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## Investing In People! Top 3%!!



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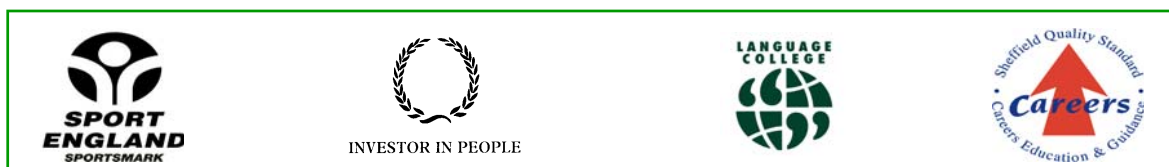
In May 2010 the school achieved the Investors In People Silver Award, putting us amongst the top 3% of organisations and businesses who have undergone the assessment.

Investors in People is a nationally recognised standard and aims to improve performance and effectiveness of organisations and businesses of all types through the people who work there. In our case this means developing our staff to ensure that they are able to do the very best for the students in their care.

Mr Fowler, who led on the assessment, said "This is a huge achievement for the school. It has been earned by the staff and recognises the excellent work that goes on in the school at all levels, including how the students respond to the teaching and opportunities they are given."

Meadowhead was the first school in Sheffield to achieve Investors in People in 1995. The new Silver Award shows even higher standards of staff development and is further recognition of the progress and sustained improvement in all aspects of the school over many years.

### Ms James



# Post 16 Update

It is frequently said nothing ever stands still at Meadowhead and that is certainly true of Post 16. There is a real sense of excitement and anticipation about the school.

In July students have two days of transition activities planned for them at school and the college, as well as two days out in the Peak District where they will be faced with plenty of challenges.

Teachers have been developing their AS courses for the past six months and discussing how they will be able to make full use of our learning platform and ICT facilities to deliver innovative and inspiring lessons. New partnerships have developed and we have been able to draw on a wealth of experience and expertise from amongst our own staff and colleagues in the college and other schools.

We are working on providing students with quality support and guidance throughout Year 12 and Year 13 to enable them to achieve their potential, and have the knowledge, skills and confidence to continue achieving when they progress to university or work. The planned programme will include support with university and employment applications, enrichment activities, tutor time, reviewing and tracking progress towards qualifications, EMA and so on.

The student focus group told us what they wanted and some building alterations have already taken place to provide a Post-16 entrance to the common room. Over the summer ICT work stations will be added to the common room along with a conference table for group work, a comfortable seating area, and tea/coffee making facilities. The Learning Resource Centre will be equipped with further study places, including ICT access.

There is still a lot to do but happily everything is coming together. September 2010 is a very important date for us because it is the start of a new chapter for Meadowhead.



## Mrs Burdekin

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**S8 8BR**

# Meadowhead Family Sports News

Once again the Meadowhead Family has had a busy year. All of our primary schools have been actively and fully involved in a wide range of sporting activities.

- ◆ Y2 Dance Festival
- ◆ Football Competition
- ◆ Basketball Hot Shots
- ◆ Sports Hall Athletics
- ◆ 3 Multi Sports Festival
- ◆ Y6 Rounders Festival
- ◆ Y5 Kwik Cricket Festival



Some have been more successful at a Partnership and City level than others, but it must be appreciated some schools are at least twice the size of others and are therefore able to select teams from a larger number of children. Although competition is important, we should applaud the participation of the smaller schools who are less likely to win the major competitions but continue to compete successfully and enjoy all activities at family level.

Meadowhead Btec Students and Young Sports Leaders have assisted with the above events.

At Meadowhead our students have also been involved in a range of alternative activities. "Sports Unlimited" funding has enabled us to offer Trampolining and Bouldering to Year 9, 10 and 11 students. The Trampolining sessions were provided by Joanne Crowther of Abbey Flyers, while the students taking part in Bouldering went to Climbing Works in Woodseats.

"Kids Can Do" funding meant we were able to provide coaches to deliver Street Dance, Tennis and Basketball to Year 7 and 8. During the next academic year, due to additional funding, we look forward to continuing the Basketball sessions and intend to begin development sessions in Badminton and Volleyball.

All of the above are in addition to the full range of extra curricular activities provided by Meadowhead staff.

**Mrs Mintoft**

## Fundraising Update

**Sport Relief: £1,625**



**Christian Aid: £32**



**Tree Top House Project, Sheffield: £118**



# Chocolate con churros

After several weeks of nagging by my second language Spanish Y9 group I decided it was time to let them put on their aprons and try their hand at creating and tasting the famous typical Spanish snack! They were very well behaved and seemed to enjoy the experience, ending with "What can we make next Miss??" It was quite tricky so next time I think we will make something simpler like Gazpacho (A cold tomato and garlic soup!) Many thanks to Mr Holland who volunteered to help us and permitted us to use his room.

## Mrs Greaves

After school with Mrs Greaves we had the opportunity to make chocolate con churros, something we have all wanted to try for a very long time! This took place in Food Technology along with Mrs Greaves, Mr Holland and Manuel and about 25 of our year 9 Spanish class. I really enjoyed making and tasting them and I would definitely do it again! Me encanta chocolate con churros! **Olivia Vardy 9B**

It was an amazing experience and we would happily do it again!  
**Darcy Smith 9D and Rebecca Baldwin 9A**

In March after school we were given the chocolate con churros recipe and equipment and began to make the food that was not only a traditional Spanish treat but something we had heard so many good things about! After making the dough, we put the churros in a mould and squeezed it (much harder than it looks!) out onto the pan, ready to put into a frying pan, filled with oil. After the churros were ready, freshly sprinkled with icing sugar and the chocolate was thick enough, we tried our own; it was like heaven. They were very filling and tasted really yummy! **Jasmine Welsh 9D**



# Boulogne 2010



On May 14th, 29 Y7 pupils enjoyed a fabulous weekend visit to Boulogne in northern France. After setting off at 1.00am, we drove all the way down to Dover to board the ferry in the early hours of Friday morning. Our first visit was to a local 'Boulangerie', where we learnt how to make croissants and bread. We had a competition of who could make the best one, and ended up going home with a loaf of bread and a croissant each. Mmmm délicieux!!!!

On arrival in Boulogne, the pupils enjoyed a sunny picnic on the beach, and played a friendly game of football. After a nice breath of fresh air, we headed to the Nausicaa Sea Life Centre, for a breathtaking sea life experience. There we watched sea lions performing all sorts of acrobatics, stroked rays, and watched a selection of sharks with awe. We then headed off towards the hostel to enjoy a satisfying evening meal and were soon fast asleep ready to attack day two of our adventure.

On the Saturday, we started the day with a typical French breakfast, and immediately made our way to the French equivalent of Willy Wonka where we learnt how to make tasty French sweets. A few of us even had a go at making our own but most importantly we all got to try some and take some home for our families. After sweets, the second best thing we could see, is how to make chocolate, when we discovered the wonderful world of the French Cadbury 'Beussent'. There we saw the making of, tasted and bought lots of chocolate to take home or devour on the coach.



Our last visit of the day was dedicated to shopping in the Hypermarket having €5 each to spend on French delicacies of our choice. After an eventful weekend, we all made our way back to Sheffield where the families were impatient to hear about all of adventures and taste some of the goodies we had brought back.

