

Meadowhead School A Language College

International Times



International School Award Success!

Meadowhead has successfully been re-accredited for another 3 years as an INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL under the British Council award scheme. This is a very prestigious award, which showcases a lot of our whole school International work over the academic year 2006-7.

We are currently the ONLY school in Sheffield to have been awarded the FULL International school award TWICE! (2004, and 2007)



Our New International Look - Rosling 'V' The United Nations!

We are very excited and proud to show off the arrival of our colourful set of custom made National flags in the Rosling. As a Language College, and 'International School' after winning the award for the second time, we thought we needed to bestow a clear International identity on our fantastic new school foyer. Each of the 12 flags represents a country that we have links with, either through languages that we offer to students and the wider community, school study visits, student exchanges, or overseas partner schools.

Business Language Champions!

A group of 15 budding linguists from Y10 were selected to take part in this Business Language Champions Project (YH BLC), which is supported by the Regional Language Network Yorkshire and Humber (RLN YH) and the region's Education Business Partnerships, to promote language learning for use in business and employment.

In conjunction with our business partner GRIPPLE Ltd (a Sheffield based manufacturing company with a global presence), the students are working on a French audio tour project to help overseas customers who can't understand English to learn more about the product and its Headquarters. A very worthwhile project with a very valuable business partner for Meadowhead!



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France



Russia



Germany



Spain (for a weekend)

Each February, about 30 Year 11 pupils studying Spanish GCSE take part in a Spanish Personal Interactive Weekend at a Derbyshire Youth Hostel, organised by Meadowhead staff. The programme comprises of lots of intensive Spanish lessons, focusing on improving pupils Listening, Reading and Speaking skills and a lot of exam practice in preparation for the real thing!

Spanish Exchange

In September, 9 of our Y10 Spanish students from our partner school in Zaragoza. The students involved showed great maturity and were helpful, friendly and enthusiastic. We look forward to taking the students to Spain in April, where our students will embark upon joint project work based on the Zaragoza 'Expo' 2008.

From Russia (with love)

We are the only school in South Yorkshire to offer Russian to our students from Y8 to GCSE level. Results are consistently high, and in 2007, we achieved 100% pass rate! All students studying Russian have the opportunity to visit Moscow as we hold a biannual trip to the capital. Every year students taking Russian are offered an evening visit of an East European or Russian theme. We have been to theatres in Sheffield and Buxton to see the ballet, classical concerts, the Russian Cossack dancers and the highly acclaimed "Fiddler on the Roof".

Christmas in Germany

We offer 2 annual trips for German students. This December, 36 pupils in Y7 enjoyed this wonderful experience during their trip to the Christmas Markets in Aachen and Cologne. In June, 40 Y9 students enjoyed the study visit to the Rhineland, and even visited a new partner school in Koblenz with which we are now planning future student exchanges!

Annual French Trip

The annual 2007 Normandy Y9 study visit was, yet again, a very enjoyable, successful and culturally and linguistically enriching experience. Everyone took part in all the activities with enthusiasm and pupils enjoyed the action packed programme. The days were filled with a variety of visits and at the end of each day, pupils spent time writing and perfecting their newspaper articles in French.

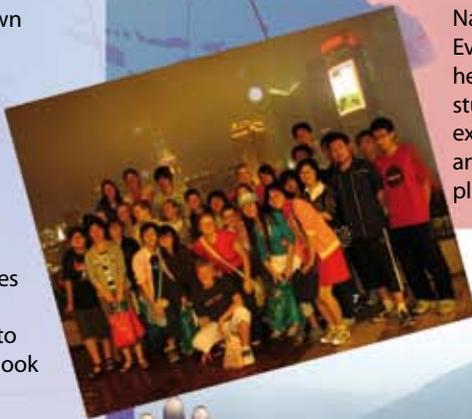
Meadowhead goes global

Teachers International Professional Development (TIPD)

As a Language College and International school, we value the importance of taking part in this fantastic programme to help teachers bring an International dimension into the classroom, improve their own teaching skills and professional development.

Two of our teachers from languages and ICT won places on the British Council led TIPD programme and visited schools in Ottawa over February half term to see how social inclusion works in Canadian schools.

