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## THE TRUST CHOIR AT ITS BEST



This year's Trust choir was the biggest and best yet. Over 175 students from **all** the Trust schools came together to celebrate, have fun and enjoy two evenings of singing to packed audiences. It was fantastic to see children from as young as eight all the way up to seventeen (in our sixth form) performing together.

The show started with the whole Trust Choir assembling on a specially built stage to perform 'Proud'. Each school then performed two songs that had been specially prepared for the evening. The students had worked really hard on their choreography as well as their songs and playing the air guitar seemed to be popular!

The event had an Olympic theme this year and the second full Trust choir song 'Shine' was taken from the opening ceremony of the 2000 Sydney Olympic games. All the schools were winners at this event each receiving a framed photograph of the choir to display in their school. Money raised will go to support projects to boost literacy and numeracy within our community.

Steve Roberts (from BBC's 'Sing Live' fame) did a great job in conducting the choir again this year and commented "I believe the choir is a strong symbol of community for the Trust and I hope that it continues to grow and improve as it develops and takes shape". He is already planning and working on making next year's event even better.

Thank you to all the students, staff, parents and businesses that supported the event this year.

### Mr Eastwood



# 'A Streetcar Named Desire'

We set off from Meadowhead at 3pm with the target of reaching the Liverpool Playhouse Theatre by 5:30pm, although being on the coach didn't bother anyone as there was a constant chatter throughout as always on school trips.

We were supposedly dropped off at the theatre but after a few minutes of wandering around we were unable to find it until a local Liverpoolian gave us the grimacing news that

we were 15 minutes away. We had to reach the theatre in 10 minutes to make the start of the play so this began the mad dash through Liverpool to try and get there in time. Onlookers seemed surprised at the sight of a whole class streaking past them.

Safely inside the theatre, we then had to wait 10 minutes before we could enter the auditorium so that we wouldn't disturb the audience while the play was going on. Finally in the packed audience, we began watching the 2 hour and 45 minute play featuring Amanda Drew (playing Blanche DuBois) and Sam Troughton (playing Stanley Kowalski). The play really helped our understanding of how the characters acted and what their personalities were like. With Stella, you could see how happy she was with Stanley even though he hits her. The day after she and Blanche are discussing the incident and Blanche is really pushing the fact they shouldn't be there and Stella defends Stanley stating "He was as good as a lamb when he came back". Whereas Blanche was quite morbid and you could see her paranoia creeping in slowly throughout the play, especially when Stanley had told Stella about Blanche's misdoings from the past as when Stanley left the room she kept questioning Stella "What did he say about me?".

With the play finished we left the theatre to begin our long trip home, finally arriving back in Sheffield at 11pm where our parents were waiting to collect their tired but happy children even though we were unenthusiastic at the fact of waking up early the next day for school.

Alex Ellis, 12C



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## Meadowhead Maths Challenge

Our second student and parents Maths Challenge was hosted in the Learning Resource Centre by Mrs Myers, Advanced Skills Teacher. This learning experience was for Year 7 students and their parents in normal lesson time. The event was in two parts, first a classroom lesson with parents and students working together to solve maths problems and discovering the structure of numbering. The second part was in the LRC IT suite where parents and students logged onto "My Maths" providing an opportunity to explore together and experiment with on line resources.



Mr Sockett

# German Christmas Markets 2011

In December, 40 Y7 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). At the magical Christmas market, they sampled German food such as Bratwurst (a type of sausage) and Prinzen (the local Aachen gingerbread), and bought traditionally made Christmas decorations, toys or sweets.

In Cologne, pupils spent time climbing the tower of the cathedral as well as interviewing people in German outside on the steps of the cathedral. 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 Furniss and Mathias for their outstanding contributions, making this trip such a success.

**Mrs Greaves**



*"The Germany trip was great! We learned loads and had so much fun!! We learned lots about German food, landmarks, German culture and the language. We even had time to go around the Lindt chocolate museum. The chocolate was delicious. Germany is a beautiful country especially at Christmas with all the lights, decorations and the Christmas Markets. We would all go again, why don't you....?"*

**Charlotte Bradwell and Abigail McGourlay 7G**

## Tesco and Sainsburys Vouchers

Please bring your vouchers into the student reception at school.



