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Welcome
to this term's e-Phoenix -
our short and snappy newsletter. If you
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Newsletter Spring Term 2015



World of Work Week 2015

In the first week of March we hosted this annual event aimed at inspiring our students to consider their future ambitions. Exhibitors hosted stalls in the Rosling and in classrooms staff taught lessons which showed how subjects link to the world of employment. We also invited guest presenters to lead

sessions linking employability and subject specific skills. We would like to thank all the businesses and organisations for their support.





Parliament Visit

Meadowhead has gained the prestigious status of National Citizen Service (NCS) Champion School and I was delighted to be invited to attend the House of Commons on Tuesday 3rd March for a reception held by the NCS. Y11-13 students taking part in the NCS programme experience new challenges and learn new skills through team building, outdoor activities and a local community project - we currently have 80 of our Y11 students signed up. At the reception, held in the very ornate Speakers House, the presentations were led by John Bercow (Speaker of the House of Commons) and David Blunkett MP who is a non-executive director of NCS and passionate about supporting young people. *Mr Fowler*



IGD Workshop



Big Challenge 2015

The Big Challenge 2015 citywide enterprise competition has been a great success with two teams "Funny but True" (Y9) and "Harvey Morton IT Support" (Y12) reaching the finals at the Royal Victoria Hotel Sheffield. Both teams were runners up in their Key Stage groups. This is a fantastic achievement as the competition was fierce, with 261 teams across the city who ran small businesses with just £25 start-up loan for 6 months. Harvey also took home the award for the most profit made. Congratulations to both teams!

A big well done to every team that entered The Big Challenge this year in particular "HAE Inspirations," "Cloud Crafts" and semi-finalists "Ace" who were each rewarded with Meadowhall Gift Vouchers for submitting excellent final reports.



World of Work Week continued

On the 3rd March the **Institute of Grocery Distribution** ran a session for a group of Y9 students, providing an insight into the world of work and how the subjects studied now are going to help them in their future careers. The students looked at the transferable skills they can develop at KS4 and the diverse roles available in the food and consumer goods industry.

A Passport to Languages



On the 2nd March, 85 Y8 linguists enjoyed an afternoon completing their own passport with surprising facts about languages, taking part in quizzes and listening to foreign rock songs! The students also learnt how important it is to learn a language to use in future careers and how understanding other cultures is essential for future workplace collaborations.

Did you attend Meadowhead School, Rowlinson or Jordanthorpe? Then join our network of former students on the Future First website:

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

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Former Student Network



To celebrate **British Science and Engineering Week** students from all year groups were treated to talks from world leading academics and subject specialists.

The guest speakers, assembled by Mr O'Brien, gave lectures covering the brain, flying machines, poisons and the science of the paranormal.

Science Week 2015



Streamlining Challenge

Over February half term year 8 were set a scientific challenge.

The year group were tasked with building a model of a streamlined vehicle using all of their knowledge of aerodynamics and forces that they had just learnt about in Science and their best arts and craft abilities.

The year group excelled in their creations producing hundreds of varied models.

This gave the judges a tough time choosing between them, but in the end they selected Amy Bottomley (Best Car), Natalie Smith (Best Boat) and Charlie Ramsden (Best Plane) as the winners.



Advanced Manufacturing Visit

The Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) club enjoyed a trip to the Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre at the end of February to learn about aerodynamics, design and engineering.

Hosted by Dr Jamie McGourlay of Rolls-Royce, the group enjoyed a tour of the centre which develops jet engines, nuclear energy production and rocket-powered cars



Out and About!

As part of the ERASMUS JOB SHADOWING PROJECT, Mr Raju and Mrs Evans spent time at the San Valero School in Zaragoza, Spain observing how specific subjects such as Mathematics and Technology were being taught abroad.

This falls under the bigger remit of increasing student participation within the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) subjects at Meadowhead School Academy Trust.

Their visit also focused on how vocational learning and training were being delivered at the school. A similar trip also took place in Koblenz, Germany and involved Mr Ludlum and Ms Alcock. Here, they observed an impressive Y7 class who were taught Maths entirely in English! Some of the English used in the Biology class was too complicated for Mr Ludlam! They visited a local pharmaceutical



Erasmus Job Shadowing Project

company with a group of Y12 Biology students and had a go at making their own moisturising creams. The school, and in particular their host Patrizia, was incredibly helpful.



SPANISH AND FRENCH REVISION AT CASTLETON.

