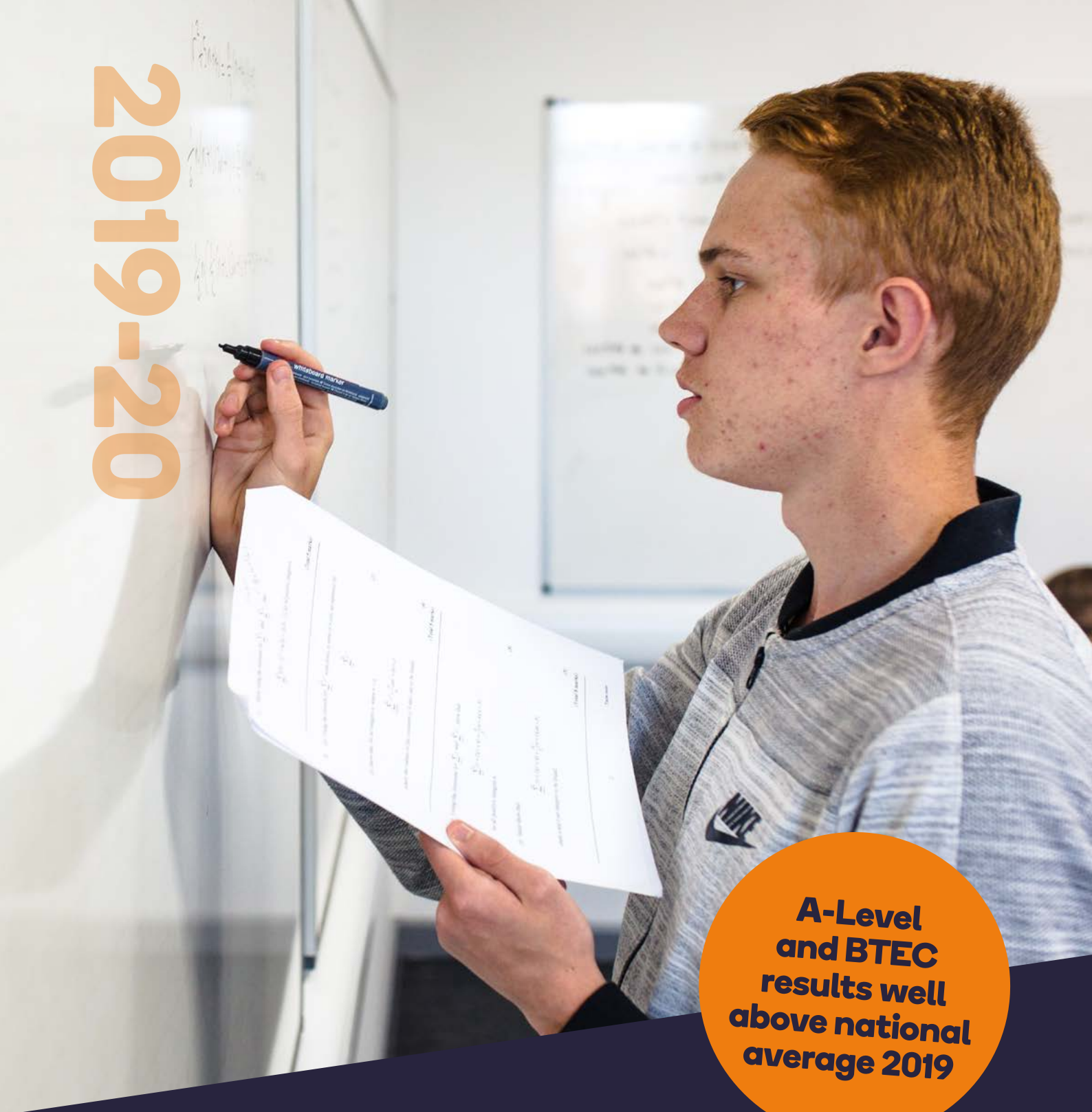


2019-20



**A-Level
and BTEC
results well
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Meadowhead School Sixth Form *Academy Trust*

Learning and achieving together

Welcome to Meadowhead Sixth Form.

We trust that this prospectus and our website will provide you with a comprehensive overview of what is on offer at Meadowhead.

Meadowhead now has as an excellent Sixth Form centre in the South West of Sheffield. We are rapidly becoming the Sixth Form of first choice for students in the area and our welcoming approach is attracting more and more students from other local schools.