# SPORTS CAREERS' DAY



On 1<sup>st</sup> of February instead of doing our usual BTEC Sport lesson with Ms Dunbar, we had a visit from the Head of Community at Sheffield United, Sue Beeley. She came to give us more information about how sport could offer a wide range of jobs such as sports engineering, sport fashion and web designing. We compared the skills and qualities you would need to be a manager in football or a sports reporter. She also gave information on what qualifications we would need to get the various jobs in sport. As we do a sport course it gave us more of an understanding into where our sports course could lead us and

that it does actually open doors for numerous career opportunities. She gave us help filling in a CV and explained the different parts of the CV to fill in to help us to apply for jobs in the future. She gave us an application form to fill in to apply for the opportunity to do a four day work placement down at Bramall Lane.

These placements included working alongside the Club Shop Manager, helping out with coaching as a Community Coach, working alongside the Groundsmen to ensure that the playing surface and surrounding areas are maintained to a high standard and the final placement was working alongside the current Stadium Managers to make sure the grounds are welcoming and safe for all of the people who come to the Sheffield United stadium for events and matches.

I know that the majority if not all of our BTEC Sport class have applied for at least one of the placements. We think this is a brilliant opportunity for us. We gained quite a lot of information and help about the opportunities which a sport course opens up. We know how to fill in a CV and appreciate the amount of competition that we will come up against while applying for jobs in the future. All in all our class enjoyed this experience and we are grateful to Sue for coming in to our lesson.



**Abbie Marshall 11D and Olivia Wade 11L**

## HERBERT HUGHES MEMORIAL BOOK PRIZE

Well done to Hannah Markay in my Year 12 Spanish A level group! She won a prize in the Herbert Hughes Memorial Prize competition which was set by the University of Sheffield. Many students from the Yorkshire region, from lots of different schools applied! Students from around the region had to sit a written exam in the exam hall at the University. Congratulations and Well Done to Hannah.

**Miss Renshaw**

# Student Investor Challenge

For the last few years, students from Meadowhead School have taken part in the annual Student Investor Challenge. This is the UK's premier national investment competition run by the IFS School of Finance – an organisation whose aim is to promote a better understanding of finance.

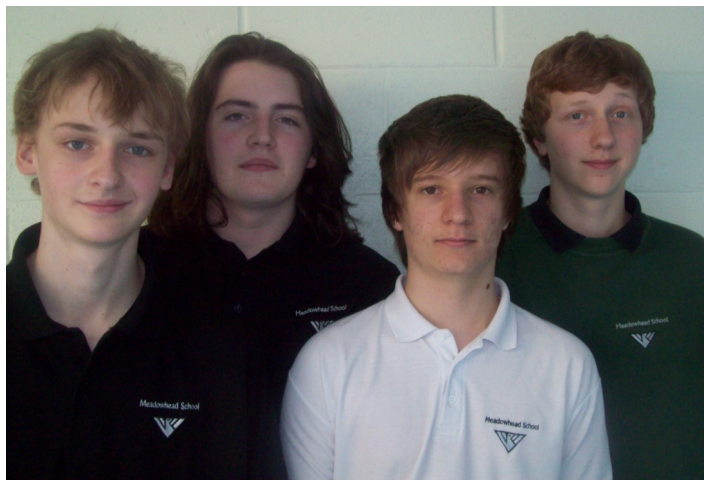
Teams of four students aged between 14 and 19 have a virtual £100,000 to invest in stocks and shares and use a dedicated web site to trade shares using real data updated every 15 minutes. The teams compete over a period of 3 months to try to make the biggest profit overall.

Teachers can also take part, although they are not themselves eligible for prizes. There was no danger of me winning any prizes anyway, even though I managed to make a profit for the first time ever – the princely sum of £21.47. One of our student teams, however, performed exceptionally well this year and team 'ILLUMINATI' made an outstanding profit of £22,729. Team members Tom Champion, Alex Murray, Jonathan Saunders and Mark South in Year 11 put in a sterling effort and finished the competition in 15<sup>th</sup> place overall. This was out of over 9000 teams who entered. They were also 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in our region – covering North Wales and the Midlands.

The next stage of the competition sees our team taking part in the regional finals in Birmingham at the end of March where they will take part in a one day competition when the 20 teams will each try to prove they know the most about financial matters. The regional finals will involve them working in their team to answer a variety of questions based on economics and finance. The winners from the four regional finals then take part in the national final.

