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## JOURNALISTIC CHALLENGE IS A SUCCESS!

A recent project for the Meadowhead Community Learning Trust was an exciting Journalistic Challenge. This involved Y6 boys from our primary schools, Abbey Lane, Norton Free, Lower Meadow, Woodseats and Bradway along with Y7 boys from Meadowhead.

They took part in the Challenge, with the outcome to write a match report of a Sheffield United game. They attended workshops, watched video clips of matches and wrote commentaries. The pupils attended a Sheffield United game and interviewed players, writing up their reports with a competition for the best one.

The Journalistic Challenge was planned with the main focus of developing a writing ethos for young children within the Meadowhead Community.



Sheffield United were very impressed with the behaviour of our students and would like to make long term links with the Trust Family of Schools.

**Mr Eastwood**

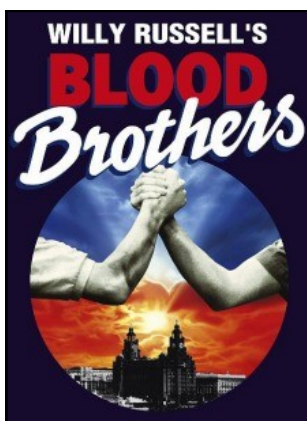


## The launch of the Post 16 Newsletter!

Y12 student Hazel Sawbridge has excelled with her passion for Journalism by starting a Post 16 Newsletter! This new and exciting venture is a chance to showcase the fantastic work done by our Post 16 students along with addressing the global issues and charity work they are involved with. Articles, stories, photos and words of praise are all welcomed by Post 16 teachers to add to and support this new venture.

The Newsletter will be produced on a termly basis and it will be displayed around the School so that ALL students and staff can keep up to date with our Post 16 events. So keep your eyes open for this and when you see it, have a read!!

**Mrs Leonard**  
Post 16 Co-ordinator



## Blood Brothers

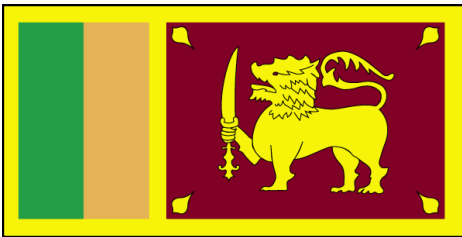
'It doesn't matter, the whole thing's just a game...'

One rainy night in early February, over 140 Year 11s and 10 staff donned their finery, stocked up on sweets and went to the Lyceum theatre to watch Blood Brothers, Willie Russell's timeless musical and one of the GCSE English Literature texts. An enthralling mix of Scouse wit, classic songs and devastating tragedy, the play tells the story of Mrs Johnstone, a working-class mother in 1960s Liverpool who, upon learning her 8<sup>th</sup> child is actually twins, makes a pact with her rich but childless employer to give her one of the babies in secret. Despite the mothers' best efforts to keep the boys separate, they meet and become best friends. Sadly though their lives take different paths, with Eddie, a 'friggin' poshie', going away to University while Mickey loses his factory job in Russell's savage indictment of the terrible problems the class system creates. The show has been touring for over 20 years, and has been performed all over the world and in 10 different languages. The performance, a first-ever trip to the theatre for some of our students, was a hit, with students and staff enjoying the livewire, baggy-jumpered young Mickey, a sinister, imposing Sammy, and X Factor finalist Niki Evans in the iconic role of Mrs Johnstone. We've all been humming the songs ever since! Well done to all Meadowhead students whose excellent behaviour and clear enjoyment of the performance did the school proud. Many thanks to Ms Clegg, Mrs Cooke and Mrs Flack for organising the trip.

**Mr Beigel**

# Trip of a Lifetime to Sri Lanka!

In February, Mrs Vincent and I interviewed 20 budding Global Ambassadors from Y9. They had all applied for this exciting role to visit our partner school in Balapitiya, South West Sri Lanka, at the end of the summer term with Mr Wilde and Mrs Tomlinson. The trip is funded by our British Council Global schools grant, which helps develop global education links with UK and Southern Hemisphere schools.



Competition was fierce, as most students excelled at interview so in the end we had to put names in a hat. We can now announce that the 4 lucky students selected for the visit are featured in this photo : Mia Fathers, Charlotte Ellender, Daniel Smith and James Neal. Daniel will be leading the Y9 Global Ambassador team and will help them as they prepare for the visit.