Due to our size we are able to offer a wide range of academic and vocational subjects, appropriate to student needs and interests. We have the highest expectations of our students in all areas of their learning and a lot of care is taken to ensure that they develop into well-rounded young adults who are able to take the next step with confidence and success.

It is well known that the teaching and facilities at Meadowhead are of the highest quality and these combined with our outstanding care, guidance and support enable students to achieve well and to gain places at a wide range of universities, including the best in the country.

The opportunities we provide are first class. The Meadowhead Community Learning Trust consists of our feeder primary schools, Sheffield College, both universities in Sheffield and 21 local and national business partners. Our day to day school life is enriched by visits and activities to provide our students with incredible career opportunities and to improve life chances. These links are particularly helpful to those who choose to follow a more vocational pathway in the Sixth Form.

Meadowhead's impressive facilities provide students with a state-of-the-art learning environment. The school buildings include brand new IT and private study facilities which help students to develop independence and discipline in their learning.

The best way to learn about our Sixth Form is to meet our students, who will tell you what it is like to study here. You are very welcome to visit and see Meadowhead Sixth Form at work.

Mrs Kam Grewal-Joy
Headteacher



Meadowhead School Sixth Form Centre



OUR NEW £2.4 MILLION SIXTH FORM CENTRE
Expert teaching
Latest technology for learning
Silent and group study spaces
Social space and café
NOW OPEN

The teaching quality at Meadowhead in all my subjects was absolutely amazing. Every teacher I had genuinely cared for my success and went the extra mile to help me.
STUDENT LEAVERS' SURVEYS

There are amazing teachers who always make time to assist you with school work or worries.
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Our New Sixth Form Centre

Our new Sixth Form Centre was officially opened in 2018 by Meadowhead alumnus and first British astronaut Helen Sharman. The centre is part of a £2.4 million extension to our existing school building. It features eleven new teaching spaces equipped with the latest technology, a Common Room and social space with a café, the Sixth Form Office and private study space.

The new St James's Retail Park opened in 2018 and is available for students to access during their lunch break. Students are also able to access sporting facilities at the newly refurbished Graves Leisure Centre.



Our values

We are

Excellent

We will provide high-quality teaching and learning. Our lessons will be led by inspiring teachers who are subject specialists.

Ambitious

We will help you widen your horizons and look further afield as you consider the next steps in your life. All students benefit from a unique enrichment programme, extended work placements, and University visits.

Supportive

We will encourage and support you to be the best you can be. We welcome students from a diverse range of backgrounds and are very proud of our work in helping students overcome any barriers they may face. We offer friendly and helpful tutoring and regular access to a specialist careers adviser.

Challenging

Our courses are challenging yet rewarding. They will stretch you out of your comfort zone and ask you to work harder than ever before.

Fun

We organise a wide-range of extra-curricular activities and social events (in-school and beyond) that will help you enjoy your Sixth Form experience.

Why choose Meadowhead?

Here is a taste of what we offer:

1

Experienced A Level teachers and excellent range of subjects

- Dedicated, passionate staff who inspire students to achieve high levels of success
- Students follow rigorous and challenging courses that prepare them for university study and entry into the professions
- There is a strong emphasis on independent study and research
- Experienced A Level teachers
- A broad range of twenty-eight subjects to choose from
- A timetable that is designed around student applications

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Outstanding support for university, apprenticeship and employment applications

- University of Sheffield, Sheffield Hallam and Emmanuel College, Cambridge are established partners who provide support, advice and opportunities for students aspiring to attend university
- Clear pathways and targeted support for students aspiring to be teachers, engineers, doctors, nurses and midwives
- Outside speakers from a range of institutions and organisations – including the local MP and local charities and organisations – visit our student briefings to encourage aspiration and provoke debate
- A high-quality tutor time programme supports applications right from the start of Y12
- In-school impartial careers advice service – all students meet with our advisor regularly
- Progression evening in June of Y12 features guests from universities and employers
- All Y13 students participate in mock business interviews with local employers and receive feedback on their CVs

The pastoral team were always incredibly supportive and I felt I could go talk to them whenever I had an issue.

