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MEADOWHEAD'S GENEROUS COMMUNITY

For the last couple of months, Meadowhead's Home & School Association members have been visiting local shops and businesses asking for donations and auction lots to support our bi-annual 'Auction of Promises' on Thursday 14 June.

The response was tremendous - despite the economic climate, our community, together with parents and staff, have been very generous and we had over 80 auction lots. Mrs Nevin (Chair of the Home and School Association) said "I was overwhelmed by the generosity of our local community and inspired by the commitment of all those involved".

There was a wide range of donations from driving lessons, cut and blow dries, physiotherapy sessions, plumbing services, cupcakes and football tickets to our star prize of a weekend's use of a Volkswagen Eos Cabriolet!



Everyone who attended got a bargain and had fun in the process. A total of £1,350 was raised at the auction and this money will go towards recognising the achievements of all students in school, supporting the Phoenix Awards and the GCSE Presentation at the Octagon in Sheffield.

A massive thank you to all of those at school and within the community who supported the auction this year.

Mrs Bowker



AUCTION OF PROMISES

We thank the following businesses and organizations for their support with our recent 'Auction of Promises'

Asda
John Lewis
Tesco
Co-op
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Chatsworth House
Ice Sheffield
Ponds Forge International
Sheffield Wednesday
Sheffield United
Sheffield Eagles
Abbey Flyers Trampolining
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British Martial Arts Assoc.
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Plumco
BW Ward Electrical
Key Homecare
The Iron Shop
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The Shepley Spitfire
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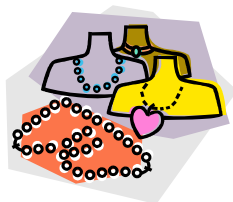
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Loaf Hair
Bangs Hair Design
Barber & Sun
Hush Hair & Beauty
All About Me
Vanity Beauticians
Hair Creative
Hoopers
Therapy Hair & Beauty
The Colours of the Dawn



Steven's Butchers
Meadowhead Meats

Barkers the Bakers
Cello Coffee Shop
Barnetts Bistro
Café Bistro

DW Garrett Jewellers
The Gift Box



Ferndale Garden Centre
Poppy's Florist
Blooms
Wigham Driving School



Diamonds Are Forever

We were delighted this term to celebrate the success of seven Y10 students who achieved a Diamond award. The families of each student attended a celebration event with Ms James and Mrs Neill (Chair of Governors) and their diamond plaques were installed in the Hall of Fame (pictured below).

Each student also received a diamond certificate, specially commissioned Diamond phoenix badge and a framed photograph. The students have all shown a positive attitude in their work and all have been rewarded competencies which were introduced by our Trust business partners. There are 10 competencies which include Positive Attitude, Leadership, Reliability and Integrity. We are very proud that these Y10 students have shown the leadership to achieve this award and set a very high standard for others to follow.

We look forward to many more students in the future achieving this prestigious award and using it to help them when they apply for a place in our 6th Form.

The students are:

(Left to Right) Sarah Darrall, Katie Sims, Ben Seamer, William Archer, Sam Fillingham, Katie Turton and Elin Turton.

Mr Eastwood



Morocco Expedition

By the time you read this article a group of seven intrepid sixth form students will have hopefully survived a week in the High Atlas region of Morocco, North Africa. Unlike any other school trip this expedition has been planned and organised by the students, for the students. Every aspect of the trip had involved input from the team and after landing in Morocco the decision making will all be in their hands from where to stay, where to eat and which buses to catch.

After journeying down to London for a final training day and kit check the team will fly to Marrakesh where the team will get their first taste of a radically different culture. As soon as we arrive they will have to find out how to get into the city, bus, taxi or train? Which is best value? Which is quickest? Where in the city are we staying?

Following a night in Marrakesh's old city we will travel south, higher into the mountains to a town called Asni where the students will be teaching English to classes of 15—18 students for 2 days. During their time in Asni the team will have opportunities to experience the day to day routines of Berber life, cooking, collecting water and playing sports.

Next we are bumping our way south by 4x4 and higher into the mountains and the Imil Valley to a village called Around where the students are helping restore an irrigation system for the village. Again there are more opportunities for the team to experience the local routines and culture especially learning how to cook traditional Berber specialities each evening. During the cool evenings guides are available to take the group high up onto surrounding peaks to enjoy the stunning views of the High Atlas mountains and hopefully enjoy some sunsets!

Our time in Morocco concludes with a full day and night of exploring the maze of streets, markets, snake charmers, camel traders, food stalls and ancient monuments of Marrakesh. Hopefully everyone will find their way back to the airport before we fly home...!

Well done to Abbie Spooner, Amelia Norton, Molly Dowling, Alex Nevin, Adam O'Gara, Liam Morley and Daniel Smith for being motivated, well organised and courageous enough to live life on the edge.....

The next expedition is already being planned for our 6th form students. It is only 2 years away.... where next and would you like to take part?

Mr Barnett



French Exchange 2011-2012

On Wednesday 21st April, 11 Y9 students left for France to carry out the return leg of the French Exchange. They headed for the beautiful picturesque town of Montaignu in the West of France. After a smooth flight and short bus journey to the partner school, the students were greeted with a well-coordinated 'Mexican wave' by their partners whom they had already met last October. Eager to catch up, the students were immediately whisked off by their host families.



Our students enjoyed a variety of activities whilst in France. and took part in French lessons, taught basic English to primary pupils, competed in an exciting town trail, visited the beautiful cultural city of Nantes and had a fun day out to the futuristic theme park of 'Futuroscope' accompanied by their French partners.

