



Student Affairs Committee NEWSLETTER

Issue 6 - March 2024

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 Sharples the best learning environment possible.

Some of the points raised will be included in this newsletter. We also have the results of the recent Bolton Youth MP election included.

We started the half term by meeting with our School Caterers to feedback several points that have been put forward to the SAC by Sharples Students. If you have any feedback or points you wish to be made, please speak to a committee member (Purple Tie) for your year group or speak to Mr Charlton.

Although the Spring term may be over, the SAC will not stop striving for a better Sharples for our students.

Congratulations

to your new elected members of UK Youth Parliament 2024 - 2026

Muhammed Ammaar Naser

Shalom Wondiam

Inspire, unite, lead.

Imagine, acquire, inspire.

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Thank you for voting!



The Student Affairs Committee would like to congratulate Muhammed Amaar & Shalom for their election as Bolton's Youth MP's for 2024 - 2026. We look forward to working with you both in the future!



Bolton Youth MP Election - Amirah

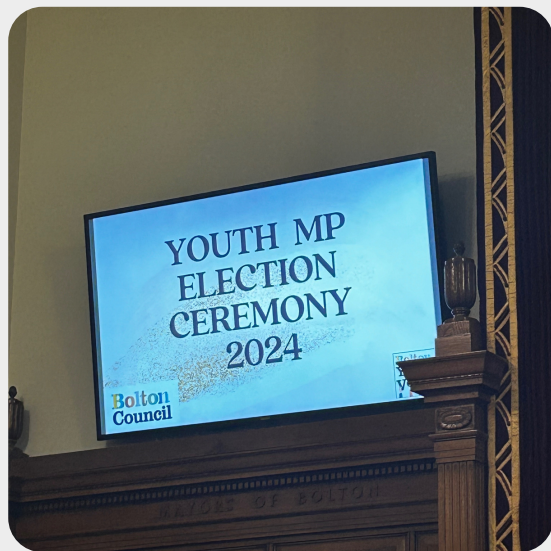
This half term has been one like no other for our Head Girl, Amirah. Since last year's visit by Bolton Youth Council, she has continuously put herself forward for every opportunity. This culminated in Amirah's decision to stand for Bolton Youth MP in this year's election.

As a school and as a committee, we are immensely proud of Amirah for all of her hard work throughout. She conducted assemblies to all of our students as well as several rounds of training that will stand her in good stead in her future.

We hope that Amirah is as proud of herself as we are.

In total, Amirah received over 1,600 votes from young people across Bolton which is an outstanding achievement.

It was also fantastic to see Head Boy Joe, Jasmine (Y10) & Eve support Amirah at the election result due to their close friendships as part of Bolton Youth Council.



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Previous Meeting Points

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

- Can ambassador badges be specific to the subject?
- Changes to the Y7 Yard.
- Can KS3 (possibly KS4) receive a planner to write all homeworks to help organisation?
- Is there an optional PE Raincoat?
- Can more information be shared on the Record of Achievement Folders be shared please?
- Can there be more water stations located around school?
- Can there be an introduction of a snack machine to ease queues in the canteen?
- Clarity as to whether students can drink water in lessons.
- Can there be more achievement points given out in lessons?

All of these points were discussed with Ms Webster in our last meeting.

Next Meeting Points with Ms Webster

We are going to be discussing the following points with Ms Webster in our next meeting;

- General maintenance on Toilets throughout the school.
- Can there be a facility/area in school where Ablution can take place?
- Y7 being let out of lessons on time.
- Prompt opening of the canteen each day.
- Changes to stationary boxes to reflect demand.
- Can queue Jump passes either have an expiry date or be taken by canteen staff so not reused?
- Update on request for Student Planners for KS3.
- Can there be an additional target for students that have already achieved Platinum ACE Points?
- Can staff remind students on how/where to walk on the corridor?

All of the points above, will be discussed with our meeting with Ms Webster during the first week of next term!

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 the most recent newsletter. It will also include a QR Code to access this newsletter in digital format.

Twitter

We have our own Twitter (X) account, @SharplesSAC. 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.



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Bolton Youth Voice

Bolton Youth Council



Do you want to have your voice heard?

Bolton youth council are the voice of young people and we work to make positive changes to the lives of young people in Bolton.

Why join youth council ?

- To work on campaigns at a local, regional and national level.
- To boost confidence and self esteem.
- Learn and develop life skills, including; leadership, teamwork and public speaking.
- Meet new people and do something different.
- Be apart of Greater Manchester youth voice networks and organisations.
- To raise awareness of youth voice and local democracy.

We meet at... Castle Hill Young People's Centre, Castleton St, Tonge Moor, Bolton BL2 2JW

Contact... Grace Crosby Tel: 07747 648294 or email: grace.crosby@bolton.gov.uk

We meet every Tuesday evening 5.15pm - 7.15pm



Voice4U action group

Are you aged 12-18 years old?

Got something to say about being in care?

Want to make changes to the service and support you receive

Want to meet new people?

Together we can build a better Bolton
Help us... join us... have your say

For further information or to book your place please contact Mary Martin Participation and Engagement Lead for Care Experienced Young People 07789 031601/mary.martin@bolton.gov.uk



Castle Hill Young People's Centre
Every Wednesday 4-5.30 pm
Refreshments provided



Are you a care leaver from Bolton aged 16-25?

To make sure we get things right, we need to hear from you!

Would you like to meet with other young people to discuss the issues that affect care leavers?

Would you like to be part of a group of care leavers who provide feedback to decision makers to improve services for care experienced young people from Bolton?

Bolton NextStep meet on a weekly basis to discuss issues affecting care leavers in Bolton

Food included

Make new friends

Provide feedback on services

The next session is:

Every Thursday Term Time only

Contact Mary Martin on 07789031601 for further details



Mental health comes in many forms



It's okay to talk

We meet on the 1st Tuesday of every month:

Castle Hill Youth Centre
5.15-7.15pm

Want to chat for more info?
Text/email/call:

Ciara - ciara.steele@bolton.gov.uk
07813 692583

Grace - grace.crosby@bolton.gov.uk
07747 648294

Join our Healthy Minds Youth Group

Be the voice to make a change - work with us to reduce the stigma around mental health.

Work in partnership with your local NHS and mental health services in Bolton.

Make a difference and help us shape mental health services for young people.

Look at the difference we've already made...

www.bekindtomymind.co.uk