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Duke of Edinburgh Award Students complete their expedition



Last weekend, 56 students from Year 9 completed their Duke of Edinburgh's Award qualifying expedition with two days' walking in the Lancashire countryside between Horwich and Chorley.

The students had to be self-sufficient in their teams of 5 to 7. They planned their routes, did all their own navigating, carried their own camping equipment and supplies, cooked their own evening meals on their camp stoves and put up and took down their own tents. They also carried out a project to identify and record different species of trees, birds and grasses that they found during the weekend. All 56 passed with flying colours.

Unfortunately, the students were not able to sleep in their tents overnight due to current government restrictions on overnight school trips. We had hoped that restrictions would have been lifted in time, but this was not the case. However, the students were not deterred by this and were still determined to enjoy their expedition. All students returned to sleep overnight at home before rejoining their expedition early on Day 2. In all other respects the students were able to get the full Bronze expedition experience. They even continued to carry their tents and stoves on the second day to make it feel more realistic!



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All the students had gained valuable experience and learned lessons from their training walks throughout the year in the countryside close to school. Their qualifying expedition went smoothly as they put their experience to the test in the warm June sunshine.

On the first day, teams walked from Rivington Lane to Bibby's Farm in Heath Charnock via the top of Anglezarke Reservoir. On Day 2, we returned to Rivington Lane via the fields, woods and meadows on the west side of Anglezarke Reservoir.

Prior to their expedition, Year 9 students have been working on their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award, organising and completing their own activities in three categories: Skill, Physical and Volunteering, over periods of 3 or 6 months. Some of their activities have included running regularly with the school's Running Club, volunteering in childrens' sports clubs or in cubs or brownies or at mosque and learning a musical instrument or a foreign language in their own time. They have really had a varied experience, even with the extra challenge of keeping going through lockdown.

Most importantly perhaps, the students have developed and repeatedly shown teamwork, independence and resilience, organising and planning their own activities, showing commitment in getting them done and supporting each other with smiles on their faces. They have persevered resiliently when things have gone against them and they will carry these qualities and maturity with them in their GCSE studies and in all that they do after that. Congratulations and very well done!



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Year 7 Good to Great 'Whodunnit?'



On Friday, Year 7 students took on the role of detectives for the 'Whodunnit?' event. Students worked in teams to find out who had the means, the motive and the opportunity to carry out the murder of Ezra Gordon, and to identify which weapon had been used... Each team had four minutes to interview each of the suspects, to ask the right questions, and to try to verify the alibis given. They also had some puzzles to solve along the way. All of the students who took part proved themselves to be fantastic detectives, and our teachers demonstrated amazing acting skills in their role as the suspects! Thank you to Miss Pearson, Miss Bamber, Mr Ryder, Mr Burrow, Miss Patel, Mrs Morton, Mr Duggleby and Mr Ormsby.

Well done to our winning team, and runners up, Faheemah Patel, Aaminah Patel, Ayesha Mohamed, Alesha Musa, Joshua King, Cameron Chadwick, Tyler Simmons and Isa Huda.

The students loved it and gave us some fantastic feedback. We will definitely be hosting this type of event again in the future.



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Continued - Year 7 Good to Great 'Whodunnit?'...

Aaminah Patel said "I really enjoyed attending The 'Whodunnit' Event, everyone had such a fantastic time! The teachers did such an excellent job playing their roles in being the suspects, and I especially enjoyed it when we had to interview each of them! Me and my team were overjoyed when we won, it was such a wonderful experience! I would definitely recommend it to any other students looking to attend. Thank you to the Maths Department for putting this amazing event together!"

Ismail Qureshi said "The Whodunnit Event was a great time. I thoroughly enjoyed it. It was really nice to put everything to the side and get together with your friends to solve perplexing puzzles. The teachers' role-playing was spectacular as well. All in all, it was a pleasure to attend this event."

Faheemah Patel said "Thank you for your amazing event. You put in a lot of hard work which was absolutely worth everything!!"

Munisha Talisheth said "I really enjoyed the event! It was so much fun and it really was an event to show teamwork skills! Working out the clues and riddles was very interesting and it was a great pleasure! All the teachers did such an incredible job at acting that we really couldn't work out who the murderer was! Thank you so much for organizing this event for us!"

Greater Manchester County Schools' Girls Football Trials

Best of luck to Alishia Vieira (Year 7), Isabel Flanagan (Year 7), Mariam Umarjee (Year 7), Fatima Umarji (Year 8) and Grace Grundy (Year 8) who are all attending trials on Saturday for the U14s Greater Manchester County Schools' Girls football team at Stockport Sports Village. This will be the first stage of trials and the PE department would like to wish them every success and we look forward to hearing of their progress next week.





