

Meadowhead School Academy Trust



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Newsletter Autumn Term 2014

Welcome to the new e-Phoenix - our short and snappy newsletter. If you are reading online, you can go to the full article by clicking the green  symbol.



**Octagon
Presentation 2014**

In November we celebrated the achievements of last year's Y11 students at the University of Sheffield's Octagon Theatre. Students' families and school staff enjoyed the presentation of GCSE Certificates and Awards.



**A
Celebration of
Success!**



**Guest Speaker
Craig McKay**

Amongst the awards presented were the Bryan Marsden History Prize which went to Scott Vardy and the Philip Mintoft Science Prize awarded to Amy Ball. Extremely well done to both students.





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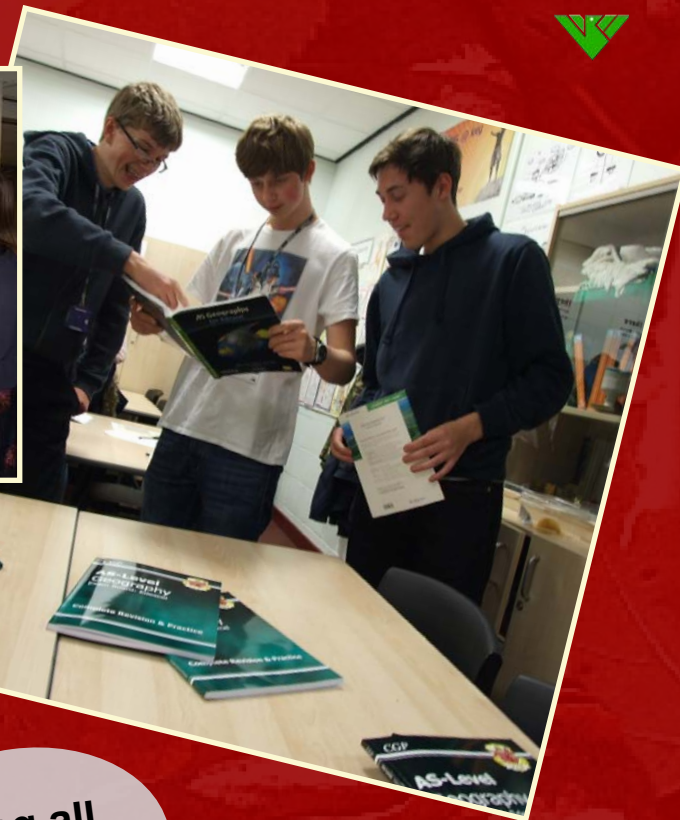
We were inspected by OFSTED on 7th/8th October and judged to be a good school with many “very good” and “outstanding” strengths across the full range of measures including **leadership and management at all levels, pupil achievement, teaching, the quality of the curriculum, pupil behaviour and safeguarding.**

I am particularly proud that the report recognises many of what I believe to be the true qualities of Meadowhead School, including:

- “A culture of integrity, ambition and high expectations”
- “A very positive ethos and learning environment.”
- “Students’ spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is a strength”.
- “Students enjoy coming to school. They feel very safe in an exceptionally caring and supportive environment.”

The report also highlights the real success of our new Sixth Form.
Mr Fowler

Thank you to all those parents, students and our business partner organisations who attended our Sixth Form Open Evening. This was a showcase of our sixth form to prospective students who were able to meet sixth form staff, teachers and employers.



Calling all ex-students



An Alumni Network for Every School and College

Did you attend Meadowhead School, Rowlinson or Jordanthorpe?

Join our network of former students! Please Visit:

<https://networks.futurefirst.org.uk/former-student/meadowhead>

We are building an alumni network for the school with the help of the education charity Future First. We want to keep in touch with our former students - you would be told about any exciting opportunities and events. We would also love to use your expertise to support the current generation of Meadowhead students.

We promise you won't get bombarded with emails and it's all totally free!



