
The Phoenix



The Meadowhead School Newsletter — December 2013

Welcome to the Phoenix online!

Amongst the many highlights of my first term as Headteacher have been the opportunities to meet so many parents and families. We have held a series of very well supported family events: Curriculum and Information Evenings for different year groups, Y6 and Y12 Open Evenings, Progress Day and a brilliant GCSE Presentation Evening at the Octagon to celebrate the highest ever results from our last Y11.

There is much media publicity given to the view that there are short cuts to success, to achievement. Some people believe that the current exam system encourages quick fixes to get grades. Can I assure you that the achievements of Meadowhead students are based on real substance: good teaching, and effort and application by students on valid courses. We believe in achievement based on real quality and integrity.



There is no doubt that a key factor to success is the support and encouragement that family and friends give to the students, working in a positive partnership with the school. We are continually looking to build on the established good relationships that we have with so many families.

We have also increased the use of technology to give you access to more current information on students through a secure login on to the parental portal on our website – be it attendance or progress, rewards or sanctions, or even to check up on homework. For more information visit the website (www.meadowhead.sheffield.sch.uk) or email our SLG team via slg@meadowhead.sheffield.sch.uk

I will conclude with another crucial link to success - aspiration. This is a key theme for us in school, and one of our biggest challenges – to convince some students to believe in themselves and really aspire. To have dreams and ambitions, with the drive and confidence to succeed. Yet again the support and encouragement of family and friends in partnership with the school are vital.

On behalf of myself and the staff and Governors at Meadowhead School, thank you for your continued support of the school. We look forward to working with you, and to many more years of aspiration and achievement.

Mr Fowler

Meadowhead GCSE Certificates and Awards Presentation Ceremony celebrates 'Coming of Age'

On the 12th November, Meadowhead celebrated a very special anniversary — the 21st staging of our GCSE Certificates and Awards Presentation to the students who had completed their Y11 studies in the summer.

It has always been a major highlight in the school's calendar and this was reflected in the large numbers of people who attended. Students, their families, teachers, governors and the wider staff at Meadowhead gathered together to celebrate yet another record year of our GCSE results.

I remember when I was first appointed at Meadowhead, I was invited to the awards evening by a Deputy Head teacher as it had a "real wow factor" and he wasn't wrong. Most schools hold a presentation evening on their school premises but few if any match the grandeur of our celebrations.

Such is the demand to be a part of the evening that our school hall is just not large enough. In order to host the event successfully and enable family and friends to attend we hire the Octagon Centre at the University of Sheffield, a venue capable of holding around 2000. This is funded by the Meadowhead Home & School Association who raise money throughout the year.

This years presentation evening was organised by a committee of five students who were a part of the successful Y11 and are now continuing their studies in Meadowhead 6th Form.



The organising committee and chief guests: - Charlotte Ellender, Olivia Bramhall, Katie Sims, Peter Lauener, Maureen Neill (Chair of Governors), James Neal and Tom Goddard

They had the equally exciting and daunting role of standing on the large stage that has played host to some of the largest bands in the world such as Oasis and is the venue for the University of Sheffield graduation ceremonies.

They introduced all of the students and gave explanations of each of the awards for progress and exceptional all round performance; something that is a real challenge that has been met by so many of our students.

One of many highlights of the event was the famous interval slideshow featuring fifteen minutes of nostalgia for the year group, focusing on the extra-curricular side of their time at the school since they first arrived in Y7.

This year, our guest speaker was Peter Lauener, the Chief Executive of the Education Funding Agency, part of the DfE, who is responsible for the distribution of an annual budget of £54 billion for the funding of 3 to 19 year old students in Education and Training.



*Peter Lauener,
Maureen Neill (Chair of Governors),
and Steve Fowler (Headteacher)*

Peter made an inspirational speech that appealed to both the 16 year olds and their families in the audience. The following is an extract from Peter's contribution;

"Nowadays everyone needs to learn and relearn, and the internet, which was only just beginning 40 years ago, has flattened the world – and made it more competitive.

We are in a global competition and we must cherish, celebrate and encourage those who will compete for us in that race. Today, the pool of highly educated people of all ages is roughly equal in Europe, the US and China, but in 2020, a few years from now, China will have more highly educated young people than Europe and the US have young people in total.

The good news is that we in the UK can compete with the best in the world – whatever that is. We are a competitive nation – look at the Olympics last year. And look at some of our outstanding advanced manufacturing industries in which we are world leaders.

But to compete we need to train our minds, we need to collaborate, we need to innovate, we need to be the best that we can be.

So I say to all our students – well done but please make sure you see today as only a marking post on your lifelong journey to be the best you can be."

The evening culminated in a heart-felt speech from our Headteacher Mr Steve Fowler in which he highlighted his pride and honour at leading Meadowhead School and the importance of the positive partnership between families and schools to raise aspiration and achievement for all students. This provided an appropriate seemingly finale to the formal part of the presentations and was well received by the audience.

It was a memorable evening and it is down to the generosity of all those who get involved that such a prestigious and memorable event can take place.

