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Welcome
to this term's e-Phoenix,
our short and snappy newsletter. If you
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Newsletter Summer Term 2016

Erasmus+

'Passport to Your
Future'

We were very pleased to host the final part of this two year project in April 2016. Staff from Meadowhead and our partner schools in Finland, Slovenia and Spain have worked with 120 students aged 14-18 on this European funded project to help develop their employability skills. On the final evening students and staff held a celebration event, including formal presentations to a packed audience of parents, governors, Trust business partner stakeholders and other VIP guests from the Cutlers Company and British Council.



Many thanks to all our partner organisations who helped to facilitate this amazing experience for all our students – they have made friends for life and learnt a lot about the world of work along the way.



International



Sheffield

Some photos of the visits as part of the Passport to Your Future project.

Finland



Erasmus+ continued



Spain

Slovenia



A second Erasmus+ project has been with our A Level language students who have been able to complete work experience placements in businesses in Spain and Germany as well as experiencing the local culture. We have also hosted their partner students here and would like to thank our Sheffield businesses for their support.

CEWE European Work Experience



Madrid

40 Y7 students, led by Mrs Cardall, had a trip to Madrid in the middle of June. They enjoyed activities such as a tour of Las Ventas, Spain's largest bull ring, Santiago Bernabeu, Real Madrid's home ground (pictured below) and El Parque Warner, a theme park on the outskirts of Madrid. They also watched street performers in 'la plaza mayor'.

University of Cambridge Workshop

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Goodbye to our FLAs



We said goodbye to our three Foreign Language Assistants this term after a successful year supporting our students and we wish them all the best for the future. You can read about one of their projects "Folk Tales" on our website.

School Celebrations



Students gathered in the Rosling after the formal ceremony for lots of photos!

Diamond Awards

We were very pleased to welcome families to our end of term Diamond Award Presentation on 12th July. Over 100 students received their award in recognition of their efforts and achievements. A proud moment for everyone!



Y11 Record of Achievement

We were delighted to welcome Meg Munn, ex-student and former MP for Heeley, as guest speaker on Friday 13th May 2016 when staff and students enjoyed an afternoon of celebration - the last time the year group were together.



Our Head Boy, Head Girl and Deputies with Meg Munn and Mr Fowler. (Above)



Two Y11 students, Alicia and James, (left) received their second Diamond Award and Y9s (above) with their first.

Y11 Prom

It was months in the making and with the help of Mrs Dixon's trusty Prom committee, the tenth Prom held at the Royal Victoria Holiday Inn was a great success!

Y11 looked so very grown up and it was a proud moment for us all watching them make an entrance. A great night was had, with plenty of dancing, awards, prizes, photographs, more dancing and some very blistered feet!

"It was a lovely venue as always and a great atmosphere; thanks for a great evening Y11"



100% Attendance

CONGRATULATIONS to Thomas (11K), Matthew W.(11C), Lucy (11J), Matthew R.(11F) and Joshua (11H) who have all achieved a 100% attendance over their 5 years at Meadowhead school! Mr Fowler presented each student with a personalised certificate and special medal in a presentation box. Well done to all five students!

Head Boy and Head Girl

Congratulations to our new Head Girl, Katie Webster (10K), and her Deputy, Olivia Smith (10F) and to our new Head Boy, Joe Rose (10B), and his Deputy Ben Wilcox (10I). They were elected by their peers in Y10 and by Y7 students and one of their first duties was to support the Y6 students who came to Meadowhead for their transition at the end of term ready for Y7 in September.

Around School



Y10 Mock Business Interviews



At the beginning of the summer term, over 300 Y10 students were given a 20 minute interview by a member of the business community, followed immediately with feedback to get the most out of the experience. We were delighted to hear how many outstanding 'candidates' there were and we would like to thank everyone who gave their time to do the interviews.

Work Experience

Our Y10 students were able to continue with experiencing the world of work on their one week placement with local employers at the end of June. A massive thank you to everyone who took one of our students.