The overall winners of the challenge get a week long, all-expenses paid trip to New York for themselves - and their teacher! There is also £2000 prize money for the school and £200 for each team member. There are also big money prizes for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> placed teams.

So there is a lot at stake and the lads have got a big challenge ahead of them. I am looking forward to the regional finals and seeing our team showing the other teams what they know. I am immensely proud of the lads for doing so well and congratulate them for their astute investments and doing so well against some of the top schools in the country.



New York here we come!

**Mr. Nunn**

Mark, Tom, Jonathan and Alex

# In the Country

Jonathan Shields has remained unbeaten throughout the cross country season winning all 5 league matches, the City Schools Championships and the South Yorkshire Schools Championships.

Joe Hibbert was never outside the top 3 in the Sheffield competitions taking 2<sup>nd</sup> in the league and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the City Championships. In the County Championship he took 7<sup>th</sup> place and joins Jonathan in the South Yorkshire team for the English Schools Championships.

Oliver Maltby was our team scorer (12th in the City Championships) and also represented Sheffield in the South Yorkshire Championships.

Michael Thompson completed the team with a best position of 17<sup>th</sup>. These four runners made a great team and were neck and neck with Tapton throughout the season but eventually finished 2nd in both the League and City Championships.

Becky Chambers and Olivia Martin raced consistently throughout the year both gaining selection to represent Sheffield.



Becky Chambers, Joe Hibbert, Jon Shields & Oliver Maltby

# On the Road

Two of our race walkers travelled to the Isle of Man to represent England against Ireland. National champion Jack Leversidge competed in the competition for the second time and made it two wins out of two producing his best ever time of 11.02 for 2km.



Jack Leversidge

For Becky Chambers this was the fourth time she has competed for the English team and on every occasion she has produced her personal best time, on this occasion chopping 17 secs off her 3km best with 17.02 mins. She was just 10 seconds behind the two leading Irish girls in 4<sup>th</sup> place.



Number 14 Becky Chambers

Mr Adams

# Trampolining Successes

At the Sheffield Schools Trampolining Championships on Sunday 4th March over 300 pupils from Sheffield Schools competed at the All Saints Sports Centre, Norfolk Park Road, Sheffield.

Meadowhead entered 7 teams and had the following successes.

## Under 13s Girls Novice

Imani Ridsdale—1st

## Under 13s Girls Novice Team

Meadowhead—2nd

- Imani Ridsdale
- Abigail Sendel
- Ellie Glover
- Isabelle Senior



## Under 15s Girls Closed

Robyn Hewston—1st

Megan Kaye—3rd

## Under 15s Girls Closed Team

Meadowhead—City Champions

- Robyn Hewston
- Beth Pearson
- Harriet Hewston



# SOUTH YORKSHIRE FINALS

The following sports teams are through to the South Yorkshire Finals:

## Rugby

The Under 13, Under 14 and Under 16 Rugby Teams have qualified for the Yorkshire Finals on Wednesday 20th April at Dinnington Rugby Club.



## Girls Football

The Under 13 and Under 15 Girls Football are through to the South Yorkshire Finals at Balby Carr School on Tuesday 27th March.



## Boys Football

Both the Y7 and Y8 boys football teams have qualified for the South Yorkshire Finals at Balby Carr School in Doncaster on Wednesday 28th March.

**WELL DONE MEADOWHEAD!!!**

# Meadowhead Under 12 Football

We have played many amazing matches which have produced superb performances from the players. We have won every single match. Here are all the results we've had and who the MAN OF THE MATCH was:

- Meadowhead v Notre Dame: 8-1 MOTM: Harrison Raynor
- Birley v Meadowhead: 2-3 MOTM: Joseph Newman-Billington
- Meadowhead v Winter Hill: 5-1 MOTM: Caelan Bradley
- Ecclesfield v Meadowhead: 1-2 MOTM: Harry Grimmer
- Meadowhead v Notre Dame: 2-1 MOTM: Ted Claxton
- Birley v Meadowhead: 0-2 MOTM: Ethan Holloway
- Meadowhead v Ashton on Mersey: 4-3 MOTM: Max Fisher
- Wales High School v Meadowhead: 1-10 MOTM: Aaron Mushet
- Meadowhead v Halesbury: 2-1 MOTM: Charlie Wheatley

We have been praised by numerous different managers of school teams telling us what a great team we are. We qualified for North of England Finals in February. Here is an account of our successful journey.