Being blessed with hot sunny weather the whole week, the students and their host families decided to head off to the nearby seaside in Les Sables d'Olonne for the weekend, where they paddled in the water and ate a proper French picnic with *du pain* (baguette) and *fromage de chèvre* (goat's cheese).

On the last day, a party was organised for us at the French school. French parents were keen to tell me how well our students had integrated into their families. The girls had proved to be very adventurous with food tasting and had enjoyed *huîtres* (oysters), *crabe* (crab), *galettes* (savoury pancakes) and French cheeses like *Raclette*.



All too soon it was time to leave France and make the journey back to Sheffield. The students were very sad to part and many tears were shed. However, this is by no means the end of the exchange as all of our students want to repeat the experience and keep in contact with their new friends overseas by visiting them in the summer.

A very big thank you to all the students for their impeccable behaviour, manners, enthusiasm and their willingness to try out their French. I could not have wished for a better group!

Thanks also to Medhi, our French Assistant, who was brave enough to accompany an all-girl group to France!

Merci

Mme Legrée



German Exchange 2012

At the end of March, 15 students from Y8 to Y12, went to Koblenz in Germany for the first leg of the German exchange. After selecting their partners, and keeping in touch via Facebook and email, the students finally got to meet their partners for the first time.



After an early start and a flight from Manchester, we arrived in Koblenz to be met by the German teachers, the exchange students and their parents.

For the next 7 days, the students took part in a range of activities including day trips to Trier and Cologne, an afternoon at 'Kletterwald' (the German Go-Ape) and a visit to the Marksburg castle. They also spent a day in the German school taking part in lessons with their exchange partners.

The weekend's plans were left for the German families to organise and our students took part in a variety of activities from horse riding to shopping to going to watch the Borussia Dortmund youth team. We all met up at the end of the weekend for a barbecue in the forest.

The students' behaviour was impeccable at all times and despite the challenge of living with a family in a foreign country, all the students embraced the opportunity and I can't praise them highly enough. It was a fantastic opportunity to improve their German skills and to experience, first hand, life in a foreign country.

After what seemed like a very short week, it was time to return home, however all our students were looking to welcoming their German partners to England in a few weeks' time.

April saw the return leg of the exchange and everybody was looking forward to meeting up again and the English students were keen to show their German partners around their own city.

During their time here, the German students visited Sheffield, the Peak District and had a day in York. In addition to this we all went ice skating and bowling.

The 2012 German Exchange has proved to be a great success and we hope to offer the same opportunity next year to our students.

Many thanks to Mrs Cooke for all her help and hard work accompanying the students to Germany, and for hosting the German teachers.

Mr. Jones

Koblenz German Exchange 2012

The German Exchange to Koblenz was a really good experience for me this year, mainly because I was able to make more new friends and practice my ability to speak the German language. This is my second exchange during my time at Meadowhead, as I went on a Spanish Exchange to Zaragoza two years ago.

My German exchange partner in Koblenz was called Mirco and I stayed with Mirco's family.

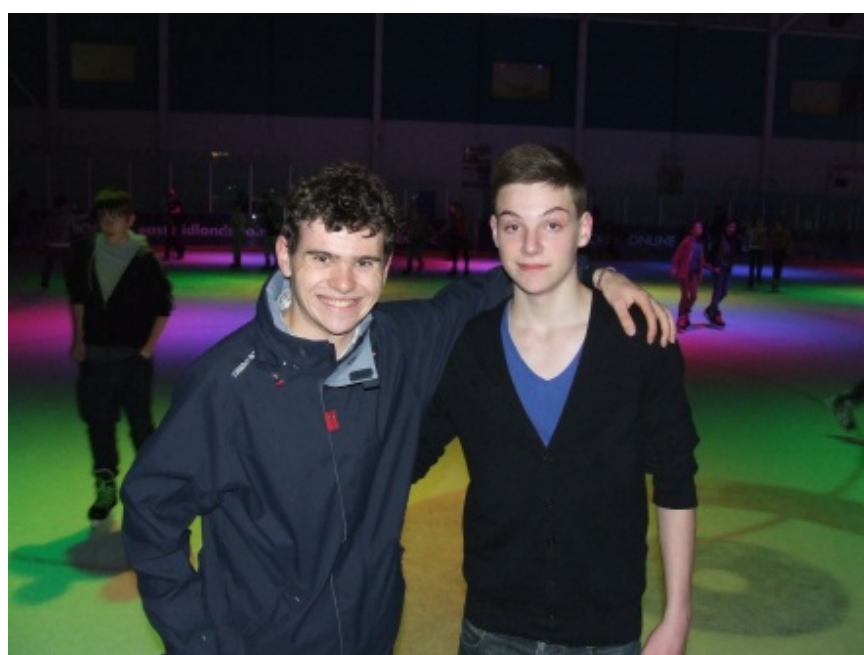
Mirco's dad took me to Bonn to watch the Borussia Dortmund Under-13 team play. I certainly didn't regret it – because Dortmund won 8-0! We finished the weekend with a barbecue with all the other students.

Mirco came to Sheffield on 24th April after a 9 hour journey travelling on 4 trains. After settling in with me and my family on the Tuesday, Mirco came into school with my Spanish class and tutor group on the Wednesday.

Mirco visited the Sheffield City Centre, Derbyshire and York. On Friday, my family and I took Mirco out for a carvery meal. At the weekend, we took Mirco to Doncaster to watch some football, as unfortunately, Sheffield Wednesday were away at Brentford. However, I took Mirco round the Wednesday club shop in the morning so he could see the stadium. Then on Sunday, Mirco and I met up with some of the other students at Meadowhall and we all went bowling. On Tuesday morning it was all very emotional as we all reluctantly had to say our goodbyes and Mirco went back to Germany.