EU Debate

Our Sixth Form students enjoyed a heated and passionate debate on Wednesday 21st April with two guest speakers: Caroline Stephens from Vote Leave and Oliver Coppard from Stronger In. Our students were able to ask a wide range of questions, including about defence, university, employment and immigration.

Family Learning

We finished off our successful family learning sessions for Y7 families with 3 weeks of 'family cooking' this half term. Families enjoyed learning how to make tasty scones, flatbread pizzas, chicken biryani and fruity pancakes, flapjack and Taco shells.



Some Y9 families were also invited to special one-off workshops covering Maths, English, Science and Ethics in our new series called 'GCSE Headstart' to help their child to get prepared for the next stage of their education in September. All parents/carers said they

appreciated these sessions which helped them to understand what their son/daughter will be covering in their lessons next year.

Y11 to Y12 Transition



At the beginning of July we held our transition days into Sixth Form, welcoming those of our current Y11s who will be staying on and students new to Meadowhead, ready for September. As well as meeting their form tutors and subject teachers, Mr Beigel introduced them to our comprehensive enrichment options, designed to give students a range of skills and experiences. Amongst other things, these will enhance UCAS



and job applications, give insight into the world of work, improve employability and develop confidence, communication skills and teamwork.

Did you attend Meadowhead School, Rowlinson or Jordanthorpe?

Why not join our network of former students to receive invites to special events throughout the year on:

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

Meadowhead School
Former Student Network



e-book Enthusiasm

Mrs Cooke and her group of Y10 students on the Bridge have trialled different reading media and have enjoyed reading a book by Steve Backshall on Kindles from the LRC. Their literacy and cross curricular work, inspired by the story set in northern India, has included tea tasting, conservation research and map skills.

An e-book can take some of the reluctance away from reading – students are not put off by the size of a paperback, others can't see what they are reading and settings can be changed to make reading easier. Students can borrow one of 1000+ titles on our new e-book platform.

Y7 Evacuee Project and Tea Party

Our Y7 project group

experienced life as a 1940's evacuee as part of their WW2 project this term and raised funds for the NSPCC at the same time. They began with a 7 mile sponsored walk on Wednesday 4th May, visited Manor Lodge for a 1940s work experience and celebrated the end of the project by organising a fabulous 1940s themed tea party for staff, with the whole project raising £456.04 for the NSPCC.



Y7 Disco

Everyone got into the spirit on the last Wednesday of term

and really enjoyed themselves - there was some awesome and energetic dancing to great music and a very positive atmosphere! A fantastic way for Y7 to end their first year at Meadowhead.



Y6 vs Y7 Maths Competition

Bradway, Norton Free and Woodseats

Primary Schools took part in a Y6 versus Y7 maths competition with a team from Meadowhead School. It was a pleasure to host teams of brilliant minds and they did their own schools proud. It was very close but there can only be one winner. Congratulations to Woodseats Primary School. See you next year!
Mr Wilde



Around School

Poetry Festival



Our Y7 students were joined by a Y5 class from Norton Free primary school for a very enjoyable morning of poetry reading and performance on Friday 24th June. Individuals and groups read poems on the theme of the summer Olympics in Brazil.



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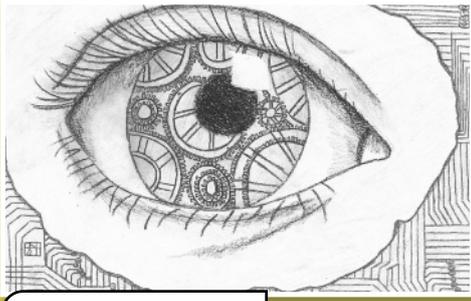
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Creative Talents!



Everyone a Writer The beginning of May saw

our 4th celebration evening of this annual competition with excellent readings by students from Meadowhead and our Trust primary schools, reminding us too that we can all be writers. You can read the full anthology on our website.

The Meadowhead Bake Off



There were three heats before the final which took place on Friday 1st July, each judged by former student Chef Vaughan Richardson from DoubleTree by Hilton and a senior member of staff. Open to Y7 students, the brief was to design and bake an interesting cookie! Congratulations to all the runners up and the weekly star bakers; Isaac, Macauley and Erin. Congratulations to Abigail, the overall Star Baker and Macauley, the overall Runner-Up.



