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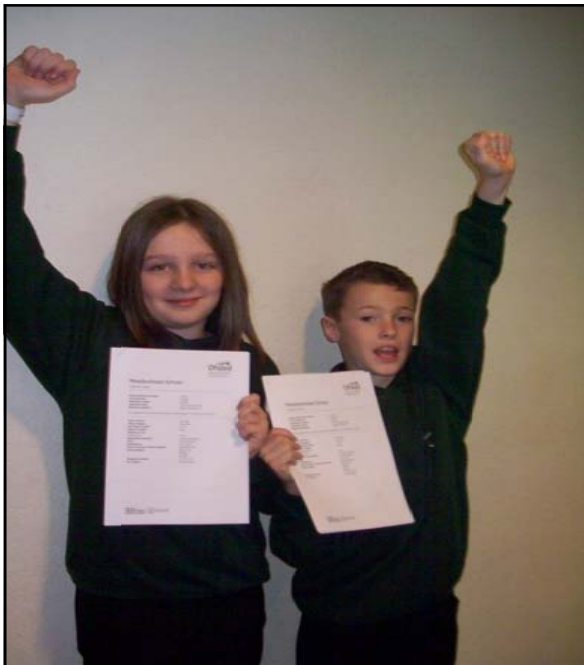
# The Phoenix



## Special Inspection Edition

**“ a harmonious community”**

1996	“Stay as good as you are”
2000	“You’ve got better”
2005	“Good and still improving”
2008	“Good with outstanding features and continuous improvements”



Bethany Hawley & Lyndon Slack 7J

We have been paid many compliments throughout the recent and latest Ofsted Report but it is the phrase **“a harmonious community”** which Headteacher Ms James derives most pleasure from.

“The Inspectors recognised that all of us, staff, governors, parents and especially our students, have worked tremendously hard at ensuring we show respect, tolerance and have pride in each other.

I am delighted that the strong ethos of care and support is given equal value to achievement and good exam results”

The report highlights a number of areas in the school as ‘outstanding’ and overall Meadowhead is described as a ‘good’ school.

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"This is an excellent report and it confirms what many of us already know about the school", said Mr Rosling, our Chair of Governors. "I offer my congratulations to all who contribute in so many positive ways"

Students gave inspectors their views of the school and were most proud of the strong anti-bullying stand taken by everybody. Head Boy Harrison Carter felt that it was "excellent that Ofsted have taken note of our continuing work to reduce bullying, "and this theme was continued by Abby Morley, Head Girl, who said "I am really pleased to see that the hard work of the mentors has been recognised

The views of parents are listened to by Ofsted Inspectors and hundreds of questionnaires were returned. "I want to mark all those parents who are so supportive of us" said Ms James "It is that loyalty to and sense of pride in the school that staff so much appreciate"

The full report is attached.

**Ms C James**  
**Head teacher**

## PUPIL AND STAFF COMMENTS

I was one of the lucky ones interviewed by an inspector along with several other Y9 students. We had lots of questions fired at us but Ms Theyer was there to keep an eye on us. The inspector was interested in all our subjects. We all answered very truthfully. All the other inspectors went around the school checking classrooms. I bet all the teachers are pleased that the next inspection isn't until 2011. I think Ofsted is a good thing as it helps the school improve.

**Jemma Clapham 9F**



Congratulations everyone! I am really pleased that Ofsted have recognised the positive impact of our Languages specialism and status as a truly International school. We have all worked so hard to make sure that our global ethos permeates the curriculum, our community, enrichment activities and the visual identity in our fantastic new building. Our students are really well equipped to leave us as global citizens, and Ofsted have congratulated us on our ability to develop our students' understanding of different communities and to value diversity. Onwards and upwards!

**Ms Allen**

This was my first Ofsted inspection and having been told that I would definitely have to talk with the inspectors at some point this was quite a daunting prospect but the experience proved invaluable. The way that staff pulled together to assist each other was great and on a personal level the discussions I had with the inspectors, although quite challenging at the time, concluded on a good note. The things I learnt over those few days will enable me to improve the schools systems and next time Ofsted pay a visit to the school we will be even more prepared than we were this time. Congratulations to all!