I loved this exchange and Mirco has already vowed to return to Sheffield in the future. If anybody wants to go on an exchange I recommend you try it out because personally I believe that it's an amazing experience. But for now, I'll wait until the day when Mirco comes back to Sheffield...

Anthony Garbett 12E



Geography Revision Trip

Over the weekend of the 16th – 18th March, 37 keen Geographers and 4 equally keen members of staff travelled to London with the aim of revising for their GCSE exam. We witnessed history in the making at the Olympic sites in Stratford and Canary Wharf, where urban regeneration is turning the area from one of social deprivation and derelict land into a thriving area ready to host the Olympics, provide jobs for local people and leave a lasting legacy for years to come.

On Saturday afternoon students were given some free time in Camden Gardens and taken on a learning walk and boat trip to view the major tourist attractions of central London. In the evening things got competitive at the quiz at Thameside Youth Hostel and students enjoyed takeaway pizza.

On Sunday we visited the famous Natural History Museum and experienced a trip back in time with the dinosaurs, a journey to the centre of the earth and the 'earthquake room.' The behaviour of the students was excellent and all had a great time!

Mr Thompson

"London was very informative. We visited everywhere from Canary Wharf to the Natural History Museum. We learnt about urban regeneration in London and how the Olympic Games are beneficial. "

Niall Wrench 11E



"We enjoyed our trip to London because it was fun, educational and entertaining despite the rain! Although the accommodation wasn't 5 we are still alive! Our favourite part of the weekend was when we went to Canary Wharf. The weekend was even better than anticipated!"*

Abbie Bennett 11G and Ellie Friend 11F

2010-2012 GCSE Geographers!

UNIVERSITY!

WHAT WOULD YOU WANT TO DO?

WHERE WOULD YOU WANT TO GO?

WHAT GRADES DO YOU NEED TO GET THERE?

This is Meadowhead's first year of Post 16 students applying to university. Exciting times! The following gives a few facts about Meadowhead students and university:

- All Post 16 students have attended workshops and open days regarding university.
- 40 students have applied for Higher Education.
- All but one have had a conditional offer (this means they have been offered a place at university if they get the A level grades they are predicted).
- Some students will go to university, whilst some will choose to defer a year (this means they have a year out to do other things e.g. work and then go to university)

Below are just some of the universities and courses our students have opted to apply for and the grades they require to be accepted on the course:

Course	University	Grades
Accounting & Finance (Foundation)	Manchester	DDE
Animal Science	Nottingham	BBC
Events Management	Manchester Metropolitan	BBC
IT with Business Studies	Sheffield Hallam	CCD
Marketing Communications & Advertising	Sheffield Hallam	BBB
Physical Education & Sports Coaching	York	BCC
Physics with Nuclear Science	Liverpool	BBB
Zoology	Sheffield	AAA

While some students see university as the way forward into a career they've always aspired to work in, some may feel they have had enough of studying and are looking for apprenticeships or work. Whichever their choice we wish them well in their chosen pathway.

Mr Clark

To University or not to University?

Emma Jewkes 13D



What have you applied to study at university?

I have conditional offers to do Urban Studies at the University of Sheffield and Human Geography at Sheffield Hallam University in September.

What grades do you require to be accepted on the course?
BBC

What have you had to do in preparation for this?

I visited the universities on their open days and researched the courses that I wanted to take before making a UCAS application.

What have you enjoyed about Meadowhead as a place to study in Post 16?

It was nice to know my way around the school as soon as I started in Y12 and the teachers have been very supportive. It really has been a very enjoyable experience.

What would be your advice to younger students who may be thinking about staying on for Post 16 at Meadowhead?

Definitely consider coming to Meadowhead as it is enjoyable and you will already be familiar with your surroundings.

Daniel Matkin 13A



You're not going to university next year, why not?
I'm taking a year out to gather money.

Did you apply to university? If so, what to study?

Yes, I have a place at Brighton University to study Broadcast Journalism.

What are your plans for next year?

Find a job. I'm really into magic and would like to try and become a magician.

What have you enjoyed about Meadowhead as a place to study in Post 16?

The new relationship that you get with teachers and their new found respect for you.

What would be your advice to younger students who may be thinking about staying on for Post 16 at Meadowhead?

Listen to your teachers and, as much as it is a cliché, work seriously hard!

Rose Timperley
13E



You're not going to university this year, why not?

I am doing a foundation year at college then going to university the year after.

Did you apply for university? If so, what to study?

No, I will apply next year to study an art degree, either animation, fine art, illustration or graphic design.

What are your plans for next year?

I am going to Chesterfield College to do a foundation year in Art & Design.

What have you had to do in preparation for this?

Apply for the course and put together a portfolio of Art.

What have you enjoyed about Meadowhead as a place to study in Post 16?

Familiar faces, familiar places.

What would be your advice to younger students who may be thinking about staying on for Post 16 at Meadowhead?

Don't just choose your subjects based on your future, you need to have subjects that you enjoy. Revision is key for your exams.

Oli Mann 13E



What have you applied to study at university?

BA in Primary Education with Qualified Teacher Status (QTS)

What grades do you require to be accepted on the course?

BBC

Are you going there in September?

Yes

What have you had to do in preparation for this?

Make a UCAS application and a Student Finance application, attend an interview at the university and find accommodation.

What have you enjoyed about Meadowhead as a place to study in Post 16?

The good relationship between the students and teachers.

What would be your advice to younger students who may be thinking about staying on for Post 16 at Meadowhead?

Work hard and revise!