The weekend was highly successful thanks to a superb organisation, and fantastically behaved Y7 who made their teachers very proud. They all showed open-mindedness, maturity and a great sense of humour, so thank you to all. Well done to everyone who went, and a big thank you to Miss Maynard and Mr Mathers who helped make the weekend happen.

## Miss Legrée

'I really enjoyed the trip and visiting different places. I enjoyed the beach and being on the ferry. I would have loved to have stayed longer.'

**Phoebe Burley 7B**



'I enjoyed the sweet factory because it was very interesting and the Sea Life Centre because it was educational.'

**Eleanor Wilson 7L**

# Y8/9 Trip to Isla, Spain



On 22nd May, 38 Y8/9 students embarked on a five day study visit to Isla in Northern Spain.

After a midnight departure from school and a very early flight to Bilbao, the students were geared up and ready to experience a taste of Spanish culture.

Once we had settled into the hotel and unpacked, we went to a quaint Spanish village called Comillas, where we enjoyed 'chocolate con churros' a Spanish delicacy. An early night was then had by all!

The next day, we visited Cabárceno Wildlife Park, where most of us agreed that our favourite animals were the brown bears. Next stop was the small, picturesque town of Santillana del Mar. Here we visited the torture museum and saw various historic (and scary!) ways people used to inflict pain on criminals! The evening saw the first of many football matches on the beach opposite the hotel, where Mr Fernandez demonstrated his fine goalkeeping prowess!

On Tuesday we went to Santander, where we took a trip around the Magdalena Peninsula on a small tourist train and saw the penguins and seals. Before we got back on the coach to go to the shopping centre to buy souvenirs and gifts, we had a short stop off at the Racing Santander Football Club shop.

Wednesday was sadly our last full day in Spain (and also Mr Church's 'important' birthday!) We visited the town of Noja to shop at a traditional Spanish market. As it was so hot, many students decided to run through the huge water fountains in the main square to cool off and then spent most of the day drying out! In the afternoon, we turned our hand to Spanish dancing at a dance school in a town called Santoña. We had a short dancing lesson and then watched a fantastic Flamenco performance. It was agreed that the best dancer was definitely Mr 'Snake-Hips' Church!

The last night saw the 'Hotel Campomar Award Ceremony' when prizes were given in categories such as: 'Best Groomed' 'Best Workbook' and 'The Give It a Go Award.'

The trip was a great success with many members of the public commenting on the students' exemplary behaviour. The staff would like to thank the students for making the trip such a wonderful experience.

**Mrs Cardall and Miss Smith**



Enjoying chocolate con churros

On the first day we went to Comillas and had 'chocolate con churros' which were really nice. Every evening we played football on the beach. I was really sad when we had to come home - ¡lo pasé fenomenal! **Mattie Oxley**



The Torture Museum in Santillana

I really enjoyed the Spanish trip—it was amazing! The visits were really interesting, my favourite trip was to the torture museum. I would recommend it to anyone—thanks for the opportunity!

**Katie Mackinder 9H**

The Spanish trip was really good fun and the weather was beautiful! I really, really would go again!

**Ruby Bowler 9H**



At Cabárceno Wildlife Park

I though it was a very funny trip— I enjoyed playing football on the beach and Mr Fernandez is a great goal-keeper!

The hotel was great and I thought the food was good: I especially liked the stuffed squid and the paella. The very best part was the trip to Santillana del Mar.

**Adam Parfitt 9I**

The whole week was amazing! My favourite excursion was to a town called Santillana del Mar where we went to a torture museum! Many thanks to Mr Church, Mr Fernandez, Mrs Cardall and Miss Smith for taking us! **Michael Waters 9J**



# Eyam Youth Hostel

## Y11 Spanish GCSE Revision Trip



In early March, 19 Year 11 pupils enjoyed a weekend visit to Eyam Youth Hostel in Derbyshire, to do some revision for their GCSE Spanish exam.

As in previous years, the trip set off after school on the Friday and returned Saturday teatime.

Upon arrival at the Youth Hostel pupils unpacked and settled into their rooms before meeting in the well equipped classroom annexe situated down the hill. 2 ½ hours of reading and listening revision ensued and pupils performed really well!

At 7pm we all went back to the Youth Hostel to have dinner. The portions were large! After dinner we went back to the classrooms to do some speaking activities and then it was back to the rooms and lights out at 11pm.

The next day after a full English breakfast everyone worked really hard on exam revision activities up until lunchtime. I was really impressed by how well all the pupils' marks had improved by the end of the day. A packed lunch was provided and we also managed to fit in a quick tour of Eyam Village!



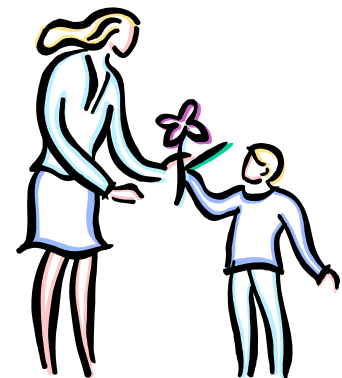
I would like to say well done to the Year 11s for working so hard and the behaviour of all on the trip was both exemplary and outstanding – they were a real credit to the school. I would also like to thank Mr Church, Mrs Cardall and Mrs Greaves for their hard work and contributions – the trip was a real success. ¡Muchas Gracias!

### Miss Renshaw



Eyam was a very educational experience and it helped us a lot. We learned new vocabulary which helped us in our exams and we did lots of practice papers. We had a laugh with all our friends and the teachers weren't too bad either! ¡Fue estupendo, lo recomendamos! **Evie Heath and Chris Peck**

**M**y mummy, you help me you feed me  
**O**vertime you have been there I love you  
**T**ogether we can face the world  
**H**er love is my love  
**E**veryday you have looked after me  
**R**eady get set don't go



**M.O.T.H.E.R**

Made by Spencer Pettinger  
Made in Meadowhead school



# Y11 Record of Achievement 2010



When the Record of Achievement ceremony was first held in 1991 in the old north building we could not have imagined how it would develop over the years into the polished ceremony we have today.

The afternoon began with a celebration of some assorted greatest moments of our Guest of Honour, Tony Currie.

For those of us old enough to remember John Motson's 'a quality goal from a quality player' was a fitting tribute to a Sheffield footballing superstar.

As the first three forms were invited onto the stage we commenced the annual game of 'who will be the first to trip over.' It was a tribute to the balance of the girls present that nobody did, or at least not obviously!

We decided this year that the entertainment would come from the students themselves and we were treated to a variety of excellent performances which would have done justice to the final of 'Britain's Got Talent.'

First up were singers Jessica Park and Agnetha Spencer accompanied on the piano by Rose Timperley. At the halfway point we had a monologue from 'Blood Brothers' performed by Jade Eason.



The third performance was a street dance performed and choreographed by Maria Morton, Beth Fenwick and Alex Mettam which made us mere mortals exhausted just looking on.

Finally, 'Teechers' by John Godber, performed brilliantly by Ben Nicholson, Chantelle Mellor, Gabrielle Nije, Sam Smith, Amy White and Laura Unwin. Ben, playing the part of a probationary teacher in a tough inner city school, can now probably empathise with those who have sought to guide the year group through adolescence to the refined young people who did themselves so proud on the day in question. Votes of thanks were then given by Amelia Norton and Will Cowen followed by a presentation to Ms Wilmot, Ms Ching and Tony Currie by Laura Scream and Jack Tankard.