23 Year 11 students enjoyed this intensive revision weekend at the beginning of March, focusing on improving their listening and reading skills plus lots of exam practice! There was a little free time, but the students worked hard throughout and were a credit to the school. Well done and thank you to all the staff who worked with them.



BLOOD BROTHERS AT THE LYCEUM. Over 220 Y11 students went to see Blood Brothers at the Lyceum Theatre in Sheffield in January.

Students trudged through the snow to reach the city centre, determined to enjoy the performance. What a performance it was! We laughed, we gasped, and some Y11s even shed a tear at the emotional ending.

Family Engagement



This term we started our popular 4 week 'Y7 FAMILY ENGAGEMENT' courses in English and Maths to assist targeted students with their learning, and to inform parents of how to support their child in lessons by experiencing some of the kind of activities they might be asked to do, either at school or as homework. Next term will continue with 4 weeks of Science, followed by family cooking to round off the year. Feedback from parents has been very positive with families seeing improved confidence levels, learning new skills and parents experiencing different ways of learning with their child.

"It was very informative and I enjoyed the 1:1 time with my child and helping her to develop new skills".

"It was a very relaxed environment which helps with creativity"

"A very positive and inspirational experience"

"I've enjoyed the bonding time with my child and being able to support and encourage him"

Kingswood 2015

On Friday 6th February our Year 7 pupils left school for the annual residential trip to the Kingswood Centre in Staffordshire

There were 6 coaches, 24 Meadowhead staff, 234 pupils, 15 Kingswood instructors and one year of prior planning in order to make this trip run successfully.



The whole trip was, again, a great success, with the majority of pupils trying something new and/or doing something they didn't think they'd be able to do. They all had a go at climbing, abseiling, zip wire, caving, obstacle courses, team building and archery.

We all arrived home safe and well, but exhausted, on Sunday afternoon. There was only one casualty: Oliver Anderson broke his arm whilst playing football on the yard. He was taken to hospital but was desperate to come back to Kingswood to be with his mates!



"There were five coaches in total and everyone couldn't wait to get there. Although the week before it had been snowing, we were lucky to have nice weather.

My group went into caves, and although it was a challenge going through the tunnels and sometimes quite scary, I was glad that I had the opportunity to try something that I had not done before.

My favourite activity had to be the zip-wire because by doing this I overcame my fear of heights. I also enjoyed archery and even scored a bull's-eye!

Overall we had a great time, but it was good to be back in my own bed on Sunday night."

Rebecca Goulding 7J



May I pass on our thanks to all of those involved in running this trip, especially Mrs Christie, Mrs E Smith and Ms Barton.

Mrs S Smith



Charity Fundraising



Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our fundraising and given their

support in organising the activities this term. We have raised a fantastic £1181.75 for Comic Relief from a wide variety of events: 'wear red' donations from staff and students, a sixth form bake sale, sales of Red Noses, a staff Comic Relief sweepstake and cookie bake off and a 'splat the teacher' fun balloon game in the Rosling.

Mr Fowler, Mr Raju, Mrs Christie and Mr Eastwood made their faces funny for money and then allowed their printed images to be used for this inventive take on a coconut shy.



On **Thursday 5th March** students could see some well-known book characters come to life. These included The Woman in Black, Katniss Everdeen and Count Dracula as members of staff dressed up. A competition was held for students to spot as many as possible

INTERMEDIATE UK MATHEMATICS CHALLENGE

Some top set pupils from Y9 and Y10 took part in the Intermediate UK Maths challenge in February. Pupils from all over the country enter and some of our pupils achieved a Silver award or a Bronze award.

Jake Furniss from Y9 did well enough to get through to the next round of the competition which took place on Thursday 19th March. We are still waiting to hear the results, but wish him good luck!



World Book Day 2015

throughout the day and in English lessons Y7 and Y8 students designed their own bookmarks. The Learning Centre ran a competition '#Shelfies', with students highlighting their favourite book on their shelf.

On Wednesday 25th February, our Sixth Formers had a chance to question five candidates who are standing to be the next MP for Sheffield Heeley. Many of our students will be able to vote for the first time in May. They asked questions on a broad range of issues including tuition fees, the environment, benefits, the NHS and internet privacy.



Sheffield Heeley Candidates Quizzed!

Girls' Football

U13s GIRLS' FOOTBALL - The girls

got through to the 3rd round in the South Yorkshire Cup and the 2nd round in the National Cup. Unfortunately the girls came up against some really strong teams; they all played extremely well and deserved to go even further.

U15 GIRLS FOOTBALL (Y9/10)

An excellent season this year, seeing the U15 girl's football team get to the semi-finals of the South Yorkshire Cup. They also got to the last 64 in the English Schools Cup.