Our annual talent show was yet again a great success and featured around 80 students from Y7-Y13 on Thursday 12th May 2016. We had a variety of acts that really highlighted the amazing talent we have here at Meadowhead. The show featured musical soloists/duets, the jazz band, poetry, dancers, fashion, flags and drama.



Talent Show

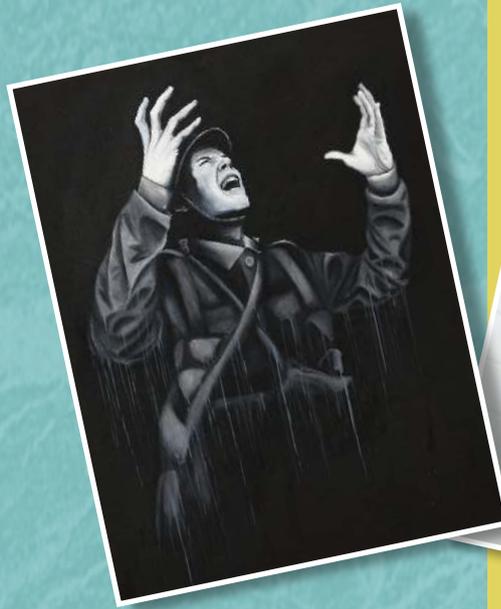
GCSE ADT Exhibition 2016

Another fabulous display of students' GCSE Art, Design and Technology work impressed visitors on Thursday 19th May 2016, showcasing incredible imagination and talent.



A Level ADT Exhibition

On display was the work of our A Level Art, Product Design and Textile Design students which impressed visitors with the depth and range of creative talent. Some of the students are now going on to further Art & Design courses - all the best everyone!



Creative Talents!



Little Herd Launch

Mrs Silverwood, Mrs Bellingham and two of our budding Y8 artists (Grace 8H and Emily 8I) were delighted to attend the official launch of the LITTLE HERD of elephants in the Winter Gardens on Tuesday 21st June.



14 elephants designed by primary and secondary schools across the city were making their debut appearance in the gardens. The others are in locations across Sheffield - ours can be seen at the Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet (on the right) Well done to Y8 who all contributed to the decoration of 'Delilah' under the brief 'The whole of our lives' and to everyone who supported the Meadowhead fundraising events to raise £606.53 for The Children's Hospital Charity.



The Magic of the Musicals

We hosted a Magic of the Musicals concert on 23rd June involving our school orchestra & choir, many of our talented soloists and the Dronfield Genquip Brass Band. This was the first time we had held a joint concert with band and the event was a great success with many amazing performances, featuring songs from musical shows including The Lion King and Les Miserables. Thanks to all the students involved and to the staff who helped support this event.



Curtain Call

This was the Y13's final performance and an audience of friends, family and staff were treated to an excellent and moving evening, in which the students had created a piece about the testing times being a sixth form drama student trying to decide what to do for their final performance!



Out and About



Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award

Congratulations go to Rebecca (Y12) Bronte (Y13) and Lily (Y13) who have now completed their Silver Award.

Also to Maria (Y13) who has nearly completed. The award consists of six months volunteering in the community, three and six months of physical and skills challenges, plus two gruelling weekends! These involved extensive planning for three days of walking and two nights of camping to complete the expedition section. The girls started the award last year and this completion really shows their commitment - well done, a great achievement!

Yorkshire Sculpture Park

Our Y10 art students enjoyed a fantastic day studying the sculptures and artists as part of their GCSE project at the beginning of May. Students were also asked to design their own sculpture which would be suitable for a similar setting.



Y12 ADT London Trip

At the end of June, Sixth Form students from the Art, Craft, Design and Textiles A Level courses enjoyed a day trip to the Victoria and Albert Museum in London. Students were seeking inspiration for their 'Personal Investigations', a major component of their A



Level course, and everyone found something that interested them, which they can now investigate further over the summer. In the V & A students explored art works, crafts and artefacts from all over the world. The majority of students were particularly focused on the "Undressed" exhibition which showed a fascinating collection of underwear throughout history, with a superb range of examples from whale bone corsets to David Beckham's underwear! The Natural History Museum was also popular, as well as a little window shopping in nearby Harrods! Students returned late that evening with tired feet and heads full of ideas for the next stage of their courses.

