

Meadowhead School Academy Trust Post-16 Prospectus



Welcome to the Meadowhead School Post-16 Prospectus

In September 2010 we commenced teaching A level courses at Meadowhead School. This followed extensive consultation with the local community that highlighted the demand for school based Post-16 provision within the Meadowhead community.

As we move into our third year we are delighted that the number of students choosing to be based at Meadowhead has continued to grow, with over 200 students now studying 18 A Level courses taught by Meadowhead teachers.

We have high expectations of ourselves and our students. We aim to support students to achieve their potential, and have the knowledge, skills and confidence to continue achieving when they leave Meadowhead School. Whether you progress to University, training or work the message is clear – aim high!

Unique offer

We believe that Meadowhead is an outstanding school and that many students and families feel the same. We are now building on the best that Meadowhead has to offer to establish a Post-16 provision fit for the 21st Century. Students will have the opportunity to be taught by teachers they know, and who know them well.

Partnership Working

We are working with Sheffield College to enable us to personalise the curriculum and offer our students the widest range of courses in the city and excellent guidance and support to progress in the future.



Post-16 Aims

- To provide our students with access to high quality learning opportunities within their own community
- To offer a coherent, personalised curriculum that meets the needs of our students.
- To engage learners, promote participation, raise attainment and enable students to progress beyond school
- To provide quality support and guidance and access to extended school activities

Why Post-16 at Meadowhead School?

The advantages of Post-16 provision at Meadowhead School for the families in the local community have been discussed for many years.

Year one and two have been a great success. With over 80% of Y13 leavers applying for, and being offered, places at universities across the country, there are many positive reasons why students would choose to study A Levels at Meadowhead School.

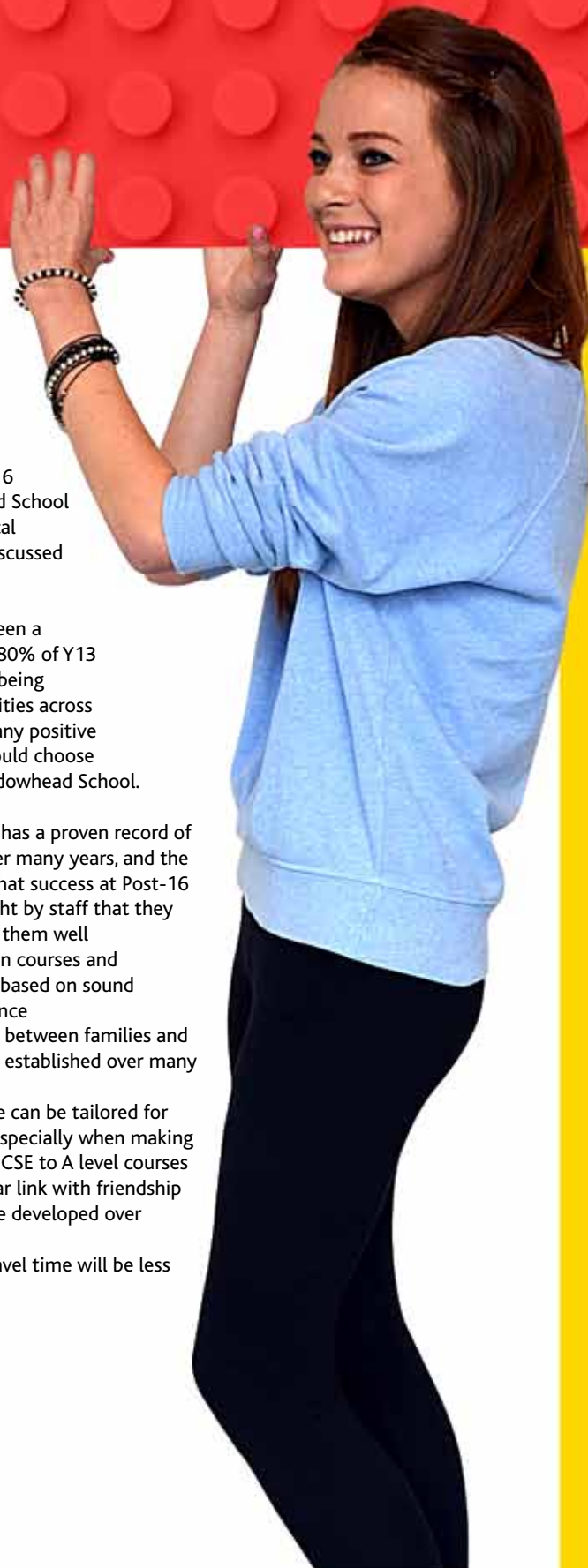
- Meadowhead School has a proven record of academic success over many years, and the potential to extend that success at Post-16
- Students will be taught by staff that they know, and who know them well
- Personalised advice on courses and progression routes is based on sound knowledge and evidence
- Positive relationships between families and the school have been established over many years
- Support and guidance can be tailored for individual students, especially when making the transition from GCSE to A level courses
- Students retain a clear link with friendship groups that they have developed over many years
- For most students travel time will be less

Admissions Process

A Meadowhead student who wants to remain at the school is guaranteed a place provided that they meet the admissions requirements and they wish to study Post-16 courses that we offer

Making Informed Choices

It is vital that students are successful from the start of their Post-16 education. We talk to individual students about suitable courses and qualifications, based on their own interests and ambitions, supported by our detailed knowledge of their strengths and potential. Offers of places on Post-16 courses are based on secure evidence with a high degree of confidence that the courses are appropriate for the individual.



