



e-Phoenix

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Newsletter Summer Term 2015

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



Y11 Record of Achievement

Staff and students from Y11 enjoyed an afternoon of celebration as the whole year group came together for the last time on Friday 8th May 2015.

This year we were very pleased to welcome Paul Greaves, Team GB Olympic trampolining coach and ex-Meadowhead school student, to

present the Record of Achievement folders. Students and staff entertained us with an impressive drum solo, singing, rapping, and monologues. After the formal presentations, there was plenty of

socialising in the Rosling and photo opportunities.

We wish our Y11s all the very best in their GCSE exams and with their chosen paths.



Congratulations to one of our parent governors, Professor Claire McGourlay, who has been awarded a National Teaching Fellowship by the Higher Education Academy. This is a prestigious award which is highly competitive, celebrating outstanding teaching and learning in higher education.

Claire is Professor of Legal Education at the University of Sheffield. She is our Sixth Form link governor.



Head Boy and Head Girl

Mentors, helping to organise parents' evenings and lead on their Record of Achievement ceremony, Prom and Octagon presentations.

The roles of Head Boy, Head Girl and their deputies are prestigious roles in the school and the students are voted into the positions by Y7 students (with whom they have worked all year) and their contemporary Y10 students.

These positions are well respected both in school and outside and are a high accolade.

Their roles involve leading a large team of

Other roles include being involved in interviewing new staff, taking part in behaviour panels and showing visitors around school and in many events they represent all other students from Meadowhead.

Congratulations to Abigail, Joseph, Grace and Alistair!

Y11 Prom

On Friday 3rd July our Y11 students pushed the boat out and looked fabulous as they celebrated the end of their exams in style!



Y13 Leavers' Ball



Y13 students celebrated the end of their exams at Double Tree by Hilton Hotel on Wednesday 24th June, with a 3 course meal and plenty of reminiscing! Good luck in your future careers Y13!

Diamond Awards



Over 90 students received a Diamond Award at the end of this summer term in recognition of their outstanding attitude and effort as well as achievements. Well done!

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>



Y12 vs Y13 CHARITY FOOTBALL MATCH

This was played on Friday 8th May at school between our Y12 and Y13 Sixth Formers, with all proceeds in aid of Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice and St Luke's Hospice. The score was **5-0** to Y12 - very well played Y12!



Many thanks to everyone who supported our BAG2SCHOOL campaign at the end of April for the MIND charity shop on London Road. After sorting the bags of unwanted clothes/costume jewellery/bric-a-brac and DVDs/CDs that were collected from school, MIND expect to raise a total of £494.00 when the items sell.

Reading Partners

43 of our Y9 Pupil Mentors have recently spent a whole day training to be a Reading Partner. This is a long term commitment, starting in September, when they will be

buddied-up with a new Y7 student, reading regularly with them for half an hour each week for 4 full terms. This empowers Y7s to improve their reading, gives nervous new students access to a senior student for support and in return the older students achieve a recognised qualification and a lot of self-worth.



Charity Fundraising



Y8 CATHEDRAL ARCHER PROJECT - to support this charity for the homeless, an appeal for Pot Noodles was sent out, school shoes were swapped for hiking boots for a 5 mile walk and the group hosted a tea party for staff. 79 Pot Noodles were delivered to the project and a fantastic total of **£450** was raised.

Y7 Poetry Festival

On Friday 3rd July, students from our feeder primary schools joined our Y7 students for a Poetry Festival afternoon on the theme of 'Dreams' - there were some excellent readings and Performance Poetry. Thank you to everyone who took part and helped with the organisation.



European Adventures!

SKI TRIP (APRIL)

Ms Evans, Mr Bagshawe and Mr Rafferty took a group of students to Artesina in Italy for a week of Skiing. The students ranged from Y7 to Y10 and became very good friends over the week helping each other and being very supportive with a determination to succeed.



One of the students, Louis Putland 7E, said afterwards *"The ski trip was a thoroughly enjoyable experience. Although skiing was hard work it was extremely good fun, with all of us going over the giant slopes and gazing out at the scenery then finally falling on our faces because we weren't paying attention..."*

Thank you to Mrs Evans and all the other teachers that helped."



RHINELAND (MAY)

On 17th May 39 students from Y8 & Y9 set off for an action-packed week to this beautiful part of Germany. They travelled through four different countries, shopped in four different German towns and cities, visited a cathedral, a castle, a chocolate museum, a theme park, a school and a leisure centre, cruised down the river Rhine, travelled on a chairlift and ate an inordinate amount of ice-cream! The students were a credit to the school and their families.