Norton College Student Oscars



Congratulations to Anthony Garbett for winning Best Student in AS Spanish at the Norton College Student Oscars!



Congratulations also to Hannah Markay who won Best Student in AS Psychology and AS English Literature & Language, and Adam O’Gara, Leanne Yates and Lily Dale who were recognised for completing the Learn to Lead course.

Mrs Mintoft :The Outlaw Triathlon

Date: 1st July 2012

Venue: Holme Pierrepont, Nottingham

Distance: 2.4 mile swim (152 lengths), 112 mile bike ride (Sheffield to Milton Keynes) and 26.2 mile run (full marathon).

The Outlaw Triathlon is one of the world’s toughest one day endurance challenges that must be completed within 17 hours. Mrs Mintoft, who has been training all year for this event completed it in an incredible time of 14 hours 21 minutes 58 seconds. Her times were as follows:

SWIM: 1 hr 10 mins 33 secs

1st Transition: 6 mins 19 secs

BIKE: 6 hrs 47 mins 17 secs

2nd Transition: 6 mins 12 secs

RUN: 6 hrs 11 mins 34 secs

What a fantastic achievement! Well done Mrs Mintoft, we think you are amazing!!!

Meadowhead Staff



Chase 4 Life



Meadowhead staff took part in their second Chase 4 Life event on 17th June, which was Fathers Day, in support of Cancer Research UK. The event took place at Abbeydale Sports Club and was initiated by ex student Joe Carter who left Meadowhead 7 years ago; he has done a fantastic job co-ordinating this event after having extensive treatment to treat the disease himself.

The staff really enjoyed taking part and supporting the event. We hope we will be able to encourage more Dads and lads to support the fund raiser next year. We aim to raise £500 and if you would like to contribute to this fund please send money to school payable to Cancer Research UK or on-line through their web site.

Mr Hill

Sheffield Half Marathon

Well done to Mrs Rundell who ran the Sheffield Half Marathon in aid of The Multiple System Atrophy Trust.

She raised £691 in total and completed the half marathon in 2hours 22 seconds.



Textiles Exhibition at the N.E.C

On March 24th 2012, GCSE textile students had the opportunity to go to the N.E.C in Birmingham to a textiles, fashion and craft exhibition. The exhibition was spread across two large halls, where there were hundreds of stalls all displaying different techniques, materials, ideas and artwork. We had the whole day to look around the halls where we could watch demonstrations and attend workshops to learn new techniques and produce samples to use in our exam portfolios.

During the day a fashion show took place, showing the work of students from local colleges and universities. These inspired us and helped to develop our own work and ideas. Overall the day was a good experience and an enjoyable day out.

By Katie Turton and Elysia Slack 10K



KEYBOARD EXAM SUCCESS!



Congratulations to **Angel Donoghue, Connor Simpson, Callum Ashmore, Gareth Ashton, Ellie Bisset and Helen Collins** who all recently passed the Grade A Preliminary Exam. Preparing for a music exam is not easy but they all really impressed me with the amount of practice they undertook and commitment shown. Well done and keep up the good work!

If anyone else would like to develop their keyboard skills further (*and possibly undertake an exam*), then feel free to come along to the keyboard club.

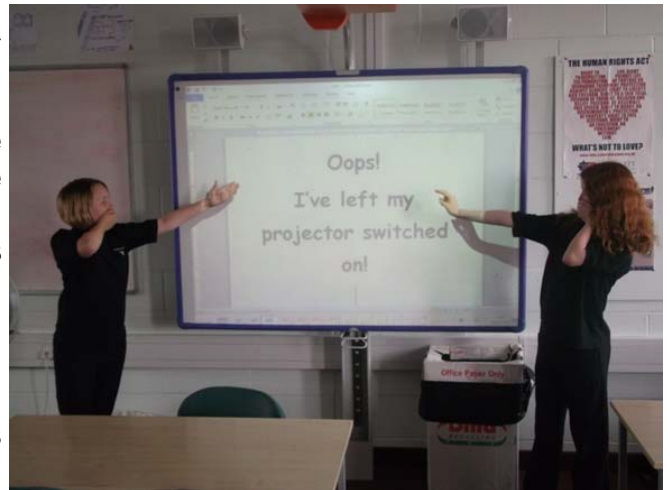
Mr Wolstenholme

Teachers Wasting Power

It turns out that our Meadowhead teachers are NOT a big turn-off, not when it comes to appliances, anyway!

One wet spring evening, six Green Meadows (the Eco club) students went around the school to see who was being eco and who wasn't. Which teachers do not care about our precious resources and the future for their children's children?

Who leaves the light on when they leave the room?
What about the projector or the computer screen?
Who leaves the window open when the heating is on?



Jasmine and Bobby are shocked to find a guilty teacher

We discovered that that the biggest energy-guzzlers were Languages, with a shocking total of **26** things left on or open after the teachers had left. They were twice as bad as Humanities and Maths, who had 13 things left on. Would it hurt to be a bit more considerate towards the planet, teachers?

Casey Moore 8I

Sports Council

I am a member of the sports council. Mr Allen has chosen 25 students out of 80 applicants who applied for the role. The aim of the sports council is to :-

- Give us an insight into how a sports department operates
- Give students a chance to voice their opinions about sport and promote sport
- Mentor other students and encourage them to participate in sporting activities.

As a sports council member we will :-

- Wear bright a blue shirt with our job title on
- Attend weekly meetings
- Have jobs to do e.g. speak in assembly, update the website with weekly news, mentor students, take photos and report on sporting events.

We all hope to bring new and exciting ideas to the Health Fitness and Wellbeing department.