Within our community, we are offering

- Courses on pathways that are personalised to the individual
- High quality teaching and learning
- Excellent support and guidance
- Delivered by staff who know the students well
- First rate accommodation and facilities
- Full range of extension and enrichment opportunities

Leading to

- High levels of participation, attainment and achievement
- Excellent progression opportunities

Our Offer

Admission Criteria

In order to study A level courses students must achieve at least 5 A* to C grades at GCSE level. Ideally this will include English Language and Mathematics, with at least B grades in chosen A level subjects.

These requirements are to ensure that students follow appropriate Post-16 courses where they are likely to be successful.

The Curriculum Offer

There are three broad pathways that are developing nationally in the 14-19 curriculum initiative.

The General Pathway

A level (AS/A2) and equivalent Level 3 qualifications

The Applied Pathway

Diploma and other Level 3 qualifications (BTec, NVQ etc)

The Vocational Pathway

Apprenticeships, work related courses

We offer Post-16 courses on the General Pathway, predominantly A levels. Where we are not able to offer specific subjects or courses we will be working in partnership with Sheffield College to offer those subjects.

What does this mean in practice?

- Some students take all their chosen A level courses at Meadowhead School taught by Meadowhead teachers.
- Some students are based at Meadowhead School taking courses here and at Norton College. We operate common timings with the College to enable coherent personalised timetables.
- Some students will choose courses that are delivered at the college. They will have their support and guidance through the college. However through the partnership between the school and college these students will retain a clear link with the school.
- We have a full programme of extension and enrichment activities for our students.

Where appropriate we will work with the College to offer as many opportunities as possible.

Subjects and Courses

These are the A level courses that we plan to offer in September 2013.

Accounts
Biology
BTEC Sport
BTEC Sport Science
Business Studies
Chemistry
Drama and Theatre Studies
English Language
English Language and Literature
English Literature
French
Geography
German
Graphic Design
History
ICT (Applied)
Mathematics
Further Mathematics
Media Studies
Philosophy and Ethics
Photography
Physics
Psychology
Sociology
Spanish
Textile Design

The majority of these courses will be taught at Meadowhead by our teachers.

To broaden the curriculum offer, some courses will be delivered at Norton College.

See the Meadowhead Post 16 Courses booklet for full information about each course.





We are developing our Post-16 provision to take advantage of many new opportunities. Our ICT infrastructure enables our Post-16 students to use ICT as a way to enhance their learning. Students are able to use portable devices to log on to the Meadowhead Learning Platform whilst in school. The Post-16 Centre has areas set aside for private study, including ready access to ICT. This replicates the experience that is increasingly common in universities.

We consult with students and parents about their ideas and suggestions to enhance learning at Post-16.

Personalised Advice and Guidance

For students who are interested in finding out more about Post-16 at Meadowhead School we offer individual student interviews with Meadowhead staff.

The Learning Experience

Learner Support and Guidance

During Year 11 students have important choices to make about their future at Post-16. Students will receive personal guidance on the choices available and help deciding on the right courses for them.

At Meadowhead all Post-16 students belong to a tutor group with a dedicated tutor. The Head of Post-16 has a team of staff to support and guide all students.

Throughout Years 12 and 13 students receive support and guidance to help them achieve their potential and to make the right choices when they leave Meadowhead.

Programme of Enrichment Activities

We place great emphasis in offering opportunities beyond the curriculum, encouraging all students to participate and take a lead in enrichment activities.

These include:-

- reading mentors
- student mentors
- classroom assistants
- charity work
- university visits and workshops
- Learn to Lead
- Faith in Leadership
- supporting younger pupils with learning difficulties
- organising trips and events
- the Duke of Edinburgh Award enterprise projects
- work experience placements
- overseas community work

By being involved in any of the above opportunities, students will gain valuable experiences, responsibilities and skills which can be included on their UCAS or job application.

Have your say

We consult with students and parents about developing our Post-16 provision. Y12 students continue to contribute their ideas and throughout the year there will be opportunities for Y11 students to express their views on what they want from their Post-16 education.

This includes:-

- Our curriculum offer
- Support and guidance needed
- Post-16 facilities
- Enrichment and extension opportunities
- How Post-16 students can contribute to the school and the wider community
- Standards and expectations at Post-16

An amazing place to study with enthusiastic and friendly teachers
I have really enjoyed my two years' here and I am so glad I chose to stay on at Meadowhead to study
Although the step-up from GCSE to A Level is a tough one, Meadowhead has made the transition far easier
I tried going to a different 6th form but moved back to Meadowhead – best decision I made
Meadowhead gives an equal opportunity to everyone and provides experiences which give you skills to develop in further life
Meadowhead has given me every opportunity I'd wished for and more. I am very excited about going to university but I am also very sad to leave here!



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