## **Reaching the 5-a-side North of England finals**

On Monday 16th January, Mr Allen took seven Y7s to Chaucer school to compete in a 5-a-side indoor football tournament knowing that if they won, they'd progress into the North of England finals.

The first of the two matches was against Chaucer school. Meadowhead started excellently and raced into a 3-0 lead at half time with goals from Eesan Mohammed(2) & Caelan Bradley. They continued to dominate so won the match 5-3 with Aaron Mushet & Joseph Newman-Billington scoring the other goals.

Notre Dame then beat Chaucer which meant we had to at least draw against Notre Dame to go through. Despite going 1-0 down, Meadowhead kept their heads before breaking into a 4-1 lead thanks to strikes from Ehsan Mohammed (2), Aaron Mushet & Will Roberts. Notre Dame did pull 2 goals back but it was too little, too late as Meadowhead powered into the north of England finals!

After the match, Mr Allen named Ted Claxton (goalkeeper) & Aaron Mushet men of the match because Ted made some brilliant, crucial saves and Aaron was on hand to score just when we needed a vital goal.



# The Best Y7 Team In Sheffield!!!



## North of England 5-a-side Finals

The North of England Final was on Friday 3rd February—the same day as Kingswood. While the rest of Y7 set off to Kingswood, we travelled up to Newcastle to represent South Yorkshire Schools in the North of England Finals.

We played very well and finished 4th and Mr Allen is very proud of our achievement.

Looking at the season Meadowhead have had so far, you can do nothing but compliment the team. We are South Yorkshire 5-a-side Champions as well as Sheffield 6-a-side Champions.

We are in the South Yorkshire finals *and* League winners, winning every game. We were knocked out in the final stages of the National Cup in one of the tightest matches ever seen! .

And finally.....

If you don't believe we are the best Y7 team in Sheffield, then you can come and watch some of our home matches after school. If you wish to know when they are, just ask Mr Allen in PE—the best football coach in the city!

**Joseph Newman-Billington 7D**

# Grimm Tales

8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>  
February  
2012

Meadowhead's 2012 production was a collection of six tales written by the famous Grimm brothers. The committed cast had been rehearsing since October often staying in school as late as 6pm and even coming in on Saturdays. However, anyone who watched the performance would agree that the time and effort paid off. Our students successfully became storytellers and took the captivated audience members on a journey through the forest, meeting witches, dragons, lions, hedgehogs and wolves along the way.

In an ensemble piece, such as Grimm Tales, there is nowhere for the actors to hide and energy, focus and characterisation are really put to the test. The decision to stage the play in the round added a further challenge for the actors as they found themselves just centimetres away from the audience, often looking them directly in the eye! Our students coped with the pressure of this performance style like professionals.

Thank you to the twenty Y7-Y11 students who made such an ambitious piece of Drama come to life.

Mrs Bayarri



**“I really enjoyed working as an ensemble. The work was challenging but seriously worth it! I am happy that I joined the cast and very pleased with the outcome of the play.”**

**– Bethany Reed, Y11**





**“I thought it was awesome working with people I had never met before”-Leoni Knox, Y8**

**“The style of the piece was completely different so seeing it come together was even more rewarding” - Billi Golland, Y11**

**“Grimm Tales was a really great experience as it was like nothing I had done before. Everyone was so lovely and worked together well.” – Maisie Saywell, Y11**

**“It was an enjoyable experience and although hard work it really paid off!” – Jake Snell, Y8**

**“I have made new friends and come on in Drama with lots of new skills. I loved every minute of it.”- Emily Austin, Y8**



**Back row:** Ms Pollard, Lucy Hindmarch, Maisie Saywell. Leoni Knox, Beth Reed, Ruby Bowler, Adam Ryan, James Neal, Scott Johnson, Chiara Tolley, Jake Snell, Mrs Bayarri  
**Front row:** Billi Golland, Niall Wragg, Liam Jones, Phoebe Cox, Curtis Clapham, Emily Austin, Grace Cook, Bronte Hobson, Ben Jackson

# Kingswood—Y7 2012

On Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, five coaches full of 224 excited Y7 students and 23 (only slightly less excited) Meadowhead staff left school for the journey down to the Staffordshire / Shropshire border. They were heading for the Kingswood Educational Activity Centre for a weekend of planned archery, go karting, zip wiring, abseiling, fencing and climbing with the added unplanned bonus of snowball fighting and snowman making.



