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A weekend of adventures with our Spanish Friends



For the fourth time, Sharples School was delighted to welcome our friends from IES Punta del Verde in Seville, Spain, for another unforgettable week of cultural exchange, friendship and language learning.

Following a year of successful pen pal exchanges between students at Sharples and IES Punta del Verde, we were thrilled to welcome 14 Spanish students and their teachers to school on Friday 19th June 2026. Over six action-packed days, students from both schools shared experiences, explored the local area, developed their language skills and created memories that will last a lifetime.

The visit began with a warm Sharples welcome before our Year 9 Spanish students had the opportunity to put their language learning into practice in real-life situations. The first evening saw everyone enjoying a traditional British favourite—fish and chips at the Olympus Restaurant. It was the perfect opportunity for students to chat with one another, overcome any initial nerves and begin forming friendships that would continue to grow throughout the week.

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The weekend provided an exciting opportunity to showcase some of the very best attractions that Greater Manchester and the North West have to offer. Students explored the vibrant surroundings of Salford Quays, admired the famous landmarks and enjoyed taking in the atmosphere of one of the UK's most iconic waterfront destinations.

A visit to Old Trafford, home of Manchester United, proved to be one of the highlights of the trip. Everyone enjoyed learning about the history of one of the world's most famous football clubs and buying souvenirs from the gift shop. The day concluded with a visit to the Trafford Centre, where students enjoyed some shopping, sampled British treats and continued to strengthen friendships across both schools.

Sunday took the group to the stunning Lake District National Park, where they experienced some of England's most spectacular scenery. Students explored the picturesque lakeside town of Bowness-on-Windermere, enjoyed traditional ice cream by the lake and boarded a scenic cruise across England's largest and most famous lake.

The highlight of the day was undoubtedly the hike to the summit of Gummer's How. Despite the warm weather making the climb particularly challenging, every student demonstrated fantastic resilience, determination and teamwork. Their efforts were rewarded with breathtaking panoramic views across Lake Windermere and the surrounding fells—a truly memorable experience for everyone.

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Our Spanish friends bring the sun to Sharples



Following an amazing weekend with the students from IES Punta Del Verde in Seville, we welcome our Spanish friends into school; they even brought the Spanish sun with them!!

From Monday to Wednesday, the focus shifted to life at Sharples School. Our Year 9 students were exceptional hosts, welcoming their Spanish partners into lessons, introducing them to school life and ensuring they felt part of the Sharples community from the moment they arrived. Throughout the three days, students worked together in lessons, collaborated on activities and, most importantly, enjoyed countless opportunities to develop their confidence speaking both English and Spanish in authentic situations.

Each day offered a different experience. Monday's sports activities encouraged teamwork, communication and plenty of friendly competition, with mixed teams working together despite the language barrier.

On Tuesday, students swapped the sports hall for the Food Technology classrooms, where they prepared traditional British dishes including Toad in the Hole and Apple Crumble. Working together in pairs, students followed recipes, shared culinary tips and discovered that food is a wonderful way to bring different cultures together. The finished dishes were enjoyed by everyone, with many of our Spanish visitors pleasantly surprised by just how tasty traditional British cooking can be. *continued*

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Wednesday saw students head outdoors for a day of forest skills and fire lighting activities. They learned practical outdoor skills, including navigation, team work, fire lighting, and shelter building.

No cultural exchange would be complete without introducing our visitors to some classic British snacks. As a final activity before saying goodbye, our students challenged their Spanish friends to sample a range of traditional British favourites, including Jaffa Cakes, Marmite, Jelly Babies, Custard Creams and other familiar treats. Unsurprisingly, opinions on Marmite were divided, with the famous "love it or hate it" slogan proving just as accurate in Spain as it is in Britain! The laughter and reactions made for a fitting finale to an incredible week.

Although saying goodbye on Wednesday was emotional, the friendships formed over the past six days made the farewells even more meaningful. Many students have already promised to stay in touch.

International exchanges like this are about so much more than travel. They build confidence, improve communication skills, broaden cultural understanding and create lifelong memories. Our partnership with IES Punta del Verde continues to go from strength to strength, and we are incredibly proud of every Sharples student who represented the school with such enthusiasm, kindness and maturity throughout the visit.

We would like to thank the staff, students and families from IES Punta del Verde for making this year's exchange such a wonderful success. We wish them a safe journey home and look forward to welcoming them back to Sharples next year.