Mr Heggs



THE **BIG** CHALLENGE 2014

Following a fierce Dragons Den selection process in October when 30 of our potential Y9-Y11 teams were interrogated about their business ideas, 16 teams were chosen to represent Meadowhead in this year's Big Challenge competition. In addition, 7 teams in Y12 opted for the challenge as part of their new 'Business & Enterprise' enrichment programme.



We took some of these lucky students to the official 2014 Big Challenge launch at Sheffield University on 4th October where they got to hear from last year's winners and take part in some warm-up enterprise activities ahead of the challenge this year to motivate and inspire them to succeed (see photo above).

The successful teams have all made a flying start running their small business on the £25 loan, and are hopeful of success over the next few months in this very competitive city-wide Enterprise challenge!

Look out for their Christmas and Valentine themed stalls coming up in the Rosling and at various local craft fairs and events outside school.

Good luck to all teams! I hope to see some of you in the Final at the Holiday Inn in March 2014 for a chance to win various prizes plus the overall winners prize of a five-day all expenses paid trip to an International location!

Check out the website www.bigchallenge.biz in January when the mystery trip destination will be revealed!

Mrs Silverwood





Team Name		Team Leader Form		Other team members		Business Idea	
Easy Bin	Jack Roy	9K	Ethan Holloway	Waste Disposal Bin Unit (desk)			
Personalise it!	Kayliss Houston	9B	Lauren Nicholson-Fowler, Rebecca Jubb & Anna Bagshaw	Personalised Gift boxes			
Ted Safe	Bronte Russell	9A	Rachael Moorhouse	Teddy Safe			
Fushions	Bethany Gibbon	9B	Zhane Murphy	Football Shirt Cushions			
Nosh Studios	Adam Ryan	9B	Josh Kemp, Tobias Holden	Meal planner App			
Customerize	Molly O'Neill	9L	Melody Ash, Lydia McFarlane	Customised Ring Binders			
Don't say it Clay it	Ben Cousins	9B	Oliver Pickup, Jonathon Schoon, Ethan Keen & Dylan Jordan	Tree Decoration/greeting tiles			
Alive Clothing	Anna Smith	10J	Alice Roy	Tie Dye/embellished clothing			
Big Cook Little cook	Rose Wittenberg	10F	Hollie Robson, Grace Campbell	Family Recipe Book			
MagicBoard	Alex Clayton	10H	Aiden Priestley, Josh Kirkham	Creative Board Games			
Cool Donkey Badge Co.	Fred Cowen	10K	Conor McDermott, William Templeman, Alex Dixon	Quirky Badges			
Rubber Band It	Callum Buckley	10A	Brandon Bull, Luke Smith	Personalised Wrist Bands			
Glitz & Glam	Kennedy Jones	10J	Curtis Bell	Personalised Travel Mugs			
Seasonal Delights	James Sibley	10E	n/a	Wooden decorations			
Tech Vid	Adam Waterhouse	10D	William Shearstone	Tech help videos/apps			
Harvey Morton IT Support	Harvey Morton	11G	n/a	IT support service			
Football Focus	Dominic Hall	12E	Panashe Manjengwa Damian Gronski	Football app			
MT Ceramics	Elizabeth Thomason	12C	Hope Morrell	Ceramic ornaments			
MiniMontage	Ethan Carley	12C	Harvey Nimmo, Joshua Farrah, Chis Holden, Aly-Ramy Zafar-Fazely, Jonathan Lant	Photo frame montage			
Heisenbird	Cameron Murray	12A	Haydn Morris, Nathan Parkinson	Garden accessories			
Cryptic	Chris Aylward	12B	Joseph Bradley, Daniel Colledge, Harrison Jacques	Music compilation			
A la Mode	Holly Ramsay	12C	Ella Light, Abby Broadhurst	Fashion accessories			
Decopots	Sarah Molloy	12A	Libby Foster, Lily Broadbent, Elysia Slack, Olivia Bramhall	Fabric transfers			

What a **FLYING START** for Meadowhead Business Teams!



A fabulous 14 teams from Meadowhead and another 46 teams across the city entered this first interim competition in the Big Challenge last month to prove that they had made a 'Flying Start' in their new business venture.

Mrs Goodrum and I were delighted to accompany two teams to the award ceremony on December 6th where two of our teams scooped prizes for their efforts so far in the challenge! First time entrepreneurs **EASYBIN** (Jack Roy and Ethan Holloway in Y9) won a '**Highly Commended**' award of £25 for their business, making wooden desktop waste bins for vegetable cuttings or other waste and smaller pencil pots with an innovative interlocking design meaning no glue, nails or staples are required to put the boxes together.

The star of the show however, was Harvey Morton in Y11 deemed as "**a serial entrepreneur**" according to the Master of Ceremonies, David Grey, (group Managing Director of OSL Group Ltd) who presented him with '**1st prize**' of £150 for his company **HARVEY MORTON IT SUPPORT**, which offers a range of IT support to customers across Sheffield. Harvey is now in his third year of running his own business in the Big Challenge, starting out as a humble entrepreneur selling key-rings back in 2011. Harvey has thrived in the Big Challenge ever since, finding and developing his passion for IT and making money through starting up his own website to promote his business. He has also developed mobile phone apps for corporate clients, set up new home computers, iPads and i-Tunes libraries for clients for a reasonable price, as well as generating revenue from selling advertising space on his own website and social media and through promoting products sold Amazon via his successful website.