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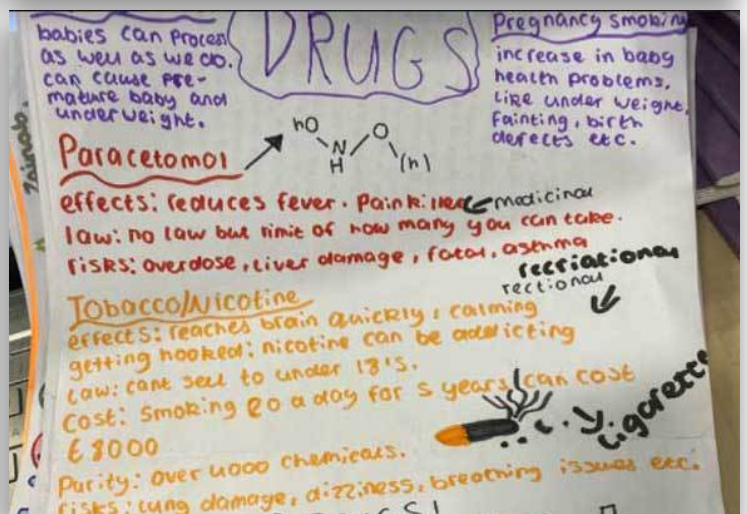
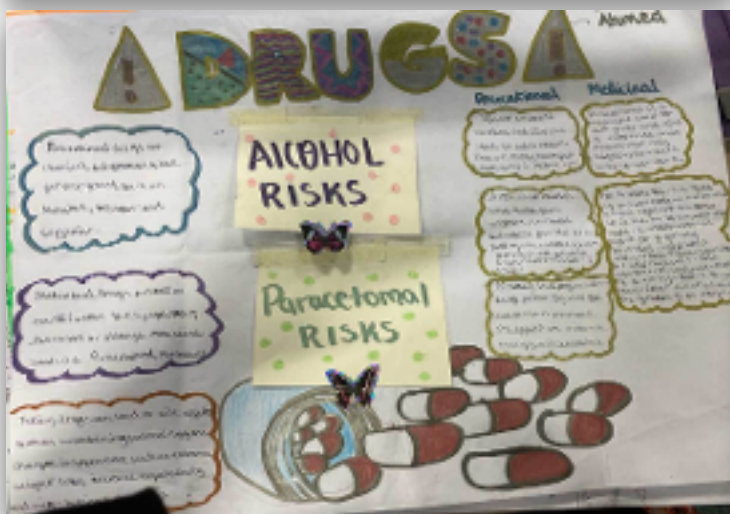
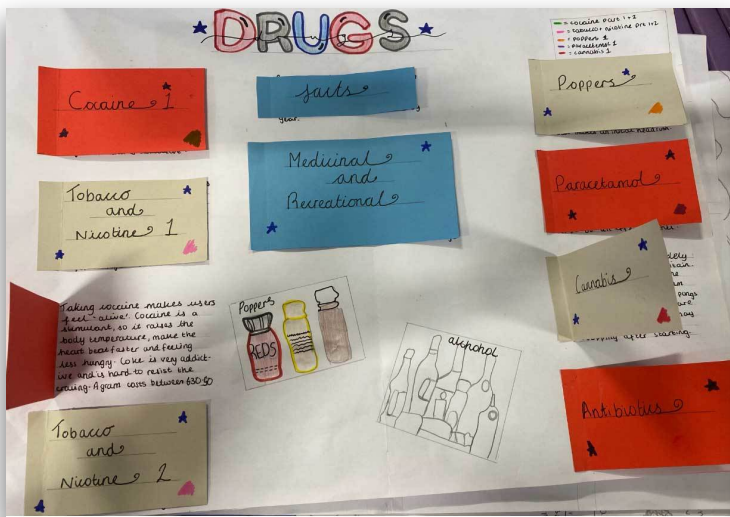
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Science Enrichment

This term in Science, Year 7 has been covering the topic of levels of organisation within the human body and the processes that keep us alive, including cells, tissues and organ systems.

An important aspect of this is learning about healthy lifestyles, as well as the effects of alcohol and smoking on the body. A special shout out to 7L this week, who independently researched and delivered fantastic drugs awareness presentations to their peers with Miss Ahmed (complete with amazing posters, below). The form further developed their presentation skills by providing poster feedback to each other, ensuring the highest quality work. Well done 7L!





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Drayton Manor Zoo Trip

Meanwhile, below, our Animal Care students (and teachers!) were undertaking observations at Drayton Manor Zoo, before getting drenched on a ride at the theme park attached! Some great observations and fun was had by all of the students, whose exemplary conduct made Sharples proud.



Thanks to the Animal Care team for organising, as well as all the staff who facilitated this enrichment opportunity for our students.



Mr J. Harding - Science Enrichment Coordinator



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English Work of the Week - Year 7

Wow! Mischa Lewis has written a beautiful poem about nature! Well done!

*Nature stood still,
With colours flooding all surroundings,
The trees swayed as if they were dancing to the song of
the birds.
The trees were a bright green with hints of yellow soaked
in.*

*The river was a house of wildlife.
When I gaze at my comfortable place, I feel peace. Quiet.
Safety.
I feel happy.*

*The birds sang as the river swooshed around
The leaves that fell onto the ground covered it like a
blanket.*

*The sky was a light blue colour with white cotton in the
river of blue.*

Nature was comforting and loving.

