



September 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you and your family are well. As we approach the end of the first week of the new academic year, I would like to share with you a few of our highlights.

We are very proud of the achievements of our Year 11 school leavers who achieved a fabulous set of GCSE results. The Class of 2022 achieved 64% Grade 5 or above in both maths and English, with 83% achieving at least a Grade 4 in both subjects. In addition, the number of students achieving Grade 9's continues to rise, year on year. Once again Sharples has achieved outcomes which are significantly higher than national figures on all key accountability measures.

This week we have welcomed 240 new Year 7 students into the Sharples' family. This important milestone was marked when I presented each student with their new school tie. This year's tie ceremony was extra special because it took place in our fabulous theatre which has been significantly upgraded over the summer break. Next week, the induction of our Year 7's will continue with Sharples Fresher's Week which includes the much-anticipated Y7 disco which is hosted by our Y11 Gold Tie students.

This year we are introducing 'silent starts' to every lesson at Sharples. Students are expected to enter the classroom in silence, take their seat and begin the starter activity. From 12th September, students who do not do this will receive a 10-minute detention (N1). This purposeful start to lessons will ensure that all students are immediately focused on learning in every classroom. To support us with this, we would appreciate it if you could reinforce to your child the importance of making the most of every minute of learning time available to them.

On a final note, the vast majority of students have returned to school looking incredibly smart in their school uniform. We have high standards in relation to appearance at Sharples which we expect all students to adhere to. We will contact you if there are any issues with your child's uniform. The full Uniform Policy and details of our expectations linked to shoes, jewellery, hair and make-up can be accessed on the school website <http://www.sharplesschool.co.uk/policies/>.

Thank you for your continued support of our school, it is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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