



The Meadowhead School Newsletter — April 2014

Meadowhead Sixth Form - Here to stay!

We are pleased to tell you about exciting new developments in our Sixth Form provision.

As a response to demand and support from the community, Meadowhead School started teaching A levels and Level 3 vocational qualification in partnership with Norton College in September 2010. This was a ground breaking development for the city of Sheffield and has already made a difference to hundreds of Meadowhead students. Many have completed their studies and moved on to employment or higher education whilst current Y12 and Y13 are studying hard for their exams in the summer.



Scott Davis, Amber Parry & Nathan Dunn

Based on this success in September 2013 Meadowhead was recognised by the DfE as an 11-18 school in its own right, securing the future of the Sixth Form .

Currently the school Governors and Leadership team are working on plans to build on site a Sixth Form Annex offering additional facilities for our Sixth Form students. This will include recreational and private study areas, A level teaching rooms and the most up to date technology. We are planning for the building to be completed next year, ready for September 2015. The overall increase in accommodation will benefit the whole school.

As you may be aware Sheffield College are planning to close the Norton College site in September 2015 and AS Levels are being phased out from September 2014. This will mean that our full Sixth Form A level and Level 3 programme will be accommodated within Meadowhead School taught by Meadowhead teachers.

We will still continue to work in partnership with Sheffield College to offer a wider range of post-16 opportunities for all students.

Mr Fowler

Ambitions – Spring 2014



We at Meadowhead School have one sole purpose – to provide 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

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Hawson
Solicitors

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 - Finnegan and hlw Keeble Hawson 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.

FINNEGAN

Master Cutler NHS Ambassador Scheme



As the end is drawing near to the graduation point for our current Y11, we can look back at the success of the project. Pupils presented their final project at The Royal Hallamshire, exploring their ideas and inventions to help support the Sheffield Teaching Hospitals in case an influenza pandemic and presented their project to senior NHS staff and Colonel George Kilburn—Chief Executive of the Cutlers Company, Sheffield. The students were acknowledged by all staff present on the high level of professionalism and clear ability to handle such a demanding situation and we will be proud to share the photos of the graduation in the next Phoenix edition in the summer.

Y10 Work Experience

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. A placement can only be guaranteed if we have both Form 1 (Employers Insurance Details) and Form 2 (Parental Permission) returned to the Work Related Learning office.

PLEASE NOTE—Any student who does not find a placement or accept one offered by the school offers will be expected in school and will be supervised in silence completing a core curriculum of English, Maths, Science, Ethics and PSHE.

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, the Work Related Learning team.

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National Careers Service

Helping you take the next step

Careers Advice

Please can we remind you 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.

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.

In addition, please be aware that we subscribe to **Fast Tomato** which is a free to Meadowhead pupils, online interface that provides every young person with impartial careers information and advice 24-7 (please see below)

A student guide

FastTomato

1. Head to <http://www.fasttomato.com/>
2. (Your 1st time use only) – Click on Register with a code
3. Code is msad followed by year group and form letter e.g. A 7a pupil would sign in with the code msad7a
4. Enter your details and confirm your year group and click **SUBMIT**
5. Make a copy of your username and password below.

Username: _____ Password _____

6. Click **START FAST TOMATO** and then complete the 5-10 minute questionnaire that will help to come up with job suggestions based on your answers.
7. Play around and start researching and getting the most from the computer programme.

Having trouble - See your school careers advisors - Ms Evans or Mr Cocken

Careers Talks



This term has seen careers talks from a range of different sources.

- Practice Sheffield—Careers in the music industry
- MMXX Media—Careers in the media
- Grenoside Equestrian Centre—Careers with animals
- Henry Boot—Careers within the construction sector
- Gripple—Careers within manufacturing
- Sheffield University—Careers working with children





WORLD OF WORK

3rd - 7th March 2014

Assemblies

Pictured right—Chris Sorsby of the Glass Academy speaks about the ever changing face of jobs and employment with an interesting look at his own route into his current role as Account Manager & Education Lead.



Lessons

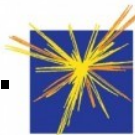
Pictured left- 'Disaster Zone' shelter building workshop with Y10 Geography students, led by Sheffield College Science & engineering staff.



Pictured below - Various linguists from Gripple, Cap Gemini, SDD Exhibitions, and UK Trade & Investment inspired our Y9 language classes about their diverse careers using languages.



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Textile Design

On Wednesday 10th March, as part of 'World of Work' week, Y12 Textile Design students were invited to Sainsbury's store on Archer Road Sheffield, to meet their head London fashion buyer Oliver Campbell. The visit was arranged by Mrs Silverwood and Sam Graves - manager at the Dronfield store. Sainsbury's have sponsored our Y9 'Project Runway' brief this year and we, as Y12 students will be helping to run this project. We will be assisting with the design and construction of the garments in lessons and producing the fashion show in July.

Mr Campbell was very informative and explained about the clothing product life cycle and the teams within this which include Buying, Design, Merchandising and Technical. He discussed trend predictions and looked at next season's trends for menswear in particular.

On the shop floor he explained about the importance of layout of products.

This was a very valuable experience for us all. Mr Campbell also gave us an insight into the routes available if anyone was hoping to follow a career in the fashion industry.

Katie Turton

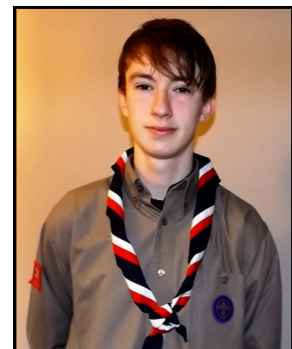
Y12 Textile Design student



Scouts

Finley Mercer Y11 has been selected to represent South Yorkshire in the 23rd World Scout Jamboree in Japan in 2015.

He went through a vigorous selection process beating 170 applicants for one of the 36 places to represent Great Britain. It will be a great honour and experience for him to go to Japan. He will be spending a week with a Japanese family, visiting Tokyo, and will experience a ride on the Bullet Train plus learning about all the other scout cultures, traditions and religions. There will be 30,000 scouts there in total.