Danielle Newton 10I

Journalistic Challenge 2012

The Journalistic Challenge include Y7 students from Meadowhead and Y6 students from Bradway, Greenhill, Lower Meadow, Woodseats, Norton Free and Abbey Lane primary schools. This was our second year working in conjunction with Sheffield United to introduce younger members of the trust community to the world of sports journalism and to give them a flavour of the match day experience at Bramall Lane. Educationally, the aim of the challenge was to encourage reluctant writers to put pen to paper by harnessing their enthusiasm for football.

This year, eighty students attended a pre-match workshop after school where they were shown video clips and asked to employ powerful descriptive vocabulary to describe football incidents ranging from the sublime to the ridiculous. One was Pele's ingenious dummy against Uruguay in the 1970 World Cup; the other, Bury's Chris Brass kicking the ball into his own face to score an own goal for Darlington.

We then attended the Sheffield United v Oldham fixture, arriving early to interview some players and to have our picture taken on the pitch. Students made notes during the match and attended a second workshop the following week where they had a chance to type up their final report. They had plenty of raw material to work with as the brittle Blades surrendered a two nil half time lead, imploding in the second half with an own goal, two red cards, a crippling injury and the injury time concession of a penalty, neatly dispatched by ex-Wednesday cult hero, Shefki Kuqi. The 3-2 defeat was a body blow to everyone except Mr Eastwood, who sat through the second half meltdown with a look of quiet satisfaction on his face.

Additional publicity was generated when the BBC got in touch, asking about the Journalistic Challenge, and The Match of the Day magazine featured the challenge in their national magazine. We hope to liaise with them again next season.

Mr Taylor

WIN!
Our prize winner gets a wicked Mitre foldable goal!

Send in your letters & photos and have a laugh with MOTD's top reporters...

FOOTY WRITERS OF THE FUTURE

We spent hours writing match reports when we were kids – and because of that we're now interviewing players like Lionel Messi and Wayne Rooney every week for MOTD magazine!

So, we've got high hopes for our mates at Sheffield Football Writers' Club. They reported on the recent League 2 match between Sheffield United and Oldham and have sent us their match reports!

Kuqi coup as ex-Owl surprises Blades

Blades not sharp enough to slice Oldham shields

SHEFFIELD FOOTBALL WRITERS' CLUB

Our two favourite headlines were...

If you think you can be the next Paz or Bez, email us your headlines for a match!

KUQI COUP AS EX-OWL SURPRISES BLADES

On an overcast Saturday on 3rd March 2012, 17,267 buzzing fans from both cities crowded into the stadium to witness a tight game between the red and white wizards of Sheffield United and Oldham Athletic at beautiful downtown Bramall Lane. The game saw yellow cards, red cards and a bunch of goals.

The first half saw United dominate the possession and the chances. An attack from the Blades led to a sweet finish from Mattie Lowton in the 22nd minute to put Sheff Utd into the lead. Shortly after the goal, a Harry Maguire challenge on his own player saw Blades defender Lescinel Jean-Francois stretchered off to a roar of applause from the crowd. Just under five minutes later an exquisite piece of football led to a Ched Evans' goal to add to his tally for the season. The end of the first half saw the score at 2-0. Sheffield United were confident but, little did they know, it wasn't over yet.

As the second half began, much to United's disapproval, Oldham had most of the possession. A well taken corner led to a Richard Creswell 'own goal' in the 66th minute which gave a glimmer of hope for Oldham and led to fury for the Blades. In the space of two minutes, Lowton's rash behaviour saw him booked, then heading for the hills with a red card. In the 74th minute Kieran Lee hammered home an equaliser for Oldham. They were back in it. It was all extremely tense until Oldham broke away and Harry Maguire rushed into a challenge in the box, earning Oldham a penalty and Maguire a straight red card. In the dying moments Shefki Kuqi made it 3-2 to Oldham Athletic celebrating with a 6ft, 20 stone belly flop. Then the final whistle blew: Blades 2 Oldham 3.

Man of the match is awarded to Shefki Kuqi for an unbeatable performance .

A special mention to Lescinel Jean-Francois who battled well until his injury for the Blades.

Jack Roy 7K



Blades 2 - 3 Oldham



In May this year, the first ever Meadowhead School Y7 Music and Drama Talent competition took place. The first round involved students auditioning in their music and drama lessons. One act from each form was then chosen to progress to the second round. The second round involved the chosen acts performing to the music and drama staff. We were very impressed with the talent shown and after much discussion we selected the best 6 acts to perform in the final.

Jack Alexander (7B)
Sian Crowther, Scarlett Coddington (7H)
Lucy Ellis (7J)
Temi Olapade-Ayomidele (7A)
Estere Dzelme (7I)
Grace Cook (7E)



The judges (*Mr Cooper, Ms Dixon and Mr Fowler*) were fantastic and did a great job talking to the pupils after the performances. After much discussion, **Estere Dzelme** was chosen as the winner for her amazing performance of Für Elise on the piano.

In conjunction with this talent competition, the Y7 pupils were asked to donate any spare change they had during the duration of this competition to the CLIC Sargeant Cance Charity and **£218.53** was raised in total. Ms Wragland (a *representative from CLIC Sargent*) was also present in the final and said a few words of thanks to pupils at the end.

So well done to everyone who took part, well done to everyone who donated any spare change to CLIC Sargent and a massive well done to Estere Dzelme for winning the competition!

Mr Wolstenholme



“Movies and Musicals” Dance Show 2012

On the 22nd of May Meadowhead pupils took part in a dance show, entitled “*Movies and Musicals*”. For one night, 71 Y7 to Y11 girls came together to put on a fantastic performance in which friends, family and teachers all came to support and enjoy.