After words of encouragement from Ms James, Ms Wilmot, Mr Mould (the Chair of Governors) and Tony Currie, the students emerged into the Rosling for the traditional end of ceremony photographs. These would encapture memories of friendships made over five years which, in some cases, will last a lifetime.

## Mr Barrott





# Lost Property

Despite our article on Lost Property in the last Phoenix, we are still getting an abundance of lost property each week. Those items that are named are passed immediately back to the child via their Year Team. Sadly, most of the property we get is not labelled. In order to prompt the students' memories, lost property is put out on racks and tables in the Rosling during break and lunchtime on Fridays for the children to view and claim.

Unfortunately, despite advertising the lost property and displaying it, very little is actually reclaimed. Due to the sheer amount of property we accumulate, we are unable to keep it for too long and it eventually gets sent to a charity shop.

It would be an enormous help to the office staff if all of your child's uniform, PE kit, coats, jackets etc are labelled clearly with their name to ensure any lost items are returned to them promptly.

Many thanks for your continued support.

**Mrs Styring and Miss Swift  
Reception**



# Japanese Website Competition

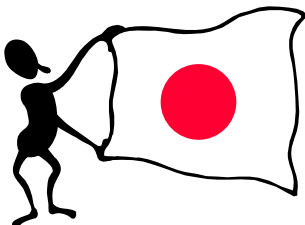
In March this year, my Year 9 Japanese class entered the Japan Foundation 'Japan Webpage Contest for Schools'. This gave the opportunity for pupils studying Japanese at any school in the country to create a webpage representing the Japanese teaching at their school.

My pupils had been studying Japanese for less than two terms; however every pupil in the class had a go at creating a webpage. The design selected to represent our school was created by Danielle Beckett of 9K. Contributions by Chloe North of 9I and Rebecca Colverson of 9K were also included in the final design. Each of these pupils was presented with a book token on behalf of the Language College in recognition of their achievement. Unfortunately, we were up against strong competition and our entry was not shortlisted. However, we did receive a certificate in appreciation of our contribution and some Japanese teaching resources. The Meadowhead webpage is featured on the Japan Foundation Competition website.

If you would like to view it , please visit [www.meadowheadgakko.weebly.com](http://www.meadowheadgakko.weebly.com)

Well done to all involved.

**Mrs Hunt**



# UK Junior Maths Challenge

On April 29<sup>th</sup> several of our high achieving Y7 and Y8 mathematicians sat the Junior Maths Challenge.

The challenge is set by the University of Leeds and encourages mathematical reasoning and thinking skills to solve interesting problems.

The problems are challenging and it is a great achievement to earn a certificate.

They produced some great results receiving 5 Gold, 10 silver and 9 Bronze certificates.

Well done to them all!

Miss Livingston

**Best in school :**  
**Imogen Murrison 8H**

## Gold Certificates

Y8  
Imogen Murrison  
Benjamin Jackson  
Jeffrey O'Gara

Y7  
Jennifer Hextall  
Kiera Luke

## Silver Certificates

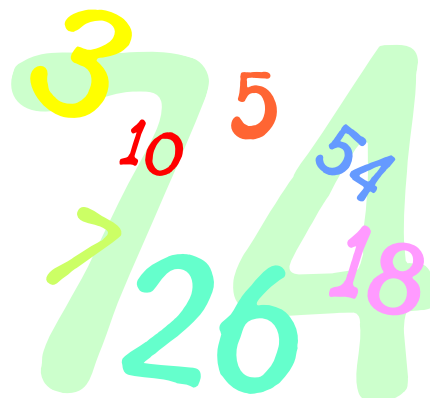
Y8  
William Archer  
Sophie Cornish  
Lucy Follon  
Emile Akram  
Luke Jenkinson

Y7  
Mark Samuels  
Aaron Taylor  
Chloe Pateman  
Ellie Rhodes  
Matthew Smart

## Bronze Certificates

Y8  
Lucy Alexander  
Dominic Parry  
Harry Benn  
Sazia Rahman

Y7  
Phoebe Cox  
Bethany Jones  
George Irons  
Harry Ogden  
Bethany Gatus



# Student Voice

It has been a very productive and successful year for the Voices of the Students (VOTeS) group. The group was restructured and now includes a Student Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and Secretary to record the minutes. The group also sets its own agenda and decides on which projects to pursue.

## Achievements this year

### ◆ **Improving movement around school:**

Students identified that some changes could be made to help movement around school. This was brought to the attention of the VOTeS group who then set up a working party of staff and students. Consultations then took place with the opinions of staff and students being considered. This comprehensive consultation resulted in a set of proposals, each being approved by The Leadership of the school. This project has resulted in students being able to get around school much more easily.

### ◆ **Raising money for Charity:**



The VOTeS group also proposed a 'Wear Something Sporty Day' to coincide with Sport Relief. This was a very successful event and raised the fantastic sum of £1625.

### ◆ **The UK Youth Parliament:**

All students were given the opportunity to vote for candidates from across the city. Our previous Head Boy, Harry Carter, was re-elected to represent young people in the region. It was a fantastic turnout from Meadowhead with about one sixth of all Sheffield's votes being cast by our students.



### ◆ **Mock General Election:**



Students had the opportunity to vote for one of the three main parties or one of two independents from within school-Lucy Follon and Emma Woodhead. A team effort from Ms Marshall, Mr Millar, Mr Barrott, Mrs Henry, Mr Bragg and Mr Gill helped prepare independent candidates, promote the election, cover the electoral process in PSHE lessons and count the votes.

### ◆ **Special guests at meetings:**

The VOTeS group has met with two Governors and the Catering Manager at VOTeS meetings. In future they are hoping to invite other people from the community to discuss any issues that arise.

**Mr Ridley and Mr Eastwood**

# Rebecca Chambers - Race Walking



Rebecca Chambers became Meadowhead's latest national race walking champion when she competed in Victoria Park, London. Becky had taken the bronze medal in the U13 Championship last year and had remained unbeaten in that age group throughout this year. Becky's tactics for the national event were to try to steadily increase her pace and the pressure on her southern rival as the 2km race progressed. That pressure resulted in her opponent dropping off the pace with about 500m to go as the Y7 pupil produced a very even pace race. The 18 second victory reduced her best ever time by 8 seconds with a time of 11.19.

Just one week later, Becky arrived home from her holiday in Guernsey at 5am on the morning of Sheffield's home fixture of the National Young Athletes Race Walking Grand Prix. Despite being tired she produced a high quality performance getting within 3 seconds of her best ever time with 11.22.

This has secured Becky with the 2010 U13 National Grand Prix title with a maximum 200 points.

Becky has also won the South Yorkshire School Championship in 1000m walk, placing her 9th in the British U13 rankings. She is now representing England on the 24th July. Good luck Rebecca!

**Mr Adams**

## Your Stars Challenge

The Forge Partnership organised a 'Your Stars' alternative sporting activities competition at Concorde Sports Centre on Thursday 1st July. Fourteen pupils from Meadowhead were invited to attend and they all had a fantastic day playing different activities against other schools in Sheffield .

**Mrs Bowker**

At Your Stars we tried out lots of new sports. In the morning we played wheelchair basketball, which was really fun and we were taught how to do tricks. Then in the afternoon we played Boccia which was really competitive as we played other schools. We won the Boccia and came 2nd in wheelchair basketball. We all won a certificate and a medal. I really enjoyed the day!