Finley has to raise £3,400 which will pay for his air fare, but most of the money raised will support scout movements in third world countries to attend the Jamboree.

Finley will be appreciative of any support offered. Anyone in the community who can help support Finley please contact school.

Mrs Bowker

Year 10 Geographers Building Aid Shelters

As part of the World of Work week some Year 10 Geographers had the opportunity to take part in a Hazard Zone practical workshop looking at the realities of aid work in areas prone to earthquakes.

Students designed small scale models of potential shelters and then built the frameworks for their own aid shelters that could be used after an earthquake, using the kind of materials that would be available in a real situation. This included bamboo canes and string. All shelters had to be big enough to fit 4 people to sleep and stand up. They had to be free standing and stable enough to withstand any aftershocks. This proved more challenging than it looked and on testing, two structures actually collapsed. The winning design was based on a traditional tent shape with reinforced cross bars.

Following the practical part of the workshop students were able to take part in a question and answer session with two active aid workers who had recently returned from South Sudan where they had been working in refugee camps with displaced people. This gave students a real insight into the difficulties and rewards of real aid work.

A big thank you to Mrs Silverwood for organising the workshop and to the students for willingly contributing to an engaging and amusing session.

Mrs Cook



Building the shelters



Designing the models



The winning design being constructed

So, did y' hear the story of the Johnstone twins?

On Thursday 20th February, 3 coaches and a minibus containing 162 Y11 students set off for Bradford to watch the performance of Blood Brothers. Year 11 are studying the play as one of their GCSE texts, and there is no better preparation than to see it live, performed by professional actors. The Bradford Alhambra is a magnificent venue, and a fitting background for this tragic tale of superstition, murder, and two others divided by class but driven by desperation to do the unthinkable. The production values, costumes and set are all superb, and the play is in turns hilarious, shocking, tense and deeply upsetting.

Students really enjoyed the show, which starred Maureen Nolan as Mrs Johnstone, supported by an able and experienced cast. Particular highlights included Mickey and Eddie meeting for the first time; their 'incredible celluloid experience'; and the jokes on the coaches on the way home.

All students were fantastically well-behaved, and were a credit to the school. My thanks to all students who attended, and to the staff who were kind enough to give up their time to go on the trip: Mr McKeown, Mrs Key, Mrs Aitken, Mr Cocken, Mr Sheppard, Mrs Cooke, Ms Ciccone, Mrs Buckley, Ms Cartwright, Mr Hensby, Mrs Stewart, Ms Iampietro.

Mr Beigel

"The experience of going to the theatre was extremely enjoyable, and I particularly like Linda's character."

Atila Demir, Y11

"The whole trip was really good fun, even the coach journey, and seeing the play helped me to understand the plot and characters."

Megan Kaye, Y11



Spanish Revision Trip



Me gustó mucho este fin de semana porque fue muy divertido e interesante. Mi actividad favorita fue preparando mi presentación porque me ha ayudado para mis exámenes. Si pudiera cambiar una cosa sería usar el proyector.

Maria Burton 11J

On Friday 31st January, Mrs Hunt, Mr Church, Mrs Taylor and the Spanish assistant, Manuel, took 23 Y11 students to Castleton on an Intensive Spanish Revision trip. We left school at 3pm and arrived at Castleton, where we checked into our rooms and started revising! A programme of revision was created to ensure students were able to participate in Listening, Reading and Speaking practice. Students participated in six workshops during their stay. It came at an ideal time, with the Y11 Speaking exams starting mid-March.

Students were divided into groups for Higher and Foundation and were assisted in exam technique and personalised revision. Over the course of the weekend, we completed several past papers, speaking questions and presentations. The Youth Hostel provided a lovely surrounding for study and the sausage and mash was tip top. The students on the trip were a credit to themselves, the school and their families. Well done!

Mrs Taylor



I have found this trip extremely useful because we have gained more experience in answering exam questions and examples of really good vocabulary for our CAS. I think that it will really help me in my exam in May. Not only was this trip beneficial it was also really fun as everyone could work together and enjoy the different surroundings.

Beth Pearson 11L

I have found this weekend really useful because we were able to practice Speaking, Listening, Reading and Writing. I have learnt new vocabulary to help me understand the text in the exam. I enjoyed it even more because I was with friends and we could help each other.

Alice Brothers 11L



Kingswood 2014

On Friday 7th February, 339 Y7s ventured into the unknown at the Kingswood Outdoor Activity Centre. Faced with fears to overcome we still managed to pull through and had a great time, even when the weather was miserable. The biggest hurdle was the climbing and abseiling tower. Most of us had second thoughts about even getting to the top, let alone abseil down!! However, with a little encouragement from our team mates, most of us got to the top and everyone managed to put at least one foot on the climbing wall. Unfortunately for Mr Hill, (our Science teacher) his abseiling adventures ended with a crash as he slipped at the bottom. Something that was scary, but fun, was the dreaded 'Night Line'. Going around the muddy, 'Night Line' assault course, blindfolded, left us all running for the showers afterwards.



Activities that everyone enjoyed included Aeroball, Quad Biking and the Go- Carts. Aeroball was great fun as four people were all trying to get the ball in other people's hoops whilst jumping on a trampoline. The food was delicious, and there was plenty to start our day off right, and keep us going through the day. Kingswood would not have been possible without all the staff who volunteered to go, so a huge thank you to all of them.

Jack Earnshaw 7K

I think I can speak for everyone who went to Kingswood when I say we really enjoyed ourselves. I hope everyone had a great time doing activities and making new friends, I know I certainly did. I loved the Night Line despite all the mud and the fact it was raining. The abseiling tower was amazing despite me being half scared to death. I am grateful that the school let us go on this trip and think we will all get on better now. Thank you to all the staff that gave up their weekend to come with us

Mie Murasa 7C



What We Enjoyed:

"I enjoyed Kingswood, because it was an enthusiastic and entertaining trip"

Hannah Scarratt 7G

"... abseiling and the meals, everything really. Thanks to all the staff who dedicated their time to be there"

Reuben Newman- Billington 7E

"... archery, and I liked trying lots of new activities. The best experience".