The girls had been rehearsing since September; the opportunity

to be part of the show was open to every pupil with the agreement that they would commit themselves to rehearsals. These 71 pupils went above and beyond any expectations, some even attending up to three practices a week after school, showing a great deal of dedication and self-discipline. Many of the Y10 and Y11 pupils helped to choreograph and organise dances, impressing not only the audience but also their dance teachers.

Lucy Ellis, a Y7 pupil who joined Meadowhead last September stated “*The dance show was amazing! It was well organised and well performed. I will definitely carry on dancing and want to be part of it next September*”. In addition to this Maisie Bingham, also in year 7 said “*I love dancing and was so happy to be part of the show*”. Lucy and Maisie were just two of the many Y7 pupils who were so dedicated and enthusiastic. At the upper end of the age range Amber Parry, a Y11 Btec Dance pupil (who helped to choreograph some of the routines) enjoyed being part of it so much, that she has requested to come back next year to help with the choreography.

A parent, who came to see her daughter perform said she was amazed that the pupils could produce something so good in such a short space of time and was so pleased that her child was part of it.

It's fair to say that everyone involved really represented the school in a glowing light and should be extremely proud of themselves.

A huge thank you to all those who came to support the performers and we'll look forward to next year's show!

Miss Denton

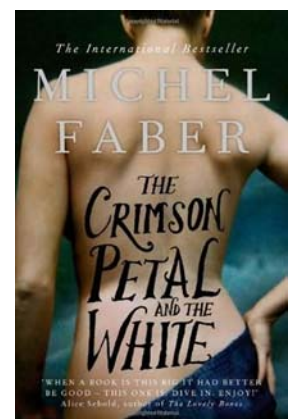
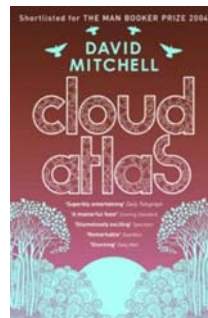


Meadowhead Staff Book Club

When you're busy teaching, planning lessons, marking work and encouraging pupils to read it can be hard to find the time to read for pleasure yourself. That's why we set up the Meadowhead Staff Book club 3 years ago, to encourage staff to read for pleasure at least 6 times a year. We meet every half term and have read a range of books from all sorts of genres; contemporary best sellers, literary fiction, thrillers, westerns and classics. Some books are unanimously loved (*The Book Thief*, *The Crimson Petal and the White*), others unanimously hated (*Wicked*) and some split us right down the middle and ensure heated debate (*Catch-22*). Below is the list of books we have read if you fancy some ideas for summer reading. Asterisked books were particularly popular.

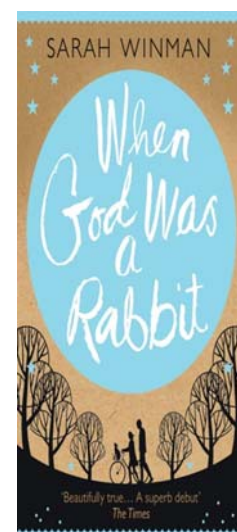
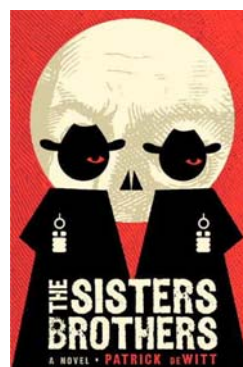
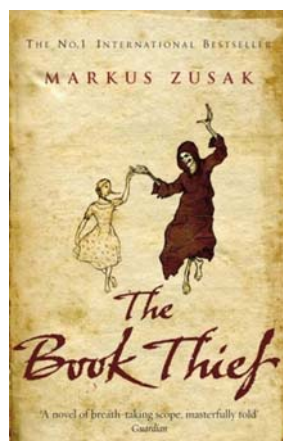
Books

- The Book Thief* by Marcus Zusak*
- Open Door* by Ian Rankin
- In the Woods* by Tana French
- City of Thieves* by David Benioff
- Shadow of the Wind* by Carlos Ruiz Zafon*
- The Little Stranger* by Sarah Waters*
- Wicked* by Gregory Maguire
- Catch 22* by Joseph Heller*
- Cloud Atlas* by David Mitchell*
- The Good Man Jesus and the Scoundrel Christ* by Philip Pullman
- House Rules* by Jodi Picoult
- Her Fearful Symmetry* by Audrey Niffenegger
- The Crimson Petal and the White* by Michael Faber*
- The Sisters Brothers* by Patrick deWitt*
- When God was a Rabbit* by Sarah Winman*
- Gods of Gotham* by Lyndsay Faye
- A Visit from the Goon Squad* by Jennifer Egan*
- Pure* by Andrew Miller (to be discussed this term!)



Summer Read for First Book Club of 2012-2013
Art of Fielding by Chad Harbach

Mrs Key



SPANISH EXCHANGE 2012

From 18th to 26th March, a small group of Y10 and Y12 students successfully played host to 15 Spanish students aged 15-17 from Zaragoza, Aragón, in the first leg of the Spanish exchange. Almost a month later on the 25th of May, it was time for our Spanish partners to return the favour as we left an extremely rainy England for the second part of the exchange in Zaragoza.

Upon arriving at the airport we were welcomed with bright smiles and warm greetings as we were reunited with our Spanish partners and met their families before heading back to their homes after a long day of travelling.

On the following day, we saw the many similarities and differences between Spanish and English culture as we took part in our partners' lessons and returned back home to our host families for a brief siesta and some food. We met up as a group later in the afternoon in Zaragoza's remarkable city centre where we were given a tour of the city and got a glimpse of some of its many extraordinary landmarks.