They will act as journalists, photographers and videographers whilst visiting the partner school and on their return will raise awareness about the school and this beautiful country to all students in assemblies. They will also help the Sri Lanka students in their English classes, and organise some fundraising events to help the school pay for much needed equipment.

We would like to wish them luck in their new role and look forward to seeing their work on our partner school around school in the Autumn term!

## Miss Allen



# Meadowhead School Production 2011

## "Teechers"- By John Godber



**The Cast:** Bethany Postle, Alex Fox, Jacob Smith, Ben Jackson, Tom Holmes, Rachel Green, Laura Green, Dominic Slater, Ben Williamson, Katie Mackinder, Mia Fathers, Ethan Carley, Joe O'Reilly, Daniel Mitchell, Dani Woolley, Liam Jones, Rebecca Lee, Billi Golland, Rebecca Gallagher-Webb, Nicole Butler, Megan Jones, Daisy Johnson, James Hall, Ben Feeney Godbehere, Jacob D'Souza Kelly.

On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2011 twenty-five talented young actors and actresses performed in Meadowhead School's annual production. This year the chosen play was John Godber's *Teechers*, a comedy about school life, based on the playwright's own experiences of working as a Drama teacher in the 1980s.

During the play the audience are introduced to a wide range of entertaining characters, including the eccentric Headteacher with a passion for am-dram (Laura Green, Y11), the school thug, Oggy Moxon (Ben Williamson, Y11), the young and idealistic Drama teacher, Mr Nixon (Dominic Slater, Y11) and the terrifyingly strict Deputy Head (Ben Jackson, Y9). The story is narrated by three students who are coming to the end of their school careers and are unsure what the future holds for them, Hobby (Nicole Butler, Y11), Gail (Megan Jones, Y11) and Salty (Tom Holmes, Y10).

***"It was a great experience to be part of the school play"- Dominic Slater***



Tom Holmes, Megan Jones and Nicole Butler  
*"Oh, yeh... And it's called Teachers."*

***"I wished it never ended! It was the best experience."- Dani Woolley***

The talented cast worked extremely hard, regularly rehearsing after school and at weekends since the process began back in October 2010. They were a fantastic group to work with and we thoroughly enjoyed rehearsals, especially practising bad teacher dancing, endlessly re-running the tennis match, and shouting "Stop running, Simon Patterson" at the top of our voices!

Thank you to all students, parents and staff who supported us by coming to see the performance and we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!

**Miss Martin and Ms Pollard**

Rebecca Gallagher-Webb and Rebecca Lee  
*"The Christmas dance had all the seriousness of a big disco."*



Dominic Slater, Ben Williamson and Megan Jones  
*"Come on, Sir, Make me get out..."*



*"A whole line of kids wearing anoraks came forward... Mr Nixon looked staggered, he'd been left to deal with PE's cast offs."*

***"It's something you'll never forget, one in a million, a big thumbs up!" –***

***Ben Williamson***

# Meadowhead French Exchange to Montaigu

## 2010-2011



On the 14<sup>th</sup> of October, 17 Y9 students, welcomed into their homes French students from Montaigu in the Vendée. This is the second time Meadowhead has run the Exchange.

The students were shown around the school and went to lessons with their hosts. The French students were pleasantly surprised and particularly enjoyed our cooking lessons and our active way of teaching.

Throughout the week they visited Alton Towers, went to have afternoon tea with our

very own Lord Mayor and on the last day went to visit our feeder Primary School, Lower Meadow.

Our host families really made the French feel welcome by taking them bowling, to football matches, shopping at Meadowhall or even walking in our beautiful Peak District.

On the last evening, all the students were invited to a celebration evening in the 'Café Ole', where all the host families produced a fantastic buffet with handmade cupcakes and a huge amount of appetising French food.

On Thursday morning, the students waved their goodbyes, taking last minute photos and sharing last minute hugs. Since then, the group have been in contact through emails and Facebook and are eager for their return to France.



### Miss Legrée

*'We absolutely loved the French Exchange. The Roller Blading allowed the group to bond as a whole, creating a strong connection for when we go to France. We miss them all so much and just can't wait to see them again. We were all so upset to see them go.'* Phoebe Cox and Brontë Swan 9C and Ella Light 9D

*'This outstanding opportunity was the best week ever and we have all created such great friendships.'*

Rebecca Hallam and Bethany John 9A

# Home and School Association

## Raffles

The Christmas raffle organised by the Home and School Association raised £847. Thank you to all parents and families who supported this. The money will go towards supporting the Phoenix Awards recognising students achievement in school. The winners were:

1st Prize - £100 Meadowhall Voucher - A Gregory

2nd Prize - £75 Meadowhall Voucher - T Dunn

3rd Prize - £50 Meadowhall Voucher - J Jones

James Ferguson from Rich Tone Music kindly donated a guitar and amp worth £200, which were also raffled off just before Christmas and the lucky student was Blake Clover from 7G. Blake has always wanted to own a guitar so was thrilled to hear his name announced as the winner in the Y7 assembly. He is hoping to start guitar lessons soon.