Despite the adverse weather conditions a great weekend was had by all. Students were given the opportunity to participate in lots of experiences and these helped to forge a real team spirit. The students were a credit to the school in all the activities and the way they conducted themselves. The Kingswood staff (from the cleaners to the activity leaders) commented on the good impression they had made. Here are some comments from three of the students who went on the visit.

“Kingswood was a fantastic experience. There were over fifteen activities that were fun and exciting, especially the zip wire. The meals were great and warm in the cold weather. In my opinion it was a great experience and I enjoyed every minute. It was the best weekend I’ve ever had.”

**Abigail Whittaker- Hardingham 7D**

“Kingswood was the greatest and most entertaining trip I have ever been on. The best activity, in my opinion, was the power climb, and even though it was snowy and cold I managed to get my feet off the ground. I also enjoyed the zip wire, where we sailed through the air, a lofty 45 feet (13 metres) above the ground. The food was delicious; especially the burger and chips, and the Kingswood team always had something to keep us active. A big “thank you” to all the teachers who joined us for the weekend, and made Kingswood more enjoyable”

**Jack Varga 7K**

“The activities were outstanding, especially the zip wire. If you are afraid of heights, beat it, because you are fully attached and you will NOT fall, I promise. Even the teachers had a go, so that must show that it can hold your weight too. The meals were really nice and warm when you came out of the cold. If I was you I would give Kingswood a try because you will have the weekend of your life.”

**Ellie Hatton 7D**

The Year Seven School Reps presented special thank you gifts in their assembly after returning from Kingswood. They thanked Mrs Christie and Mrs Dixon for all their hard work organising and planning the weekend as well as Mr Mckeown for whipping everyone into shape and making sure things ran smoothly while we were away. Without them the weekend would not have taken place.



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## Money Raised in Memory of Bethany Adcock

A total of £500.28 has been raised in memory of Bethany. This amount has been donated to the following charities in her memory:

- Meningitis Trust
- Sheffield Children's Hospital
- Dogs Trust



# Meadowhead Community Trust Choral Concert

After weeks and weeks of practice, choirs from:

- Abbey Lane
- Bradway
- Greenhill
- Lower Meadow
- Meadowhead
- Norton Free
- Woodseats



performed together on Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th March at Meadowhead School, 7:00pm—8:30pm with the concert having an Olympic theme

Steve Roberts from BBC's "Sing Live" was our guest conductor and we had two fabulous concerts, proving that singing is such a positive motivator and has so many benefits.

We look forward to next year's concert with an even bigger involvement.

## "My Child" Information Online

How to view the latest information about your child's progress at school:

Attendance

Behaviour

Assessments & Reports

Timetable

The screenshot displays the Meadowhead School website interface. At the top, the school's name and logo are visible. A navigation menu includes links for Home, Information, Parents & School, Post 16, Parents, Specialist Status, Adult Classes, STAFF SLG, and Vacancies. The 'Parents' link is circled in red. Below the navigation, the 'Parents Home Page' is shown, featuring a 'Parents Menu' with options like Academy Status Conversion, After School Activities, Bryan Marsden Learning Centre, Email Alerts, Exams, Internet Safety, My Child, Letters Home, My Child, Parents Home Page, Reading For Pleasure, School Meals, School Policies, School Uniform, Timings of the School Day, Work Experience, and Y6 Transition FAQs. The 'My Child' link is circled in red. To the right, the Capita Children's Services login page is shown, with the 'My Child' link circled in red and the login fields for Username and Password highlighted with a red oval.

Log onto the school website <http://vle.meadowhead.sheffield.sch.uk/>, or search for "meadowhead school." Click onto the "Parents" tab, then from the right hand menu select "My Child" This opens the Capita screen for which you will need your unique user name and password. If you have lost your user details or need help or assistance with this please contact "enquiries@meadowhead.sheffield.sch.uk"

Using the My Child area you will be able to access the most up to date and archive information concerning your child's progress at Meadowhead.

