

Student Affairs Committee

ssue 5 - December 2023

Welcome Back!

It has been a very busy term for everyone involved at Sharples! We have had several meetings so far this year with lots of ideas/feedback on how we can make Sharpels the best learning environment possible.

Some of the points raised will be included on the next page alongside a QR Code which links to a video that has been created/shared for our school's recent Pearson National Teaching Gold Award win for 'Making a Difference - Secondary School of the year'.

We have also very recently appointed 12 new Y7 representatives to the committee ready to get involved with meetings in the new year. We have also appointed an additional Y10 representative who is a very welcome addition to the committee.

In the new year, we will be meeting with the school caterers to discuss anything and everything related to our students' canteen experiences. If you have any feedback or points you wish to be made, please speak to a committee member for your year group or speak to Mr Charlton.

As we come to the end of 2023, this calendar year has arguably been the strongest and most productive year to date. Mr Charlton would like to thank all committee members for their hard work in 2023. Have a wonderful Christmas & **Happy New Year!**



New Year 7 Representatives







ZAARA 7S4

AMAAN 7S3







KHADIJA 7S3

AAMINAH 7P4

EMILY 7S5







OLLY 7S3



JAMES 7S3



ZEYNAB 7P2



ETHAN 7S5



ELSA 7P4

We are absolutely delighted to welcome our newest members of the Student Affairs Committee here at Sharples! The application process was fantastic and every person that applied should be extremely proud of themselves.



We would also like to welcome Mulki to our Y10 Committee. Mulki has been wanting to join the SAC since Y8. Welcome Mulki!

Most Recent Meeting Points

Some of the most recent meeting points that had been mentioned include;

- Potential to have a designated space for both Boys & Girls to pray.
- Changes to Ambassador badges to fully represent the subject and make more appealing.
- SAC have a meeting with Mellors planned for January where all things will be put forward.
- Can there be a cashless stationary buying process?
- Can there be more emphasis on Word of the Week again?
- Water fountains in school including PE & New Block/Science.
- Clarification on return of library books - is there specific days?
- General maintenance around school including some toilets.

The points will be discussed further in our meeting with Ms Webster in the new year.

<u>Pearson National Teaching</u> <u>Award Winners</u>

We are absolutely thrilled to have been awarded the Gold Award for 'Secondary School - Making a Difference" at the 2023 Pearson National Teaching Awards in recognition of their dedication to students in education.

The awards are considered the 'Oscars' of the teaching profession.

Sharples School was nominated and selected as the gold award winner amongst thousands of nominees based on their inspirational teaching, contributions to their pupils and impact throughout their community, as assessed by judges.

Scan the QR Code below and see how many of our SAC representatives you can spot on the video created for our school's recent award win!

Well done to everyone associated with Sharples!





Recent Visit to the Knife Angel Sculpture

This term has also been significant as our SAC visited the 'Knife Angel' Sculpture on its UK visit as it came to Bolton during November.

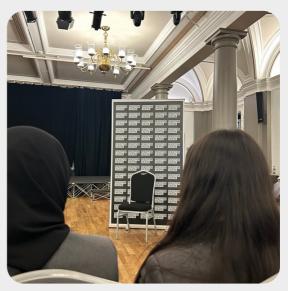
The Committee attended a theatrical production of 'Cut' whilst visiting the Knife Angel (pictured) in Bolton Town Centre. The show is based on a true story related to knife crime in Liverpool.

The production was in partnership with the Knife Angel during its visit to Bolton this past November. The Angel is 27 feet tall and is made up of over 100,000 blades that have been seized and handed in off the streets by various Police forces across the country.

Students were able to see first hand the sheer amount of knives/blades used as part of the structure and the problem that this presents in day to day life. The production highlighted the implications and sometimes deadly consequences of carrying a knife regardless of the circumstance or reason for this.





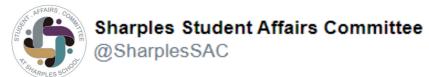












In the new year, we will be assisting with the Rag Bag recycling scheme! There will be 2 weeks of collections in Hill Cot House. If anyone has any unwanted clothing, please get involved.

@SharplesSchool



Sharples School is participating in the Rag Bag textile recycling scheme which provides regular fundraising for the Eco/Gardening Club, other charities and raises awareness about recycling.

Please bring any of the below unwanted items in a securely tied plastic bag by for collection between Monday 8th January-Monday 22th January 2024, to Meeting Room 1 in Hill Cot House.

Rag Bag can accept good quality clean Men's, Ladies and Children's clothing, belts, bags and paired shoes (tied together).

The bags will be collected and transported to the Rag Bag factory where they will be sorted and graded for reuse or recycling.



















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 is 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 have new Sharples SAC badges (Image to the right) that members wear 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.