**Mrs Bowker**



## Sainsburys/Tesco Vouchers



We are collecting Sainsburys and Tesco Vouchers this next term to exchange for equipment for school. Please send your vouchers to the Finance Office or Student Reception.

# ECO Club

# 'Green Meadows'



This term saw the start of *Green Meadows*, Meadowhead's very own *Eco Club*.

We have started to work towards gaining our Green Flag award, by monitoring, auditing and actioning different ways we can reduce energy consumption and become an Eco School. We also are going to be developing our very own veggie plot, and looking into recycling.

We have started work on our Veggie plot. We planted potatoes, radishes, basil, onions, and of course flowers for the wild garden area. After 20 trays of seeds, each member had got their hands dirty. Fingers crossed we'll get something sprouting soon....watch this space!

We are hoping in our next session to begin work on our plot and mark it out. The group work well as a team and I am sure this will be done in no time at all! We even have our very own greenhouse; the far end of the rather underused bike dome!



So who are these eco-warriors, I hear you wonder. Well you can probably identify some from the photos. So far the Green Meadows crew has consisted of Tom Owen, Amy Vardy, Leoni Knox, Emma Vardy, Rose Wittenberg, Maria Faisal, Jodie Scott, Rebecca Slater, Megan Shaw, Georgia Ramsden, Ria Saini and Hollie Robson.

At the moment we meet every other Thursday after school in H12 for digging, discussing, games, movie slot (Wall-e at the moment) and of course, hot (fair trade) chocolate!

If you would like some more details or would like to join in our fun, just speak to me in the Humanities Office or Mr Timms in H12.

**Miss Stoneman**



# Business Studies

## 2011

Since September students from Mrs Tomlinson's Business Studies class have been undertaking a work placement at Graves Park Animal Farm. They have been attending once a week for a block of 10 weeks.

Once at the farm the students are responsible for several key roles which must be undertaken on a weekly basis. These roles included cleaning stables/pens, transporting animals from one location to another, collecting and selling eggs, and to maintain the general upkeep of the farm so the general public have a pleasant experience.



Through attending the farm on a regular basis the students are gaining valuable experience about life in work, whilst improving various other skills such as team work, responsibility and punctuality to name a few.

Due to the professional nature in which all the students have acted whilst at the farm Mrs Tomlinson and all the staff from the Bridge would like to thank the students for their hard work and attitude.

**Mrs Tomlinson**



# Cross Country

A successful year has seen three boys representing Sheffield Schools in the South Yorkshire Schools Cross Country Championships.

Jonathan Shields (left) despite still only being a Y8 took victory in the Junior Boys (Y8/9) to go alongside the Sheffield League title he won in the autumn.

Joe Hibbert (Y8, right) took 6<sup>th</sup> place and both boys claimed automatic selection for South Yorkshire in the English Schools Champs on 19<sup>th</sup> March in Nottingham.  
In the Y7 race Oliver Maltby finished 9<sup>th</sup>.

Rebecca Chambers (Y8) was selected as reserve for the Sheffield team after a good series of league races with a best position of 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Mr Adams**



# Aachen & Cologne 2010

In December, 50 Y7 and Y8 pupils enjoyed a weekend visit to see the Christmas Markets in Aachen and Cologne in northern Germany.

As in previous years in Aachen, pupils got to visit important monuments such as Charlemagne's Cathedral and the Rathaus (Town Hall) and to spend the afternoon perusing the stalls at the magical Christmas market, sampling German food such as Bratwurst (a type of sausage) or Prinzen (the local Aachen gingerbread) and buying traditionally made Christmas decorations, toys or sweets.

In Cologne, pupils spent time climbing the tower of the Cathedral as well as interviewing people outside on the steps of the Cathedral, in German. After more time at two different Christmas markets, we then explored the delights of the Lindt Chocolate Museum and factory.

Once again, our pupils' behaviour, attitudes and enthusiasm were exemplary and I would also like to thank Mrs Cardall, Mr Tibble and Mr Mathers for their outstanding contributions and making this trip such a success.