Huge congratulations and well done to both teams – we are all so proud of you, so keep up the good work! Good luck to all Meadowhead teams in the next interim competition – The Media & Marketing awards in January.

Mrs Silverwood

Ethan Holloway & Jack Roy



New Developments for Meadowhead Sixth Form and the Sheffield College

Our Sixth Form will be offering more courses based entirely at Meadowhead from next year.

The college has been successful in securing government funding to support a £15.6 million investment in new facilities. Consequently, the Norton College building on Dyche Lane will close in September 2015. A level staff, courses and students based at Norton College will continue and relocate to Meadowhead for 2015 or Hillsborough College in the north of the city or Peaks College in the south of the city.

We are pleased and proud of the working partnership that we have developed in recent years with the college, increasing the options for students in this part of the city. Some of our A Level students already spend part of their week being taught at both Meadowhead and at Norton College. A Level courses delivered in partnership with Norton College are continuing as normal this year and next. We guarantee that all students who start A levels in September 2014 at Meadowhead and Norton College will be able to continue those courses at Meadowhead full time in their second year.

We have also been in discussion with the college with a view to continuing our A level partnership in the future, after Norton closes. We have valued the way in which the close working relationship afforded by the partnership means we can assure all our students are well-catered for at the age of 16, not just those studying A levels. The range and quality of vocational courses available means that everyone has the possibility of a bright future.

Mrs Burdekin
Head of Sixth Form

<h3 style="text-align: center;">New Year, New Year's Resolution! New Language?</h3> <p>Courses starting in January are a continuation from the ones that started in September but you are still able to join in. We are currently running:</p> <p>French – Beginners, Intermediate and Intermediate Plus Spanish – Beginners, Intermediate & Advanced Italian & Russian – Intermediate Plus</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Where: Meadowhead School, Dyche Lane, Sheffield, S8 8BR</p> <p style="text-align: center;">When: Thursday evening between 6.00pm until 8.45pm.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Contact: Sue Beres – 0114 237 2723 ext 300 (please leave a message)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Email: languagecollege@meadowhead.sheffield.sch.uk</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Meadowhead Adult Evening Language Courses</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Come and learn one of 19 languages with us Contact us during term time Telephone: 0114 237 2723 Ext: 300 (please leave a message) Email: languagecollege@meadowhead.sheffield.sch.uk</p>
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Sixth Form News

Our Wednesday Enrichment Programme...

As part of the sixth form A Level programme, all students have the opportunity every Wednesday to be part of an 'enrichment activity'. An enrichment activity is anything that they do out of lesson time that contributes positively to their own personal development. Evidence of involvement in enrichment activities is invaluable when completing university or job applications, and it will also be of great benefit to show skills and attributes in preparation for working life. This will enable our sixth form students to leave with added skills, knowledge and experience when pursuing their career paths.

The students have two options. They can choose to be involved in school activities or take a work placement externally. Students may also choose to do a bit of both within their two years which will further broaden their experience!



In School activities

A comprehensive schedule has been created in school for students to get involved which includes:

Science & Engineering

"Students have been looking at a broad range of science topics, including space exploration, fundamental chemical analysis, DNA and life, and the history of science. The Programme aims to give students a broader understanding of science

outside of the curriculum and in different contexts. Students have found these sessions interesting and thought provoking and hope that they will strengthen their applications for further study"

"In cultural studies, students consider and discuss films, books and art from across history and from around the world. So far sessions have included such diverse texts as *Slaughterhouse Five* (Vonnegut), *Guernica* (Picasso), *Top Girls* (Churchill), *Catch-22* (Heller), *Pocahontas* (Disney), *Things Fall Apart* (Achebe) and *Song 2* (Blur). The groups have welcomed guest speakers from Meadowhead School and Sheffield University"

Cultural Studies



Languages

"We have learned about key events in 20th Century European History, from the fall of the Berlin Wall to the Spanish Civil War. Students have also used Eurotalk

software to begin independently learning new languages including Arabic and Greek. Next term we plan to investigate different career paths which language learning can open up for us"

"Maths Enrichment involves looking at the history and development of Mathematics, at the techniques and discoveries from around the world that have led to Maths in its modern form, and at the various applications of the subject in the real world. We also do puzzles"

Maths

Sport

"The HFWB department have opened the fitness suite for 2 hours on a Wednesday afternoon. Students can work out at their own leisure, choosing between a cardio session,

weights, circuit training or pushing themselves to the limit by attempting an Insanity workout to improve their fitness and wellbeing.

"Students learn about all aspects of running a small business enterprise through various sessions to enable them to develop key transferrable skills that will be extremely valuable for UCAS applications and CV's. Students put these skills into practice by starting up a small business on a £25 loan and network with a variety of people through workshops, one-one meetings, internal & external sales opportunities and interim competitions.

