



March 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the end of a very busy and productive term, I want to share with you a few of our many achievements.

Our continued commitment to Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG) has been highlighted this term with over 200 of our Year 10 students engaging with face-to-face work experience placements, despite the many logistical challenges posed by the post-Covid era.

This has been a crucial period for our Year 11 students as we prepare for the first set of external examinations since Summer 2019. Our staff are offering a wide range of additional learning opportunities including Saturday sessions and, in addition, we have used external providers such as 'Elevate' to provide targeted cohorts with exam-readiness strategies. The Y11 cohort have now completed their second round of PPE's and the outcomes of these exams have enabled staff to plan targeted interventions to support our students.

As usual, our commitment to our enrichment offer continues at pace, both within and beyond the school day. This term groups of Sharples students have experienced 'Poetry Live' in Manchester, watched a theatre production of Blood Brothers and engaged with an Enterprise Day working with local business leaders. As a whole school, we have celebrated National STEM Week with a fantastic range of enrichment opportunities. We have also brought colour to our World Book Day celebrations, with over 40 classroom doors decorated for the occasion, and a literacy-based menu on offer in the canteen.

Sharples is a busy and vibrant learning community and I would encourage you to follow us on Twitter and to read our weekly newsletter in order to keep up to date with the numerous opportunities which we provide to engage our learners.

School closes for the Easter break on Friday, 1 April at the normal time of 3.05pm. Please note that this will be a non-uniform day for students with a £1.00 charge in place, all proceeds from this will go to charity.

On a final note, I hope that you all enjoy a well-earned Easter break and I look forward to welcoming our students back to school, ready for a prompt start to registration at 8.45am on Tuesday, 19 April 2022.

Yours faithfully

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