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Order in the Court! Year 8 Investigate Justice and Milkshakes in Manchester

Our Year 8 students recently traded their classroom desks for a day of historical drama and legal debate on an exciting Citizenship trip to the Manchester Police Museum. The trip offered a fascinating, hands-on look at the history of law, order, and social change.

Step Back in Time: The Museum Tour

The day began with an immersive tour of the museum, which is housed in a genuine Victorian police station. Students got a firsthand look at:

The Victorian Cells:
Experiencing what it was like to be locked up in the 1890s (thankfully, everyone was let out!).

Historic Galleries:
Exploring vintage police uniforms, equipment, and transport, tracing how law enforcement has evolved over the generations.



The Verdict Is In: The Emmeline Pankhurst Mock Trial

The absolute highlight of the day was a thrilling mock trial held in the museum's authentic, preserved courtroom. Putting their citizenship skills to the test, students took on the roles of magistrates, lawyers, witnesses, and jurors to try Manchester's own iconic suffragette leader, Emmeline Pankhurst.

The debate was fierce, the arguments were sharp, and our Year 8s showed an impressive understanding of the fight for women's right to vote.

A Sweet Finish at Archie's

After a busy morning of delivering verdicts and exploring history, it was time for a well-deserved reward. The group headed over to Archie's Diner to round off the day. Over a delicious spread of burgers, fries, and their legendary milkshakes, students debated whether the "jury's decision" in the mock trial was the right one.

Our Year 8s represented the school brilliantly, showing fantastic curiosity, impeccable manners, and excellent debate skills throughout the day.



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Former Sharples Head Girl speaks at World Nuclear Summit by Rowan E



A couple of weeks ago, I had the privilege of being invited to speak at the World Nuclear University's Summer Institute programme in Lyon and engage with a talented group of participants from across the globe.

As part of a day dedicated to security, I delivered a presentation on cybersecurity and its growing relevance beyond traditional IT environments. One of my key topics was recognising that cyber incidents can have real-world consequences. Using the TRISIS case study, we explored how cyber attacks could have the potential to cause significant operational and safety impacts.

The session also examined practical approaches to managing cyber risk and the important role leadership behaviours play in shaping cyber culture.

I was also pleased to take part in a panel discussion alongside the other speakers of the day. The fellows brought some incredibly thoughtful questions, and it was encouraging to see open debate on a range of important security topics.

In addition, I participated in working group sessions focused on insider threat case studies. These conversations generated valuable insights, with participants sharing different perspectives and exploring how decision-making and organisational culture can influence cyber outcomes.

The quality of discussion throughout the day was truly exceptional!

Thank you to the World Nuclear University for the opportunity to contribute. It was an honour to share my experiences, meet professionals from around the world, and make connections across a wide range of backgrounds and disciplines.

Thanks you also to the other speakers of the day Pierre Legoux, Alexander Choren CPP, PSP, Scott Shrum - it was a pleasure to meet you and present alongside you.