U16 GIRLS FOOTBALL (Y10/11)

A very well fought season, with some excellent performances. We are in the Sheffield league semi-finals, hoping to gain a place in the final which will be played after Easter. Very well done everyone!



Y10

Y10 BOYS FOOTBALL. The Players of the Year Award goes to Max Fisher and Ehsan Mohammed. Max's tackling and Ehsan's passing have both been top class. The award could have gone to any player, as all players have been magnificent! Frazer Russell was voted the Players' Player for the Y10 football team.

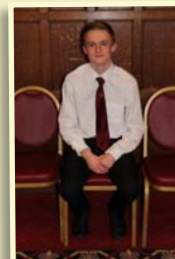
Y10 Boys Football reached the South Yorkshire Schools Cup Final, and the Sheffield Schools Cup Final. *STOP PRESS* Meadowhead beat Ecclesfield 3-2 to win their first Sheffield Cup! Very well done!



Our Y11 team received the Special Achievement Award for an outstanding record over 5 years. James Hastings received the Pauline Fiddler Award for his impeccable attitude and commitments to Sheffield Schools' football.



Y11 BOYS FOOTBALL. Congratulations to some brilliant footballers this year! Tom Cropper has performed well in a number of positions, and Jono Cooper led by example putting in 2 fantastic performances in 2 key cup games against both Notre Dame and Newfield. Joe Rowley has been offered a Football Scholarship at Chesterfield Football Club - we hope to see you on the big stage very soon! James Hastings was voted Players' Player for the Y11 football team - one of the most satisfying awards you can receive in football. The Y11 boys football team have reached the prestigious Clegg Shield Cup Final - hopefully the boys will come away with some well-deserved silverware.



Y11



Recognising Sporting Achievements

The Y7 RUGBY

team finished joint first in a competition between Silverdale, King Egberts, King Edwards and Wickersley Comp, having won against 3 of the teams. There were some outstanding performances from the team, however Jake Dunn was singled out by staff from other schools as being a class act, with his tackling and his ability to find gaps and score important tries.

Rugby

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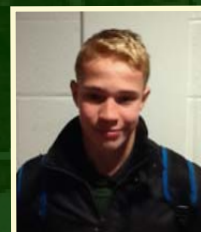
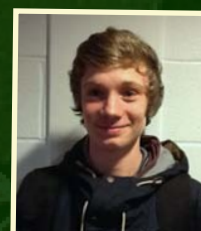




On Mondays after school we have been running a girls boxing club through Sheffield City Boxing Club. Students have been carrying out various boxing activities and working on their overall general fitness. Mr Warburton has been running the club here and has been really pleased with the attendance and the commitment of the students. Students have enjoyed it so much that they have contacted the Sheffield Boxing Club to look at joining and becoming more involved with the activity.

Sporting Achievements

TENNIS - Over the last few years tennis has been on the rise in terms of its popularity with the talents of Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal, Novak Djokovic and Andy Murray. Meadowhead School has its own rising tennis talent in Joseph. Outside of school Joe plays a lot of tennis and has been doing really well in tournaments around the country. His most recent one was in Derby which he won, qualifying for further tournaments and events. We wish Joseph all the best with his tennis in future competitions.



CROSS - COUNTRY
Luke, Joseph and Jonathan have all been selected to represent South Yorkshire at the Cross Country Championships at the English Schools AA Cross Country Championships in Blackburn on Saturday 14th March. They first had to qualify to represent Sheffield at the South Yorkshire Championships at Graves Park, having excelled at six Saturday morning events located around Sheffield. Well done to these boys - this is a tremendous achievement and we wish all three students the best of luck!



Congratulations to our Y10 football team who have just won their first Sheffield Cup! Very well done!

GOLF COMPETITION - 19th March 2015. We have had another fantastic year of golf. Three golfers - Holly Morgan, Alexandra Williams and Jonathan Cooper represented Meadowhead School at the South Yorkshire Golf competition at Hickleton Golf Club in Doncaster. Holly won the girls competition for the second year in a row with Meadowhead finishing 4th overall. Well done to Holly, Alex and Jonathan for their superb performance.

We are looking forward to our 2015 summer athletics and aim to repeat some of last summer's success – we have some outstanding talent in Year 8, including Ellie Bradshaw (1st High Jump and 3rd 200m), Molly Butcher (3rd 100m), Alex Gregory (4th 200m) and Millie Edey (5th 100m) and with these achievements last year, we will be showcasing this talent again! Well done girls.



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