Ambyr (Y8) has been involved in a project with the National Children's University, carrying out voluntary work at Heeley Farm. She has volunteered a total of 476 hours and earned a Gold Diploma and Silver Degree, awarded by Sheffield Children's University. Ambyr attended a ceremony at Firth Hall where she collected her certificate and was very proud to pose for the camera in her cap and gown. Well done, Ambyr!

We have been working with the Project Managers Alex and Rose, to find out about the General Cemetery (Cemetery Road). Famous Sheffield people are buried there such as George Bassett (liquorish Allsorts) and Mark Firth (Firth Park) We are learning about



conservation and are starting to fund raise to donate a Meadowhead Bench.

Mrs Tomlinson

Student enrichment

A team of students from Meadowhead School participated in the Warhammer heats at Games Workshop in Sheffield City Centre. Each student played

three games against other students. The team has successfully progressed to the semi-finals which will take place in Nottingham in

March. Our school Warhammer Club takes place on Tuesdays after school. Any students interested should speak to Mr Hoyland or Mrs Thornton



Four students took part in the prestigious Top of the Bench Chemistry Quiz at the end of November and whilst they didn't win, took away a valuable experience.



Well done to all the pupils who took part and to all those who gained a certificate in this year's UK Math Challenges.

This term has seen the launch of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) club. Members get to explore STEM subjects, careers and cutting-edge research in a fun and practical way. This term we have been investigating the



science of photography by building pinhole cameras and using specialist equipment and darkrooms.



As part of their ICT lesson, Y9 pupils had the exciting opportunity of testing out some brand new technology from Oculearning. This company creates immersive virtual reality learning environments with adventures and challenges to help students learn.

Out
and About!



German Christmas Markets

The Year 12 A Level Literature students enjoyed a West End performance of *Streetcar* which was beamed live to the Showroom Cinema. This was an exciting opportunity to see a performance "in the round" with a moving stage. They were also offered the chance to see *The Great Gatsby* adapted for the stage at the Sheffield Drama Studio performed by members of the Sheffield University Drama Group. Both were hugely enjoyable and worthwhile.

On 4th December 40 Year 7/8 students left for our annual trip to the Christmas Markets and on arrival in Aachen students ordered their own German breakfasts, followed by a tour of the town and an afternoon of market shopping! On to Cologne where they spent the night in a youth hostel and the day visiting the cathedral (including climbing the 1066 steps up the tower!), more Christmas markets and a visit to the Chocolate Museum. The students were fantastic throughout and thank you to Miss Cruikshanks, Mr Merrison and Lisa Lettner for their support on the trip. *Mr Jones*

On Saturday 6th December a small group of our talented musicians went to perform at the Bradway School Christmas Fair - they were superb and did an excellent job of entertaining the crowds.



Othello trip

On Wednesday the 5th of November, a group of Y13s abandoned the glittering delights of bonfire night to watch one of Shakespeare's most explosive plays. At the new CAST arts venue in Doncaster they watched a fast paced modern adaptation of *Othello*, updated so that the action moved from Venice and Cyprus to the Cypress Pub on a West Yorkshire estate. Despite an extremely modern setting and dress, the script was performed in the original Jacobean language but with a distinct Yorkshire accent. This was a taut, violent and darkly humorous roller coaster ride of emotions.

Disco Inferno - 9th, 10th, 11th December. With sell-out shows on all 3 nights, audiences were treated to dazzling and energetic performances by our students who acted, danced and sang to live music. Added to the visual spectacular was some well-timed humour and a touching story of friendship and dreams with the warning of 'be careful what you wish for'. Well done everyone and a huge thank you to all on the production team, with special thanks to Miss Masson as director and choreographer.



70's Musical Extravaganza!



Student Stockbrokers!

14 teams of Year 9/10 students are taking part in the annual Student Investor Challenge competition. They invest a virtual £100,000 in stocks and shares aiming to make the largest profit and win a first prize of an all-expenses paid trip to New York. The Student Investor Challenge is a national competition that runs every year from September to January. Our top performing team "First Time Traders" (Henry Pursehouse and William Blumenstock) are currently in 483rd position overall and have so far made a profit of nearly £10,000.