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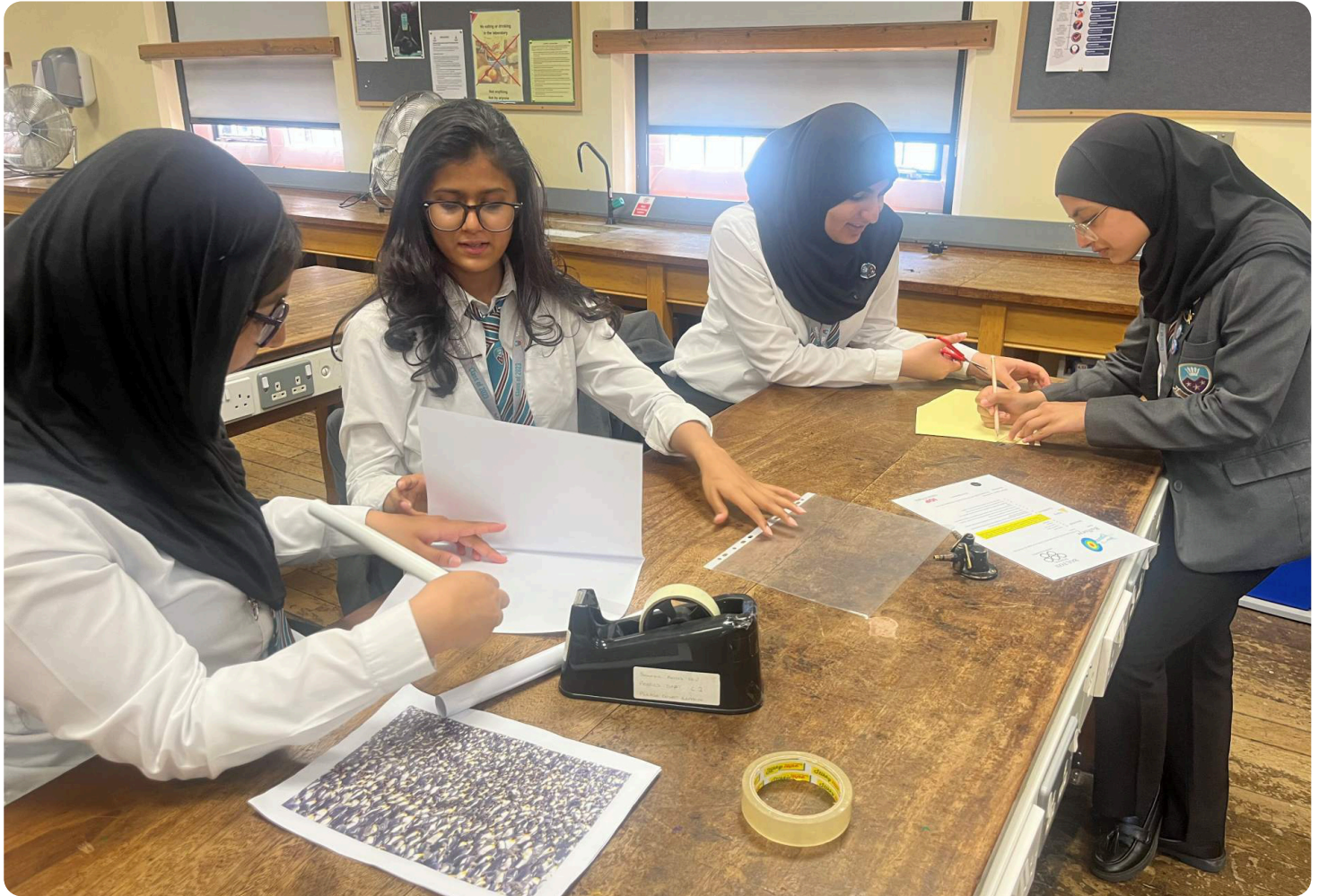


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Double Success for Year 9 at the Physics Olympics



Our Year 9 physicists enjoyed a brilliant day of competition at the Physics Olympics at Bolton School, where eight pupils represented the school across two teams: Team Newton and Team Moore.

The pupils performed exceptionally well across a range of challenging events designed to test their scientific thinking, teamwork and problem-solving skills. Team Newton achieved 1st place in Jelly Baby Towers and the Fermi Quiz, as well as 3rd place in Rainbow Babies. Team Moore also enjoyed success, securing 1st place in the Sink Swim event.

It was a fantastic day of physics, problem-solving and teamwork, made even better by an incredible set of results. Team Moore finished in an impressive 2nd place overall, while Team Newton were crowned overall champions. A huge well done to all eight pupils, who represented the school brilliantly and showed real enthusiasm, determination and creativity throughout the competition.

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Ex-pupil Hader aims to inspire future performers

On Wednesday morning ex-pupil Hader Ahmed returned to Sharples to deliver an inspirational talk about what it is really like as a performer in the current work climate to our future year 9 performers. Hader spoke about his journey into the industry which started as a drama student at Sharples a few years ago. Since leaving Hader has joined a performance company where he has performed regularly on stages across the North West and has recently taken the leap to write and direct his own stage play called "The Endless Boy".

Speaking after the presentation Hader said "Whether you want to be on stage or behind the scenes, the skills you build now—confidence, imagination, and teamwork—will take you anywhere. I sat in these same classrooms at Sharples not long ago. The path from student to professional involves constant learning and networking. It's about taking the skills you learn in Drama and English and applying them to a professional environment where missing a cue or forgetting a line has real-world consequences. Remember, your journey can start right here at Sharples. Stay curious, keep creating, and don't be afraid to voice your original ideas. The industry needs your unique perspective!"



English Department's Stars of the Week

Work of the Week

Year 7

Mohammad D for his lovely article on his Sharples Hero: Mr Haslam. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 8

Qayyim H for his lovely analysis on structure in poetry. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 9

Nabiha F for her independent analysis in poetry. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 10

Khadijah I P - Excellent annotations for the poem Disabled. [Click here to view the work.](#)



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Maths World Cup Flag Symmetry Optional Homework



The maths department are really impressed with the creativity and maths skills shown by our pupils. The deadline for entries is Monday 13th July if you would like to be involved and gain some extra reward points.