Big Challenge



Work Placements

Some University courses or job applications **require** work experience as part of their course or job. So, students also have the opportunity to be out on work placement every Wednesday as an alternative. This provides them with ‘hands on’ experience, knowledge of the working environment and builds up the valuable skills they need.

We have worked hard to collate a database of work placement offers for our students, using both our Trust partners and local companies. We have some **FANTASTIC** opportunities on offer to them and these are just a few of the types of roles that are available:

Office Administration	Curtain Maker
Trainee Receptionist	Assistant Community Coach
Educational Support Packaging Operative	Teaching Assistant Production Operative
Classroom Assistant	Internet Retailing Assistant
Design Engineer	Stable Assistant
Mentoring & Coaching Salon Junior	Marketing and Entertainment Retail Assistant

Here are our some of our students hard at ‘work’...



Student Voice

Congratulations to Nathan Dunn who was elected as President and Scott Davis who was elected Vice President in the recent Sixth Form elections. They will be responsible for putting forward students’ views to senior staff and leading on enrichment and extra curricular events. Nathan and Scott will be closely involved as plans are developed for the new Sixth Form centre.



Year 12 - Retail Ambassadors

Meadowhead School in conjunction with The Cutler's Company feels privileged to launch this new, exciting opportunity to our sixth form students. With two other schools we have been chosen to be part of a unique pilot programme that will link Retail businesses with schools. The aim is that students will be better prepared for the world of work and will ultimately be more successful in their lives.

Fifteen successful Y12 candidates have undergone an intensive interview process and done extremely well to get onto the scheme. The opportunity consists of a hugely successful programme of activities that will help them to be *work ready*. This includes:

- Industry based induction programme*
- Extended Work Placement Internship with local companies*
- Industry visits and project based activities involving the real world of business*
- Real competitions to challenge and excite*
- Working with other students from other schools*
- Master-class sessions*

The students attended the launch event on Wednesday 23rd October at The Source Academy which involved a fun and interactive day learning about the retail sector and participating in various team building activities.

Over the coming weeks, the students will now continue to attend workshops, research and work on their projects and be out on work experience gaining valuable knowledge and transferable skills to help them in their future careers.

Mrs Leonard & Mr Cocken

Meet our Retail Ambassadors:

From left to right – Sarah Molloy, Katie Sims, Elysia Slack, Lily Broadbent, Bronte Swan, Olivia Bramall, Ella Light, Holly Ramsay

Second row – Isobel Pico, Paulina Janicka, Katie Turton, Rayhan Kaytan

Front row – Dominic Parry, Georgia Rowland, Abby Broadhurst



And they just keep coming . . .

At Meadowhead School, the importance of good attendance is always stressed. If you come to school you will make progress and all the facts and figures bear this out. It is common sense that if you aren't in lessons, you won't be learning. It is also said that it isn't easy to force a full grown teenager to go to school. They have to want to - they must recognise the importance of education, enjoy their lessons, feel safe at school and generally feel that school is the place that they want to be.

Meadowhead School must be doing something right - for yet another year our attendance figures have risen. Last year our attendance was **95.1%** - well above the national average. In the whole of 2012-2013, **66.8%** of pupils (1,105) had over **95%** attendance. **8.6%** of pupils (142) had **100%** attendance for the full year. No wonder our exam results keep rising! You have to be "in it to win it" and our pupils certainly are!

The target for the school this year is **95.5%**. Can we achieve it? Of course we can! We know most of our students are aiming for **100%** - certificates and awards all round!

Last half term the attendance was **96.1%** and **48.7%** of pupils (803) achieved **100%** attendance and **73.6%** (1,214) had over **95%** - figures that easily beat the figures for the same time last year.

We are very grateful to all families who work closely with the school to ensure this trend continues. Miss Bradley, our Education Welfare Officer (EWO) works closely with those families that occasionally need our support and her input is invaluable. A great help has been that the majority of parents have supported the school by not taking holidays in term time and by ensuring that students return to school after illness, at the earliest opportunity. Many thanks to you all.

Mrs Christie

Did you know . . .

From September 2013, the Government has announced significant amendments to legislation surrounding holidays in term time. A new law gives no entitlement to parents to take their child on holiday during term time and so unauthorised term-time holidays may result in each parent being issued with a Penalty Notice - a fine issued by, and payable to, Sheffield City Council.

**100%
attendance -
yes!!**



Adverse Weather

Could we just take this opportunity to remind you of the procedures in the event of severe adverse weather, which may mean the school being closed. Please check the school website for up to date information on school opening arrangements at

www.meadowhead.sheffield.sch.uk

Details will also be announced on Radio Sheffield. If the school has to close during the day, please ensure that your child knows what they have to do and where they should go.



Manchester University Science Trip

Y11 students with a working at grade of A* in physics and chemistry GCSE were invited to the University of Manchester Materials Science department. Students took part in a team 'build a beam' challenge experienced what a day might be like at University and learned about the exciting careers a degree in Materials Science can lead to.

