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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 2019



**Year 11s returned to school at the end of their exams to receive their
Record of Achievement folders and celebrate their 5 years at Meadowhead.**



Record of Achievement 2019

We held a very special occasion in June as our Y11s came back into school after their exams to receive their Record of Achievement folders. These hold certificates, CVs and personal statements, but are just a start to their journey ahead as they will keep adding to it!



But it was also a celebration of their time at Meadowhead School and they were treated to musical performances by Jamie Walker and Gazilion (a Y11 band).

We were pleased to welcome Paul Walker as our guest of honour. Paul is a football commentator and radio presenter who has worked on many key events both at home and all over the world. He spoke of his journey from volunteering at Hallam FM and struggling to get a paid job as a sports journalist to the highlight

of his career (so far) as a commentator at the football World Cup in Moscow last year. Paul told our students to be persistent – 'you will have set backs but don't give in!'



There were thanks from the Head Boy and Head Girl and their deputies to their form tutors, to Mr Needham (Head of Year) and Mrs Smith (Pastoral Manager) and to all staff who have been part of their time at Meadowhead. Mrs Grewal-Joy concluded with an inspiring message not to waste a single second of their lives!

Well done Y11 - we are all incredibly proud of you!



A Date For Your Diary Y6 Open Evening

Thursday 3rd October 2019
6-8pm



Exam Results

A Level results will be available on Thursday 15 August 2019 in the Sixth Form Common Room

Year 13 between 7.00am and 9.00am
Year 12 between 9.30am and 11.00am

GCSE results will be available on Thursday 22 August 2019

Year 11 between 9:00am and 12 noon

Result slips will be distributed from the Rosling. If you are unable to collect your results, these can be posted to you. Please speak to Mrs Day, the Examinations Officer.

Anti-bullying Ambassadors

In February we took 15 students to Nottingham to train to be anti-bullying ambassadors. Since then we have opened up the group to other students and have had 58 volunteers from Y7-Y10 to help us make Meadowhead an 'upstanding' school.

The 58 students will be working in subcommittees to tackle different areas of bullying and are very excited about developing and implementing their ideas.

We will be using our new anti-bullying logo on all of our material which was designed by our logo winner: Molly Abraham in Y7

Around School



Legendary Leprechauns Lead The League

This year's Y7 SuperLeague commenced on February 11th and ran for 11 School Weeks. All 12 Y7 Forms were competing on Rewards, Punctuality, Attendance and Behaviour Points, playing every other Form once over a school week.

This year's competition was a very close run thing, with a three horse race, going right down to the wire. The Flying Falcons (7F), The Killer K9s (7K) and The Legendary Leprechauns (7L) were all in with a chance of winning the SuperLeague going into the final round. After an exciting run down in our Half Term Celebration assembly and some complicated maths work, the Legendary Leprechauns emerged victorious.

They had a discussion and decided that they would like to visit Jump Inc at Meadowhall as their winning prize. Very well done - who will be the Y8 SuperLeague Champions in 2020 ?

Cooking Together

Several invited Y7/8 families enjoyed 4 weeks of family time in our kitchens this term, cooking up some tasty recipes to take home for tea!

Led by two of our food technology teachers, parents and students learnt how to cook various dishes such as chicken biryani, flatbread pizzas, banana flapjacks and blueberry pancakes.

They also learnt about healthy eating, reducing food waste, food storage and cooking on a budget.

Family Learning



Meadowhead's Got Talent!

Dance Show and Talent Show



Once again these two shows, which took place near the end of term, delivered high quality skill and entertainment, very much enjoyed by friends and families.

The Meadowhead Bake Off 2019

The competition was open to Year 7s, with many students participating over the last four weeks. The challenge was to make a creative batch of cookies which were then judged by two guest chefs from one of our

Trust partners, the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel. Nine finalists were chosen in total and each was awarded with a special prize supplied by the hotel. The finalists were then given the challenge of making a batch of cupcakes with a summer time theme – the results of which were very impressive and it proved very difficult to pick a winner.

A huge well done to everyone that took part, but especially to the winner who was awarded "Overall Star Baker" and won a Sunday lunch for herself and her family to enjoy at the Hilton!