In addition, 4 other teachers from our Humanities and Performing Arts departments visited our partner school in China over October half term to study how their own subjects were taught and look at Pastoral systems in place.



Chinese Exchange Programme

Students from our Chinese club and beyond have the opportunity to take part in an annual student exchange with our Chinese partner school in Nanjing. This year, 15 Y9/Y10 students took part. Everyone involved had a fantastic time, and we held a celebration evening on our return, where students presented slide shows about their experiences and modelled typical Chinese dresses and other souvenirs. We now look forward to planning our next exchange!



Meadowhead meets Middle East!

With our new boys and girl's link schools in Qatar, the Science and Maths departments have already initiated joint project work based around these subjects. We welcomed teachers from their schools in February, when a British Council organised teacher study visit allowed us to build on the relationships already made when our Science teacher visited Qatar last year to set up the link. Our Y7 students have already taken part in a 'box exchange' with the schools to start to get to know each other, and joint curriculum work will now continue following the visit.

Sri Lankan Partner School reciprocal teacher visits

Through our link with Welithara Muslim College in South West Sri Lanka, we have accomplished a Head teacher and reciprocal teacher exchange visits, and 5 students attended a UK-Sri Lankan schools 'Global issues' student conference in Colombo. We have initiated joint project work across the school to encourage our students to become more responsible 'global citizens'. We now look forward to our next teacher visit from Sri Lanka later this year!



International Day!



All Y9 pupils were involved in various activities across this exciting day, based on an International theme. We had everything from African music, Drumming & Dance, Bollywood Dancing, Middle Eastern & Italian cooking, to Fair trade games, Cultural diversity workshops, International sports, Chinese, Italian, World Art & Textiles workshops and French Boules!



Primary Languages flourish!

We provide weekly Primary Language lessons, enrichment activities, language training and teacher support to our 7 feeder schools, teaching French, German or Spanish to various KS2 year groups.

In June, Y3 Parents, grandparents and teachers were treated to a flawless performance of the traditional tale Cinderella- In French! The pupils made their own props, learned their lines in French and begged and borrowed magnificent costumes!

Also, in conjunction with the German embassy, Our Primary MFL co-ordinator organised a joint trip with another feeder primary to the German Christmas Markets where our Y8 pupils mentored the younger Y6 pupils, to buy gifts and practise their German with confidence!

These are just two of the many activities being organised to support and enrich our younger students language learning experiences before they arrive at Meadowhead!

WELCOME
BIENVENUE
BIENVENIDOS
WILLKOMMEN

Sheffield's Foreign Language Assistants receive a warm WELCOME, BIENVENUE, BIENVENIDOS, and WILLKOMMEN from our Leisure and Tourism students!

As part of Meadowhead's Language College Community programme we organise the recruitment of all Sheffield's Foreign Language Assistants on behalf of the LEA. This includes organising an Induction training day each October to mark the arrival of new International students from France, Germany, Spain and China.

This year we arranged the training day at Meadowhead now that we have our fantastic new training and conference facilities! Our Y10 Leisure and Tourism students welcomed the 26 new arrivals by presenting each assistant with their very own personalised 'Welcome to Sheffield' personalised information packs, created by the students as part of their course.

Q : What's the best way to exercise your brain?

A : Learn a new language!

We have been running successful adult language evening classes since 2002 in French, German, Spanish, Italian and Greek. We now also offer Mandarin Chinese and Russian.

Our adult members consist of parents, staff and members of the wider community, including local business people, who learn from Complete Beginners to Advanced Conversation groups.

Our aim as a specialist Language College is to make Language Learning accessible for all by providing a quality service to the local community at affordable prices.

Call Alison Huff or Tina Clapham on 0114 2372723 for further details.



We offer several after school clubs to encourage further language learning and Internationalism amongst our students. These include: Chinese fun club, Italian club, Japanese Club, Euro club, and Comenius club.

Older students also benefit from extra language lessons after school to help with revision for speaking tests, which are often led by our French, German and Spanish Foreign Language Assistants.

In addition we offer intensive Y11 Easter crammer sessions in all languages taught to GCSE level, in conjunction with one of our business partners, local languages agency 'Babble and Speak'. Students from other schools in our wider community are also invited to attend these valuable revision courses.



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