Lewis Vardy 7E

"... the zip wire, it was exhilarating".

Sasha Bushnell 7E

"... abseiling. Scary, but so cool".

Erin Dunham 7L

"... the zip wire. It was scary but really fun. I screamed all the way down!"

Lucy Camm 7L

"... the meal times, because we didn't go hungry".

Kieran Marsden 7D

"... abseiling because it was an adrenaline rush when you were stood at the top".

Ella Hadfield 7D

"... the abseiling and the quad bikes. Although the abseiling was quite scary".

Ella Steele 7L

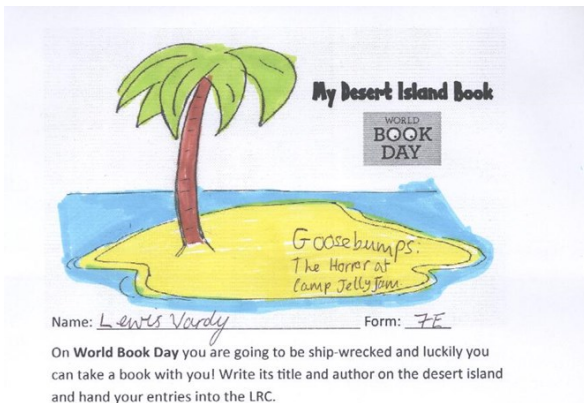
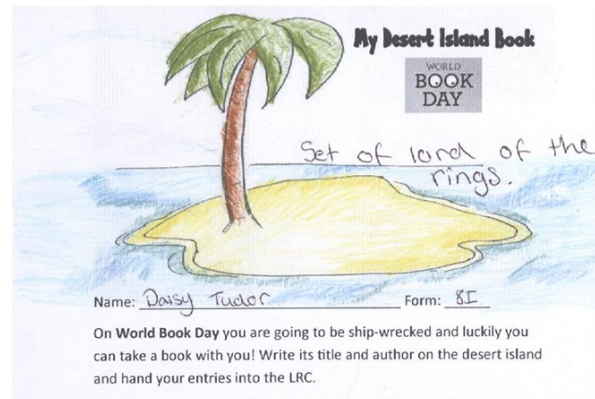
"I enjoyed Kingswood because the activities were fun and I made some new friends".

Freya Hyde 7G



World Book Day 2014

As part of the celebrations this year, the Learning Centre shipwrecked pupils on a desert island! Luckily they could take a book with them – among the favourites were Itch (Simon Mayo), The Fault in our Stars (John Green) and The Tide Knot (Helen Dunmore), with quite a few complete sets sneaking in too, especially Diary of a Wimpy Kid and Harry Potter!



World Book Day is to encourage a love of reading – well done to all who took part and congratulations to the following who received a small prize for their efforts: Daisy Tudor 8I and Lewis Vardy 7E. Annabel Hoare 8I and Asher Nicholson 7L both won a prize in the draw for their year group.

Mrs Webb
Learning Centre Assistant

Lucy Butlin retiring after 28 years of being a cleaner

Mrs Butlin started at Jordanthorpe in 1986 and was a cleaner in the North Building. Mr Cook was the headteacher at this time and Alan & Sheila O'Gram were the resident caretakers.

Lucy has enjoyed her 28 years at Jordanthorpe and then Meadowhead. The job has change over the years but she made good friends and has had good times and lots of laughs – She always had good relationships with the teachers and her colleagues.

Lucy is looking forward to spending more time now with her family and friends. She enjoys going out, making jigsaws, reading and playing pool.

We will all miss Lucy especially the staff on the Language corridor whose classrooms she cleaned each day.

Mrs Bowker



Geographical Quiz Winners

In November the Geography Department took 3 Y9 boys, **Harry Corps, Adam Ryan & Harry Fitzpatrick** to take part in the Sheffield Worldwide Quiz at King Edwards Upper School. The quiz is a geographical quiz testing general geographic knowledge such as: map skills, UK landmarks, fieldwork, and general knowledge.

The boys were absolutely brilliant, wowing every teacher and members of the Geographical Association there, with their knowledge. They really were a class apart from the rest. The boys won every round except the last round (by which point they had already won the competition). They were an absolute credit to the school being very dignified winners. The results are as follows:

Meadowhead	50 points
Birkdale	39
Newfield	36
Silverdale	34
High Storrs	27
King Edwards	24
Park Academy	22
Birley	9

The boys have now been invited to take part in the National Competition later this year. Last year it was a weekend event in Exmoor. If they were to win this, they would then go on to represent Meadowhead and Great Britain in the International competition. We wish them luck.

Well done boys on a fantastic achievement!

The Geography Department



Meadowhead Big Challenge finalists 2014!

A total of 202 business teams from Secondary Schools/Colleges across the city took on 'The Big Challenge' in October and competed on a £25 start loan to make and sell their products over the following 5 months. 100 teams completed the challenge by submitting their Final Business Reports in February, and just 15 were selected to present their businesses to the VIP panel of judges at Creative Sheffield on 19th March to fight for a place in the finals!

Competition from other schools and The Sheffield College once again was extremely fierce, we were very proud to get 4 teams shortlisted in the semi-finals, two of which made it through to the finals – **Harvey Morton IT Support** (Y11) and **Tech Vid** (Adam Waterhouse & Will Shearstone - Y10).

Well done to **Decopots** (Y12) and **Nosh Studios** (Y9) who narrowly missed out on a place in the finals following their excellent presentations and we hope that they will re-enter next year as they have some amazing future plans to take their businesses to the next level.

We now look forward to the VIP awards night at the Holiday Inn Royal Victoria in April. Fingers crossed for one of our teams to win the top prize of a 5 day all expenses paid trip to BERLIN! **Good luck Harvey, Adam and Will!**

Mrs Silverwood



WE'RE ALL BLADES AREN'T WE?