5 Year 10 Applied Art students visited the Castelayn Care Home in Gleadless to meet the residents on the Elderly Mentally Infirm corridor where they are creating art work for their corridor. Students had afternoon tea and shared designs for the artwork to be completed and installed at the home in January.

Art in the Community

Charity Fundraising



Staff and students worked hard selling Pudsey themed items at break and lunch-times during the week of 10th December 2014. Thank you to everyone who supported this event. We raised £414.00 for Children in Need.



Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our fundraising events this term. We raised £222.44 for Cancer Research on Wear Pink Day and £186.49 for Macmillan Cancer Research with our staff Coffee Morning and Bake off competition.

Staff and students stood in silence on Remembrance Day and the sale of poppies raised £278.39

**WE ARE
MACMILLAN.
CANCER SUPPORT**

On Friday 12th December, staff and students were encouraged to wear a Christmas Jumper.

We raised £653.34 for Save the Children and prizes were given for the best staff and student jumpers.



Save the Children.



At the Duke of Edinburgh Award Presentation evening on 4th December students received their Bronze certificates and badges in recognition of their hard work and commitment. Students shared their experiences and skills with staff and parents - with performances, presentations, refreshments and a tent challenge.

Well done everyone!





Y9
Rugby

Sporting Achievements

The **Basketball teams** have had a good start of 2014. The **Y9** and **Y10** teams have recently played at Silverdale and both teams narrowly lost to very strong opponents. They next play against King Edwards, Notre Dame and All Saints, so the teams are training hard and are looking forward to the forthcoming fixtures.



Y7
Rugby


A big well done and thank you to all the dance performers who have given up their time to attend rehearsals for both the school production, Disco Inferno, and the dance production which will take place in the summer term.

All 45 dancers have all shown a great deal of commitment to the club and have worked with energy and enthusiasm to make the routines extremely successful.

Mrs Tym and Mrs Stubbs



Some excellent determination and enthusiasm has been shown by our sports teams as they start the new season. **The Y7 Rugby team** have won 2 out of 5 matches and the **Y9 team** have competed in Rugby League tournaments, eventually finishing second in the city.

In the **Seniors**, Meadowhead is playing in 2 Rugby Union leagues. All players are welcome to attend training sessions on Tuesdays after school and we hope that players get the bug in the lead up to the 2015 World Cup. 

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and get news and events details as they happen



On average, 50 students attend Netball training each week. Every year group has played competitive games since the beginning of the year, with a mixture of results. All students give maximum effort within both training and games and have exciting fixtures coming up in the New Year!



The **Year 11 football team** have had an indifferent start to the season. Injuries and a rigorous squad rotation system have led to the Y11 boys suffering a couple of uncharacteristic defeats so far this season.

Our football teams have had a fantastic start to 2014. **The Year 7 team** have won all their league games so far, reaching the last 64 of the English Schools Cup and are in the quarter final of the Sheffield Cup. They recently played in the South Yorkshire 5 aside indoor competition and came second of all the schools in South Yorkshire.



The Year 8 football team have won all their league games so far and are still in the last 16 of the South Yorkshire Cup. Even though the team were eliminated in the Sheffield Cup and the English School Cup they were very fortunate and in both fixtures deserved to progress onto the next round.

There are 3 **girls football teams** running this year and they have been entered in national, county and city competitions. There is a regular girl's football practice night, which takes place on Tuesdays after school 3-4pm on the astro with Sheffield United coaches. This has been well attended and will continue into the New Year.



In July, the **Year 10 cricket team** were deservedly crowned City Champions. They had a tremendous start to the season and went unbeaten all year.

Congratulations to football stars in the making! Harvey, Tyler and Callum have done a fantastic job in being offered a 2 year scholarship at Sheffield United Football Club. The HFWB faculty would like to congratulate all 3 students in achieving this accolade and wish them all the best in their footballing career.



The **Y10 football team** are unbeaten in all competitions - their attitude has been fantastic and the results have been well deserved.

Sports Leaders - this programme has gone from strength to strength this year and the Health, Fitness and Well-being faculty now have a team of 28 Sports Leaders across Y7-Y13.