Y10 Team Building

'If you go down to the woods today...' 16 intrepid learners, Mrs Tomlinson, Mrs Brewer and I set off on a journey of epic proportions as we carved our way across to the far reaches of North Sheffield and Grenoside Woods. Forecasters had promised storms ahead yet the sun gods smiled down upon us and gave us an amazing afternoon of rambling, fire lighting and mud-bogging thanks to our wild man of the woods Tim who taught us the importance of survival and resilience.

Great fun was had by all, and despite some not so well chosen outfits for the occasion, we all made it back safe and sound with great memories to boot. Major kudos points must go to all those students involved who showed a great team spirit and a willingness to get stuck in (in some cases quite literally!)

Mr Cocken



Les Miserables

We would like to say 'Well Done' to the following Meadowhead students who were excellent in a production by Eaststreet of Les Miserables at the Montgomery Theatre in July: Millie Wainwright and Alfie Wilcox in Y7, Emily Axe, Y8 and Luke Wheeler Y9. Ethan



Carley, an ex-Meadowhead student now studying drama at Sheffield Hallam, had a principle part. It really was a brilliant performance!

Y13 Leavers

Formal Goodbye

At the end of April we held our annual formal Y13 leavers briefing which was a lovely occasion, as ever. We are extremely proud of all our students' achievements and this was our opportunity to say well done for all of their hard work.

Tutors' statements were warm, funny and heartfelt, and showed the positive working relationships between students and staff.



Y13 Dinner

Everyone involved had a fantastic time at the Y13 leavers meal on Wednesday 6th July at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel. One of the highlights of the social calendar, we enjoyed a delicious meal and then danced the night away to students' song requests. Student President Lewis Elliott's speech was funny and heartfelt, while Mr Sheppard and Mr Beigel's dance moves had to be seen to be believed. That we were still dancing and having fun past midnight speaks volumes for the mutual respect and affection that students and staff feel. Everyone at Meadowhead has really enjoyed working with this year group – their

hard work, good humour and positive attitude has made them a joy to work with. We wish everyone all the best in their next steps and beyond – make sure you sign up to our alumni network of former students so we can stay in touch! I am proud to have been responsible for such a likeable and successful group of young people. Best of luck, *Mr Beigel*.



STEM

(Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths)



Eggucation

At the beginning of April the Y8 STEM club took responsibility for 7 eggs and an incubator. They took scientific measurements and recorded the data, with the successful hatching of 5 chicks!



Each year we enter high attaining maths pupils from years 7 – 11 in for the UKMC (UK Mathematics Challenges). The standard of our students this year has been amazing - well done to all who have taken part (Miss Roberts issued over 100 certificates) and a special mention to Ben Wormes (Y7) and Kieren Neil (Y10) for qualifying for the next round - Good Luck!

Notices

We Will Rock You!

Our next whole school production is the much anticipated "We Will Rock You" musical on 7th - 9th February 2017 - Rehearsals have started after successful auditions!

Rocket Science

This May the Meadowhead STEM club accepted British astronaut Tim Peake's mission to become space biologists and embarked on a voyage of discovery by growing seeds that had been on a journey to space. The aim of the project is to assess whether seeds transported to space could still be used to support human life and was part of Tim's Principia mission to promote the STEM subjects.



Students found that the seeds which had been to space grew slightly taller and faster than their equivalent earth-bound seeds but the results were very close.

Faraday Challenge

Mr O'Brien and Miss Roberts took some Y7 students to SHU for the Faraday Challenge with lots of coding on the BBC Micro bits on 23rd June. *(Picture right)* All the students made us extremely proud and really put their all into it. They were split into two teams of six. It was a hard fought battle but in the end we won!!!!!! The second place went to our other team so both our teams did fantastically well. The winning team won a trophy which will be proudly displayed in the school trophy cabinet.