What could have been a cheerless wintry chore among the relegation haunted bottom feeders of League One was given new life by Sheffield United's unfathomable FA Cup success in the weeks leading up to the home clash with Shrewsbury Town. Forty students from Y6, Y7 and Y8 gathered at Meadowhead in the thin February weather and were transported by coach to Bramall Lane, equipped with the reporter's essentials: a pencil stub, a notebook, a scotch egg and an imaginative bent. We were escorted around the stadium, conducted interviews with some players and employees, glimpsed for an instant the gilded match day luxury of those privileged enough to wallow in an executive suite* before being deposited back onto the pavement to join the common herd queuing at the turnstiles.

Early goals for the Blades set the crowd rocking and, thanks to seasoned fans like Rhys Howcutt and George Pemberton, the Meadowhead contingent found their voice and, gentle goading of the away fans aside, the singing was hearty, clean and in the Corinthian spirit.

Notebooks were full at the end of the match and students from Meadowhead, Abbey Lane, Bradway and Lower Meadow returned to their schools to decipher the scrawl and transform it into a report that convincingly evoked the electric charge of the atmosphere and the sensory overload of the stadium lavatories.

Thanks to all involved.

Mr Taylor

**A sighting of our new headteacher being served Bovril from a china tea set in one such suite is still unconfirmed.*



Kier Sponsors Football Teams



A big thank you to Kier for sponsoring Meadowhead's U13 and U14 Football teams and buying new football shirts. They wore them for their league matches against King Ecgbert (U14) and Ecclesfield (U13).

Thanks to Mr Furniss for liaising with Kier.

Y8 Football



This season has been a very difficult one for the team, with the boys having to be on a steep learning curve. The results have not been on their side and they have been on the wrong side of some very one sided score lines having to play against some very good teams and the boys have had to adapt to new positions. The season highs have come from wins against Westfield and Don Valley. Some stand out players this season have been Oliver Barnes always working hard in the goal, Kieran Maxstead with some consistent performances at left back, Jack Wheeler and George Tracey for

their adaptability by playing in a number of different positions to help the team out as much as possible. The boys have represented Meadowhead with the upmost integrity. I have no doubt that their fortunes will change next season, that they have learnt and grown as players and they will move onwards and upwards in the league next season.

Mr Perry

Y9 Football

The Y9 football team are coming to the end of what has so far been another great season, and has the potential to be their best yet!! The team is so far unbeaten in South Yorkshire this season. Playing 13 and winning all 13, they are currently aiming for their first treble by winning the Sheffield Leagues, the Sheffield Cup and the South Yorkshire Schools Cup.

A full season round up will follow in the next Phoenix, but as always I couldn't be prouder of the teams commitment and more importantly their phenomenal attitude.

Mr Allen



Y7 Football

The Y7 football team have had a good start to their football at Meadowhead School. They are awaiting their final standing for their position in the league but should come in at a comfortable second place which could possibly place them in the premiership league next season. The Y7 football team made it to the 3rd round of the English Schools National Competition and got to the quarter finals of the Sheffield Schools Cup which was a fantastic effort. Overall the Y7 football team had performed really well with a lot more improvements to come that will put them in a strong position for next season.



Mr Pitman

Y10 Football all good things come to an end!!

The unthinkable has finally happened The South Yorkshire unbeaten record has gone!! The boys have suffered their first local defeat in nearly 4 years, going out of the South Yorkshire Cup Semi Final to Notre Dame. The defeat came on a tiny pitch seeing us concede a deflected shot and an own goal, another factor on the day was 4 of the lads having to come off with injuries - Tom Cropper, Max Goodinson, Sam Gibson and Luke Sanderson (goalkeeper) all having to come off which left us with 10 fit players and Ben Beever in the goal!! That said we still had more than enough quality to win the game, but unfortunately failed to convert the many, many chances that we had. I have to say that although the defeat was hard to take, nothing can be taken away from this group of players, to go on a run that has seen them play well over 100 fixtures in South Yorkshire, winning every single one is just an unbelievable achievement, one that I believe is a record, a record that I doubt will be broken for a long time, and for this I must applaud the boys and their quite brilliant footballing ability!!

With regards to the rest of the season the team is one game away from their 4th successive Sheffield league title, and also through to the Sheffield Cup Final, where they will be again fighting to win their 4th successive title as well – keep working hard lads and stick together.



Mr Allen

Sheffield Boys Football

The following boys have been playing regularly for Sheffield Boys. They were nominated through school and take pride in representing the city on a Saturday morning – keep it up lads.



Y10

James Hastings
George Barnes
Tom Cropper



Y9

Harry Grimmer
Jack Morton
Ethan Holloway
Ted Claxton
Louis Hutchinson



Y7

Kyron Gordon
Max Rhodes

Mr Allen

Professional Footballers in the Making



Congratulations to Mike Conneh, Lewis Brown and Harvey Gilmour who have all been offered Football Scholarships at their respective clubs. A special mention for Harvey who received the offer a year earlier than expected. We wish all the boys luck and hope to see them on Match Of The Day very soon.

Mr Allen

Mike at Sheffield Wednesday—Lewis at Chesterfield—Harvey at Sheffield United

Athletics Fixtures 2014

There are lots of Athletics events taking place after Easter. They will take place at Woodbourn Road stadium and we will be travelling there by coach or minibus.

If you represent the school in athletics please put the following dates in your diary.