BOULOGNE (JUNE)

36 Y7 and Y8 French students went on a unique cultural and linguistic experience to Boulogne, France. We had a fantastic time, visiting the Nausicaa sea life centre, practising traditional baking techniques at a local bakery, sampling delicacies at the chocolate factory, and even trying out some snails at the snail farm. We learned lots about the traditional French way of life and practised using our spoken French! *Miss Cruikshanks, Mr Jones and Mr Clarke*



MADRID (JUNE) 40 Y7 & Y8 students visited a theme park, did a tour of 'El Santiago Bernabeu', Real Madrid's football stadium and visited 'Las Ventas', the biggest bullring in Spain.

Students tried typically Spanish food and practised their Spanish conversation skills when buying souvenirs in the 'Plaza Mayor'.



ZARAGOZA (APRIL) 10 of our Spanish exchange students flew to our Spanish partner school Fundación San Velero, Zaragoza, to experience life in a Spanish school and family. They immersed themselves in the experience, formed friendships with their Spanish partners and visited some interesting places. Their behaviour was impeccable and the students conducted themselves maturely as cultural ambassadors representing Meadowhead School.



Duke of Edinburgh 2015

BRONZE QUALIFYING EXPEDITION (13/14th JUNE) 8 groups braved the torrential rain, walking through the Derbyshire Peaks for 2 days with overnight camping, to complete their Bronze expedition. Well done everyone!



MEADOWHEAD'S FIRST SILVER EXPEDITION (26-28th JUNE)

Our first Silver group 'The Silver Pioneers' successfully completed their practice expedition of 3 days walking, whilst carrying everything they needed for the 2 overnight camps. This was an average of 14km per day! They did it all again for the qualifier on 10-12th July - congratulations girls and very well done for completing this very tough expedition!

Our Erasmus+ programme for boosting skills and employability for young people across Europe continued this summer term with German and Spanish students visiting Sheffield and trips abroad for Meadowhead students.

In April, a group of 4 of our Y12 & Y13 students who are currently studying AS and A2 Spanish visited Zaragoza, North-East Spain for their work experience in two local primary schools and worked with students between the ages of 4 and 9 years old for 8 days, staying with their work experience partners.

On the 2nd May 9 of our Y10 students lived with exchange partners for a week in Slovenia and attended a vocational/technical secondary school in the capital, Ljubljana. Students from all 4 project countries compared their Careers Education and our students then worked together to produce designs for a Mobile App which Meadowhead School is going to create.

In July, 7 of our Y10 and Y13 students went to Koblenz, Germany and spent 5 days work experience in a variety of German businesses while staying with their host partners.

Erasmus+



Creative Arts

Our Creative Arts week was held in May featuring our annual Art, Design and Technology Exhibition. This event is an opportunity for our Year 11 students to show their creative GCSE work to their families and to the public. The collection of work on show demonstrates an incredible range of talent, skill and imagination.

Students, parents/carers and members of the community were also entertained on two evenings by a Dance Show and Talent show.

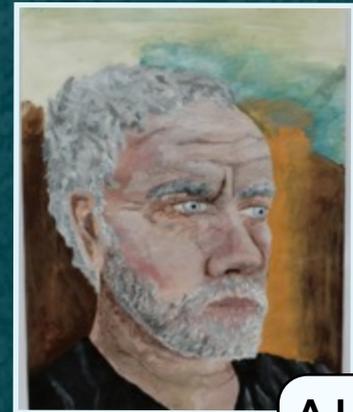


GCSE ADT Exhibition

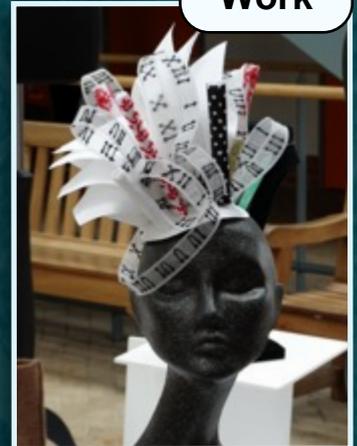


A Level Exhibition

At the end of June, there was another fantastic exhibition of work by our A Level students studying Art, Product Design and Textile Design. At the open evening, staff, members of the community, students and their families enjoyed the wide variety of creative ideas and impressive talent on show.