**Harvey Morton 7G**

I had a fantastic day at the Your Stars Challenge event at Concorde Sports Centre. After being welcomed, we did wheelchair basketball which I really enjoyed and scored points for my team. We then played a game with three coloured balls and we had to hit the 'jack' ball to win.

There were presentations at the end and we all got a certificate and t-shirts. The Minister of Sport interviewed me and I told him I liked trampolining, rounders and basketball the best. It was a great day. **Hannah Rowley 9B**

# Y11 Geographers' Snowdonia Revision Weekend



On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March with their GCSE exams only 3 months away Meadowhead's Year 11 Geographers escaped to their mountain retreat in Snowdonia for a weekend of intense revision and preparation. Basing ourselves at YHA Llanberis we were ideally positioned in the shadow of Yr Wyddfa (Mount Snowdon) and above the former slate mining town of Llanberis. As soon as we arrived the relevance of Geography was rudely brought home to all when, due to the steep incline up to the Hostel, staff and students alike had to leave the coach in the town below and walk up in the dark and the rain.

Once dried, fed and watered a geography quiz served to awaken the students from their Friday night fatigue and rekindle their passion for fieldtrip studying. After a good night's sleep most seemed bright and refreshed next morning when we left on full stomachs for Sygun Copper mine, to crawl into the bowels of the earth and follow the clogged footsteps of miners before us. Here we considered Industrial Geography, the reason for the mine's location, the importance of the product, the working conditions and lastly the factors behind its decline.

Captivated by this nineteenth century underworld industry we crept below once again to see its twentieth century equivalent, Dinorwig Power Station. With 16km of tunnels its construction required 1 million tonnes of concrete, 200,000 tonnes of cement and 4,500 tonnes of steel, making it Europe's largest man-made cavern. On our guided tour we were shown the 6 enormous turbines through which water rushes from the upper to the lower reservoir. The students considered Dinorwig's unique role in supplying sudden surges of power to the national grid at half time in the world cup when we all make a brew. We also assessed the location of such a vast industrial installation in a national park and the attempts that First Hydro have made to reduce their impact.

The weather continued to be kind to us, having rained all the time we were underground, as it brightened up while we lunched in Llanberis. By the time we got to our coastal erosion study at Moelfre on Anglesey we were blessed with beautiful sunshine, perfect for studying on the beach. It was the ideal place to spot the corrosion, corrasion and attrition forms of erosion as well as constructive and deconstructive wave forms, wash and backwash. A short ride on the coach took us to the beautiful Benllech beach where we studied long-shore drift and used the smooth sand to draw the process large-scale.

Drowsy from the sea air we climbed back aboard the coach and arrived back at the hostel for tea. After another hour of intensive revision the students were given the night off. With a large contingent of Meadowhead's finest rugby players among the group, many spent their rest time watching England being outplayed by France in the final game of the Six Nations Championship.

Our last day was spent in Llandudno assessing its coastal management and the hard and soft engineering techniques which have been employed there. Later we rode the tramway up to the top of the Great Orme from where we had a great view to consider the land use in Llandudno. The students sketched all they could see and we went back aboard the tram down to Llandudno. After lunch we met up with our coach and returned to Meadowhead on Sunday evening, all of us tired but enriched by the fresh air and the close encounter with Geography. Good luck Year 11 Geographers!



# Love Football: Love Reading 2010



Staff and students at Meadowhead have been harnessing the power of World Cup Fever to inspire reading and writing through competitions and displays around the school.

A giant display has been installed in The Rosling mimicking a Panini sticker album and featuring photos of staff and students reading football books and recalling vivid World Cup memories. England fans come across as a melancholic bunch: whether they're recalling a cruel sending off from France '98 (Mrs Tym) or a goalkeeping calamity from Japan / Korea '02 (Spencer Russell), it seems that a swiftly learned acceptance of unavoidable misery is the unifying trait that unites us across the generations. If teachers and students don't see eye to eye on many issues, a futile yet unwavering belief in their national team is a bond that links us all. The football net at the centre of the display is filled with footballs covered in book reviews written by students. The hapless goalkeeper is Zakumi, the mascot for this year's World Cup.

During this year's festivities, the library will also be hosting Football Commentary Competitions and Treasure Hunts among other events.

## Mr Taylor



**South Africa**

**Kelle Schofield**

**My World Cup Memory**

Germany '06  
Having a brilliant house party during the England v Portugal quarter final. It turned a bit depressing after the match though.

**España**

**Mr Hegggs**

**My World Cup Memory**

Mexico '86  
Lineker's hat-trick v Poland to reach the second round. I once even bought an apple off his dad in Leicester Market.

# Art is Always on the Agenda

Year 9 textile students are doing a preparatory course before their GCSE work in September. They are doing a Project Runway task, working in pairs to create a fashion item based on a white shirt, tie and a recycled item. To generate excitement it will be judged by a team of 'Fashionistas' from the staff in a catwalk show. Rumour has it that Mr Robson has been sent to see SATC 2 for training!

A talented selection of drawing and painting work by Year 7 art students was shown at the Sheffield Young Artists of the Year exhibition at Pond's Forge. We always support this excellent showcase event organised by the Rotary Club of Abbeydale.



The Art Department owes its success to its specialist teachers. We enjoyed many years of outstanding work when Mrs Holmes taught here. Now the torch (or the kiln to be more precise) has been passed to Miss Crump. There is no material like clay for engaging students. It is the ultimate hands on creative medium and there is no digital equivalent! It requires a teacher with exceptional skills, knowledge and imagination to get the best out of material and student. Miss Crump has all this through a background in industry, craft and art ceramics. She enhances their experiences with workshops such as the one with ceramic artist Angie Hardwick. There are now GCSE courses again at Y10 and Y11 and a very enthusiastic following in KS3.

Digital modes of expression are a growing area in the department and these are developed by the expertise in animation and media provided by Ms Bellingham. The after school Animation club is one of our busiest and once again it is our ability to provide a really wide diversity of experiences that engages students. From simple to complex outcomes the imagination and creative decisions required make this a popular area of the department.

Finally, the students and teachers wouldn't be able to work so well without the exceptional support in the office from Mrs Simpson and in studio from our technician Mr Pringle.

## Mr Robson



# COMING TO A SCREEN NEAR YOU...

Following in the great traditions of the Hollywood greats (MGM, DreamWorks, Fox etc.) Meadowhead School is proud to announce a brand new production company...

PTV, or Phoenix Telly, is soon to be broadcasting content via the Meadowhead Learning Platform showcasing the talent and imagination of Meadowhead students.

Soon you will be able to log on and stream content conceived and created by Meadowhead students that will inform, educate and entertain, and to promote the best interests of the Meadowhead community.

Our first production will soon be available to view, showing a promotional film of the school.

We will soon be recruiting more staff and pupils to become involved. Meetings are in E04 on Wednesdays 3pm-4pm – all year groups welcome.

Ideas or thoughts to [ptv@meadowhead.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:ptv@meadowhead.sheffield.sch.uk) c/o

## Mr Cocken





# Visit to China



This was my second visit to the fascinating country of China, the first being in 2002 when we started our successful relationship with the Zhongzhou School in Nanjing. There have been numerous staff and students since who have subsequently followed in my footsteps and the friendships we have forged will, I am sure, last a lifetime. The Chinese experience and influence has been evident in the work produced especially in Textiles, History, RE as well as in Languages.