Mrs Oates



ADT Summer Exhibition

Thank you to everyone who came to our ADT Summer Exhibition on Wednesday - we had many proud parents and friends who commended the work of the departments and quality of the pieces on show and lots of lovely comments in our visitor book too:

Meadowhead's Got Talent



"This was a splendid display of work. Shows a lot of impressive teaching, concentration and talent"

"A truly exciting and inspirational collection of work- all the students represented here should be applauded for their hard work"

"What a wonderful collection of Art. What dedication by all involved"

"Thank you, it's been lovely to see all the wonderful, creative work. Well done everyone!"

"We visited the Amazing ADT exhibition yesterday and it was ... AMAZING!"



"The range and quality of work was (as always) exceptional. Without doubt there are some very talented students at Meadowhead School."

The younger students were able to see this body of work leading up to the exhibition - this display was truly inspirational. You can view a slideshow of the work on our website.



Out and About

Rhineland Trip 2019

40 of our very enthusiastic German language students enjoyed a week-long cultural and educational visit to this area of Germany at the end of May.



"Just wanted to say a huge thank you to you and all of the staff that accompanied the children on the trip. From beginning (original letter) to end (your lovely email) the organisation has been faultless! Thank you for keeping us informed throughout."

"Thank you to you and your staff for taking the time to take the children on the Rhineland trip. My son had an amazing time and I'm sure will remember it forever."

Students travelled through four different countries, visited four different German towns and cities, climbed a cathedral, toured a castle, visited a chocolate museum, enjoyed a theme park, made new friends at a school, let off steam in a leisure centre, cruised down the river Rhine, travelled on a chairlift and ate an inordinate amount of ice-cream!

This year was particularly special – most of the students have been writing to a penpal in a German school for the last 18 months. This trip gave those students the opportunity to meet face-to-face with their penpal for the first time!

The students were a genuine credit to the school and their families and we would like to thank the parents who sent us some wonderful feedback about the trip and how much their son/daughter enjoyed the experience.



She Can

Eight Y9 girls visited London's Gillian Lynne Theatre on the West End to watch School of Rock as part of the SHE Can programme organised by the HEPPSY+ university project.

The students also had the opportunity to visit The Urdang Academy, an independent Performing Arts academy who provide specialist vocational training in dance and musical theatre.



The students were outstanding, a real credit to our school and thoroughly enjoyed the day!

Evening Language Courses for Adults

Enrolment : 12/09/19 6-7pm

20% off for parents of current students!

Just £99 for 10 weeks

Learn a Language with us!

All Courses begin Thurs 3rd October 2019

French - German - Italian - Russian - Spanish
Beginners, Intermediate, Advanced Levels offered

Contact Sue Beres: 0114 2372723 ext 888
languagecollege@meadowhead.sheffield.sch.uk
Further details: www.meadowhead.sheffield.sch.uk



Castleton

Another very successful trip at the beginning of July to study the historical and geographical features of this village! Over 3 days the whole of Y7 enjoyed visiting Peveril Castle, Treak Cliff Cavern and the 'broken road'.

"I enjoyed the castle best - learning how people took stone from it to make their houses" Heidi Hamilton

"The cave was really fun, especially the weird purple light they had to show features" Mia Sanderson

"The cave was best and I enjoyed seeing the stalactites" Alice Middleton



Paris

Last week the French department took 40 Y8 – Y10 students to enjoy the sights of Paris. Among other activities, we took in Monet at the Musée d'Orsay, we climbed the steps to the picturesque Sacré-Cœur Basilica and we sailed past the iconic Eiffel Tower on our Bateaux Parisiens boat ride. The students had the opportunity to learn much about the history and culture of the French capital, as well as taking every opportunity to put their language learning to practical use.



Our students impressed us throughout with their impeccable behaviour and great attitude to language learning. On their behalf I would like to thank all the staff who contributed their time and energy to make this fantastic trip possible.

Miss Cruikshanks

Out and About

The Magical Music of Harry Potter

In June, the Music department took the School Orchestra to Sheffield's City Hall to see the world famous Hallé Orchestra.

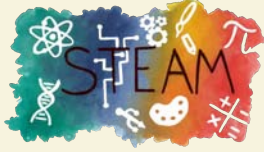
They performed a full suite of music from Harry Potter, beginning with the memorable Hedwig's Theme, progressing through many enchanting and moving movements such as Aunt Marge's Waltz to The Death of Cedric.