Students were challenged to design and manufacture a beam that had the greatest Young's Modulus to weight ratio using a variety of materials and tools. In the afternoon the beams were tested to destruction using a 3 point testing machine, and students had to present their project to an audience of fellow scientists.

Congratulations to Team Disaster Beam who won a prize for the best presentation and to Team Toblerone for the best beam.

What students thought:

I enjoyed finding out what it's like to be at University
Becky Morris

It was really fun, I learnt so much and I wish I could do it again (mainly the winning part)
Beth Gatus

Made some bang tidy beams – it was great
Eliza Merrills

I had great fun making the beam and exploring the material science building. A great experience!
Holly Parker

It was great to see all the cool machines destroy our beams
Jacob Hibbert

An awesome workshop
Bronte Hobson

It was really interesting learning all about materials science and its uses in the world
Rachel Furmidge



The Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award 2013

Congratulations to all the students who completed and achieved the Bronze Award

In November, Meadowhead School held its first DofE 'Evening of Celebration' to present certificates in recognition of the dedication, hard work and enthusiasm shown by our students throughout the DofE challenge.

There were stunning and moving performances from Olivia Martin and Eleanor Wildgoose on the piano, Rebecca Lee sang a number from 'Cats' whilst Bronte Hobson demonstrated her ukulele skills as she accompanied Holly Parker singing; showing that *Meadowhead students have definitely Got Talent!*



The journey for 59 eager students began in January 2013 with weekly training sessions, of first aid, map reading and camp craft skills, (all essential preparation for the expedition weekends). Students then took on new skills such as learning Italian, dog training, playing guitar, ukulele, piano and singing. Also physical challenges were also included, including football, zumba, gym, swimming, horse riding and walking. The volunteering section enabled students to provide a service within the community. They assisted with mentoring, homework support, Boccia for disabled, church steward, fundraising events, helping the elderly and children with baking and craft skills.

The expeditions took place over two weekends, a practice and the qualifier. In order to be successful, the DofE 20 conditions have to be fulfilled which includes 6 hours of planned activity, walking, teamwork, preparing and cooking a hot meal and camping.

Sue Johnson our development officer from the DofE centre said, *"It was an absolute pleasure to assist with the Expedition training for the Meadowhead students last year. The young people were enthusiastic, polite and very keen to learn.*

I was most impressed with the Volunteering activities the young people chose; they showed great maturity & confidence in arranging these. Speaking to the young people they appeared to enjoy this section immensely.

We are very proud of the achievements by the Meadowhead students & congratulate them on their DofE success."

Very well done to all students – a team to be proud of.

A huge thank you to all staff who have given their time freely to support our students during the 2013 Bronze Award.

Mrs Cooke
D of E Coordinator



Year 10 Spanish Exchange

October 2013



At the end of first half term in October, the Spanish Exchange group from San Valero School in Zaragoza flew to Sheffield on the first leg of the exchange programme. Meadowhead students were looking forward to meeting the Spanish students for the first time, and showing the Spanish students the city of Sheffield, and other places of historical interest. Both schools started work comparing and contrasting their national identities, schools, cities and cultures.

The programme of cultural activities whilst they were based in Sheffield was interesting! They visited York and Bishops House. Whilst in York they went to the York Chocolate Factory where they sampled some hot chocolate and did some sightseeing of the old city. They also went on a tour of the York Dungeons. They visited Chatsworth where they were taken on a very interesting guided tour of the House. Later the students explored the beautiful gardens and were taken on a Tractor/Trailer ride around the grounds, during which they saw lots of wild deer and 3 stags with their huge antlers! The days and the evenings were action packed and the Spanish students also spent time at Meadowhead School sampling lessons and they also went to Norton Free Primary School to deliver PowerPoint presentations in Spanish to the Primary classes about 'Mi Ciudad'. They attended a Farewell party during which there was a presentation ceremony and lots of Spanish dancing!

All the students behaved impeccably on the trips and they got on so well with the Spanish students and made them all feel very welcome in Sheffield - a big thank you to all the Y10s involved in the exchange!

Miss Renshaw

Eco Greenhouse Project 2012-2013

In the winter of 2012 Miss Davis, Mr Hurford, James Sheedy, Jakob Young, Jack Pearson, Nathan Green and Adam Ryan set out on a task to build an environmentally friendly greenhouse. Their cause was devoted to the Lowedges Fire station allotment to be utilized by the local communities of Lowedges, Jordanthorpe and Batemoor for the 'Grow Your Own' scheme. Despite considerably large setbacks (the collection of 1500 bottles, of which we do thank the school for its assistance in gathering) the team managed to complete the greenhouse on the 6th Nov 2013.

Adam Ryan 9B



Year 7 Library Ambassadors



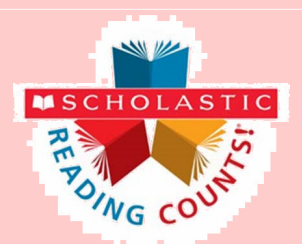
Once again, we welcome a fantastic and enthusiastic group of Y7 students who have volunteered to be Library Ambassadors. They are currently undergoing training at lunchtimes and after school, learning how to prepare new books for going out onto the shelves, how to issue and return books on our computer system and familiarising themselves with shelving books correctly.