# Y10 Geography Trip to the Olympic Stadium 2012

In January, the Y10 students studying Geography took a day trip to the 2012 Olympic Village to find out how hosting the Olympics will benefit people living in England.



We left school early in the morning and there was a coach and 2 minibus loads of us. We had a quick stop at the service station on the way down and arrived shortly after. We picked up a tour guide from a bus terminus in Stratford where the Olympic venue is. We had a tour and saw many of the new stadiums, e.g the Aquatics, the Velodrome and many of the smaller ones, such as the Basketball. We also saw the newly built Athletes Village.

We then left the coach and walked up to the View Tube, which was a viewing platform for the main athletics stadium, which was still under construction. From here, we could see the skyline of the Canary Wharf.

We then went to the newly built Westfield Shopping Centre, where we used questionnaires to ask the public if they thought they would benefit from London hosting the games. All the people we spoke to said that they thought they would.



We left the Westfield Centre and then set off home after a great day of seeing a new infrastructure and hopefully the trip will be of help to those who chose the controlled assessment exam question about the Olympics.

**Tom Hastings 101**



# THE **BIG** CHALLENGE 2012

## **SUCCESS FOR MEADOWHEAD STUDENTS!**

In July 2011 we conducted our own strict Dragons' Den process, interviewing over 60 budding enterprises to select the most innovative business ideas and strong team work ethic amongst mainly Y9 & Y10 students. Only the best ideas and business plans survived the Dragons' grilling to be allowed to enter this year's prestigious enterprise competition. In the end, by September we had 24 teams competing in this year's BIG CHALLENGE – a citywide enterprise challenge where students created their own small business venture with just £25 start-up loan, and compete against other schools in the city for various awards and interim prizes whilst running their businesses between September – March. The overall prize for one lucky winning team is a fabulous 5 day, 5 star trip to DUBAI this year, which is sponsored by DLA piper Global Law firm, based in Sheffield city centre. So, the competition was on with 263 teams from schools and colleges, all fighting to win this trip of a lifetime!



KEY2UNLOCK were the first to win a Highly Commended award at the Xtra 1 competition in November for their original business idea of designing and selling bespoke key rings. In January the same team, managed by Harvey Morton in Y9 also scooped the 1<sup>st</sup> prize of £150 cash investment in the Xtra 2 competition for the best Marketing campaign in their KS3 category!

TAILOR MADE were also awarded a 'Highly Commended' award for their environmentally friendly and fashionable reusable fabric bags business.

We were very pleased to have 14 teams attend our 'final report writing' workshops (assisted by Hallam University students – see photo) to complete and submit their final business reports at the end of February – the most reports from any one school in the city!







KEY2UNLOCK and MADE BY ME @ MEADOWHEAD were selected with only 5 other teams in the KS3 category to be shortlisted to present their business ideas to a panel of Big Challenge judges at the Town Hall on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March. Both teams attended a special 'Presentation' workshop led by Hallam University Business studies students to make sure they knew how to give a professional and polished 'sales pitch'.

The competition was fierce, and judges commented on the high quality of the presentations in the KS3 category overall, but in the end KEY2UNLOCK were the only Meadowhead team to get through to the finals. This means that they have won either 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> prize in their category, AND still qualify for that trip of a lifetime to DUBAI!

We would like to congratulate all teams who entered and submitted final reports – the quality of the reports this year from Meadowhead was excellent, and we wish both Harvey and Gabe Parr of KEY2UNLOCK all the best of luck when they attend the awards ceremony at the Holiday Inn on 27<sup>th</sup> March when they will find out what they have won – good luck lads! We truly hope they will be packing their suitcases for Dubai as they thoroughly deserve to win the BIG ONE!



**Mrs Silverwood**



# Come and taste the holiday lingo or teach yourself one of 19 languages!

**GOING on holiday this year? Want to speak the native language?** Then come and join Meadowhead Language College on April 19<sup>th</sup> for 6 weeks and try our popular Holiday Tasters classes in French, Spanish, Italian and Greek. These courses will arm you with the essential language skills for holidays abroad. Topics covered include: basic greetings, food & drink, numbers and telling the time, travel arrangements, asking for directions, shopping and prices.