**Mrs Greaves**



The trip to Germany was great! It was an amazing experience for me. The food was great as well!

**James Read 8L**

The Germany trip was really fun! It was good to try out different phrases that we learnt. The food was really good and the experience of the market was amazing.

**Noah Staton 8L**

The trip was fantastic. There were a lot of things to do like go to the markets and to speak German. Overall it was one of the best trips ever!

**Benjamin Bradshaw 8L**

## KEYBOARD EXAM SUCCESS!

Congratulations to Libby Naylor, Leila Newman and Holly Howard who have all recently passed the **Grade B Preliminary Exam**. Preparing for a music exam is not easy but they all really impressed me with the amount of practice they undertook. They have also been regularly attending the keyboard club which means they'll now be a step closer to achieving a school colours award too. So well done and keep up the good work!

**Mr Wolstenholme**



# Black Lightning

On Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February, in half term, 20 students of Russian met Ms Semp and I for an exclusive cinema preview at the Showroom.

The trip was organised by Sheffield University and the Department of Slavonic Studies. They were giving us an exclusive showing of a Russian film entitled 'Black Lightning' or 'chornaya mol'nia' in Russian. The film is a Hollywood style super hero saga, but has a Russian theme and sub plot. At last there is a Russian film that is exciting, easy to watch, has fantastic special effects and is highly entertaining! Some of the Russian was easy to follow but luckily we had English subtitles!

The story follows a handsome Russian student who is given an old battered Volga car by his father but it turns out to have special powers and can fly! As a result he saves Muscovites from crime, evil and disaster; very Spiderman! Predictably, the man gets the girl he loves and all live happily ever after! I would certainly recommend this film to all our students.



After the film some of the final year students from the University showed us some short films they had made whilst they were on their year abroad in Russia. These were also very entertaining and gave an insight into life in this fascinating country. There followed a question and answer session and our students asked some very interesting and pertinent questions.



Mrs Smith

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# Battlefields 2011 Trip



This term the Y9s were given the opportunity to visit the Battlefields in Belgium as part of the History course. 44 students and 5 teachers travelled to Ypres in Belgium and the surrounding areas to experience first hand exactly what happened and to see the consequences of the First World War for themselves.

When we arrived our tour leader Ian painted a vivid picture of the landscape the British Soldiers faced as they stepped off their boats from 'Blighty'.



The German Cemetery at Langemark was our first stop, the students were amazed to discover that below their feet were the bodies of thousands of German Soldiers buried in a mass grave. It was an incredibly moving place.



The photo above is from Langemark– Hitler once stood next to these statues



The thing I enjoyed the most is the graveyard., because I got to see how many people defended France and Russia from Germany. I also enjoyed seeing what weapons they used, how big the gun shells are, what clothes they wore and how they lived in the trenches.

By Katherine Wildgoose 9B

We were given the opportunity to literally step into the past when we visited a Yorkshire trench that had only been recently excavated. It was incredible as the students were able to walk along an actual trench line that a hundred years ago men from our country were fighting and standing in the exact same spot!



I really enjoyed Belgium because when we went to the museums and saw all the things that had been found from years ago. It was really interesting to see what they used. I liked that we got to see the actual places where the soldiers used to be like the 'Yorkshire Trench'. Overall this trip was amazing and being with my friends made it even better!

**By Alex Williams 9I**

The tour then proceeded to the beautiful town of Ypres. The students visited the local museum and took advantage of the time to sample some local delicacies, which of course included buying some lovely Belgium chocolate and I think one of our generous students purchased a 3ft chocolate rabbit for his mum!



Our visit concluded fittingly with the Tyne Cot Cemetery. The sight of the rows upon rows of British and Commonwealth graves never fail to impress upon people, and highlight the sheer pointlessness and horror of the First World War.

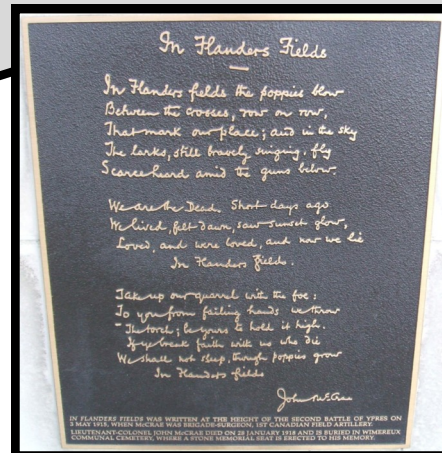
This trip was truly an eye-opener. To see the severe amounts of destruction caused by WW1, it gave us all an insight to the lives of people living then and it made me realise how unbelievably lucky we are today to not have these conflicts going on around us.