This is a position of responsibility – they act as role models in the library for other students and have access to the library database. Ambassadors learn lots of skills which will be valuable for their future work experience. They are also a great help at our busy break times!

Mr Sockett & Mrs Webb

SCHOLASTIC

Each half-term students in Y7 and Y8 receive the Scholastic C2C leaflet, giving them the opportunity to buy from a range of the latest fiction. There is no commitment to buy further books and we welcome any order, even if it is for just one book. The Learning Centre buys new books for the library with the commission we get. For the year September 2012 – July 2013 we raised **£265.39**, so a big **THANK YOU** to everyone who supported us.



Amongst the favourites we have bought are the hilarious 'Ratburger' by David Walliams, the gory and exciting 'Zom-B:City' by Darren Shan, the moving 'Infinite Sky' by C.J. Flood, the heart-warming 'Four Children and It' by Jacqueline Wilson and the exciting, witty spy series 'The Gallagher Girls' by Ally Carter.

We are once again collecting **Box Tops** tokens from packets of Nestlé cereals. Last year Box Tops sent us a cheque for £17.20, so please keep cutting out the tokens and bringing them to either the Learning Centre or Finance office. All money raised buys more books for the library.



Mrs Webb
Learning Centre

Meadowhead team ‘Makes its Mark’ in the annual schools Enterprise Challenge!

As part of Global Entrepreneurship Week (18-22nd November), teams from Sheffield secondary schools were invited to take part in a special annual Enterprise Challenge Day entitled ‘**Make your Mark**’ hosted by Sheffield University Enterprise Department.

Our team members were nominated by Ms Wilmot and Mrs Silverwood because they had either already demonstrated their enterprising skills in previous activities in school, and/or they had the potential to develop these key skills further in this citywide competition.

The theme for this years challenge was ‘Le Grand Depart’ cycling event which will come to Sheffield next July as part of the Tour de France. Teams had to design a new ‘Made in Sheffield’ product to market to tourists attending this world famous event next summer. They had to use all of the key enterprise skills – teamwork, communication & presentation skills, problem solving, decision making, risk taking, planning & organising and demonstrating financial capability to complete the challenge. Our budding Y10 entrepreneurs worked tirelessly all day on their ideas for a new mobile phone app to promote the event and a funky collapsible water bottle. Following the presentations from each school at the end of the day, Team Meadowhead were deemed the best team on the day and were awarded the ‘Best teamwork’ prize by the University organisers.

Just six top teams from Secondary schools across the city were then chosen to attend the finals to present their business plan to a top panel of judges at Barclay’s Bank on 9th December to compete for overall 1st and 2nd prize. I am delighted to announce that 5 students from our original team won the ‘runners up’ prize of £60 shopping vouchers! Félicitations team Meadowhead—we are all very proud of you!

Mrs Silverwood

I enjoyed knowing that all of our hard work had paid off when we won the prize!
Mollie Pigott

It was great to see our ideas develop into a formal presentation and to be able to present this to judges at Barclay’s bank was a rewarding experience – especially when we won the prize!
Rebecca Samuels

I enjoyed just taking part and being at the finals and being able to communicate with new people outside school
Cameron Rodgers

I liked taking part because we got to see other schools’ ideas and to experience pitching our ideas to a real panel of business judges at the bank
Maria Faisal

I liked the buffet lunch, participating and learning how to pronounce our slogan into French, German, and Spanish for the export market
Ozlem Korkmaz



AMBITIONS – AUTUMN 2013



We at Meadowhead School have one sole purpose – to enable young people the opportunities to pursue their dreams and achieve their ambitions. We pride ourselves on a rich and diverse curriculum presenting pupils pathways that will enable them to one day access a bright and fulfilling future.

As we are all too aware the economy is constantly changing and we want to help prepare our pupils even further by giving them opportunities to experience the real world of work.

To complement the traditional curriculum therefore we aim to enrich the lives of all Meadowhead citizens and during this year lots of developments have been undertaken.

BUSINESS LINKS

We are very proud to announce that Meadowhead Community Learning Trust has grown again in number. We would like to formally acknowledge the new businesses who have decided to join our existing members - Henry Boot PLC, & British Glass – who join the growing number of businesses who invest time and resources into supporting us with our work in preparing young people to enter the world of work.

Henry Boot



MASTER CUTLER NHS AMBASSADOR SCHEME

We are proud to announce the new Y10 NHS ambassadors, and celebrate the ongoing success of our Y11 ambassadors. The scheme continues to offer young people the opportunities to develop a skills passport that will give them opportunities to feel part of an organisation. All students will receive an enhanced 2 week work experience and be given experiences and advice to support them in their journey into full time employment. Congratulations and well done.



WORK EXPERIENCE



Work Experience continues to be a great success story of our school. From Police dog handling to Crystalling our current Y11 pupils have shown their unquenchable thirst for real life experiences with an unprecedented number of pupils achieving the highest possible accolades from their employers.

