



Student Affairs Committee NEWSLETTER

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Welcome back to our Newsletter!

We are delighted to present our newest edition of our Student Affairs Committee Newsletter. This edition will cover all our work that has been made recently in trying to make Sharples as good as it can be!

This term has been a busy term with several meetings taking place within the Committee. We came together as a group to discuss any points that would like to be discussed in detail with Ms Webster in our future meeting with her.

There were lots of constructive and valid points made and we will look to put these to the Headteacher after half term when we have met with our forms to take any further points forward to the meeting.

In this edition, we will discuss in further detail some of the points already made and the progress on any past points that had been raised.

Pathway to Success Evening

It was fantastic for Mr Charlton to speak about the Student Affairs Committee at the recent 'Pathway to Success' Evening with our new cohort of students starting at Sharples in September.

Mr Charlton was talking about the SAC so that potential new committee members next year can start to prepare themselves and think whether this is something that appeals to them. We were very proud to give an insight as to what we do as a SAC and in particular the skills we aim to develop including;

- Problem Solving
- Teamwork
- Communication Skills
- Confidence
- Public Speaking

We also showed new pupils and parents our fantastic new logo which has been created and we wear on our blazers with our badges.

We look forward to working with our new year group and if anyone has any questions regarding the SAC at Sharples, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

As a reminder, we received over 50 applications from our current Year 7 pupils which is a fantastic number. That Year group also did not have the chance to prepare themselves over the summer. We anticipate the new Y7's starting in September will provide us with even more record breaking numbers for applications!

If receiving a special purple tie to wear day to day appeals to you, then the Student Affairs Committee may just well be for you!

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Most Recent Meeting Points

There were several fantastic points that were made by the SAC, some of these points included;

- Request for an up to date meeting with our School Catering Company, Mellors.
- Can there be any more details on Book of the Week? EG, Link to purchase or whether this is available in our new Library?
- Members would like (if possible), to have an official Student Affairs Committee Photo when the next year group has theirs. This would be used for display/website purposes.
- Students would ask of the possibility of a second vending machine that would offer alternatives including healthy snacks.
- Students in Year 10 in particular, have asked about the possibility of installing a new top up machine towards the back of school near their lunch area in the Pod.



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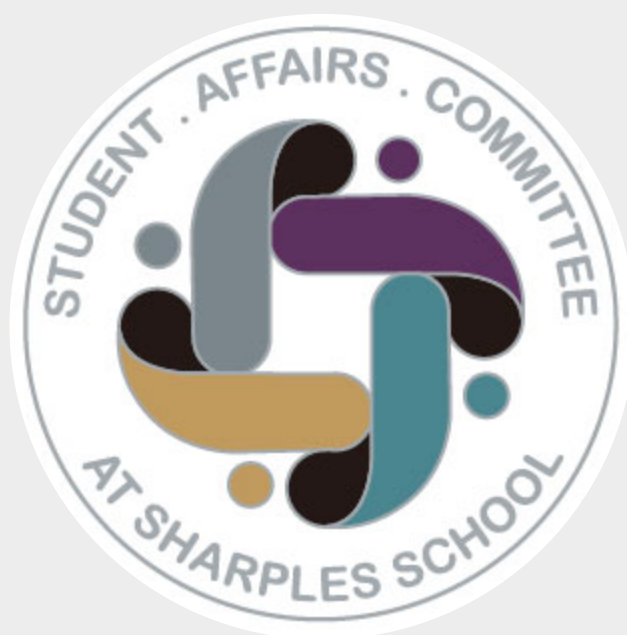
PE Changing Rooms

The SAC have also been given exclusive access to the plans for the Dry PE Changing rooms over in the Health Hub.

Each year group was represented by one member who was able to not only see the plans, but also offer any feedback on them from a students' point of view.

These plans have been collected by Mr Charlton who will bring these to the next meeting we have as a full committee so all our members can see these.

We're excited to see the new changing rooms being installed as this is something that has been mentioned at several SAC meetings.



Points Promotion Week

Last week marked the start of a new initiative aiming to reward students for their fantastic contributions within lessons. This was created to ensure that all students within the lesson are rewarded for doing what is expected of them and not just answering questions as an example.

We have collected and viewed some of the data from the week below;

- **Over 83,000 points handed out.**
- **Each pupil (on average) received over 69 points for the week.**
- **Year 9 was the highest scoring year group (22,915), followed by Year 7 (20,478), Year 8 (19,713) & Year 10 (19,597).**
- **Mrs Heaton (MFL) was the teacher who rewarded the most points in the week (882).**

We believe that the recent promotion was a fantastic idea that the majority of students engaged with positively. We cannot wait for the next!!



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Cover Lessons

The SAC have been asked to complete a short questionnaire on their thoughts and views on cover lessons within the school. This was sent to all SAC members Y7-Y10 via Google Forms, the purpose of this questionnaire is to see where we can improve on, in ensuring that Sharples has the best learning environment possible enabling all students to be successful. This information will be very useful to the school when looking at this in the near future.

Rewards Buffet

Mr Charlton has had several discussions as to what reward can be given for everyone's fantastic work this year. We are going to be holding a rewards buffet in school during the last couple of weeks of the next half term. Details of this will be shared via Mr Charlton ASAP.

SAC Drop In

The SAC will be dropping into their respective year group registration forms after half term. The reason for this will be to gather any more information/feedback/ideas before we meet with Ms Webster after half term to discuss these points further. If you have any ideas, please speak to someone from the SAC.

How can I stay in touch with the Student Affairs Committee at Sharples?

Newsletter

This newsletter will be sent out to all students as well as going on the school website, SAC Twitter and School Twitter. This will enable students to keep up to date with the work that the SAC is doing and remind students that their opinion matters.

Display Board

Our new display board will be up and running in the Student Zone area. On this display board you will be able to see each of our SAC members from each year group. It will also include a QR Code to access this newsletter in digital format.

Twitter

We have recently created our new SAC Twitter account (@SharplesSAC) in which we will be posting updates of the work the SAC do. In addition, we will also be celebrating some of the fantastic opportunities that Sharples offer their students as part of the 'Sharples Advantage'.

Speak to SAC Members

Our SAC members are visual by their Purple ties (Image to the right). We also will be placing an order for new Sharples SAC badges (Image to the right) that members will be able to use on their blazers which will once again make them more visual to students. We encourage any student to speak to their Year Group members and raise any concerns or points they may have.



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