Maths Talks

On Friday the 24th June Miss Roberts took 12 high attaining Y10 maths students to the University of Sheffield for a variety of mathematical talks. Amongst other things, they learnt about the maths in gambling and the hidden maths in technology as well as getting a feel for the University itself.

Evening Classes/Activities for All

In the Autumn term 2016 we will be continuing to develop our evening programme of educational and recreational activities for students, families and members of the community - please take a moment to fill in a short survey on our website which will help us offer a range of activities.

Exam Results Days

Thursday 18th August 2016

A Level Results Day
A levels from 7.00am
AS levels from 10.00am

Thursday 25th August

GCSE Results Day
GCSEs from 10.00am

Cricket Talent

Jack (Y9) was selected this year to play for Derbyshire's Under 14's team, after 3 rounds of trials. They have played 2 matches and have lots of upcoming ones. Jack will also represent Derbyshire at the Taunton Festival. Congratulations on being selected and good luck in your matches!



Athletic Achievements



CONGRATULATIONS to Jonathan (Y13), Charlotte (Y13) and Luke (Y10) who achieved first and second places in the South Yorkshire Schools Track & Field Championships at the Keepmoat Stadium, Doncaster on Saturday 11th June. Please read more about the event on our website.

Dance Show

A select group of 30 dancers had been rehearsing from September, working towards a dance show, entitled *Classic Artists*, which was performed on the 7th July. The students demonstrated their hard work and commitment throughout the year. They also choreographed the majority of the numbers themselves, demonstrating outstanding creative and organisational skills. The show was a huge success, with each girl representing the school extremely well. Great job girls, hope to see you all again next year!

Miss Denton

City Finals Athletics Championships

CONGRATULATIONS to Callum Hay who came 1st in the high jump and to Ellis Hircock who came 1st in the 200m. Well done to everyone who competed.



Tennis Champions

Congratulations to the six students who played in the South Yorkshire Schools Tennis Championships on the 1st July and especially to Abigail and Lucy who, for the second year running, were crowned South Yorkshire Champions in the Y8/9 group. Finlay and Matt finished runners up in the Y7/8 boys category, Reuben and Darnell were also runners up in Y9/10 group - very well played everyone!



**Y8 Rugby
Champions**



Y8 Rugby

The Y8 team has had another successful year in Rugby Union and League. They progressed further than ever in the Yorkshire Cup in Union beating schools in Doncaster eventually losing to Richmond School on a very wet and cold day.

Their major success once again came in Rugby League where they were crowned the City champions for the second year running. There have been some great performances from Jake Dunn, James Smith and Jack Mills. Let's keep this winning mentality rolling for next year, CHAMPIONS!!!!!!

**Sports at
Meadowhead**

Read our
regular Sports
News on the
website!

Y7 Rugby

The Y7 rugby team has made very good progress this year reaching the city finals in both Rugby Union and Rugby League. They have been unfortunate and lost in both finals to King Edwards (Union) and Westfield (League). They have some outstanding individual performances from Jacob McMannus, Ed Purshouse and Jacob Staniforth to mention just a few. They have also struggled with numbers but with the success of this year I am sure that the team will grow from strength to strength. Keep up the good work lads!!!! Mr Perry



Y10 Cricket

The Y10 Cricket team has had a season of mixed results and through all the highs and lows they have held their heads high and represented the school superbly. They have had defeats at the hands of Bradfield and Ecclesfield and a win against Fir Vale. The final game against Park Academy was declared a draw due to the poor weather.

This is their last season playing for Meadowhead, so I would like to take a moment to say that they have been a fantastic group of young men and I have enjoyed all the games! Mr Perry

Y8 Football



The Y8 squad finished the season on a high, winning all their league fixtures to become Y8 premiership champions. They also won the Sheffield Schools Cup and got to the semi-finals of both the South Yorkshire Cup and the English Schools Cup! Elliot, the Y8 goalkeeper, has been called up for an England squad trial at Loughborough – all the best Elliot. Mr Pitman