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Comprehensive academic and pastoral support

- Experienced friendly tutors and Sixth Form support team
- Specialised advice and guidance – students arranged in forms by subject choice to ensure targeted advice
- Access to more personalised support from other school professionals or external agencies as required
- Regular parental email contact and access to our online parental portal keeping parents up-to-date with key information
- A range of face-to-face family events including parents' evenings, Progress Day, Sixth Form welcome evening and Progression Evening
- Weekly after-school Academic Support sessions staffed by members of the Sixth Form team
- Tutor time programme that covers a broad range of key skills for study and for life
- Individual exam mentor programme that provides personal support for every student during the Y13 summer exam period

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Unique, and personalised Meadowhead enrichment programme

- All students complete a range of enrichment activities in Y12 to ensure they build up a portfolio of experience for applications by the start of Y13
- This programme includes work experience, university visits, independent reading and research, volunteering and the development of a hobby or skill.
- A large network of businesses and organisations (through our Meadowhead Community Learning Trust) that provide unique enrichment placements in a wide range of fields
- Elected roles of President and Vice Presidents
- Wide-ranging extra-curricular activities available including football team, sport, drama productions, music and singing lessons

Studying at Meadowhead

At Meadowhead, students receive excellent teaching and learning. The "jump" between GCSE and A Level is considerable but our students are helped to transition into the Sixth Form through a dedicated programme. We hold a two day transition event in early July in order to support students.

Our teaching staff are subject experts and share their enthusiasm and passion for the subject with students. For continuing Meadowhead students, our teachers will be familiar faces who you will have known since you joined the school. We regularly meet with students and their families at information evenings and on Progress Day.

Students are taught in small groups (usually 14-18). Students also enjoy access to well-resourced classrooms as well as space for independent study in our new Sixth Form Centre and our excellent Learning Resource Centre.

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Outstanding pastoral care
Unique enrichment programme
Specialist tutoring
Unrivalled contact with employers
Use of Graves Leisure Centre and the FA's St George's Park

Our enrichment programme

Alongside high-quality teaching and learning in their chosen subjects, students also take part in our unique enrichment programme.

During Y12, students complete modules in the following areas:

- Work Experience (one week)
- University visit days (at least two days)
- School or Community Volunteering (at least five hours)
- Extra-curricular hobby or skill (at least ten hours)
- Independent reading and research (at least five hours)

Students will be supported through these modules during Tutor Time and Study Time.

For work experience, we engage with over 50 well-known local and multinational employers to provide high-quality placements in a wide variety of industry sectors: engineering & construction, sports & leisure, hospitality & catering, legal & financial, business administration and education. Visit our website for more details and links to all Trust partner websites.

During Year 13, students will be supported in applying for university, apprenticeships or employment. As well as being incredibly beneficial for personal development, these activities also support successful applications.

Teachers are really supportive of students and passionate about their subjects.

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Our subjects

- English Language
- English Literature
- Mathematics
- Further Mathematics
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Science (BTEC)
- French
- German
- Spanish
- Geography
- History
- Philosophy
- Psychology
- Sociology
- The Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)
- Business Studies (BTEC)
- ICT (BTEC)
- Computing
- Art, Craft and Design
- Art Textiles
- Product Design
- Music (A Level)
- Performing Arts (BTEC)
- Sport (BTEC)
- Health and Social Care (BTEC)

The scholarship has been a journey that I will always cherish throughout my life. It gave me pride to know that we succeeded as a team in winning the League and I can honestly say it was the greatest two years of my life.

FOOTBALL SCHOLAR
2015-17

The support from staff and teachers was excellent and if you had any sort of problem the sixth form staff went out of their way to solve it.

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The football scholarship

A Football Scholarship will be available for talented footballers who will join an elite squad run by professional coaches from Sheffield FC. Students will be able to combine a full 'A' level / BTEC programme of studies within the scholarship at Meadowhead Sixth form as well as have access to training and game experience. This has the potential to provide a realistic pathway into semi-professional / non-league football. Trials will be required to access the programme.

"Winning the league unbeaten just felt like the right way to wrap up an unbelievable two years I'll genuinely never forget. The scholarship was a privilege to be a part of and I'll always be grateful for the facilities of St Georges Park and the coaching we received as they were nothing short of top-class." – Football Scholar 2015-17

Information, advice and guidance

At Meadowhead all Sixth Form students belong to a tutor group with a dedicated tutor. Tutor groups are arranged by discipline to enable targeted advice and guidance from a subject specialist; students are placed in a tutor group with peers who are studying similar subjects.

The Head of Sixth Form works with a team of dedicated staff to support and guide all students. Along with their tutor, each student will be supported by a Head of Year and a Pastoral Manager. Throughout Years 12 and 13, students receive support and guidance to help them achieve their potential and to make the right choices when they leave Meadowhead. Students also have access to the school's experienced careers advisor who will meet with students regularly during their time with us to offer impartial advice and guidance.