**Mr Furniss**





I was delighted with the outcome of the OFSTED inspection, which clearly shows that the school has continued to improve. I would like to thank the students for their polite and courteous behaviour towards the inspectors. Well Done!

The inspectors were particularly keen to talk to students from Year Groups and from the School Council. They all impressed the inspectors in these meetings. We will now work hard on the areas mentioned to be even better next time!

***Mr Eastwood***



Having recently left a school where OFSTED Inspections were frequent, I breathed a sigh of relief to be employed in a school which kept to the 3 year cycle. It was wonderful to get the news that the Inspection could be any time in my second year here. When the time arrived I felt I was as ready as I could be. I can only agree with the comment from a Y7 who said, "What Inspection?" Thank you to all who worked hard to ensure that we got such a good report.

***Mrs Tomlinson***



When Ofsted calls every area of a school has a part to play. Over the last year a lot of hard work has gone into reviewing and improving our systems and record keeping. We approached the inspection with confidence and the positive comments and feedback were our reward.

I would also like to thank the KFS staff onsite who ensured our building looked fantastic and were keen to support us and be part of the school community.

***Ms Ledger***



Obviously an Ofsted inspection cannot be taken lightly, but we know what we are in for and we were ready and willing to be challenged to show how good Meadowhead School is. Planning for success is the key to our good lessons and we do that for inspection every week. The teachers make their own judgements on how well learning is going and share good ideas all the time. Education is not entertainment, but we still expect pupils to leave their RE lessons having enjoyed the learning process

***Mrs Henry***



Ofsted inspections are always tense affairs and this was no exception. The Faculty has put in a phenomenal amount of effort since the last Inspection and were keen for the Inspectors to see everything that we do. We were pleased that our hard work and good practice has been recognised. We will continue to set ourselves high standards and strive to develop even further.

***Ms Woodward***



If I am honest the inspection was a little disappointing for me! I was well prepared and organised, ready to take on the world...and then no-one came to visit or observe my lessons. I felt a little flat afterwards but I was really pleased for everyone in school for the excellent results.

***Ms Evans***



As a teacher who managed to escape the rigorous inspection of the last Ofsted team, it was very daunting when one walked into my Y10 class. Well done to the students, who performed admirably and showed the inspectors just how high the standards at Meadowhead are. It was lovely to hear the excellent comments from the inspector about the school and the students – our Y10s got the honour of being the best dressed students of that age that the inspector had ever seen in a school!

**Mr Weale**



I am pleased that the Inspectors recognised the high standards of achievement and the continuous improvement over the past three years. This reflects the genuine commitment and hard work by many students and staff with tremendous support from parents. This has been a time of transition when the school was being completely rebuilt. In September 2005 the new building had just begun, and it was only in September 2008 that we finally got the use of the school fields back.

**Mr Fowler**



A group of Y7 students delivered their own evaluation of the Meadowhead experience to the inspecting team, and conveyed their observations, comments and opinions with maturity and intelligence. It could have been a daunting task, but all the Y7's acquitted themselves with aplomb and in no small way confirmed our claim that this school is "going places". Well done to our Y7, well done to Meadowhead and our appreciation is extended to all parents who have played such an active part in our growing success.

**Mr McKeown**



Ofsted is an opportunity for the school community to come together. I was really proud of what the school achieved and the way that all of the staff and pupils worked together to show the very best of Meadowhead.

**Mr Heggs**



I couldn't wait for Ofsted to confirm what we already knew, that our students, teachers and new building are fantastic! They visited my Y7 ICT lesson and the students were nothing less than fabulous! They used the latest electronic classroom voting system like 'Who wants to be a Millionaire', researched and taught each other, all within a lovely positive atmosphere. The inspector was very impressed!

**Mr Healey**



I felt that the Ofsted inspection was a great achievement I had a few inspectors in my lessons and even had a chat with one of the inspectors in a meeting, which I found very productive. Overall the inspection was a huge success. It was a team effort and down to all those connected to the school working together.

**Amelia Norton 10D**