Even as a keen historian, I have to mention some of the other fun parts as well!

The ferry was extremely nice, the cabins despite their size were great and food was delicious! We all have many fond and funny memories of this trip and I for one, found this to be one of the best experiences of my life. But all that aside this trip wouldn't have been possible without the staff who helped organise it. So I want to give a huge thank you to them for giving us a holiday of a lifetime!

**Laura Cowley 9D**

The trip was a valuable experience for the Y9 students and they conducted themselves superbly throughout. Ian our guide for the day commented on what a pleasure they were to lead around the Battlefields and Mr Cutts, Mr Quibell, Mr Affleck, Mrs Lewis and Miss Stoneman were greatly impressed by the maturity in which the Year 9s conducted themselves! Well Done Everyone!



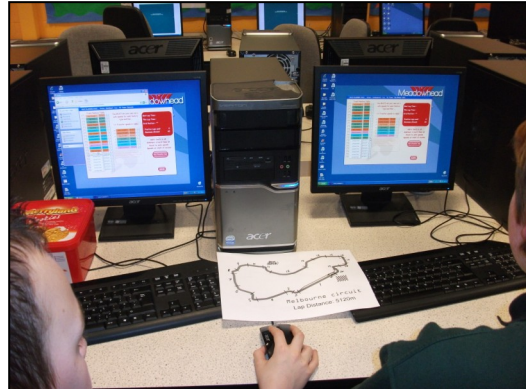
# Maths in Motion

Maths in Motion is a club which allows pupils to race against each other for the glory of being the top racing driver in school.



It has been an exciting start and we have enjoyed some fast paced practice races. We will be starting a new league after Easter, so come and have a go if you think you're fast enough!

Pupils need to be able to use their skills to calculate speeds around the track and tune their engines to ensure they beat the other pupils. Everybody needs to work out the details of the race to make sure they have a pit stop before they run out of fuel and that they have the right tyres on for the conditions.



The club takes place on Tuesdays, 3pm - 4pm in M10.



Post16 students Michael Fazakerley, Ben Nicholson, John Wilks & Jack Oxspring recently tested their sports writing leadership skills by assisting Y6 and Y7 students complete match reports.



## Post 16 Offer Budding Sports Journalists a Helping Hand

### Football Writers' Workshop

As part of the burgeoning Trust Partnership, Y7 boys from Meadowhead and Y6 boys from our local feeder schools participated in a project geared towards football journalism. The boys participated in writing workshops and were taken to Bramall Lane to

watch the ailing Sheffield United suffer an all too familiar hollow defeat against Norwich. Using the notes they made at the game, they wrote up their match reports, assisted by Y12 boys. The older students were very proactive with their advice, quick to offer factual information and almost poetic in their command of choice footballing verbs ('flummoxed' and 'bamboozled' were particularly popular when describing the involvement of Blades keeper, Simonsen). Thanks to the Y12 boys who gave their time and to Mr Clark, Mr Beigel and Mr Sockett for helping out with the session.



**Mr Taylor**

# Visitors from Palestine

We all know how wise men came from the East to visit Bethlehem 2000 years ago. Well now four more wise men and three wise women have come from the East (near Bethlehem to be precise) to visit Meadowhead.

In a British Council project to forge international links, teachers from North Derbyshire and South Yorkshire have already visited a number of schools in Palestine. In early March we helped to host the return visit of teachers and administrators from Jerusalem and other cities in that region.



Our visitors presented a power point display about their land, its sights and culture and its troubled recent history and politics. They visited a number of classes and answered many of our pupils' questions about school life, marriage and families, religion and lifestyle. Perhaps because it was nearing lunch time, but 7D also became obsessed by questions and slides on Palestinian food!

For those of you who don't know, our students discovered, amongst other things:

- ...that the problems stem from Jews and Palestinians wanting the same homeland.
- ...that the Palestinians are a mixture of Christians and Muslims.
- ...that some of the Palestinian area is surrounded by a 10 metre high wall.
- ...that they have up to 50 perfectly behaved pupils in a classroom.
- ...that mixed marriages can happen if one partner (usually the woman) converts to the other religion.
- ...that they eat much more beetroot than we do!

Our hope is that in the future, Y9 Meadowhead students will exchange emails, power point presentations, and other information with Palestinian teenagers, so that both may learn more about another country and another culture.