Students and Sixth Form staff meet for a briefing on Wednesday morning and this is followed by a one hour tutorial. Here are some of the topics we cover during tutorial time:

- Introduction to Progression Options: University, Employment, Apprenticeship and Gap Years
- Support for Application to each of these routes
- Preparation for Academic and Employment Interviews
- Citizenship and Democracy: Voting and Politics
- Citizenship and Democracy: Meet the local MP
- Personal Wellbeing: Mental Health, Stress and Anxiety
- Personal Wellbeing: Sexual Health and Healthy Relationships
- Personal Wellbeing: Self-care and healthy eating
- Personal Wellbeing: Alcohol, Drugs and Managing Risks
- Personal Wellbeing: Independent Travel and Safer Driving
- Personal Wellbeing: Managing paid employment and student-workers' rights
- Study Skills: Conducting Research, Referencing and Plagiarism
- Study Skills: revision strategies
- Study Skills: Giving a Presentation
- Living Independently: Finances
- Living Independently: housing, landlords and renting

The support from the sixth form team and teachers has been overwhelmingly amazing.

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Trips, events and guest speakers

As a Sixth Form, we are proud of our extensive range of trips and visits. We hold an annual Leavers' Dinner at the Double Tree Hilton Hotel.

In recent years, trips and visits have included an expedition to Morocco, a geography trip to Iceland, an Art and Design trip to Barcelona, visit to the Yorkshire Sculpture Park, a trip to the Victoria & Albert Museum in London and a tour of the main cultural sites in Sheffield.

We also work with the rest of the school to support events such as the annual Sports Day, the Everyone a Writer celebration evening and drama performances.



How to apply (2020 entry)

Students usually apply for Sixth Form during the autumn of Year 11. Our entry requirements ask that students achieve at least five subjects at grades 4-9 including English and Maths and usually at least a 6 (GCSE) or a Merit (BTEC) in their chosen subjects.

For some subjects, the entry requirements are even higher. Students normally choose three subjects and study them for two years. If chosen, AS Core Maths and the EPQ are studied alongside these three subjects. Students with very high GCSE attainment (at least six 7 grades) may wish to study four subjects.

A full list of our entry requirements can be found on the school website. The details of how to apply is included below:



New students

We warmly welcome students from other schools to join our Sixth Form. If you are from a Sheffield school, you should also be supported through the application process by your form tutor. If you are a student from outside Sheffield, please contact the Sixth Form team for an application form.

If your application is successful, we will contact you directly to arrange an interview.

Open evenings and arranging a visit

Our Sixth Form Open Evening will be held on **6pm-8pm on Thursday 7th November**. At this event, you will be able to see our New Sixth Form Centre, talk to relevant subject staff, meet our tutor and support team and talk to some of our current students. You will also be able to view our specialist rooms in Science, Sport and Exercise, Art, Textiles and Product Design.

Should you wish to arrange a visit on a different date or come see the school "in action" during the day time, please contact the Sixth Form team on **0114 237 2723 ext. 716**.

Meadowhead students

You will be supported through the application process during Tutor Time. Additional support will be available from the Sixth Form team. You will be able to submit your application from late November onwards. Interviews are usually held in December.

Student voice

We believe that the best form of education emerges from a partnership between teachers, students and their families. With this in mind, we regularly consult with students and parents about our Sixth Form provision. Students elect a Sixth Form student president and vice-president and these students, alongside a team of academic reps, raise concerns and questions. Such representation ensures that the student experience is the best it can possibly be. Elections are held for these positions each October.

"Meadowhead has provided an amazing platform for learning, supporting me with individual and general issues as well as providing numerous opportunities like trips, enrichment opportunities. There has also been phenomenal support from all the staff, who have been welcoming and informative when asking for extra support or simply a chat. Thank you!"

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"There has always been incredible guidance and support when needed, creating a comfortable and motivating environment to learn in. The staff encouraged and believed in me even when I did not believe in myself."

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"The support we received as a collective was fantastic. The experiences and lessons that we have through sixth form made it such a nice place to be throughout both years."

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- The curriculum offers a wide range of subjects and a good range of enrichment activities for students of all levels of ability.
- Students are very positive about their experiences in the sixth form and retention on courses is high.
- The school provides good, impartial careers advice for all students.
- Strong links with local universities have supported students' increasing aspirations. Above-average proportions of students go on to study at university or continue in employment with training. These aspects illustrate the way the school is serving the needs of the local community well.