The students were delighted to experience the power and majesty of a live, full Symphony Orchestra performing such iconic works created by world renowned composers John Williams, Patrick Doyle, Nicholas Hooper and Alexandre Desplat.



ERASMUS STEAM

(Science, Technology, Engineering,
Art and Maths)



In June, some of our ambassadors visited Sheffield Hallam University's annual Games Britannia festival, (pictured below) exploring interactive workshops on Concept Art, PS4 Programming, and other gaming technology and associated career pathways.



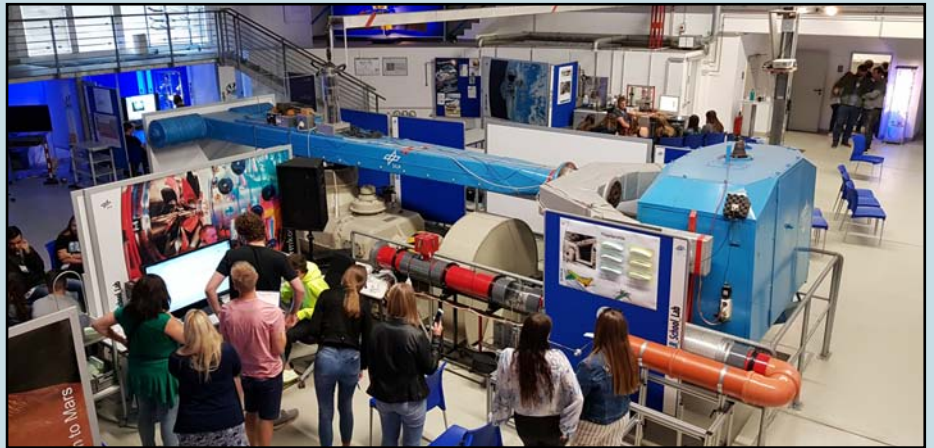
"The ERASMUS STEAM project has really enriched Gabe's experience at Meadowhead. The range of activities and opportunities for the ambassadors, and the level of commitment from the staff have been fantastic. We feel really privileged that he's been involved!" (Mrs Tatton)

"I can't express enough what a fantastic opportunity this has been for Charlie. He was very fortunate to visit Germany, engaged with German students, stay with a welcoming German family and engage in STEAM related visits over there which he would never, ever get to do under normal circumstances." (Mrs Mahon)

"We got to meet people from different countries which was very exciting" (Eleanor Y10)

ERASMUS STEAM ambassador exchange to Koblenz

Our second group of 10 STEAM ambassadors enjoyed meeting their exchange partners in June for our 9 day visit focussing on Science and Maths, since our German partner school teaches those subjects in English as well as German. Students took part in a variety of school and University STEM based workshops and activities, including chemistry to make bath bombs, glues and soaps – the latter using the special silicone moulds our team had designed and produced in our Art department workshop the week before departure. They also learnt how to program Lego mindstorm robots, used their Maths in the Knot Theory session, and learnt about code cracking in the cryptology workshop.



The highlight of the visit was undoubtedly the visit to the National Aerospace Centre in Cologne. Spanish, German and English

ambassadors worked in teams at the Schools lab, exploring topics such as aerodynamics, gravity, infrared light and biomechanics.



STEAM At the Races

Meadowhead ERASMUS STEAM ambassadors had a

fabulous time at a trip to the Doncaster racecourse ground recently.

They were shown around behind the scenes by staff at the racecourse and activities included using their maths skills to calculate how many horses can safely parade together, what the effect of weight is on performance, and the optimum heights and distances for the hurdles.

After lunch, students had the opportunity to watch two races to see the practical application of what they had learned.



After a very busy term of hard work and fun with our various Erasmus workshops, visits and activities, our ambassadors are now looking forward to putting their ambassadorial skills into practice in the Autumn to enlighten younger students about the merits of following STEAM subjects and ultimately careers in related sectors. They will also look forward to welcoming their partners from Spain and Germany for the final visit towards the end of 2020 when they have completed their GCSE exams.

Celebrating Creative Writing

Everyone a Writer

This year we had a very busy celebration evening for the launch of the Everyone a Writer 2019 anthology.