**Mr Timms**

# German Exchange

## 2010

Now in its third year, the first part of our German exchange with our partner school "Gymnasium auf der Karthause" in Koblenz was another success.

We welcomed 11 pupils aged 14-16 and their two teachers, who stayed with host families for one week at the end of September. Even before the arrival, all pupils had been in contact with their exchange partners over the summer and had started to form good relationships.

As well as days in school with their hosts, our visitors braved the rain and went on a tour of Sheffield. They enjoyed the Peace Gardens, Millenium Galleries, the town centre and Weston Park.

Fortunately, the weather picked up for our guests to enjoy their trip to the Peak District. After exploring Castleton, they went on to Chatsworth, where they even got to have their photos taken for the Chatsworth brochure!



We all enjoyed our joint day trip to York. Everyone explored the York Minster and discovered more about the Vikings at the Jorvik Centre.

The weekend was spent with the host families and a wide range of activities had been planned for the German pupils, including a trip to London and Manchester, Alton Towers, Meadowhall and the sea side.

When the German pupils had to leave the next day after a week it was as if lifelong friends were saying good-bye to each other, judging by the amount of tears and hugs, as most pupils had formed close friendships. Fortunately, it is not too long before we will return the visit in May and some pupils even want to visit each other again before that.

It is always great to see when a trip or exchange runs successfully and it has been another satisfying experience to see young people connect so well inter-culturally.

A big thank you to all the pupils for being so enthusiastic and also to their parents for encouraging their children and enabling them to participate in this experience.



**Mrs Kelly**

"The German exchange was really good. I'm so looking forward to going back to Germany in May!"

Clara Percival, Y8

"They spoke excellent English and understood most of what we said. We got on really well and did lots of things together. I miss my exchange partner and can't wait to see her again!"

Rachel Green, Y8



# Champions League

A month ago, I had a dream come true and fulfilled every school boy's lifetime ambition.

On 24th February, I received a phone call from Adidas to say I had won a Champions League competition to carry the match ball onto the pitch at White Hall Lane for the Tottenham v AC Milan Champions League Cup Title on Wednesday 9th March.

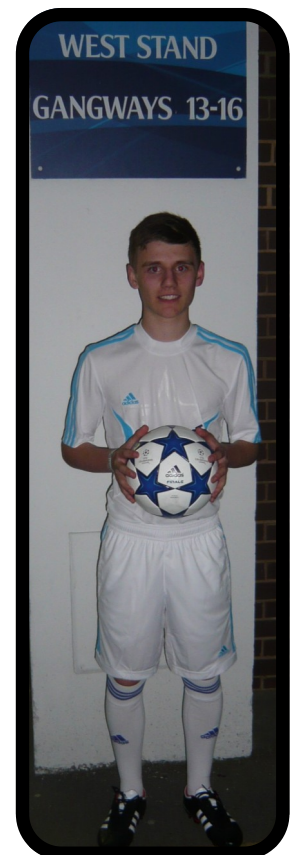
At first I thought it was a prank call and was so speechless on the phone that they told me to ring back at midday once the news had sunk in!

I was told that all expenses were paid for including train tickets to London and an overnight stay in a hotel. When I arrived in London, everything seemed to be surreal. At Kings Cross I tried to take a photo of the Olympic Rings in the train station but I nearly dropped the camera as I was shaking so much!

On arrival at White Hart Lane, I was taken to the UEFA office where I was given my Adidas kit and boots. The best part was meeting some of the football stars—Clarence Seedorf, Peter Crouch, Aaron Lennon, Zlatan Ibrahimovic, Mathieu Plamini and my favourite of them all, Gareth Bale.

However, my greatest moment was when I had put the kit on and held the match ball for the first time. Walking out on the pitch in front of all the fans with the match ball was sensational and is something I will never forget for the rest of my life.

**Oliver Tracey 11H**



# School Website - Parents Section

Do you want to find out the school term dates?

See what after school activities are available for your child?

Find out more about what happens at Meadowhead School?

Welcome to the recently updated parents section of our website. Here, we hope you will find information that will help you keep up to date with what is happening at Meadowhead School.

To access our website please search for us using an internet search engine or type [vle.meadowhead.sheffield.sch.uk](http://vle.meadowhead.sheffield.sch.uk)

We appreciate your feedback. If there is anything you would like to see on our website, contact us via the school enquiries email and we will try to incorporate your ideas.