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Bolton Schools Athletics Championships 2025/26



Years 7–10 proudly represented the school at the Bolton Athletics Championships held at Leverhulme Park last week. Years 9 and 10 competed on Wednesday, with Years 7 and 8 taking part on Friday.

In preparation for the championships, students have spent the past month competing in a variety of athletic events during PE lessons. The highest-performing athletes in each year group were then selected to attend after-school training sessions and earn the opportunity to represent the school at this prestigious borough-wide event.

Every student who competed demonstrated outstanding commitment, determination and resilience throughout the competition, performing admirably against some of the strongest athletes in Bolton. Their positive attitude and sportsmanship were a credit to both themselves and the school.

Among the many excellent performances, some of the standout achievements from the championships included:

Year 8:

Olivia C 1st in Javelin and Long Jump

Oliver H 3rd in 1500m

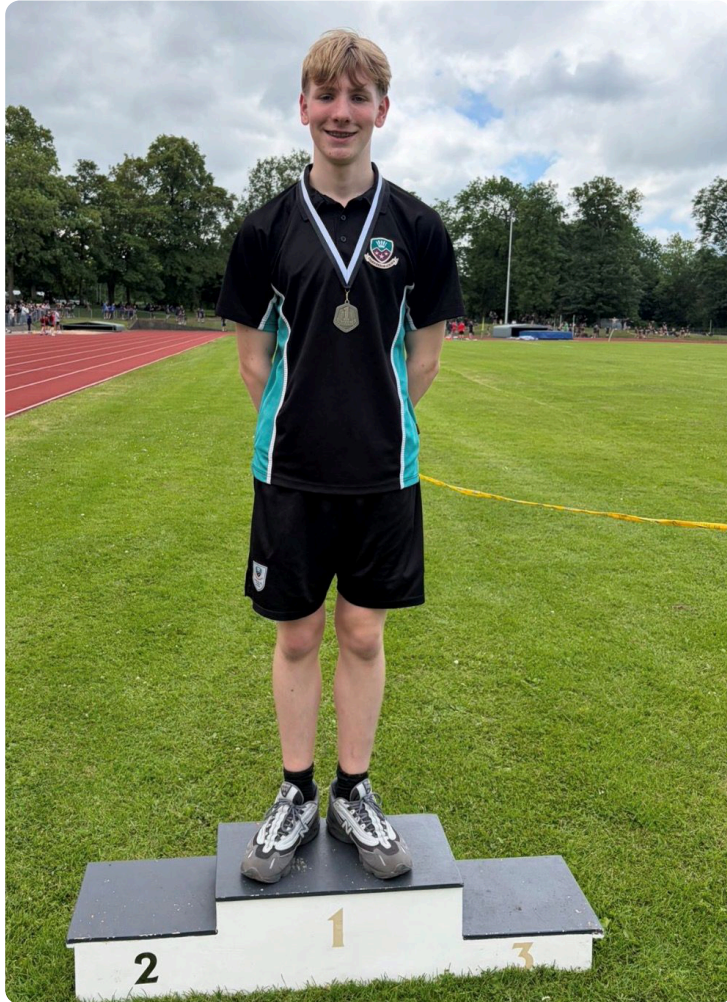
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Year 9:

Isa A 1st in the 300m and a new school record 41.56s

Charley M 2nd place in the Long jump and 3rd in the 800m

Asia A 3rd in shot putt

Jason A 3rd place in the Shot Putt

Scarlett SR 3rd in the 1500m

Year 10:

Oliver B 3rd Long jump and 2nd place in the Triple jump

Jaicob L 2nd in Shot Putt

Jayden O : 3rd Discus 1st place Javelin



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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 = 94.95%

8 = 95.14%

9 = 91.24%

10 = 94.99%

11 = 100%

Best forms this week:

7Ples1 = 99.15%

8Shar4 = 99.53%

9Ples1 = 97.33%

10Shar3 = 98.26%

11Ples1, 11Ples2, 11Ples3,
11Ples4, 11Ples5, 11Shar1,
11Shar2, 11Shar3, 11Shar4,
11Shar5 = 100%

135 pupils have achieved 100% this academic year

Dates for your Diary

Exams ongoing

Tuesday 30th June
Royal Horticultural
Society interviews and
filming

Wednesday 1st July:
New Intake Day 1

Thursday 2nd July:
New Intake Day 2

Thursday 2nd July:
Parent Forum (4:30 –
5:30pm)

Thursday 2nd July:
New Intake Evening
(6:00 – 7:00pm)