Y10 parents should be aware that pupils should have already secured their placements for June 30th to July 4th. For more information or forms please login to the parental portal. Don't hesitate to contact us if you require any further help.



'GOOD FOR YOU' – SHEFFIELD UNIVERSITY

In July all Y8 pupils were invited to take part in a one off event designed at introducing young people to the notion of Higher Education and careers within the medical professions. Pupils completed rotations looking at jobs within the healthcare professions, how to administer an injection in an emergency and basic CPR. Pupils and staff enjoyed the experience and many students said afterwards they are considering healthcare as a profession in the future.



SCHOOL OF DREAMS - HONDA

In July Honda visited the school with a 2 day workshop looking to deliver a positive message about ambition and achieving dreams. During the 2 days pupils experienced a variety of tasks such as learning to juggle and an apache relay designed to test resilience and personal learning and thinking skills. On the day we had representatives from Greenhill and Bradway primary schools, former and current pupils and Chris Pickering from Gilder Honda who all took part to make it an experience to remember. A huge thanks to parents who were able to attend, as I know for the students involved it was great to have the extra support.



CAREERS TALKS

We believe that pupils can be inspired by the right speaker presenting their vocation to a group of pupils. We are delighted that the following career talks have been held after school from 3:00 to 4:00 recently:



- Various career pathways on offer at Sheffield based 'The Glass Academy' by Chris Sorsby of 'British Glass'
- A career in the army by Kenney Periera
- Ladies football delivered by Eva Egginton from Sheffield Hallam Community FA
- Multimedia in conjunction with Practice Sheffield

CAREERS ADVICE

I am very pleased to announce that Cerys Evans now has extended hours of working with the school to offer students impartial information, advice and guidance. All students can access this service on Thursdays and Fridays should they wish. All Y11, Y12 and Y13 students will receive face to face interviews during the academic year on at least one occasion with many Y10 students also receiving careers advice towards then end of the year.



In addition, please be aware that we subscribe to Sheffield Interactive is a free to Meadowhead pupils, online interface that provides every young person with impartial careers information and advice 24-7.

Don't forget the [National Careers Service](#) is a free government funded website that can also help with any careers questions you may have. Just type National Careers Service into your search engine.

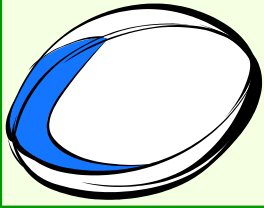
CAN YOU HELP?

AND FINALLY... We are always looking for new ideas and projects to help young people into the world of work. Perhaps you or your company/organisation can offer time, resources, or competitions to challenge, motivate and inspire young people. We would very much like to hear from you. Many thanks,

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Sport



Year 8 Rugby

The Rugby team is having to deal with a steep learning curve. Training has been stripped right back to basics to ensure that the core skills are fully embedded into the team. They have played one game in the league against Hall Cross and were on the end of a hammering. Since that game they have played in a Sheffield Schools tournament in which they lost 2 and won 1. The team is constantly improving with each game. This is due to their willingness to learn and to play better in each game. They end each game with massive smiles on their faces and are always positive and always want to improve. There has been some very consistent performances from Leon Ball (aka Cannon Ball), along side some standout performances from Will Backhouse and Martin Dunka. Their go forward and brute strength has really carried the team forward. I hope with the team's positive attitude that they can deal with the learning curve and the results will turn our way, watch this space.

Mr Perry



Year 7 Rugby

The Y7 rugby team have got off to a really impressive start. They started their fixtures with a tournament at Sheffield Tigers against three other schools. It was a really tough night as it was very wet and the ball was slippery. The Y7s did themselves really proud putting in some really impressive performances especially George Rogers and Harry Liversidge, with James Blake capping off a really good performance with a try. They are currently into their second competitive fixture having played Dinnington School and lost but improvements were made throughout the game.

Mr Pitman

Basketball

Basketball club is up and running every Monday and Thursday after school. Fixtures for the Y9 team will be starting shortly. We have been getting high numbers to the training practice which is good to see and if you are interested there is still time to join. Practices have been interrupted slightly with exams in the sports hall but we now have a clear run up to Christmas.

Mr Pitman

Jack Leversidge Race Walking in Dublin



As a result of his victory in the National Race Walking Road Championships earlier in the year Jack Leversidge was selected to represent England in the 'juveniles' match against the Irish team in Dublin. On this flat 2km course Jack produced his fastest ever road time, beating his previous best by 30 seconds as he crossed the line in 10 min 13 seconds taking his third victory in his third Irish match. Later in the year Jack took second place in the England Athletics U15 track championships and a bronze medal over 3,000m in the English Schools championships with a track PB of 16.18.