This year, students were inspired by the theme 'Houses and Homes'.

Over 700 pieces of writing were entered from students at Meadowhead, Norton Free, Abbey Lane, Greenhill, Bradway and Woodseats, alongside entries from parents, teachers and members of the community.

As always the standard of entries was exceptional. They explored homelessness, the destruction of habitats, refugees, broken homes and loving homes.

We were also delighted to have so many students read their pieces aloud at the event. Thank you for your entries, attendance and support – it really does show that everyone can be a writer! A list of winners and their entries are on our website.



Poetry Festival

This year students were inspired by the theme of 'Our Planet and Climate Change'.

In the lessons that prepared students to write, we explored how our actions have damaged the earth.



We learned about the small steps we can take to make a difference for the planet and each English class created their own pieces of poetry performance.

We were joined by students in Y6 from

Woodseats and Norton Free. It was a wonderful event – thank you to all staff and students who helped make the event possible.



Farewell Y13s!

We held two events celebrating the end of our Y13s' school life - firstly just before their exams with the Leavers' Breakfast and again at the end of the exams with a special Leavers' Dinner. They have been amazing students and we wish them all the very best.

Sixth Form Leavers' Breakfast

We wished farewell on Wednesday 8th May to our current Y13 students.

Students were presented with a commemorative year group photograph and their leavers' hoodies while form tutors shared their recollections of each student's time at Meadowhead Sixth Form.



Afterwards, students and staff shared a breakfast together and reflected on their two years of studies.

Y13 Leavers' Dinner

On Tuesday 2nd July, Y13 students and their teachers celebrated the end of exams with the annual Leavers' Dinner at the Double Tree by Hilton hotel.

It was an enjoyable, uplifting and sometimes emotional evening that marked the end of up to seven years of association with the school. Student President Kieran and Vice President Saman gave a joint speech which thanked staff for their excellent teaching and pastoral care while Mr Sheppard spoke of the many things the year group had taught him.





Y12 Research Project

Sixth Form

Congratulations to the winners of our research poster project competition. Students were challenged to research a topic of interest, and presented their findings in a visually appealing way. Students have developed research and referring skills that will be invaluable in their future studies, and have explored a range of physical and electronic resources, as well as visiting the University of Sheffield to further improve their knowledge of study skills.

The standard of work was extremely high across the board. Prizes were awarded based on originality and interest of topic, range of research and effective referencing, and presentation. Well done to Hannah, who wins first prize of a £50 Meadowhall voucher for her topic, **'Why don't woodpeckers get headaches?'**. The work by Mie, Laraib, Leah, Amy and Melissa was Highly Commended and each won a £10 voucher.

Well done to our winners, as well as the rest of Y12 – the work you produced was fantastic and you have refined skills that will be invaluable in the future.

A Bright Future

Y12 have been thinking about their futures this term, with two events helping them to make those crucial decisions! These events tie in to the focus of tutor time this half term, which is researching courses and writing a personal statement to support any post 18 applications.

Our **'Next Steps'** evening in school was a great event, and a fantastic opportunity for students, families and school staff to get together and talk about what students will go on to do after Sixth Form.

Our careers manager, Cerys Evans, gave an informative presentation, and then students had the chance to talk to a range of universities, employers, apprenticeship providers and other organisations which provide support to students at this point. There were lots of great questions being asked by students and families, and it was a privilege to be involved in discussions with such well-motivated and thoughtful students. It was also great to enjoy a slice of pizza together! Our partners from the universities were impressed to see so many students, and with their attitude and desire to succeed.

In June, the entire year group visited the FlyDSA Arena to attend the **Sheffield UCAS Higher Education Convention**. It was another chance to speak to universities and apprenticeship providers and find out more about the range of options on offer to our students. Again, I was extremely proud of the conduct and demeanour of our students – it was hugely gratifying to see the students talking with confidence and interest to the representatives from the providers. There are also trips planned to the Whitworth Gallery and the University of Manchester at the end of term. Well done Y12 for engaging so well with the school's careers and Next Steps programme.

Mr Beigel (Head of Y12)



Careers

Y10 Work Experience

At the beginning of July, hundreds of our Y10 students went to work in businesses and organisations in the community getting a valuable experience of the workplace. This is an amazing opportunity for them and we would like to thank all those who gave them a placement.