Family groups are also welcome and to encourage this, one free child's place (minimum age 10 years) is offered with every paying adult!

**Fancy a NEW interactive & fun computer course to learn a language at YOUR own pace?**

We are offering a special 6 week interactive computer based course to teach your self the basics from a choice of 19 languages in our state of the art language lab! Choose from:

**Arabic, Chinese, Dutch, English, French, German, Greek, Italian, Japanese, Norwegian, Polish, Portuguese, Punjabi, Russian, Spanish, Swedish, Thai, Turkish and Urdu.**

Places for all courses are limited so don't delay and call to enrol today!

**Location:** Meadowhead School, Dyche Lane, Sheffield, S8 8BR

**When:** Thursday evening from 7.00pm until 8.30pm.

**Cost:** £30 for holiday courses / £20 for computer course

**Contact:** Alison Huff – 0114 237 2723 ext 300

**Email:** [languagecollege@meadowhead.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:languagecollege@meadowhead.sheffield.sch.uk)

A promotional poster for language classes. The background is a beach scene with a pink bucket and a yellow shovel. The text on the poster reads: "Language Classes Holiday Tasters!" in red, "Spanish French Italian Greek" in blue on the bucket, "£30" in a yellow starburst, "6 weeks", "19th April — 24th May", and "Thursday 7pm — 8.30pm". At the bottom, it says "For further information contact Alison Huff—0114 2372723 Ext 300" and "Email—[languagecollege@meadowhead.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:languagecollege@meadowhead.sheffield.sch.uk)". A small logo for Meadowhead School is in the bottom right corner.

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## Meadowhead School Email Alert Service

A recently launched service to parents is the facility to receive free email alerts, designed to keep you informed.

Go to: [www.meadowheadschoo.wordpress.com](http://www.meadowheadschoo.wordpress.com) and enter your email address to subscribe (this information is anonymous). Once registered, you will receive alerts directly to your email or smartphone giving you the latest school events that affect your child. There are no passwords or logins required and you can unsubscribe at any time.

**Mr Sockett**

Latest  
News  
And  
Reminders

# Y9 Battlefields Trip

In February the History department took forty-four Y9 students to the First World War battlefields in Belgium. The trip was designed to provide the students with first hand experience of the human cost of the First World War. Our expedition began with a visit to the Huge Crater memorial, aptly named as the memorial overlooks a huge crater left behind by a British attack on the German trenches using a devastating mine. The students then had the opportunity to visit various sites including the Yorkshire Trench which is a recently discovered stretch of trench once manned by the South Yorkshire regiment, and the Passencendale museum which gave the students the chance to experience a reconstructed section of an underground German bunker. Our visit moved onto its dramatic finale, Langermark and Tyne Cot cemeteries which are the final resting grounds for thousands of Allied and German soldiers killed during the Great War. Our guide Julian led our group in a very moving reading and the students were then able to reflect on the sheer magnitude of the human cost of war. All the staff agreed that the students' behaviour throughout the trip was exceptional and they were a credit to the school.



**Mr Affleck**



I think the trip was excellent, I really enjoyed going with my friends. The ferry trip was fun and the food was nice. The graveyards were very atmospheric and I found one of my relatives! The museum was really good but you had to mind your head when you went downstairs to the trench reconstructions because the ceiling was really low. The chocolate shop was amazing and we got a special deal. I would definitely go again.

**Ellie Widgoose 9I**

I really enjoyed the Belgium trip, it meant we could be with our friends having fun, but learning at the same time. The graveyards were surprisingly neat. I found 3 relatives in the final graveyard. The museum was good as well, and the trench was really low. I kept hitting my head on the roof. The tour guide helped bring the trip to life and described exactly what happened. If I had the chance I would go again.

**Matthew Douglas 9J**

I thought the Belgium trip was amazing. It was fun mixed with historical information, I found the network of underground German trenches very interesting, and it was incredible imagining what it would have been like living so far under the ground.

**Josh Toulson 9J**





Art, Design and Technology  
Assessment Exhibition

**OPEN EVENING**

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May 6pm – 8pm  
in The Rosling

Everyone welcome

Come and see an outstanding  
celebration of work by Year 11 Art  
and Technology Students