This second visit was to Chengdu and our partner school, Number 20. Although I knew more of what was ahead than some of the other Headteacher delegates, I was totally unprepared for the culinary specialities of the area – fish lip soup, sea slugs and duck's feet webbing among the delights on offer! I was, however, very familiar with the friendliness and courtesy shown to me throughout my stay.

Chengdu is famous for being the centre of the Giant Pandas breeding programme and I was fortunate enough to see many of these delightful bears close up. The city also has close links with Sheffield United Football Club and although I handed over the pennant that the Blades asked me to deliver, it didn't sit well with this Wednesday!

Children are pretty much the same the world over but, as I have already reported to our own students in assemblies, Chinese pupils work amazingly hard. Their work ethic is something to admire. Their day in school is long – starting at 8.00am and the last lesson finishes at 6.00pm – and they are kept busy in the evening and on Saturdays with a huge range of extra curricular activities. I did not see any examples of poor behaviour in the week I was there, but I'm not surprised by this since I'm sure that the students were just too exhausted to be naughty!

Chinese students are the cleaners of their own schools and with good humour and a smile they made their place gleam and glisten. Perhaps it is not surprising therefore that I saw no litter, no graffiti and evidence of students looking after their premises in a very impressive way.

The Headteacher of School No 20, Mr Wu Lie, will be making his reciprocal visit to us next term and after that it is hoped that more teachers and their students will be offered the opportunity to visit this amazing country for themselves.

## Ms James



# Meadowhead Ski Trip Easter



This year's Ski trip to Italy, yet again, was a great success. The resort we visited, Bardonecchia, was a previous Olympic town and some slopes were used in the 2006 Winter Olympics. In fact, our hotel was previously the Olympic Village where the athletes stayed.

We set off on Good Friday and had a good journey to Dover where we caught a late night ferry to Calais. All the students and staff were in high spirits and looking forward to the week ahead. The 26 hour journey from Sheffield on a coach was long and tiring but we passed the time away with games, lots of chatting and some sleep! Our Nintendo DS's kept us happy playing Mariokart as a group – Mr Wilde is amazing!!

As we got closer to our destination late on the Saturday afternoon we travelled through an extremely long tunnel in the Alps about 15 miles long. We went in from the French side in bright sunlight but as we came out in Italy it was magically snowing. Lots of ooooh's and ahhh's could be heard from the bus – the town looked like a picture postcard under a layer of snow and we were very hopeful that the weeks skiing would be amazing!

On arrival at our hotel we were allocated our rooms and given time to settle in and have a look around the place. There were 4 other schools using the hotel and it wasn't very long before all the students mingled and soon became friends.

The next day after a great breakfast, we walked to the ski resort of 'Campo Smith' which would be our base for the next 6 days. After everyone was kitted out with skis, boots, helmets and poles we hit the slopes! The staff and students split into 4 groups, beginners with Ms Evans, two intermediate groups and their instructors and an advanced group with Mr Wilde. Each of the groups were taken to appropriate starting places and the skiing began. At lunchtime we left our equipment in special lockers at the base and went back to the hotel for lunch. In the afternoon the groups reassembled and went off again with the ski instructors.



We skied for 6 days and the students and staff really enjoyed the stunning scenery and the miles of slopes to ski on. Each day we had plenty of stories of success and the staff were amazed at the effort and ability of the students.

During the week we had some evening entertainment with bowling in Turin which was fun, snow-shoeing up the mountain and then there was the final evening's disco! Snow-shoeing involved wearing shoes like tennis rackets strapped to our feet (see above) and it allowed us to walk in deep snow. This was really hard work in the dark, but we wore head lights and helped each other along.

# 2010 Bardonecchia, Italy

The week went by very quickly and soon it was time to pack and come home. Everyone who took part in the trip thoroughly enjoyed their time in Italy so much so that I am now organising another trip for next year.

If anyone is interested in participating in the next ski trip at Easter 2011 then please come to D12 and pick up a letter containing all the details.

Here are some of the thoughts of staff and students from this year:



*"I thought it was really good and would do it again. The best part was when we got to go on the bigger runs, I loved every minute of it! The worst thing was having to put boots and skis away to go to lunch and then come back and put them on again! We also went bowling and snow shoeing. I had a lot of fun as I made friends from another school and really enjoyed it. I didn't know how to ski but that didn't matter. They taught you from whatever ability you were. The hotel and food were really nice and the coach trip wasn't bad either - it didn't seem to be that long. I would really recommend it to any one who thinks about going!"* **Evie Gilmour, Y9.**

*"I was honoured to be asked to "step in" at the last minute when a member of staff couldn't go. All the students behaved so well on and off the slopes. It gave me great pleasure to see all the students skiing and enjoying themselves. I was proud to be a member of the "Meadowhead Ski Team 2010" Thank you to everyone for making my Easter holidays so enjoyable!"*

**Mrs Ronksley**

**A big thank you to everyone involved this year, you are all stars!!!!**

**Ms Evans**



# Holocaust Survivors

They told me I was coming to work for the government – to help my country. Boy, work for the Government sounded like Heaven. The minute I walked into the camp I was confused, scared. I had not seen anything like this before. Other men looked proud to be there, serving Hitler. We got strict instructions and we had to start straight away. Huge carriages, like the ones that deliver cattle, arrived at the camp. I was shocked to see the carriage open to people, packed like sardines. People, hundreds and thousands of people. They filed out all looking as startled as a frightened mouse.

*The light pierced the damp, fetid darkness that had been my world for all of what I had guessed was five days. It near blinded me, startling my almost nocturnal eyes. Slowly I rose, tentatively questioning the strength I had. As my retinas adjusted I stumbled out of the cattle truck I had been assigned to. My feet found ground and I was suddenly being pushed onwards by a surge of eager but weak companions. Abruptly we were brought to a halt. SS Army Offices filed out before me. They stood straight and official in front of a huge gate, the words Auschwitz not registering with me. Immediately we were sorted in what appeared a random way. I received a rough shove to the right as I watched my mother and aunt disappear to the left. I never saw them again.*

*After a while we settled into the daily torture of starvation and humiliation. We had been stripped of all possessions but much more than any material loss they had stripped us of our pride, our family. My soul was barely intact when we entered our second month.*

Old people and women were picked straight away to be gassed. The others were made to work hard labour in factories. They weren't even fed properly, only soup and bread. It pained me to watch this. No, it tortured me. I had to be careful of what I said or there would be trouble.

*The feeling of isolation was unbelievable. The feeling of being alone in the world like no-one was coming to save you. Perhaps worse than any mental state of distress was my physical state. We worked a sixteen hour day on average with soup and bread twice a day. Sometimes I would use the watery remnants of my soup to wash my face attempting to revive myself. But it was no use.*

Some of my neighbours worked in my old job collecting inmates, more and more every day. It appeared to not bother some. I didn't listen to myself anymore. Not my mind, definitely not my heart, just the plain old instructions from the Nazi leaders. My eyes stopped seeing things. I had to accept what was going on like everyone else.