Y10 Mock Interviews

For two days in May the school library was packed with employers helping Y10 students to get through their first interview. Despite some pre-interview nerves, our Y10 students did a great job of tackling the questions that employers presented them with. Students found it invaluable in helping them to prepare for their next steps.

"It was nice to know what an interview would be like" Poppy Martin

"It's definitely given me more confidence for future interviews. It's been a learning curve for me" Joe Barber

"It has probably got me over my fear of interviews" Y10 student
It's useful, It gets you into the mindset of how to speak to an employer" Brandon Hall

The employers benefited from the event too, and were impressed with the work that most students had put in to prepare, as well as the content of their CVs and their answers. We'd like to say a big thank-you to everyone who gave up their time to support this event.



Below and left - Y10 students on their work experience placements.

"I found my placement [at Woodseats library] very enjoyable and rewarding - I will miss it!" Thomas Y10



"The fantastic opportunity at Whittam Cox gave me an invaluable insight into my dream job. I really enjoyed using CAD to design the doctors surgery."
Abigail Y10

"The best bit was connecting with other people" Luke Y10



Crisp Packet Recycling

To help reduce our impact on the planet The STEM Club have built five crisp packet recycling bins which are located around the school. Pupils can

now help to reduce litter, environmental damage and waste by placing empty crisp packets in them at break and lunch time. The crisp packets will be sent off and recycled with the proceeds going to charity.



STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths)



Eggucation

We're pleased that, for the 4th year

running, we had the successful hatching of 4 rare breed chicks - here as part of our Science & STEM Club collaborative project on growth. Everyone also agreed that there is great therapeutic value in cuddling fluffy chicks!

Inspirational Days Out

Women in Engineering and Computer Science With the aim of showcasing the options for a career in

engineering, a group of Y8 students had an inspirational day coding robots, disassembling model jet engines, printing 3D badges and much more at this event held at King Edward VII school. (Right)

"we were given goody bags too, and I am really excited about the BBC micro bit we got" Y8 student



Science and Technology Challenge Day

A group of our Y8s enjoyed an excellent Science and Technology Challenge Day at Sheffield Hallam University at the beginning of July – they gained an insight into STEM at higher level. Activities included robotics, e-fit technology and medical diagnostics. Throughout the day students worked in mixed school teams, developing their interpersonal relationships and team building skills - imperative for studying a STEM subject at a higher level.



Wildlife Forensics

This term Y8s have donned their CSI overalls to investigate a number of murders! The prime suspects were owls of the Suffolk Owl Sanctuary. Their victims: shrews, voles, rats, mice and insects. This was a Y8 STEM Club activity and they received evidence hidden inside owl pellets (the undigested remains of the prey). Students expertly dissected these pellets to remove bones and used biological guides to identify the unlucky victims.



Language Skills

Ten enthusiastic Y8 students were presented with certificates and a trophy at the University of Sheffield on Wednesday 1st May. This was the final part of their involvement in the *Language Horizons* project - over 5 weeks students were mentored by an undergraduate student studying modern languages at the University of Sheffield.

Language Horizons



Our Y8s completed activities both in the classroom and online, discovering more about themselves through topics such as "My Food Self" and "My Future Self". *Language Horizons* is funded by the Department for Education as part of a large investment in languages in schools.



The project was led by Cardiff University, in partnership with The University of Sheffield and Sheffield Hallam University.

Sports

The Terry Hensby Trophy

Congratulations to Jake (Y11) who has won the Terry Hensby Trophy for the Rugby Player of the Year Award 2018/19

Jake starting playing rugby age 9 for Dronfield and at 12 years old he was selected by Leicester Tigers for their development programme (DPP). He has now completed 3 years with Leicester Tigers hopes to study Sports science there, play for Brooksby and NLD and hopefully gaining the opportunity to play professional rugby or coaching/teaching.

We wish Jake the best of luck with his future and hope to see him taking the field on our televisions in the near future!



Rounders

The U14 girls rounders team has had a great start to the summer, playing strong teams such as Silverdale and winning comfortably. The girls regularly attend training on a Thursday and act as great role models for the younger students in the club.