Thurs 1st May	Inter/Senior selection (Y10 - 13)
Wed 7th May	Junior City Selection (Y7 - 9)
Fri 6th June	District A Competition (Y7 - 9)
Mon 16th June	Track & Field League B (Y7 - 9)
Wed 25th June	Track & Field League Finals (Y7 - 9)
Wed 9th July	City Finals (All years)

Cross Country

This year saw one of our most successful cross country seasons for a while. Six Meadowhead students were selected to represent Sheffield in the County Champs. As expected Jonathan Shields continues to place highly in all his races gaining selection for his fourth English Schools National Champs, whilst newcomer Joe Newman-Billington surprised us by not being outside the top four in any race even taking 2nd at county level to gain selection for South Yorkshire. His younger brother Reuben started the season as the 12th best in Sheffield but ended it as the 12th best in South Yorkshire. The Y7 girls team gained 4th place in the league and the Y7 boys teams finishing 3rd in the city championship, with all 4 boys finishing in the top 15. A fantastic achievement—well done to all

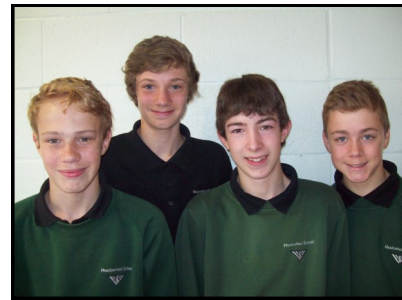
Mr Adams



Y7 Girls



Y7 boys



Junior & Intermediate boys

Golf

A massive congratulations to Adam Geelan, Alexandra Williams and Holly Morgan for competing at Hickleton Golf Club in the Under 16 'South Yorkshire Schools Golf Competition' on Thursday 20th March. They competed against all the top Under 16 Golfers from Doncaster, Rotherham Barnsley and Sheffield Schools. The conditions were windy and wet making them very challenging to compete against. They did themselves and Meadowhead School really proud. A special congratulation to Holly Morgan who was the South Yorkshire U16 female championship.

Holly Morgan -Golfing Achievements 2013

- Yorkshire Ladies Championship – Reached the quarter finals
- Sheffield Ladies Championships – Won the qualifier, reached the semi finals
- Yorkshire Girls Championships – 2nd place
- Selected for Yorkshire Ladies 1st team for County Match Week
- Northern Girls Championships – Tied 2nd place (3rd)
- Selected for Yorkshire Ladies 1st for English County Finals
- Lees Hall Junior Champion of Champions
– Won
- Lees Hall Ladies Scratch trophy – Won
- Selected for Yorkshire county first team
winter training

Holly has been offered a scholarship in the USA, which she is considering at the moment. We are currently looking to get Holly some sponsorship to help her when she has to stay in hotels overnight for different tournaments. If you know anyone that might be interested in sponsoring Holly please let us know.

Mrs Bowker



Speedway Olympian

I ride for the Sheffield Rockets cycle speedway and also the North Midlands youth squad. In the velodrome I'm on the last stage of my accreditation and then I can go into a racing league. Early in the season of 2013 I started the British Youth & Junior League of which there were eight rounds, 4 in the northern region and then 4 national rounds. I won all four in the north and won two nationally which gave me the



U12 British Champion title. Later on in the season I came 3rd in the U13 Northern individuals, second in the U13 Yorkshire Championship and won the U13 City Championship. After watching Chris Hoy in the 2012 Olympics claiming numerous gold medals on the track for 1km time trial for team pursuit, when I'm older I want to ride the track as a professional either in the UCI Track Champs or the 2020 Olympics.

James Bunting 8G

Y7 Basketball

The Y7 Basketball Squad are playing a variety of friendly fixtures to prepare them for next season. They played their first friendly fixture away at King Edwards School along with the Y9 basketball squad. They worked well as a team and did themselves really proud putting in some really good individual performances. If you are in Y7 and are interested in joining the Y7 basketball team then come along to training on a Monday and Tuesday after school 3pm-4pm. Next year the Y7 team will be entered into the A league and will have a lot of competitive fixtures.



Mr Pitman

Y9 Basketball



The Y9 Basketball squad played their first basketball fixture against King Edwards School and were triumphant winning comfortably, 19 points to 4. All players representing the team played exceptionally well within this fixture showing how organized, disciplined and cooperative they worked as a team. They have more fixtures coming up in the future so we look forward to Meadowhead Y9 Basketball team playing more games showing people the skills they possess to be a successful team. If you are interested in trying out for a Meadowhead Basketball team then come along to training on a Monday and Tuesday after school 3pm-4pm.

Mr Pitman

U14 Netball

Meadowhead's Y9 Netball team has had a successful and enjoyable year, overall winning a high percentage of their games. Although they started off the year with a loss against City School, they brought it back with a 12-8 win against Tapton and later went on to beat Handsworth Grange 12-3. In January the team were invited to an U14 tournament at the English Institute of Sport and came 4th overall out of 10 teams after battling against the strong teams of Silverdale and City School.



All girls have been great assets to the team and have worked well together throughout the year. Well done to all players.

Miss Denton

Hockey

Kaden Nunn 10I started playing hockey two seasons ago and has proved to be very successful in this sport. He plays regularly for his club, Sheffield Hallam in both the U16 team and the men's 8th team. The squad trains at least once a week and matches are played at the weekend all over the north of England. Kaden has been selected to take part in the JRPC programme this year, a development programme aimed at young talented hockey players. His success has seen him play for both South Yorkshire and Yorkshire U15 teams, a fantastic achievement in itself but even more special, as Kaden has only played for the last two seasons! But it does not stop there....Kaden has also been asked to play for the North U15 team. This is highlighted in a territorial tournament which is played once a year and comes with the opportunity to be selected and asked to join the England development squad. A brilliant achievement.

Kaden has scored over 10 goals this season and plays either midfield or centre forward. He is a player with great potential, excellent stick skills and self motivation. He is aspiring to be as good as Darren Cheesman, who is presently in the England Senior squad and plays hockey for East Grinstead. We wish Kaden every success in the future.

Ms Dunbar

Y8 Rugby

The Rugby team has found it tough this season finding numbers to put a team out on a Saturday morning. This has had a massive impact on performance. However the players that have been turning out for the games have been extremely reliable and have represented school brilliantly such as Oskar Ruzak, Louis Anobile, Adam Smart and Josh Cadman to name a few. There has been some success this season with wins coming in tournaments against other schools in the city. The boys now are trying their hand at the other code of Rugby League, and will be playing in some tournaments over the next few months. The aim is to keep rugby an all year round sport as it will only help to develop skills. Two individuals have also represented the Y9 team — Will Backhouse and Euan MacDonald. Euan got Man of the Match and Will got himself on the score sheet. Will Backhouse has also been selected to take part with the Leicester Tigers Player development squad, a massive congratulations to him.