*Some of the officers whom we came into daily contact with looked at us in disgust., some took pleasure out of beating our frail, skeleton like bodies. Many looked out of place themselves, as though they too were being tortured. They would hit us, yes, but you could tell it was only from the fear or orders. It did not come from their hearts.*

I was not good pals with anyone in particular. I just wanted this to end and so I stayed quiet and did what I was told. The men would talk to me though. At first they were harsh and cruel – as they were trained to be – but as time went by and so many Jews were murdered they started to realise that this was more serious than they thought. The world didn't make sense to me. But I had no voice. Even if I did I would be slaughtered in two seconds. I've got a family to feed.

*Many of us were nothing more than ash when the Americans arrived. As we were carried out one by one a fresh wave of humiliation hit us. We saw the looks on their faces when they first laid eyes on us. It was a mixture of horror and pity mingled together. Many of us were naked, skinny enough to count each rib or bone.*

*A month later doctors told me I was so close to death and although I have physically recovered I know my mind will never truly be at rest. So I ask you, people of the future and the present, next time you think of turning on someone because of their colour, race, faith, anything, just think that you could be next. Some people say it ended that day that the Americans came but it never really ended for us, the Holocaust Survivors.*

I only have one message. Don't be a coward like me. Speak out. But I had no choice. My family depend on me. Never let anybody make you do something that you don't want to do. You always have the choice. I hope I don't have to explain how genocide is wrong. I think that speaks for itself. Well I hope it does. To pick on someone because they're different, because you have the power to.

# French Exchange to Montaigu



Last October, 24 Y9 and Y10 pupils embarked on the 1<sup>st</sup> leg of the French Exchange to Montaigu, NW France. Here the pupils met their French partners and spent the week totally immersed in the French culture. They spent a typical day in a French school, visited the famous city of Nantes with its 'Cathédrale St Pierre', ordered their lunch in French, went on the French tram, and had a shopping spree in the shopping centre of Beaulieu.

Our pupils also visited a couple of Primary schools in the area, and discussed the cultural differences between France and England, such as education, food, football and even video games.

On the last day, both French and English pupils spent the day visiting the beautiful coast of Le Croisic, the exciting aquarium and the afternoon ended with a France-England football game on the beach. At the celebration party in the evening, all the host families were thanked and our pupils were congratulated on their manners and behaviour.



A few weeks ago, the French pupils came to Sheffield. The Meadowhead students were beside themselves with excitement and could not wait to take their partners home to introduce them to their families.

The French pupils took part in lessons at Meadowhead and went on the Sheffield Wheel, visited Chatsworth House, shopped in Meadowhall, went 10 pin bowling and even visited Old Trafford in Manchester.



They visited the City of Sheffield and enjoyed afternoon tea with the Lord Mayor. All pupils met up at Skate Central one evening and enjoyed a couple of hours of pure fun. Both French and English pupils went on an adventurous day at Thornbridge Outdoors Centre, taking part in mixed team activities.

On their last day, at the celebration party in the Café Ole, there was an opportunity to thank all the families for their hosting. The buffet was impressive and many prizes were given out to pupils. The Thursday departure at 5.00 am was a very difficult and sad time when all pupils shed a few tears, the time shared being so intense with emotions.

The friendships which have been created between the pupils from both countries will live on. The behaviour of all English pupils in France did their teacher proud and the feedback from the exchange was extremely positive. The great maturity and the open-mindedness of our pupils was exemplary and certainly impressed the French partner school! Well done to Meadowhead School and thank you!

**Miss Legrée**

'I loved every second of the exchange and would definitely do it again! My host family were very welcoming and I made a new friend with my correspondent!'  
**Melissa Kirk 10J**

'Miss Legrée worked really hard to make this a fab time for everyone and it was an experience that I will never forget as I have made friends that I will keep in touch with for a long time.'  
**Charlotte Bromley 9A**

# CURRICULUM UPDATE 2010-2014



In order to continue to raise attainment at Meadowhead School for all learners and also ensure that there is no plateau of achievement in all the various measures, we are currently in the process of strategically planning the personalised pathways for all students which encompass routes into Post-16 and beyond.

One key aspect is to offer a Meadowhead 'Signature Curriculum' which is accessible to all learners. This will enable all students to access a curriculum which consists of the core subjects of English, Mathematics, Science, Languages, Ethics and Health, Fitness & Well-Being with other experiences of Creative / Performing Arts, History / Geography, Technology / ICT being personalised to students' needs and interests. This will take quite a few years to become fully embedded as will our Post-16 provision.

Some of the key curriculum changes include:

- ◆ From September 2010 onwards, most students will study two languages in Y7 (currently this happens in Y8) for 3-hours a week and then continue in Y8. Most students will then continue with one language in Y9 (September 2012 onwards), with some students continuing to study both languages in Y9 and beyond. This will allow the current excellent work of Languages within the Primary schools to be fully utilised by the students and therefore enable an even smoother transition of languages learning. From September 2012 onwards, most Y7 students will study two languages in for 4-hours a week and then continue this in Y8.
- ◆ Currently all students participate in 2-hours of PE in Y7-Y9 and 1-hour in Y10-Y11. This will change to Health, Fitness & Well-Being for all students for 2-hours a week in Y7-Y9 and also 2-hours in Y10 from September 2011 onwards. This will allow all students to gain a nationally recognised qualification for their work in this area as well as enhancing a clearer understanding of how Health, Fitness and Well-Being forms an integral part of the whole person which will ultimately lead to improved life chances, opportunities and greater quality of life.
- ◆ Currently all students participate in PSHE for 1-hour a week in Y7-Y9 and also 1-hour of Life Issues (PSHE / Citizenship / Religious Studies) in Y10-Y11. Religious Studies is currently experienced in Y7-Y9 within the Humanities curriculum for all students. This will be combined into a 2-hour experience of Ethics / Morals for all students from September 2011 onwards in Y7-Y10. This will again allow all students to gain a nationally recognised qualification for their work in this area as well as enhancing a clearer understanding of Ethics / Morals which are so needed in society today.
- ◆ From September 2011 onwards, Y10 students will be following the Meadowhead 'Signature Curriculum' comprising English, Mathematics, Science, Languages, Ethics and Health, Fitness & Well-Being, with a further two subjects based on their needs and interests. This will allow most students to achieve at least 10 qualifications, giving them plenty of scope for further study / training / employment etc post-16 and beyond.
- ◆ From September 2012 onwards, some Y9 students will have the possibility of following a more personalised curriculum.



Further information will follow in due course and if you would like to know more in the short term, please get in touch with me at school.

Mr Raju



# Meadowhead Talent Show

Once again in May, Meadowhead School presented a Talent Show to be proud of. The show was impressive in many ways, but mainly for the sheer wealth of diversity of talent on stage. Performances came from across a wide range of disciplines including Art and Textiles, Dance, Drama and Music.

Acts on display ranged from the ballet of 'Swan Lake', inspired by Matthew Bourne to a stirring Bagpipe recital. Year 11 Textiles students proudly modelled their own design and creations for us on the catwalk. Arts Award students performed a wide range of drama pieces, including an extract by Oscar Wilde. The dance presented embraced the different cultures of Street Dance, Ballet and musical theatre. The music on offer displayed a host of genre and timbre, including group and solo performances on acoustic and electric guitar, piano, saxophone, cello, bagpipes and African drums. The Vocalists performed with such expression and feeling that the audience was captivated and on occasion, visibly moved.