A Level Work



Sheffield Young Artists



Work by Abi and Hannah

Two of our students, Hannah in Year 8 and Abi in Year 10, both won runner up prizes in the Key stage 3 and 11-18 categories in the Sheffield Young Artists competition this summer. Both students have their work on display at a number of venues and were invited to meet the Mayor to receive their awards. Their work will be on display in the Botanical Gardens in September. Congratulations to both students.



Year 10 Work Experience

Congratulations to all of our Y10 students who successfully completed their work experience this term. With students in placements as far afield as Scotland to London, and with experiences from the army to veterinarian careers explored, all 330 students have made a huge difference to their future employability skills. Don't forget Y10s, you can always do additional work experience in your holidays....! Please let us know if you are looking for contacts in specific careers and we'll be happy to help.

Mr. Cocken and Mrs. Simpson



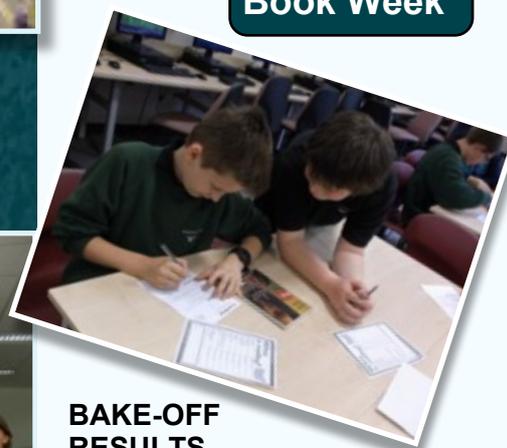
Jake refitting a bathroom with Sirius Plumbing during his work experience.

Y7 BOOK WEEK

Held in the second half of the summer term and with the aim of promoting reading for pleasure, Y7s became book spies in their library lessons. They employed observational and stealth skills as they converted book titles into code and they took inspiration from the books to create their own spy name.

Staff displayed posters of their current reading and students had a mission to match the titles to staff.

Book Week



BAKE-OFF RESULTS

Best flavour – Annie Bullough
Best appearance – Scarlet

Davies

Best cake texture – Maia Read
Overall Star Baker 2015 – Jay Martin



Bake-Off 2015



This competition is in its second year and has been run in conjunction with Doubletree by Hilton who have very generously provided the fantastic prizes. Open to Y7, students were given the task of creating a cookie with an interesting flavour. Each week a star baker was awarded by the Doubletree Chef, the prize being an afternoon tea for themselves and their family at the hotel, with other runners-up prizes. In the final, their task was to create six cupcakes with a summer time theme.

The standard of baking and decorating was extremely high and gave the judges some tough decisions to make. Well done to the winners and to all Year 7 students who entered the competition. Also a big thank you to all of our judges. *Mrs Shipston*



Thornbridge

THORNBRIDGE DAY TRIP

On the last Saturday of June, 8 students, 2 sixth formers and 4 members of staff spent the day at Thornbridge and the surrounding area on the annual rewards trip offered to all foundation learning students. It was a great success and the students were exceptional in their attitude and behaviour, conquering their fears and developing team building skills. Plans are already afoot

Out and About!

Y7 CASTLETON TRIP

Fine weather heralded our annual trip to Castleton to explore both the historical and geographical features. Staff and students enjoyed the views from Peveril Castle and the cool temperature of Treak Cliff Cavern.

Many thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make this trip a success. We took 304 Year 7 students out over 3 days! Quite an achievement.



ALTON TOWERS TRIP

On Sunday July 5th 270 Y8 and Y9 students went on our annual trip to Alton Towers. They were accompanied by 22 members of staff who gave up their Sunday to accompany them. The students had to hit specific targets with regards to their attendance and behaviour to be able to go on the trip. Here are the comments of the two Year 8 School Council Representatives who went on the visit:

"I went on my favourite day out exploring Alton Towers theme park with my friends and fellow students. I enjoyed the trust we were given by the teachers and also the amount of time

we had. The weather was bright until the last hour where it started to rain but that did not end the fun."

Ellis Bloomer 8L

"Our Alton Towers Trip was really fun. The rides were really good and the queues weren't very big either. Everyone was well behaved which, made the day even better. As well as this everyone seemed to be having a good time.

Altogether Alton Towers was a great experience and everyone worked hard to be able to go."

Lucia Hilton 8F

A group of our Y10 students (Jordan Bernard, Ethan Keen, Adam Ryan, Zara Adeyemi, Matthew Read & Hannah Lydon) all took part in the "After the Bell" School Quiz in April this year.

The Quiz took place over three nights at Norton College and the team beat High Storrs, Silverdale & Handsworth School.