Mr Perry



Y7 Rugby

The Y7 Rugby team have had a fantastic run this year in the Rotherham Schools Competition. With being a new team they started a little rusty but as the year progressed the Y7 squad started working better together as a team getting their first win after the new year against Wath Comprehensive School. The following week the Y7 team played away at Kings School in Pontefract. After going 2 tries to 0 down they persistently worked together to grind a result and were triumphant 12 points to 10.

They have finished really well and are getting stronger by every game. Next year not only will the team be entered into the Rotherham Schools Competition but they will also enter the Sheffield Schools League to find the best Rugby Union team in Sheffield.

If you are interested in trying out for the Meadowhead Rugby squad see Mr Pitman for further information.

Mr Pitman



Y10 Rugby

This year has been a very big year for some of the players in the rugby team. Mitchell O'Brien, Will Boot and Charlie Foster have all been selected to represent professional clubs.

Charlie has been playing for 7 years now and plays down at Sheffield Tigers. He first started to play through a friend's parent asking him to come along to training and he immediately fell in love with the game. He has represented at county level for Derbyshire and from there he was approached by Leicester Tigers and is now part of their player development programme.

Mitchell has also been playing for 7 years and is the school rugby team's captain as well as playing for Abbeydale. He started to play through friends and has represented at county level for Yorkshire. From there he has played for Leeds Carnegie. Mitchell has also been trying his hand at rugby league and has got himself a scholarship with the Sheffield Eagles RLFC through one of the PE staff. Mitchell says he is really enjoying playing both codes and feels that his skills are really developing and making him a better player.

Will has been playing for 4 years and also plays down at Abbeydale. He first started playing through school and from there was encouraged by his friends to take the sport up properly. Will has progressed massively and it helps when you are the size of a house. He has been selected by the Leicester Tigers to be part of their player development programme and since then he has gone on to captain the Leicester Tigers.

The lads are an advert for hard work and determination in the pursuit of their dream as they all train between 5 – 6 times a week, as well as fitting in time for socialising and homework.

All the lads have the dream to make it professionally and I think I can speak for the whole school that we wish them the best of luck and I hope to see them playing on our television screens in the future.

Mr Perry



Mitchell O'Brien, Will Boot & Charlie Foster

Y12 Visit to Jessop Fertility Hospital

Healthcare science staff from Jessop Fertility are celebrating National Science and Engineering Week by inviting local school pupils to take a look behind the scenes. A group of Meadowhead pupils studying the BTEC L3 Applied Science course were offered this exciting opportunity.

Jessop Fertility based at the Jessop Wing at Sheffield Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust offers the most innovative assisted conception techniques to help people have babies.

Students had the chance to visit the centre's laboratories, equipped with the most advanced technology available. They had to wear special protective suits and shoes to stop any contaminants getting into the laboratory. They saw sperm cells using a high powered microscope and got to look inside cryostores of frozen embryos held in liquid nitrogen at -160°C!



All students had a fantastic time and were able to gain lots of insight into the work of embryologists.

Y7 and Y9 Science mentoring scheme

A select few Y9 students have been training in revision techniques to help assist Y7 pupils with their exam revision. They have learnt how to chunk information, present spider diagrams and revision cards. These techniques will be used to help develop resources for the Y7 pupils to take away and use for revising their next science exam.



Revise!

British Council International School Award Success for Meadowhead School

Meadowhead School has been awarded the British Council's prestigious International School Award in recognition of its work to bring the world into the classroom. This is the FOURTH time Meadowhead has received this award, an outstanding accomplishment.

The International School Award is a badge of honour for schools that do outstanding work in international education, such as through links with partner schools overseas. Fostering an international dimension in the curriculum is at the heart of the British Council's work with schools, so that young people gain the cultural understanding and skills they need to live and work as global citizens.

Meadowhead School's International work includes:

- Comenius Bi-lateral Project "My Ident-city" with Colegio San Valero, Spain
- Business Language Company Visits to Gripple
- Our Foreign Language Assistant programme
- Comenius Multilateral Project - Legends Across Europe with schools in Finland and Spain
- World Music and Performing Arts Project
- Finnish Comenius Assistant
- Multi-cultural Food Project
- Fall of the Berlin Wall project and Berlin Intensive Language Study Visit
- Primary Liaison CLIL project
- History Belgium Battlefields project
- British Airways Flag Award
- Post-16 expedition to Morocco
- Spanish Summer School
- Dutch Football tour
- Linguist of the Month
- European Day of Languages
- Study trips to France, Germany and Spain

Through working on joint projects and adding international elements to lessons, pupils and teachers are given a fresh perspective on the world and their place in it.

Taking part in the Award:

- links schools with others around the world
- teaches pupils about other countries and cultures
- prepares pupils for living and working in a global economy
- enhances teaching standards through sharing best practice and teaching methods
- leads to a new outwardly facing perspective and ethos for the school as a whole

A big thank you to everyone who has been involved in any international activity, no matter how big or small, as all of these combined contribute to bring the world into the classroom and helping our students become true global citizens!

Mrs Kelly & Mrs Silverwood

Sixth Form News

Our Retail Ambassadors...



When I last wrote about the Retail Ambassador programme, I explained the types of things our ambassadors would be getting involved in since becoming part of this exciting programme.

Well, since then, lots have happened! Below I have listed just a few of the things that our ambassadors have been involved in so far:

An 'Apprentice' style task following the opening of the new Moor Markets. They were given various tasks to complete over the afternoon to liaise with various companies.

A visit to the **KnowHow** call centre at Centertainment. The student got an insight into how a real business operates and got involved in interesting and informative sessions.

Afternoon workshops at The Source Academy near Meadowhall comprising of informative sessions and guest speakers.

Project work set by The Source Academy which has allowed them to discover various aspects of retail including the wide variety of job roles there is to offer and the pay scales for certain jobs.

