualifying Expedition
B (Rivington) – 2 days
1 night

Wednesday 24th June
and Thursday 25th
June and Friday 26th
June: Year 6 extra
transition (9:30 –
11:30am)

Friday 26th June: Y7
Careers Event: "Guess
my Job"

Career of the Week: App Developer

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

Average Salary: £ £31,000 £65,000
Starter Experienced

Typical hours: 37 to 42
(per week)

You could work: 9am to 5pm

Qualifications:

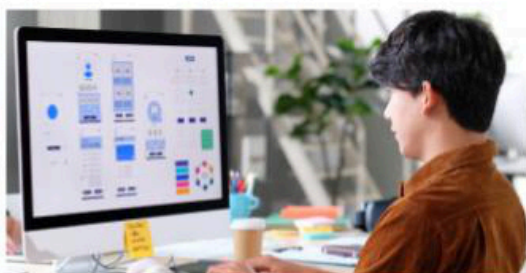
- You can apply for this job through a university course, an apprenticeship or a graduate training scheme.
- 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C) and A levels, or equivalent, for a higher or degree apprenticeship.
- 1 or 2 A levels, or equivalent, for a foundation degree or higher national diploma.
- 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
KS3 boys Swimming Club	Y8 Football Practice	KS3 girls Swimming Club	Y8 Parents Evening	PE Detentions
Rounders - all years	KS4 Fitness Suite	Y8/9 Rounders v Essa (a)		
Y7 Football Practice	Y7/8 Cricket v Thornleigh	KS4 Fitness Suite- Girls		
	Running Club	Cricket practice		

Week beginning 22nd June

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Summer SHOWCASE

Wednesday 15th July
7PM (DOORS OPEN 6.30PM)

With performances from:
Stave & Close, Sharples Voices,
Sharples Orchestra, Drama club,
CANTastic, Samba band plus a variety
of talented soloists.

TICKETS AVAILABLE ON MCAS

ADULTS: £3 UNDER 16: £1



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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!**

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 - 1 OF YOUR 5 A DAY
- MEAT FREE
- MEAT-FREE MONDAY
- CHIEF'S CHOICE
- PLANT-BASED (VEGAN)

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	Beef Burger and Chips £2.10	Vegetable or Meat Lasagne served with Garlic Bread £2.10	Tugo Pizza Slice £1.50
Vegetarian Main Dish	Vegetable Biryani - £1.80	Vegetable Noodles £1.80	Battered Fish and Chips £2.10	Salt and Pepper Loaded Wedges £1.80	Spicy Bean Enchiladas £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

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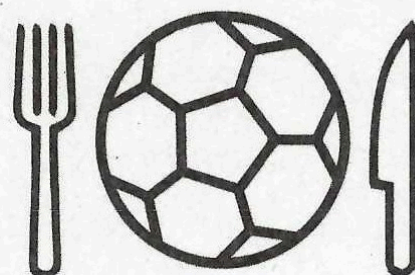
MEAT & POTATO PIE

£2.10

TRIFLE £1.10

BISCUIT 50P

TRAYBAKE 72P





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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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