Meadowhead finished in second place by a very narrow margin to Notre Dame.

Meadowhead Community Learning Trust Choir 2015



At the beginning of the Summer Term, we hosted the 5th annual Trust concert, bringing our community together for a 'feel good' event through the joy of music. This year's sell-out concert, based on the theme of 'Top Chart Hits' since the 1960s, involved students from the choirs of Meadowhead, Greenhill, Bradway, Lower Meadow, Woodseats, Abbey Lane and Norton Free schools. 185 students aged 7 to 18 performed both individually and as school ensembles.

There were many amazing performances and everyone involved should be really proud of their contribution towards this highly successful event. The concerts were led by the professional conductor Steve Roberts and well attended by many Trust business education partners.

We would also like to thank the pupils and staff that played superbly in the accompanying band and thank you to all of our MCLT members, sponsors, staff and students who contributed to make this celebration of our young voices possible.

The students were a credit to us and I would like to thank them all for making the hard work worthwhile (and for making me laugh!

Well done to you all.
Mrs Dixon

Y10 SIXTH FORM TASTER DAY

On Wednesday 8th June, our Y10 students got the chance to experience life in the Sixth Form as they prepare to make their Post 16 choices when they return to school in September as Y11s.



British Council International School Award and MP Visit

On Friday 3rd July we were delighted to host a VIP visit to enable our students to showcase some of our current International work which includes three Erasmus joint curriculum projects and exchange programmes with partner schools from four countries across Europe (Spain, Slovenia, Finland and Germany).



John Rolfe, British Council Outreach Manager (left) and Louise Haigh, MP (centre) with our students and Mr Fowler



Presentation about the Erasmus Project involving Sixth Form work experience abroad



Meadowhead School Academy Trust has now been designated by the British Council as an 'International School' since 2004, and was the first school in Sheffield to be awarded the prestigious International School Award for 4 consecutive terms since 2004 (2004-7, 2007-10, 2010-13, 2013-16).

The International School Award is a supportive framework that guides schools through their international work. This enables us to forge links with partner schools around the world, enhance our curriculum and prepare our students for life as global citizens.

Accreditation is awarded to schools where an international outlook has become part of the school's culture.

Year 12 Transition Days

Around 150 students attended the transition event for Meadowhead Sixth Form on Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th July. The two days featured transition lessons for each of the students' chosen subjects.

Students met their new form tutor and competed with the rest of their form group in a morning of team building activities as well as taking part in one of Mr Beigel's famous quizzes. Students were also able to find out more about Meadowhead's expansive enrichment programme and talk to local universities at a lunchtime careers fair.

The events finished with our annual welcome rounders match – this year featuring ice cream from Granellis!



Community Learning

EVERYONE A WRITER This year's theme was 'Journeys' with the simple philosophy that anyone can be a writer! Students from Meadowhead and six Trust feeder schools submitted entries and we held a celebration evening at the beginning of May, with readings and a presentation of prizes. Congratulations to all winners and published writers! Thanks to Sheffield University School of Law for sponsoring the event and awards.



Big Bang Science

This term a group of Y8 science and engineering enthusiasts attended the Big Bang Fair in Doncaster. The students enjoyed a day of exploring the human digestive system, controlling levitating ping pong balls with their minds, handling snakes and spiders, building wind turbines, conversing with a Dalek and numerous other scientific endeavours.



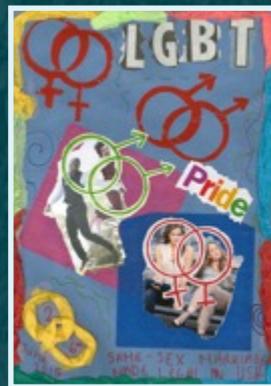
Sainsbury's

Parents of the Y7 students said afterwards "We both really enjoyed the sessions which were a great help and I'm sure they will benefit my son at school"

"These family sessions helped me and my daughter to become more confident with the subject"

Y12 LANGUAGE CHANGE WORKSHOP

At the beginning of July, a small group of Y12 students studying English Language received a private lecture from two Sheffield University literary experts on the theme of 'Cheap Print and Public Discourse' and had the privilege of handling texts that were hundreds of years old. After this, 'Edge of Universe Press' educated them about independent printing and helped students to create their own modern day 'cheap print', a pamphlet on a topical subject of their choice.



