



Dear Parent/Carer,

We have come to the end of the first half term and I would like to update you on the many accomplishments of the Sharples Family over the past 8 weeks.

Our new Year 7 students have settled in well, attending many extracurricular clubs, engaging with music, drama, sports and STEM. Year 11 have begun preparations for their first mock exams in November and they have attended over 100 hours of extra ALS sessions so far this year. All year groups contributed to our very successful Open Events earlier this term, when over 600 students volunteered to tour visitors around the school. A fantastic team effort.

Just this past weekend, the National School Performance Tables were released by the DFE and we are delighted that Sharples came out as the top school in Bolton. As a school community we work extremely hard to ensure that students leave us at the end of Year 11 with the necessary qualifications and skills to take the next step of their journey with confidence. I would like to recognise and thank our staff for their ongoing support of all students at Sharples.

This half term we have organised a number of excellent trips for students with Y10 Citizenship students visiting the Manchester History Museum, and Y11 GCSE History students supplementing their studies with a trip to Hardwick Hall. This weekend, 90 Year 11 students are heading off to Spain where they will take in the sights of Barcelona, alongside revision classes for English, maths and science.

I would like to thank all of you who have been able to contribute to the ongoing improvement of our school, through attendance at our Parent Forum, contribution to the Sharples PTA or through feedback provided to me or staff members. Our next Parent Forum will be held before the Christmas break and will be focused on "Student Rewards". Further details will be sent to all families when we return next half term.

Finally, the school has suffered sadness this half term, with the loss of two former students, both in tragic circumstances, and our school Finance Manager Mrs Bradley sadly passing away earlier this month. They will always be part of the Sharples Family and thoughts are with their families.

A reminder that all students should return to school for 8.40am on Monday 3rd November for Autumn Term 2. Having full attendance is extremely important and being in school every day leads to success in future examinations.

I hope that you have a relaxing half term break with your family.

Yours sincerely

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