## 'My child' data

If you have a child at Meadowhead, we provide a data service that can be accessed through the school website by clicking the 'my data' link in the parents section.

Here you will be able to view information relating to your child's attendance, behaviour, rewards, and attainment grades/ levels.

This service requires a unique password and username for each child.

If you do not have yours yet, or have had issues accessing the site, then please contact the school via the enquiries email on our website and one of our team will be happy to assist you

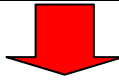
# Student Voice at Meadowhead

Students at Meadowhead have always been encouraged to make their views and ideas known. Last year, the Student Voice programme gave the students a much bigger role by having students lead the School council meetings- renamed by the students as The VOTeS Group (Voices of the Students). We've included a summary of how Student Voice works at Meadowhead. We'll keep you posted about the coming year's activities.

Each **Learning Management (Form) Group** elects two **Class Representatives** to send to their **Year Council Meeting**.



Every half term, each year group has their own **Year Council Meeting**. This is attended by the 24 **Class Representatives** - two from each Learning Management group. Each **Year Council** elects two **Year Representatives** to act as **Chairperson** and **Vice Chairperson**. The group discusses the ideas, suggestions and concerns of their Learning Management groups.



Each year group sends their two **Year Representatives** to the **VOTeS** group (**Voices Of The Students**)



## VOTeS

The **VOTeS** group meetings are attended by the ten elected **Year Representatives** and by five **Nominated Representatives** (nominated by **The Heads of School**). The **VOTeS** group elect a **Chairperson** and **Vice Chairperson** to serve for a year.



The **VOTeS** group then discusses issues raised in the **Year Council Meetings** and then takes **action**.



Our students recently took part if the UK Youth Parliament Elections. All students from years 7-12 were given the opportunity to vote for one of two local candidates. The turnout from our voters was as usual very high. Meadowhead students have a great reputation within Sheffield for excellent participation in such events.

**Mr Ridley   Mr Eastwood**

# Post 16

## Student Profiles

Name:  
RACHEL ROEBUCK

What subjects are you currently studying?  
*"Maths, History, Sociology, Applied ICT"*

Why did you choose to study these?  
*"Enjoyed these subjects at GCSE and would be useful for future career choices"*

How have you found the subjects so far?  
*"I have found them harder than GCSE and there is considerably more homework"*

How have you found Post 16 at Meadowhead so far?  
*"Really great and good for keeping in touch with friends!"*

What opportunities have you undertaken out of lesson time?  
*"I helped out at the Post 16 Evening and I have done Child Protection Training with Mrs Christie"*

What advice would you give to other student thinking of staying on at Meadowhead in Post 16?  
*"Achieve a good understanding of the subjects before choosing"*



Name:  
LAURA BINGHAM

What subjects are you currently studying?  
*"History, Media Studies, Business Studies, English Literature"*

Why did you choose to study these?  
*"I always liked my Media and History lessons"*

How have you found the subjects so far?  
*"I have found them harder than I expected, especially English. There is a lot of work involved with taking 4 subjects but they will give me great career prospects"*

How have you found Post 16 at Meadowhead so far?  
*"It's good. I'm mainly at Norton in the week but it's nice to be able to come back to the common room for dinner"*

What opportunities have you undertaken out of lesson time?  
*"I did Child Protection training with Mrs Christie"*

What advice would you give to other student thinking of staying on at Meadowhead in Post 16?  
*"Consider what you enjoy and how much time you will be willing to leave aside for studying"*



Name:  
JAKE LEDGER

What subjects are you currently studying?  
*"Business Studies, History, ICT"*

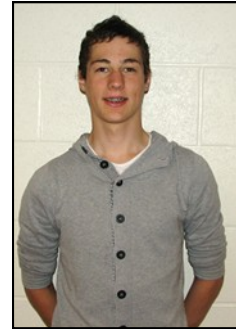
Why did you choose to study these?  
*"ICT is essential to most jobs, History I always enjoyed and I chose Business Studies as I wanted to try something new and the subject sounded very appealing"*

How have you found the subjects so far?  
*"All of the subjects are very different from one another so it is good to have a varied timetable and I am enjoying all my lessons"*

How have you found Post 16 at Meadowhead so far?  
*Post 16 is a lot different from all the other years. It is a big step up from GCSE but it is very enjoyable"*

What opportunities have you undertaken out of lesson time?  
*"I am arranging activities in school for Comic Relief along with some other students"*

What advice would you give to other student thinking of staying on at Meadowhead in Post 16?  
*"Research what you want to do and consider all your options"*



# Faith in Leadership

On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February myself and 5 other Post 16 students were given the unique opportunity to travel to London and participate in the Faith in Leadership scheme.