Friday 3rd July:
Summer Fayre
(3:15 – 5:30pm)

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:
(per week) 37 to 42

You could work: 9am to 5pm

Qualifications:

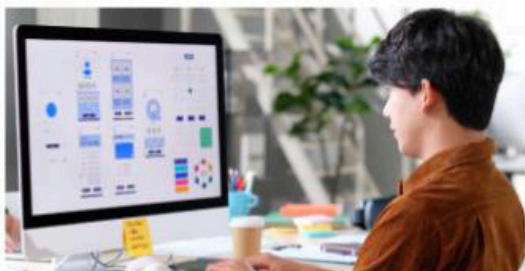
- You can apply for this job through a university course, an apprenticeship or a graduate training scheme.
- 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C) and A levels, or equivalent, for a higher or degree apprenticeship.
- 1 or 2 A levels, or equivalent, for a foundation degree or higher national diploma.
- 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	KS4 Rounders tournament (11am)	PE Detentions
Rounders - all years	KS4 Fitness Suite	KS4 Fitness Suite-Girls	KS4 Fitness Suite	
Y7 Football Practice	Y7/8 Cricket v Thornleigh	Cricket practice	Cricket practice	
	KS3 Rounders tournament (11am)			
	Running Club			

Week beginning 29th June

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Summer SHOWCASE

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

With performances from:
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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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**SHARPLES PTA INVITE
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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

5 - 1 OF YOUR 5 A DAY
 MEAT FREE
 - MEAT-FREE MONDAY

5 A DAY
 MEAT FREE
 - CHEF'S CHOICE
 - PLANT-BASED (VEGAN)

Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Dish	Cheese Whirl served with Salad - £1.85	Marinated Chicken Wrap - £1.85	Battered Fish and Chips £2.10	Meat or Vegetable Moussaka Served with Salad £2.10	Tugo Pizza Slice £1.50
Vegetarian Main Dish	Sweet Potato Enchilada served with Salad £1.85	Italian Pasta Bake Served with Salad £1.85	Aubergine and Chickpea Dhansak Served with Rice £2.10	Salsa Jacket Potato served with Salad £1.85	Bhaji Burger served on a Folded Naan with Salad £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
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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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YOUR FUTURE YOUR CHOICE
Build skills, confidence and make connections

WEEKLY SESSIONS – 10 WEEKS OF EXPLORING DIFFERENT CAREER AREAS

DATE	TIME – ARRIVE AT BASE	ACTIVITY	DETAILS
Friday 26/6	10.00am	Sports – Crown bowling, BWITC tour	Crown Green bowling at a local club will be followed by lunch and a tour of the Bolton Wanderers Football Stadium.
Friday 3/7	10.00am	Enhancing Lives – Health & Social Care setting	Spending the day with the wonderful staff and individuals at enhancing lives a supported day care provision. Home Enhancing Lives
Friday 10/7	10.00am	Cookery	Spend a day learning what it takes to become a chef, the skills needed and the routes you could take all while making delicious food to eat and take away!
Friday 17/7	9.15am	Teambuilding – Water sports and Orienteering away day.	Visiting Bibby's Farm Scout Camp to engage in a morning of water based activity, Kayaking and rafting followed by lunch and orienteering. (Individuals will need to bring a change of clothes and trainers they don't mind getting wet, they cannot wear crocs or sandals in the water!)
Friday 24/7	10.30am	Animal Care	Exploring a local animal sanctuary to see what is involved in working or volunteering with animals.

DATE	TIME – ARRIVE AT BASE	ACTIVITY	DETAILS
Friday 31/7	9.15am	Horticulture	Visiting RHS Bridgewater gardens to explore Careers in horticulture, where its like to work in the field and meet the people who have made this their chosen path.
Tuesday 4/8	10.00am	Policing and Law	Visiting the Law museum in Manchester to learn about the different careers and routes that this area offers.
Friday 7/8	10.00am	Interior Design Overbury	Visiting the head office for a large high end interior design company, seeing how you can get to work somewhere like this and what roles you could do.
Friday 21/8	10.00am	Music & Film	The Ramp at Horwich is a busy vibrant music venue with lots of ways you could work in the industry come along and see if this could be a career idea or a volunteering opportunity in the future.
Friday 28/8	9.30am	Construction Skills Centre	A trip out to our Construction partners education centre to get some hands-on experience laying bricks and looking at the construction field, what's involved and how to get into it.



**YOU CHOOSE – YOU DON'T HAVE TO ATTEND EVERY SESSION.
SIGN UP TO ANY SESSIONS YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND!**



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