They are due to attend a **Retail Matters Conference** on **Wednesday 19th March** at The Source Academy. This is a formal conference which will involve experienced business leaders, successful local independent business owners and retail industry experts. Our students will be doing a presentation to explain what activities they have been involved in and what they have learnt about the retail sector since becoming a Retail Ambassador. Please join me in wishing our students the best of luck!

Mrs Leonard
(Post 16 Co-ordinator)



Sixth Form Enrichment Programme...

Our Wednesday enrichment programme is going from strength to strength! There is so much positivity from staff, students and employers in that the programme is of real benefit. Students are able to participate in activities in school or arrange external work placements that will help build up their employability status.

Here are just a few quotes from our students when asked about their enrichment experience so far:

"I have found enrichment a good break in the middle of the week from normal lessons"

"Gave me the chance to do something I wouldn't normally have done"

"I am learning lots about teaching and the way Schools work. I love it!"

"I thoroughly enjoyed Cultural Studies, especially the guest speakers and discussion aspects of the course"

"It has been enjoyable and useful"

"It gave me an opportunity to concentrate on my preferred career of becoming a Sports Journalist"

"Maths enrichment taught me some interesting skills"

"Learning new skills, for example, working in a team"

"I have learnt a lot about the different aspects of Science along with improving my fitness in Sport"

"Really enjoyable. Good work experience for manual jobs"

"I have begun to learn a new language and spent time in the gym"

"It's been pretty fun as we have good teachers and it's a lot more relaxed than normal lessons"

"I found my work experience through school, sent in an application and had an interview. I love it! I am working at Bradway Primary School helping the students with group and individual work. Every week I plan, make and teach my own Spanish lessons to the class, I love it. It has definitely made me sure of what I want to do when I'm older."

Rebecca Gallagher
Mentoring, Coaching & Educational
Support
Bradway Primary School

"I have been on work placement at Sheffield United Community Foundation and it has been extremely beneficial. It has given me confidence to conduct sessions in football and multi skills. From what I have seen and experienced during my time of coaching at different schools, it has given me a better understanding and has made me realise what I want to do as a definite career. I have met some great people and it has been very worthwhile"

Ryan Leaper
Assistant Community Coach
Sheffield United Football Club

Our aim is...

To continue to increase the variety of placements that are offered to our students in order for the opportunities available to grow year upon year. As work experience is so valuable for both University courses and job vacancies, this will give our students the best possible chance when they move on after sixth form.

Y12 Guest Speakers...

During the Spring term, a number of guest speakers have been invited into address Y12 students on a range of topics. They include:

Joe Hockney from **Sheffield City Council** who provided tips and advice for young drivers on topics such as finding a driver instructor, arranging insurance and staying safe on the roads.

Marie Collinson-Wallace from **NHS Blood and Transplant Service** who with support from her daughter, Olivia Wallace (Year 9), promoted blood donation and explained the vital importance of it to the NHS.

Elizabeth Dobson from the **University of Cambridge** who provided guidance for students intending to apply through UCAS for Oxford or Cambridge.

Y12 Visits and Trips...

Meadowhead's teaching staff and Post-16 team support a wide variety of trips and visits to support learning at A Level. Here are few examples of our most recent visits:

Screening of 2001: A Space Odyssey at the Showroom Sheffield

On Wednesday 12th March, fifteen cultural studies students attended the Showroom for a screening of Kubrick's 1968 classic. Dr Fabienne Collignon, from Sheffield's School of English, led a group discussion after the screening which focussed on whether viewers would sympathise with the astronauts or the super computer HAL.

Vist to Sheffield University School of English

Students considering applying for English or related subjects visited Sheffield University on Wednesday 19th March. They were given a tour of the campus, offered support in applications and attended sessions led by academics from the School.

Cultural Studies: Sheffield Tour

As part of the final session of the cultural studies enrichment programme, students were offered a unique tour of Sheffield. Stop offs on the tour included the Millennium Galleries, City Road Cemetery, Park Hill Flats and the Cholera Monument.

A Taste of Honey

The National Theatre, London

To help prepare for their AS coursework, English Literature students visited London to see The National Theatre's revival of *A Taste of Honey* featuring Lesley Sharp as Helen the dysfunctional mother and Kate O'Flynn as her daughter Jo. Students were also able to enjoy a spot of sight-seeing on London's South Bank.



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 May 8th for 6 weeks and try our popular Holiday Tasters classes in French, Spanish & Italian. 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.

***FREE Child place:**

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** for only £25.



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 8.45pm.

Cost: £40 for Holiday courses / £25 for computer course

Contact: Sue Beres – 0114 237 2723 ext 300

Email: languagecollege@meadowhead.sheffield.sch.uk

Year 9 Ethics Stephen Lawrence 1974—1993

That Cold Dark Night

On that cold dark night in 1993
A girl in Lewisham they went to see.

Duwayne and Stephen, black, bright boys
Waiting for the bus, then tragedy!

A gang of six, white and prejudice
Stabbed Stephen through the neck without a miss.

They ran away like a laughing game,
While he stood watching his best friend going insane.

Police arrived, racist police,
Questioning Duwayne, innocent Duwayne.

INNOCENT DUWAYNE.

Isabel Miles 9J

Police, Pain
Racism,
Evidence,
Justice, Judge
Unprovoked, Unprofessional
Duwayne,
Intentional,
Crime, Court
Eltham.

Matt Hammond 9J

Police were racist too.
Rude language.
Every attacker got away with it.
Just on the way home.
Unfinished investigation.
Dead by midnight.
Institutionally racist.
Catching the bus at Eltham.
Expected justice.

Lauren Blake 9J

Stabbing.
Ten seconds is all it took.
Evil is the word.
Prejudice is all it is,
Hate to black people.
Even the police,
No, never is it acceptable.

Long night for his family,
Angry, upset are just a few emotions.
Well Hard Road is where it happened.
RUN, RUN!! Duwayne shouted,
Eltham is where they were going.
No investigation took place.
Call an ambulance shouted Duwayne.
Eventually he died in hospital.

