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Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach the end of a very busy and productive half term, I want to share with you a few of our achievements.

As always, Sharples continues to live by our motto 'Learn, Dream, Achieve,' which we place at the heart of everything we do. Every day, across classrooms in all curriculum areas I see highly effective learning taking place and showcasing that Sharples is a caring, inclusive learning community where pupils achieve well. Last week, the Department for Education officially released the 2023 exam results, we are very proud that the Sharples Progress 8 score has been confirmed as +0.82 which places us in the top 3% of schools nationally.

In addition to our classroom provision, we work hard to ensure that our students have access to high quality enrichment activities. This half-term our Duke of Edinburgh Programme has once again got off to a flying start with record numbers of students signing up for both the Bronze and Silver Awards. Our Year 7 have now experienced an extensive range of lunchtime clubs and are working towards the completion of their Sharples Baccalaureate. A group of Year 11 students have enjoyed visiting Pompeii in Italy. We are also all looking forward to celebrating our second annual Diversity Day on Friday.

Over the past few weeks, we have also hosted a number of open events to enable the families of Year 6 pupils to see our school in action; as usual our students did us proud and were great ambassadors for Sharples. Many families visited us for our Open Evening and their feedback has been extremely positive. I would encourage parents/carers to follow Sharples on Twitter and to read our weekly newsletter in order to keep up to date with the numerous opportunities which are provided to support and encourage our learners.

As we move into winter and the inclement weather sets in, it is important to note that your child will be outside at some points during the school day. It is therefore strongly recommended that your child has a warm coat and an umbrella with them every day.

On a final note, I hope that you all enjoy a well-earned half term break and **I look forward to welcoming our students back to school, ready for a prompt start to registration at 8.45am on Monday 6th November.**

Yours faithfully

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