Faith in Leadership enables students to voice their beliefs, concerns and opinions held by their contemporaries to integral members of society such as religious leaders and bankers. Having only a month to prepare we attended after school sessions where we developed the art of public speaking. On the day itself I was given the task of hosting the event, this included introducing each member of the panel and chairing a pressing question and answer session. We performed magnificently and as a result received a standing ovation before mingling with the distinguished crowd.



*From left to right: Jonathon Crabtree, Krish Raval, Dan Smith, Oliver Scott, Connor Grantham, Brad Marshall and Gokturk Demir*

We would all like to thank our mentor Krish Raval for all his help and support.

**Oliver Scott Y12**

# Girls Football

## Under 13

This team have done exceptionally well this year. We managed to get to the last 16 in the country of the National Cup, beating teams from Rotherham, Leeds and Nottingham. Our quarter final match was against a team from Gainsborough, who were very well drilled and had a very good reputation. Unfortunately, we lost this last match, but that did not halt the enthusiasm of the players as we entered the South Yorkshire competition. Our first match was won easily and that put us through to the semi final. Here we played against Winterhill School. The match was evenly contested and the eventual score was 4-3 to Meadowhead. This means we are in the Final of this competition and due to play on April 5th at Balby Carr. A special thanks must go to Mr Allen (the teaching assistant), who has now left, who ran the training sessions each week for the team.



We wish all the girls the best of luck for the South Yorkshire Final.

Under13 team. Abi Lee (capt), Grace Eggleshaw, Georgia Skitt, Olivia Atkinson, Ellie Day, Molly Pearson, Natalie Jackson, Ella Jenkinson, Ella Jones, Shivani Kotak, Harriet Hunter, Lauren Bennett, Estelle Smith, Louisa McKenna, Emma Levick, Caitlynn Latham,

## Under 15

A very successful season for this team. They managed to reach the last 16 of the National Cup competition, narrowly missing out to a team from Merseyside, who beat Meadowhead on a penalty shoot out. We are still in the South Yorkshire competition and are due to play our semi final match very soon. All the players have been a credit to the school and have improved their play throughout the season. Well done girls.

Under15 team- Jess Lee (capt), Jasmine Hoey, Lauren Morley, Evie Gilmour, Joanne Makinson, Olivia Wade, Olivia Wellum, Em Allen, Georgia Simons, Katie Sims, Beth Adcock, Georgina Allen, Beth Semple, Rachel Utley.

**Miss Dunbar**

### **Count Me In!**

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If you're on Free School Meals  
come and see  
Mrs Maleham – Pupil Reception  
Ms Huff – Main School Office  
0114 2372723 Ext 300**



# Y7 Five-a-side Football

## National Finals

### And North of England Champions!

Congratulations to the Y7 boys Five-a-side football team on being crowned the North of England Champions and becoming 3rd in the National Finals at Derby! The boys journey started in the local round held at Meadowhead School where the team won all three fixtures without conceding a goal. The next round was the County Finals played at Sheffield United Academy in January. Meadowhead won the tie 3-0 qualifying for the Region A - North of England Finals. The Powerleague Soccerdome in Newcastle was the next destination where the boys would face the winners of five other counties. The team performed outstandingly from start to finish going undefeated again scoring 14 goals and conceding only 3. This qualified the team to represent the North in the National Finals on Monday 7th March.

Pride Park was the last leg of this young team's journey, where they would be tested against the best 8 schools in England. The boys lost their first game despite dominating possession but picked themselves back up with a fantastic 6-1 win in the next match. This left them needing only a draw to qualify as one of the top 4 teams in the country, after dominating once again and comfortably securing qualification. The Semi Final had Meadowhead draw against a school from Stockport who were boasting 2 Manchester United players, one Manchester City player and an Oldham Academy player. The boys were so unlucky to narrowly lose 2-1 having hit the woodwork twice to be denied. The team eventually finished 3rd in the country which is a wonderful achievement!

From the beginning to the end of this competition the students not only demonstrated fantastic ability but impeccable attitude and decorum. A massive well done from a very proud coach!!

#### Mr Allen



# Comic Relief



We raised **£2101.61!!!**



Activities included:

- Wear Red Day
- Rowathon
- Car Wash
- Y7 Readathon
- Bun Sale



Thank you to everyone who took part!

**Mrs Bowker**