*Nature stood still
As I leave, a sudden feeling comes over me:
I don't want to leave this Heaven.*



Sports Day 2021

It is just under two weeks until our much anticipated Sports Day, with the biggest event on the sporting calendar taking place on Thursday 15th July. Stay tuned for more details about the day's activities which will be shared with students via form tutors and posters around school. Updates will also be shared on the PE Departments Twitter account (@SharplesPE).

Sports Day promises to be a fantastic fun filled day for all year groups as well as staff so be ready for the challenge. Prepare to be amazed...



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Sports in Bolton

Want to find a sports club in your area?

Visit www.sportsinbolton.com



Do you want to find a sports club in your area outside of school? This resource details how students can access a directory of sports clubs. The website aims to maximise sports participation in the borough! If you would like to find out more, please visit:
www.sportsinbolton.com

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This website has been funded by the Bolton PE Association on behalf of all affiliated Secondary Schools with the aim of maximising sports participation across the Bolton borough.

It is designed simply to be a directory of sports clubs in the area, giving contact details, and addresses.



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Attendance

Best Forms:	Year Groups:
7H - 99.3%	Year 7: 97.9
8P - 98.2%	Year 8: 95.6
9S1 - 98.9%	Year 9: 95.2
10S - 98.1%	Year 10: 94.6

88 pupils have achieved 100%
this academic year

Date for your Diary

Thursday 8th July
Year 10 Parents' Evening
(4:00 – 7:00pm)

Friday 9th July
Year 9 Geography Field Trip

Saturday 10th + Sunday 11th
July - Year 10 DofE Bronze
Expedition

Friday 23rd July
Last day of term

Career of the Week: Medical Physicist

Medical physicists are specialists in healthcare science, also known as clinical science.

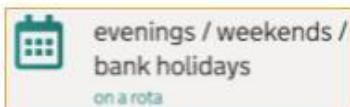
Average Salary:



Typical hours:
(per week)



You could work:



Qualifications:

- You can apply for this job through a university course, an apprenticeship or a trainee scheme.
- 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), or equivalent, including English, maths and science.
- 2 or 3 A levels, or equivalent, including maths and physics.
- A degree in a relevant subject for postgraduate study.

Skills required:

- science skills
- knowledge of medicine and dentistry
- analytical thinking skills
- maths knowledge
- complex problem-solving skills
- the ability to work well with others
- the ability to think clearly using logic and reasoning

Relevant Subjects:

- Maths, English, Science and Health and Social Care.



Information sourced from: <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/job-profiles/medical-physicist>

WOW!

(World of Work)

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Careers &
Enterprise
at Sharples school

We would like to thank you all for your excellent behaviour and cooperation towards WoW week last week. It was a very successful event which we hope helped you start thinking about your next steps.

WOW TIMELINE



MONDAY

Speaker - Imran Hakin
& BOOST my skills session



TUESDAY

Speakers: Ian Littlewood
(Bolton College), Saeed
Atcha (MBE DL) and Tom
Stanway, a former pupil.



WEDNESDAY

Careers Networking Event
Speakers from; MBDA,
NatWest, Subsea, RAF
and GMP



THURSDAY

CV / Personal Statement
writing session and a talk
about apprenticeships by
Matt Leigh.

"Thanks for the opportunity to have a chat with your students, I noticed they're all really well behaved and very engaged when it came to listening and asking questions. Please pass on my thanks to the students and teachers"
- Kai Duxbury (NatWest)

"The students have been very positive about WoW Week - a group of Y10 girls came to see me and Mr Savage this morning about volunteering opportunities as they wanted to put Saeed's words into action, which is brilliant." - Mrs Webster

"WOW week was great, the students had the opportunity to interact with a number of different careers and job types even whilst being in the classroom. A wonderful event that was run very smoothly by all involved."
- Miss Ayub

"WoW Week gave me an opportunity to explore jobs I probably would never have thought of."
Zakkiya C Year 10

"WoW Week has given me more information about the different pathways available after I leave school"
Mrwa M Year 10

"I thoroughly enjoyed WoW Week and it has inspired me to completed some volunteering in order to make my plans a reality"
Adam M Year 10

SPORTS DAY 2021



**THE BIGGEST SPORTING EVENT
ON THE CALENDAR IS BACK...**



THURSDAY 15TH JULY



**ACTIVITIES
THROUGHOUT
THE DAY FOR
ALL YEAR
GROUPS**



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Our specialist music teachers
offer weekly music lessons in
your school

Would you like to play a musical instrument?



You can have instrumental or vocal lessons in school and also hire an instrument by visiting us at:

www.boltonmusicservice.com/parents-and-pupils

Would you like to join a band or choir?

- You can join one or more of our bands, choirs and orchestras at Mere Hall and other venues after school
- You do not need to have lessons with us to be a member of our ensembles
- There is something for everyone and you can start right now



For further information, visit our website or call our team on:

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