Thank you to all the parents and members of staff who freely gave their time to support this evening. A huge thank you must go to the young people who brought such energy, enthusiasm and commitment to this production.

**Mrs Weale and Ms Pollard**

# Irony on Everest

“How could you be so irresponsible?” A strong tension filled the miniscule tent, hastily fixed upon the thick snow that was quickly seeping through the sides.

The three other men sat silently in their sleeping bags, their gazes fixated on the angry face of the leader Geoff, which beamed a deep crimson in the dim light of the oil burner. They had to accept it sooner or later. It was probably miles down the steep mountain edge, buried in the piercingly cold snow that they had battled for the last three days.

“We can’t turn back now, can we Geoff?” Michael’s timid voice arose from the other side of the tent, followed by a light thump on the arm from his twin brother John, indicating not to interfere.

Darren had misplaced the compass and his attempts to prove himself worthy of the Everest mission were failing miserably.

After an hour or so of venomous debate, the group settled for the fact that their compass was lost. However, the uncertainty of what to do next lingered until Geoff finally made the decision that they would carry on.

When the early morning arrived, heavy snow had already set in, creating an elegant orange horizon with magnificent bursts of amber colouring the sky. It was a perfect day for victory and they set off to battle the snow, ice and blistering cold once again.

The higher they ascended, the more brutal the torrent of unforgiving snow became. Shards of ice tore at their faces like blades, and the cold challenged their every move. They were truly miserable.

“I’m desperately sorry; I don’t even remember using it,” Darren attempted to break the silence with an apology. It fell on deaf ears. Geoff muttered obscenely under his breath, trying to control the anger inside him. In a split second the red mist of temper had overcome him and he found himself lunging towards Darren, his fist raised.

The strikes were hard and punishing. Every blow relieved Geoff of the frustration that had built up inside him. The brothers watched in disbelief as a violent brawl began and the angry pair smashed to the ice with a thud.

A Thunderous crack brought them back from their bloodthirsty trance. Darren leaped back in horror. With no time to escape as the ice suddenly disintegrated beneath his feet, Geoff plunged into oblivion, his screams gradually fading to nothing. The others stood in silence, frozen in time.

Geoff slowly opened his eyes; pure darkness surrounded him and he soon discovered the consuming agony writhing through his body. Attempting to scream for help, he could only muster a painful wheeze. As he sought his torch, deep inside his pocket, he felt a small familiar object ... A strange sensation of guilt, pain and disbelief surged through his mind as the small arrow of the compass pointed flawlessly upwards. In his last painful breath he whispered, “I’m sorry Darren; truly sorry.”

**Kate Smith 9F**







# G&T Musicians

Congratulations to Lucy Follon, Rebecca Hallam and Tom Brookes in Y8 who have had a very successful period learning to play a brass instrument. Each student started to play the trumpet in October of last year as part of a Gifted and Talented project and have absolutely flourished.

Their teacher, Mrs Reaney, has commented on how hard each student has worked this year, making excellent progress. Rebecca has passed her *Grade 1 with ease*, Tom has passed his *Grade 2 with flying colours* and Lucy has also passed her *Grade 2 with ease*.

Lucy has said "It has made me feel much more confident as a performer, especially now I am able to play in the school Orchestra and follow a conductor."

This has been a great opportunity for these talented young students. We look forward to hearing much more from them over the next year.



**Mrs Weale**

## Job Experience - Life Issues

A very different Life Issues lesson took place in May, with a random selection of teachers coming into the lesson and explaining about the diverse, weird and wonderful jobs that they had done prior to their current post. The teachers told us about their wide range of jobs, and some of them you would never have expected them to have:

Mr Eastwood—previously worked on an oil rig  
Mrs Ledger (Bursar) - worked in a bank as a cashier  
Mrs Buckley— owned her own florists  
Mrs Webb—was an Occupational Therapist  
Mr Millar—was a telesales operator  
Mrs Brand—was a catering manager



Ms Perry who works for Kier talked about her job as Facilities Manager and Mr Lees told us what he does as an IT technician!

All the staff described what they did each day, what qualifications and training they needed, what personal qualities they had to have, what they loved and hated about the job and most importantly; what salary they got!

On behalf of Mr. Timms and all of the students that have been able to listen, a large thank you to the teachers that came in and gave a fantastic outlook into their previous and current jobs, and for their time and effort.

**Jemma Clapham 10F**

*Mrs Buckley with some of the silk corsages she made*



# Y7 Football CITY & SOUTH YORKSHIRE CHAMPIONS!



After meeting the Y7 Footballers for the first time back in September and watching them train, I was surprised to see that there did not appear to be any stand out superstars and that there were no academy players. I did, however, think they had potential. I could not have dreamt how successful this team was actually going to be!

There has been a fantastic dedication to training from all players, including those who have not had the opportunity to feature in many fixtures.

The team won the Sheffield League which qualified them for the League play-off Semi Finals against the winners of the three other leagues across the city. They then won the semi and beat Notre Dame in the final to be crowned City Champions.

The boys were also entered into the South Yorkshire Schools Cup against the best sides in the county; the team performed fantastically in every round to reach the final where they beat Ecclesfield 2-1 to be crowned South Yorkshire Champions.

A selection of students played in the Winter 6-a-side league and were successful in helping the team become group stage league winners before then finishing runners up for the whole city in the finals.

Stand out players have been James Hanson for his fantastic defending ability, great leadership skills and organisational ability, Jake Hatton for his battling performances and bravery in tackling and Adam Geelan for doing a great job playing out of position and also for his help with rounding the team up. Finally, special mention must go to Jonathan Shields for his overall contribution to the team, his fantastic goals in key games and his outstanding work ethic.

I would like to say a big thank you to all the lads their impeccable attitude and behaviour throughout this season, and for their tremendous effort and hard work in producing great performance after great performance in a season that's seen you go unbeaten in becoming both Sheffield and County champions – well done I am very proud of you all!!

**Mr Allen**

# Valencia Football Trip

In April of this year myself, four staff and 31 pupils embarked on a trip to Valencia in Spain. The purpose of this visit was to give the students a chance to experience life as a professional footballer being in and around Valencia FC Football Club, learning what it takes to be a top sports performer. The students received coaching from Valencia FC's Academy staff and training within the top class facilities provided by the football club. The feedback from pupils has been fantastic as was the response from both the Spanish coaches and the tour operator who were very impressed with the attitude, manners, behaviour and general conduct of the Meadowhead pupils.



Alex Winter  
Player of The Tour

Whilst in Spain, each of the three teams played one fixture against Spanish opposition. All three teams performed well, working very hard and displaying a large degree of maturity. The U13s were unlucky to be narrowly beaten by a big strong side, whilst both the U14 and U16 teams won their games with great performances. The stand out players in these fixtures were Joseph Morley, Bradley Ferguson, Arran Gordon, Tom Edwards, Matthew Megson and Josh Oxley-Adams. A special mention should go to Alex Winter who was voted player of the tour; Alex stepped up two age groups from U14 to U16 training on all four days with the older players. Alex never once looked out of place and the Y11 lads had nothing but praise for how he involved himself as one of the team. Alex produced man of the match performances when playing for both his own age group and with the older boys, capping these great performances off with a wonder goal in each game!!