Well done Jack

Mr Adams

U16 Girls Football

This team had a great run in the English Schools football competition. Their first match saw them play against Newfield, local rivals, and we won by a convincing 5 - 0. Goals came from Molly Pearson, Sophie Robinson and Brooke Anson Bowie. It was a great team performance overall. The second match was played against Penistone Grammar School, again the team played very well and the final result was 7 - 0. As the competition progresses the matches start to get harder and by this stage we had reached the last 32 teams left in the competition. Our next match was drawn against Heckmondwike Grammar School, who have an excellent reputation for girls football. The match started evenly, but after a well fought game by both teams, the final result was 6 - 0 to Heckmondwike. Well done to all the players involved. Grace Eggleshaw, Abi Lee, Vicky Wright, Olivia Atkinson, Louisa McKenna, Georgia Skitt, Laura Sims, Molly Pearson, Lauren Bennett, Charlie Havenhand, Olivia Coy, Ellie Day, Brooke Anson Bowie, Sophie Robinson and Emma Levick.

Ms Dunbar



Year 9 & Year 10 Football so far...



Both the Y9 and Y10 football teams have started this season with a bang. They have both raised the standard that was set last year. Both teams are currently unbeaten in all competitions. The Y9s are in the last 32 of the National Cup. The Y10 boys are playing away in Harrogate for a place in the last 64. Both teams have progressed in the South Yorkshire School's Cup and the Sheffield Cup, dropping no points in the league.

There have been some outstanding team performances; the stand out Y9 fixture saw the team travel away to Tuxford in the National Cup. Tuxford were last year's Nottingham Champions, but the boys put in a great performance against a strong side. Meadowhead won the tie 3-0 which saw a great goalkeeping display from Ted Claxton, with goals coming from Louis Hutchinson and 'Man of the Match' Ben Houlton. The Y10s have been playing some phenomenal football this season, with their best performance by far coming in round 1 of the South Yorkshire Schools Cup. The boys were drawn against Netherwood, Barnsley's new super school, a school that we only beat 2-1 in last year's South Yorkshire Final. After a tense start in front of a large intimidating side-line, the lads relaxed into the game playing some wonderful football, whilst showing tremendous character and bravery to win the game 5-2. Goals came from Tyler Smith x3, Ben Beever and Tom Cropper. A special mention must go to Tyler Bates for stepping in to play in goal at the last minute. The Y10 team is still on course to go undefeated in South Yorkshire over their 5 years at school – what an achievement that would be!!

There have been too many outstanding individual performances to mention them all, but here are a few; Tyler Smith with three hat tricks so far this season, Matt Beck for breaking into the team and playing so well, John Cooper for his work ethic, Ben Houlton for being voted Man of the Match on 2 occasions and George Barnes for consistently delivering for the team.

I would also like to wish Caelan Bradley, Liam Beighton and Luke Sanderson a speedy recovery from their recent injuries.

Finally I would like to say that I am proud of all the students involved in football across all the year groups, the dedication that we as staff have witnessed so far this year has been remarkable, and the way that they have conducted themselves has been spot on – I am very proud of you all.

Mr Allen.



Year 7 Football

The Y7 Football team had a really good start to the year with a 6-1 win over Birley Community College. Team captain Robbie McKenna and vice-captain Kyron Gordon having a really impressive start to the year with some tremendous performances in games, especially against Tapton School which we lost 6-4 but the boys should have won as they were on top throughout the game. Max Rhodes has also made a really impressive start to the football campaign for the Y7 football team, looking dangerous every time he gets the ball. In the English Schools Cup the boys made it through to the second round having beaten Sir Thomas Wharton 6-0 and were very unfortunate to be knocked out in the second round to a strong Don Valley School team. They just could not put the ball in the back of the net.

Mr Pitman



Year 8 Football

The Y8 Football team have been competing well in all competitions and the results do not reflect the performances. The boys always try their best and represent the school well. Members of staff from other schools have commented on how well the team has played and that they have been on the wrong side of the score. There have been some consistent performances from Kieran Maxstead, Oliver Barnes, Harry Coy and Tom Higginbottom. They have reached the second round of the English Schools Cup and have been unfortunately been knocked out of the South Yorkshire Cup and Sheffield Schools Cup in the first round, they have also only played one game in the league. The boys are a delight and there are some good characters within the team. I hope that with the team only being left in the league that they remain focused and push on from here and get some good results which they fully deserve.

Mr Perry



RCD Espanyol Football Tour Announcement

The dates for the trip have been confirmed and are as follows:

Depart – Saturday 12th April 2014 in the morning

Return – Wednesday 16th April 2014 in the evening


A letter will be sent out shortly with more details.

A photocopy of all valid passports and EHIC cards needs to be brought into school as soon as possible please.

Many Thanks

Mr Allen



 Everyone a Writer 2014

Objects of the Everyday



The Meadowhead **Everyone a Writer** anthology is back for 2014!

Send your writing on the theme of “Objects of the Everyday” to
everyoneawriter@meadowhead.sheffield.sch.uk

Entries should be less than 300 words

Prize categories: adult, student (4-11), student (11-19)

Published entrants will receive a free anthology



The Everyone a Writer 2013 anthology was launched at a packed event at Meadowhead School

Bethany Jones won the overall prize with her poem “I Apologise”



Closing date: Friday 21st February 2014



Meadowhead Community Learning Trust

Launch evening: Thursday 8th May 2014