During the weekend our Spanish partners and their families ensured that there was no time to rest with some of us venturing around the city whilst others went out bowling before rounding off the night with some karaoke. Some of us didn't even return home until half-past three in the morning!

Everyone met up again on Sunday for a tour of Zaragoza's famous Expo, as well as taking a look around the aquarium nearby.

On Monday morning, both Spanish and English embarked on a four hour long journey to the incredible city of Barcelona. We were treated to numerous tours, first to see the new Titanic exhibition at the Museo Marítimo, then onwards to La Sagrada Familia before being allowed some free time for souvenir shopping in Las Ramblas. After another four hour journey we arrived back in Zaragoza at 11:00pm!

Fortunately we were allowed a lie in on Tuesday, as our host families prepared for the leaving party. After some games, guitar playing and sunbathing we all went to pack for our last day.

Our final day was spent souvenir shopping and we were also given sweets and several other gifts from our host families to remember our time in Spain. When it was time to say goodbye at the airport many tears were shed along with promises to keep in touch.

A big thanks to Mrs Silverwood, Miss Renshaw, our Spanish language assistant Borja, and everyone else who took part in this year's exchange for making it such a tremendous and unforgettable experience!

Melissa Kirk 12A



International Comenius Project: Legends Across Europe

In the first week of the Easter Holiday, Y12 and Y8 students, accompanied by Mr and Mrs Bayarri, Mrs Silverwood and Mrs Aitken travelled to Avila in Spain for six days. The purpose of the trip was to experience each other's cultures through teaching and learning about national legends.

The two year project involves a Spanish school, a Finnish school and Meadowhead. A different group of students will travel to Finland in November, and then Meadowhead will host our Spanish and Finnish partners next March.

We were greeted at Madrid Airport by a crowd of Spanish students with a huge welcome banner, with all the names of our students listed on it. Then some Meadowhead students got a shock as their Spanish partners greeted them with a traditional kiss on both cheeks- nothing like being plunged into a different culture immediately. After tapas/ ice cream in Madrid and a long and tiring wait for the arrival of the students from Finland, we travelled to Avila by coach.



Our first view of the incredible medieval walls surrounding the town was memorable; they were lit up, as it was about ten o'clock by this time. At this point our students were whisked away by the families they would be staying with for the next six days.

I was very proud of our students; they not only coped well with the different customs (some of our Y8s could not get over eating their evening meal at nine thirty in the evening), they also presented the legends they had researched before they left home, in an exciting and dramatic way, to large groups of staff and students from our partner schools. The Y8s performed a play about Robin Hood, and each of the Y12 students gave a lecture using a power point presentation they had created themselves. It was nerve-wracking for them, but also an incredible experience, which I am sure they will never forget.

We look forward to telling you about our experiences in Finland in the Christmas Term.

Mrs Aitken



Y8 Comments about Avila

The Spanish trip was really exciting and it was a really different experience. I learnt about the Spanish culture and I improved my language skills. I was a bit nervous about our performance but I managed it really well and I hope the Spanish and Finnish students learnt a lot about Robin Hood.

Alexander Clayton, Y8



The trip was a brilliant opportunity for lots of different reasons including practising my Spanish and learning new skills. It was one of the best experiences of my life and I can't wait until my Spanish partner comes to stay in Sheffield. I was quite nervous about performing in front of teachers and students at the Spanish school but I was very excited.

Emily Heaviside, Y8



The Comenius trip was an amazing experience for me. I made some great new friends from Spain and some from England. We also learnt about the Spanish culture and their legends. All together I think it is the best thing I have ever done, it was fantastic!

Emily Austin, Y8

RUSSIA 2012

On every school trip there are daft in jokes that you would never dare discuss with anyone else. On our trip to Russia we had

Jake's plastic foot, Ruby's 13 toes, Hester Blumenthal, planking on Red Square, the face and of course Wiggles! And these were the ones I knew about!

Mr Affleck & I took 20 students from Y10, Y11 and Y12 and late on Friday 30th March we all met at school to travel down to Heathrow Airport, ready to catch our flight to Moscow. Most of us were quite tired, but Daniel's aeroplane fixation kept him going for hours!

We landed at Moscow and were taken to our hotel close to a fascinating exhibition centre from the Soviet era. We had a wonderful few days in the capital, exploring all the sights; the Kremlin, Red Square, St. Basil's Cathedral and the Moscow State University. Unfortunately, we didn't get to see Lenin as it was closed due to threats of political demonstrations.

The weather was very cold and there was snow on the ground, but that didn't put us off! On our last evening in Moscow we went to Red Square and were approached by a group of Russian students who wanted to practise their English and were very excited to meet us. Red Square at night was beautiful, all the ancient buildings were lit up and the crisp, cold air was enhanced by a wonderful starlit night.

We then had a long, boring wait at a freezing cold train station but our students sat on their suitcases playing cards and giggling!

We boarded the overnight train to St Petersburg which was a hilarious feat. Four students had to fit into a tiny cabin, complete with luggage. I have to say that one of the boys' cabins was so smelly that the Russian train guard sprayed it with air freshener!

We had a wonderful time in the beautiful city of St Petersburg. Again, the weather was perfect and we visited all the fascinating sights. The Winter Palace, The Church of the Spilled Blood (yes, it really is called that!) Catherine's Palace, Nevsky Prospekt and the Bronze Horseman.

Our guides in both cities were very knowledgeable and Mr Affleck also taught us lots about the history of Russia. Many pupils practised their Russian, even if Jake did say "Da" lots and Gareth kept repeating "pozhalstra" constantly!