I would personally like to thank Mr Taylor, Mr Furniss, Mr Affleck and Mr Stirr for their help in organising and running this trip. I would also like to thank Miss Allen, Mrs Vincent, Mrs Brown and Mrs Bowker for their help and guidance throughout. Finally a big thank you to all the students whose behaviour, attitude and banter made it such a wonderful trip - Well Done lads.

## Mr Allen



# U16 Rounders

The U16 Girls Rounders team have had a very successful season. In the Sheffield Tournament, they were runners up to Sheffield Girls High School and qualified for the U16 South Yorkshire Tournament on Wednesday 16th June. Here they played McCawley and Holgate Schools from Barnsley and Aston School from Rotherham—who went on to win the tournament.



The girls showed great team spirit and determination and were a credit to the school. Well done to them all!

**Mrs Stubbs**

# Meadowhead World Cup Club



The World Cup this year has been celebrated by a special World Cup After School Club. The club was available to all students from 14:45 on Monday to Friday match days. The games were shown on the giant screen in the main hall and at half time there was a quiz based on knowledge of the countries playing that day. There was a game specific commemorative mug, showing the date and match details for the winning team captain and other prizes.

This was an opportunity for all students to watch the games in a safe and friendly environment. Win, lose or draw it was another great result for the students at Meadowhead.

**Mr Sockett**

# Trip to Gilder Group

On the 9<sup>th</sup> of March 2010 my Business Enterprise group went to the VW and Audi showroom at Gilders to look around and learn about the cars. Mrs Tomlinson and Miss Creswell went with us. We were guided around the dealership with a car salesman called David Littlewood who took us to the service area, the roof, a few offices, a gym and a basement area where they clean and polish all the cars.

I was looking forward to the trip because it was a change from the usual goods and services we had been doing in class. My most favourite part was when David revved up the R8; it wasn't as loud as the 10,000bhp jet cars that I have heard at Santa Pod Raceway, but it was still a blast.



Most of the time we were taken around all the rooms and service areas which I enjoyed and found interesting because sometimes places like that usually don't let you see any secret prototypes or take pictures in case we leaked them onto the internet. I liked the part when we went onto the roof, although we didn't get to go on the actual roof which I guess was to do with Health and Safety.

When we changed sides from VW to Audi we went upstairs to see all the accountants who sorted out all the money. Because they worked on a balcony we had an overview of the entire showroom, before descending down into the main area to look at another Audi R8. We then said thank you to David for letting us look around both showrooms and then we left.

I had a really good afternoon,

**Peter Dray 9H**

# Badminton Success



I started to play Badminton at 9 years old. I now train twice a week at Abbeydale Park Badminton Club. I have represented the U12 Sheffield Team in singles, girls doubles and mixed doubles.

On 19th June I played for one of 4 Sheffield Teams at the York Railway Institute against other teams from around Yorkshire. Out of the 12 matches I played I won 10.

Overall as a team we came second with the other Sheffield team winning the competition.

**Rachel Chapman 7G**

# City Athletics Final Winners



Meadowhead took part in the Sheffield Schools Athletics Championships this season and qualified for City Finals on Wednesday 30th June against 24 other schools. We had 4 City Champions and 17 other students gaining a place in the top three. The results are as follows:

## Y9 Boys



Long Jump	1st	Connor Dawson
	2nd	Alistair McDonald
400m	3rd	Oliver Rasch
800m	2nd	Oliver Rasch
Discus	1st	Drubo Tarafdar
High Jump	1st	Mattie Oxley
Relay	2nd	Connor Dawson
		Oliver Rasch
		Alistair McDonald
		Tom Edwards

## Y9 Girls

## Y8 Boys



1000m walk	1st	Katie MacKinder
200m	1st	Emmanuel Kanteh
High Jump	3rd	Ryan Leaper
1000m walk	2nd	Dominic Parry
Long Jump	2nd	Ryan Leaper
Relay	3rd	Ryan Leaper
		Emmanuel Kanteh
		Taylor Lee
		Jacob De Souza Kelly

## Y7 Girls

Throw	2nd	Brooke Anson-Bowie
800m	2nd	Rebecca Chambers
High Jump	3rd	Rebecca Vardy
1000m walk	1st	Rebecca Chambers
	2nd	Regan Sinclair

## Y7 Boys

800m	2nd	Jonathan Shield
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Well done to them all!

**Mrs Bowker**

# Goodbye Mrs Brown

HAPPY RETIREMENT



Mrs Brown first started teaching at Rowlinson School and then Meadowhead. She has been with us for 37 years which is truly a remarkable achievement. She has taught French and German to pupils at all levels and has inspired many generations of linguists. Her passion for her subject is unwavering.

As well as an outstanding classroom practitioner, Mrs Brown has been an amazing Head of Faculty for 16 years. The most appropriate words to describe her would be conscientious, dedicated, a visionary, diplomatic, driven, enthusiastic, innovative, considerate and a wonderful leader and manager of a very large department.

Throughout the years Mrs Brown has been a rock for the Languages Department. She has always been there for us, supporting us both personally and professionally. No matter how busy or preoccupied she was, she always had time to listen to her staff and offer practical, relevant and reassuring advice and suggestions.

As the director of our Specialist Language College since 2001, Mrs Brown has brought us through the arduous & time consuming task of successful Re-designation twice, once in 2005 (which we passed with flying colours) then again in 2009. She has, without a doubt, been the unstoppable driving force behind our Specialism.

Mrs Brown helped to lead us through our British Council International School Award applications in 2005 and again in 2007, and always made sure that we had a strong visual identity as a Language College, and that Internationalism permeated every corner of both our old and new buildings.

More recently, Mrs Brown has supported the re-writing of a new 'Sheffield City Languages Strategy' and has played a key role on the Council of Europe Steering group leading on this important policy for Sheffield.

Mrs Brown has led so many overseas visits/exchanges and always shared her good practice with other schools both locally and nationally. She will be missed not only at Meadowhead, but also within the city and at numerous Language College Conferences across the UK, where she is well known by many other like minded Languages Professionals.

On behalf of all languages teachers and colleagues past and present, we would like to wish Mrs Brown a long, happy and well deserved retirement. We will all miss you dearly and please keep in touch. No one will ever forget you – our irreplaceable Frau Brown!!

**Ms Theyer and Miss Allen**



# "A Fantastic Exhibition!"

This is a quote by a visitor to our main visual art event , The GCSE Art & Design Assessment Exhibition in May this year.

The Visual Arts are a very successful and popular department in school. Creativity is our core activity and our students have it in abundance. It is very challenging and students are always warned in Year 9 how hard they will have to work and how much time at home it will take up.

More people than ever attended the exhibition Open Evening and they were able to see a huge range of art forms developed by our students. There were sculptures, fashion, paintings, drawing, ceramics, textiles, animation, print works, digital art, photography, collage, illustration and graphic art.

Our students produce artwork in traditional forms as well as more contemporary and experimental modes of expression. We encourage them to express themselves, their ideas and interests in any way that works best.

The Rosling is a fantastic exhibition space and with the school's professional display system we are able to show the work of over 120 students of all abilities.

Art textiles is a core activity in the department and under the guidance of Mrs Goodrum they produced stunning fashion outcomes on the theme of 'Looking East'

The students also modelled their work as a catwalk show during the very successful Talents Evening. The standard of work is so consistently high on this course that from next year we will offer the only specialist A Level Fashion and Textile course in the city.

## Mr Robson