Megan Rasdale 9J

Two Men Stand

Two men stand,
Two men wait,
By the road,
Six men hate.

Two men hear,
Six men shout,
What what nigger!
Two men frown.

Six men run
Across the road
To the bus stop
Where two men stand.

One man runs,
Runs away,
Another man draws,
A knife from his waist.

One man stands,
Rooted by fear.
Then six men's shouts
Are all he can hear.

One man is struck,
About the head
With a bat,
Heavy as lead.

As one man watches
Struck with fear,
No knife does he see,
But he still sheds tears.

Six men run,
Run away laughing,
Leaving one man
Leave him for dead.

As one man runs,
Towards his friend,
A wound in his neck
Will cause his lifes end.

As two men run,
Run away,
Two fifty paces,
Is all he can make.

One man dies,
Later that night,
But justice will come,
Come with a fight.

Seven hundred mourners,
Demand that a
Local political party,
Be closed down.

18 long years,
Go by before,
Justice is served
To those that deserve it.

Dylan Swales 9J

Ethics - World Poverty

On the Edge of Kibera

On the edge of Kibera,
Away from the slums,
They live on luxury,
With a house and full tums.

They come by train,
Looking for jobs,
To feed their children,
As their husbands are slobs.

One woman named Lazarus,
Comes by every day,
She goes door-to-door,
But is often turned away.

She finally gives up,
And sits outside a house,
Where a rich man sits inside,
Drinking scotch and eating grouse.

"How different" she thinks,
Sitting on the curb,
To have food and clean drink,
And no rivers full of turd.

To have a warm house,
And clean clothes, and education,
While we queue up, hoping for jobs,
At the Kibera station.

Finally,
Her HIV-positive body collapses,
And she lay on the ground,
As dogs gather on the path.

The dogs tried to help,
They lifted her soars,
While the rich man sat, oblivious,
Behind closed doors.

Finally they died,
Lazarus and the rich man,
But one went to heaven,
And one onto the devil's hands.

The rich man begged, pleaded,
To be with God,
But Abraham refused,
And said with a nod.

"Lazarus suffered,
And you could've helped,
But instead you covered your ears,
To the dogs pleading yelps."

"You received good things,
And when Lazarus fell,
You could've saved her,
And now you'll burn in hell."

**Conor McDermott &
Connor Shreaves Y10**

Young woman in Kibera
Can't carry on this way
Every day she prays that
Abraham will take her away.

Young woman in Kibera
She's sleeping rough again
That's the biggest risk
When living next to a drinking den.

Young woman in Kibera
Lazarus is your name.
Rich people hear your story
And think it's just a game.

Young woman in Kibera
You lay by Alan's gate.
He won't help you
But still, right there, you wait.

Young woman in Kibera
Even dogs come lick your sores
You've got nothing left to give
You can't take any more.

Kiera Luke

Depression is when
Everyone else is blissfully unaware of
Problems that underlie the surface. The
Reality is often side-lined in order to maintain
Emootional stability, by avoiding bullies who call you
Stupid,
Strange,
Idiot,
Outcast. It is a plague on the mind to be called these.
Nobody should have to put up with that.

Kieron Allen 9G

Depression is when
Everyone calls you names.
People think it's OK, but
Really they don't understand what it's like.
Everything is dark, and you feel
Sad, so you
Self-harm. If you go too deep
It can kill you.
Our world needs to change.
No-on cares.

Krista Krastina 9G

Y8 VIP visit to Gripple for launch of 'Stainless'

On Friday 7th March I took four Y8 pupils to Gripple, one of our trust partners, for a book launch. The book, entitled 'Stainless' is a mystery/crime story based on Harry Brearley, the man who discovered stainless steel. Two heir hunters investigate Brearley's hidden legacy which takes them on a journey through modern day Sheffield and also Victorian Sheffield. The novel is interactive and allows those reading to access links to modern day high tech industries.

The book is designed to inspire and enthuse current Y8 pupils about manufacturing and high tech industry related careers. Each Y8 pupil in South Yorkshire, all 14,000 of them, will receive a copy of Stainless. The 4 chosen Y8 pupils were Stephen Cole, Scarlett Hawkes, Lowri Anderson and Ali Khalil. They met the authors of the book and also other dignitaries including the Lord Mayor. They received signed copies of the book and had pictures taken that will be used to publicise the book.

The pupils enjoyed the visit, particularly meeting the artist, who sketched a caricature of them. They all said how much they were looking forward to reading the book and how it had encouraged them to learn more about careers in the technology industries.

Mr Green



PARENTS!

Did you know you can now log onto the Sims Learning Gateway (SLG) to find out lots of information about your son/ daughter including

Attendance
Homework
Behaviour
Achievement
School Reports

And other useful information.

If you haven't already logged onto the school's SLG please email

slg@meadowhead.sheffield.sch.uk

Sainsbury's Active Kids

is back for 2014

Get collecting from 29th Jan!

Active Kids 2014
Feeding them for a healthier life



Sainsbury's



Sainsbury's Vouchers

Please bring vouchers to school and hand into the Finance Office.

Christmas Jumper Day 2013

On Friday 13th December 2013, staff and 6th form students wore a Christmas jumper to school. There was a fantastic range of designs, with only two being the same! We raised £71 for Save the Children—thank you to everyone who donated.

Mrs Bowker



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FRIDAY 21st MARCH

Sports Relief

Students in their PE lesson on Friday 21st March walked, jogged or ran 1 mile in aid of Sports Relief and £212 was raised. Students also took part in a Penalty Shoot Out against Staff and 6th Formers at lunchtime and others challenged themselves to the rower, jogger and exercise bike. Thanks to all who took part and donated money.

Mr Pitman



MEADOWHEAD SCHOOL

CAR BOOT SALE

Saturday 10th May

9:00am start

To book a pitch, contact
Mrs Bowker on **2372723**

	Pre booked	On the day
Cars	£7	£10
Vans/trailers	£9	£12
Traders	£20	£25
Buyers	-	50p



Cars will be allowed on site from 8.15am to set up
Refreshments will be available all morning