Good quality school uniform available at their next event on Sunday 16th August at The Michael Church, S8 7LD



Family Engagement

Our popular family engagement courses continued this term with 4 weeks of exciting science followed by family cooking workshops (part sponsored by the Children's Food Trust) for targeted Y7 students and their parents. All enjoyed taking part in exciting scientific experiments and learning to cook new and healthy recipes as a family. Our business partners Sainsbury's and Double Tree by Hilton Hotel attended our celebration in the last week to award prizes. Feedback has been overwhelmingly positive from parents and students who have improved their skills and learnt something new as a family. We look forward to expanding our offer of family learning next year.



Enrolment form/ details

jet setting abroad?

talk like a local!
evening languages classes for adults

19+ languages meadowhead school
0114 237 2723 ext 888
languagecollege@meadowhead.sheffield.sch.uk

Athletics

Well done to all 20 athletes who qualified for the City Finals Athletics event which took place on Wednesday 8th July and congratulations to our winners and runner-ups!

We have had an excellent athletics season this year. Four of our teams have qualified for the Track and League finals and six athletes represented Sheffield at the South Yorkshire athletics competition and 1 athlete, Jonathan Shields (Y12) has qualified to take part in the English Schools competition - a fantastic achievement.



Jordan (8B) and Ellis (8F) in 2nd and 1st place in the 100m.



Millie (8J) 2nd in the Long Jump. Ellie (8I) winner of the High Jump competition, with a jump of 1m 30cm.

Recognising Sporting Achievements

Rugby



Y9

Congratulations to both our Y7 and Y9 teams who competed in the Sheffield Schools Federation Rugby League final on our fields on Wednesday 17th June - both teams won and are now the city champions! The Y7 team played against King Edwards and the Y9 team played against Bradfield.

The Y7 match

With an outstanding team performance they won easily with a 4 try margin. There were some brilliant individual performances from Jake Dunn, Elliot Ellis, Oliver York, James Smith and Iwan Zalawadski.

The Y9 match

They really pulled together and produced their very best performance and looked like scoring every time they got the ball. It would be unfair to single out individual players for praise as they all deserve it for their performance.

THE TRAMPOLINING CLUB, held every week from September to Easter, has been very well attended by all years, especially Y7/Y8. At the Sheffield Schools Trampoline Championships at Hillsborough Leisure Centre, 247 students from 13 Sheffield schools took part and Meadowhead was successful in all the age groups with team and individual success. Well done to Ellie Hinsley, Grace Wilson, Alex Gregory, Millie Edey, Lucy Mills, Martha Short, Libby Brammer, Abbie Tingle and Maisy Bates.

U14 MIXED ROUNDERS

Meadowhead played extremely well and beat both schools in the first pool, securing a place in the semi-final against Springs. Meadowhead beat Springs by 6 rounders, placing them in the final against Handsworth Grange. The final was very close, but unfortunately Meadowhead just missed out on winning, making them runners up.

THE Y9 CRICKET team have had a mixed season this year winning against Park Academy, but losing to Tapton and to High Storrs (who were last year's runners up). The team remained enthusiastic, reliable and always represented school in an impeccable manner. Stand out performances from Ollie Tyas, Tom Higginbottom, Kieran Maxted and Josh Powell. A special mention has to go to Geroge Tracey for keeping everyone on their toes when he was on strike.

THE Y10/11 RUGBY team won the Sheffield Federation for School Sport

Inter-school league and cup. Reagan Spiers was named as man of the match and William Boot collected the trophy as captain, beating King Edward VII 46-20. Well done!

Y10/
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**Sports
at Meadowhead**

SPORTS DAY 2015

Held this year on Thursday 2nd July, the day began with a parade of the banners each form had created to represent countries of the world (photo above). With a wide programme of sports and beautiful weather it was a very successful day and enjoyed by both staff and students.



Mr Fowler and former world bobsleigh champion Nicola Minichiello, who joined us for sports day.



Y7 CRICKET SQUAD

(JULY) *picture below*
A fantastic first season! The team won 3 of their 4 fixtures - the performance away at Birkdale school was the highlight of the season. The game went to the last ball, with bowler Ollie Chatterton keeping his nerve to help the team to a great victory.



Young Rugby Ambassadors worked with our students on sports day.



SOUTH YORKSHIRE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS (JULY)

Huge congratulations to Abigail and Lucy for being crowned South Yorkshire Tennis Champions. Both girls played fantastically well, winning all games comfortably.

A fantastic effort from Finlay and Matt who finished runners up in South Yorkshire. The boys were narrowly beaten in the final by Tapton School. Both students are in Y7, but were competing against Y8s, so this again is a tremendous achievement.