The U14 mixed team are undefeated so far and look forward to the Sheffield tournament and one more league match. There have been fantastic batting performances from Elijah Hibberd, Joel Palmer and Tom Bentley.

We are really impressed by the team work and commitment by each member of the **U12 mixed rounders** team - some great performances and they are working extremely hard to progress each week.

"Rounders is a great team sport, for both boys and girls. It's great fun and it's a good bonding time for me and my friends, doing something we really enjoy... especially when the weather is nice!" – Molly

Photo: Rounders on Sports Day



Sports

Athletics

A great season! 3 teams qualified for the Track and Field league finals and there have been excellent individual performances. In the District competition we had 14 athletes qualify to represent Sheffield at the South Yorkshire competition. From here, 3 of them qualified to take part in the English Schools competition in July: Miriam Levy Y11 High Jump, Mo Martin Y10 1500m and Callum Hay Y11 Long Jump. As you can see from the photos - some excellent results! Well done!



Congratulations to Tom in Y9 who has qualified for the English Schools Combined Events Final, after a tough competition heat at the York University track. Tom finished 3rd in the Junior Boys Pentathlon. Very well done and good luck for the final!



Football

Congratulations to the Y11 school football team, 2019 winners of the **Clegg Shield**. It was an amazing night at Bramall Lane -they created several chances before Jay Glover scored the winning goal mid way through the second half. The spirit and attitude shown by every player was terrific!

The **Y8 boys** football team (pictured below) played brilliantly to reach the Sheffield Schools Cup Final, playing All Saints School. The whole squad were fantastic this season and were unlucky to lose the final match.



What the students say

"I really enjoy playing Cricket for the school team because you feel part of a team and are always really included." Elijah Hibberd Y9

"I really enjoy athletics because you get a great adrenaline rush and it is fun and very competitive." Isaac Marston-Giroux Y9

Sports Leaders

We again have a fantastic team in place. The students involved in the programme have been a credit to the school and a real asset to the department. The students have helped out at the Primary Schools Sports Day Event and also a Kwik Cricket Festival at Graves. *"The sports leaders were fantastic; they listened to what was required, modelled the activity each time to the children and encouraged the children throughout the morning. Considering they had never done it before, I was highly impressed. They were a credit to the school."* Greenhill teacher in charge of Sports Day. Well done! Mrs Tym



The **Meadowhead/Sheffield FC Football Scholarship** teams had a great season overall. The 1st team finished as runners up in their category. The 2nd team adapted well to playing in the National College League. The Sheffield FC coaches have been very impressed with the squad's progress -16 places have been offered to the current Y11s for next year, many of whom will be competing for places in the first team!

Rugby League

The Y7s are the top team in Sheffield and have just played brilliantly in the national finals in Warrington, coming 10th in the North of England



The Y8 Rugby League team have one more tournament to play, aiming to remain city champions - good luck!

"I enjoy socialising with my friends whilst improving my skills and getting fresh air." Nell Elam Y9



Sports Day 2019



A glorious day for our annual sports day! Students in Y7, Y8 and Y9 enjoyed a wide range of sports, including basketball, boccia, dance, trampoline, tug-of-war, cricket, football, rugby and more!



Netball

Our U12 Netball team are 4th in Yorkshire! They won 9 out of their 12 games and all had an amazing team spirit, each one of them played their heart out. Well done to Hannah Hibberd Y7 who was captain of the team all day and supported the girls through each game on and off court. Excellent achievement, well done!!

Congratulations to Eve Sambrook Y8, Minnie Hamilton Y9 and Ruby Mackenzie Y9 who were successfully selected for the Loughborough Lightning U15 Netball Academy for 2019/20. Well done!



Cricket

The boys came 4th in the Yorkshire U13s Cricket Softball final at the Castleford Cricket Club. The boys played extremely well and all had fun. (Pictured right)

"I enjoyed Cricket today because we competed against some really good teams. We showed good determination and desire to not give up and we were really close to winning." Alex Douglas

We are excited by the start the **Y7 team** have made - they have swept aside both Silverdale and Notredame - the future looks bright for these young players!

For the **Y9s**, rain has disrupted many fixtures, but they remain dedicated and positive! **Y10s** tried really hard, but unfortunately finished without any league wins.

Congratulations to Jack Hall Y12, who has been picked to play for the Derbyshire Cricket team.



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