The trip was successful throughout and our students were truly wonderful ambassadors of the school. They were great company, polite, enthusiastic, witty and sociable. There were very few problems apart from leaving mobile phones behind (Luke and Zoe!) and ripped duvet covers (Sasha and Hannah!) but these were soon sorted with good humour.

I would like to thank the pupils for making the trip so memorable, Mr Affleck for his support and the families for providing the necessary funds!

Will we ever forget the skyscrapers!?

Mrs Smith



Talent Show

On Thursday 24th May, a hushed but excited audience were seated in the Main Hall eagerly anticipating Meadowhead School's annual Talent Show. The evening, just one of the events organised to mark the school's Arts Week, elegantly showcased the wealth of talent within the school and a diverse range of performance art was displayed by a record number of students.

Once again, the show embraced all disciplines and was a celebration of Music, Dance and Drama. The show opened as forty dancers energetically took to the stage with their interpretation of 'Honey'. Other show-stopping dance numbers included Chicago's 'All That Jazz', an interpretation of the theme from 'Austin Powers' and 'Footloose' and a riotous French 'Can Can'!

Incredibly, the standard of the duets and solos seems to improve every year and we were treated to a stunning array of soulful and moving performances. Estere Dzelme played Beethoven's 'Für Elise' beautifully and Daniel Turner, Rebecca Baldwin and Oliver Rasch breathed new life into Tracey Chapman's classic, 'Fast Car'. Other highlights included Ben Jackson's rendition of Vivaldi's 'Largo' on Cello, Oliver Appleby and Matty Oxley's version of 'Wipeout', George Carrington's stunning performance of 'Pirates of the Caribbean' on piano and to close, the moving 'Run' by Snow Patrol, beautifully sung by Laura Cowley and accompanied superbly by the talented Mr Carrington again, on his second performance of the evening.

The contributions from the Drama department were varied and embraced performances from Y8, Y9 and Y11. Fresh from their trip to Spain, where they had performed this version of 'Robin Hood', the Y8 Arts Award group delighted the audience with their blend of story-telling and Physical theatre. Y9 students Robyn Hewson, Harriet Hewson and Alice Brothers entertained the audiences with their hard-hitting 'Pressure Point', an exploration of peer pressure and Mrs Bayarri's Y11 BTEC Acting group of twenty-one students performed a humorous physical piece they had devised themselves, to perfection.

All in all, it was an evening of excellence to remember and every performer was a credit to themselves, their families and their school.

Ms Pollard

"I think the Talent Show went really well. I enjoyed every minute of it. I was quite nervous before performing but everyone backstage was so supportive. I would definitely do something like this again!"

Tamar Levy, Y8



Y8 Arts Award - Robin Hood

Under 12 Football South Yorkshire Champions



Team photo before kick-off

On Wednesday 28th March, Mr Allen took a buzzing bunch of Y7s to Balby Carr School to complete in the South Yorkshire Cup Final against Ecclesfield. Meadowhead knew it was going to be a tough match from the start and did well to hold off some early Ecclesfield pressure before finding the breakthrough.

Ehsan Mohammed's huge throw into the box was not dealt with therefore Caelen Bradley blasted the ball into an empty net and put his side into the lead. From then on, despite having the slope against them, Meadowhead were dominating, however it was Ecclesfield who got the next goal. A corner was swung into the box and was headed into the corner unmarked.

Conceding spurred us on though, and just before half time, there was controversy. Ehsan's superb curling shot hit the underside of the crossbar bouncing back into play. We were all sure it went over the line, but the referee disagreed so we went into half time all square. In the second half, there was only one side in the match Ted Claxton's kicks were causing all sorts of problems.

The next goal came from brilliant Caelen workrate after talking a defender before putting a great ball into the box when Ben Houlton smashed a bullet from the edge of the box into the roof of the net.

Meadowhead continued to press forward. As a result, a third goal came from Caelen Bradley who raced past two defenders before putting a magnificent chip over the keeper which rolled home for his brace.

Even though we knew it was all over, Meadowhead put the icing on the cake when Aaron Mushet picked the ball up on the edge of the box, flicked it over his defender's head and without letting the ball bounce, he fired an outstanding volley that landed in the bottom left corner.



Caelen gets the trophy

Ecclesfield did very little in the second half and the shots they did have were easily stopped by Ted.

And late on, it could have been five when, after some great football from the back, Bradley Thompson clipped a ball into Ethan Holloway who headed expertly on to Aaron Mushet but the onfire striker had his fierce shot well saved by the keeper.

Everyone was delighted when the final whistle blew (apart from Ecclesfield) so Meadowhead Y7s and Y8s (who also won their final 5 - 0) went home proud to have won a trophy for their school.

Joseph Newman-Billington



Y7's and 8's celebrate two great performances

Y8 Football Team - Wins The Treble

For the second year running, Meadowhead's Y8s have not only managed to win the treble (South Yorkshire Cup, Sheffield Cup and Sheffield League), but took a step closer to winning the National Cup by getting to the quarter final. During the good season, we have played 19 matches, winning every one except in the quarter final of the National Cup. This means we are unbeaten in South Yorkshire for the second successive season. In the process, we scored 104 goals!

Highlights of the season were the South Yorkshire Cup final ending with a 5-0 win for Meadowhead, the Sheffield Cup, Meadowhead beating Tapton 5-0 and finally the Sheffield league Cup ending Meadowhead 4,Bradfield 0. This season Meadowhead has had a very large squad:

Luke Sanderson	Sam Cutts	Curt Unwin
James Hasting	Lewis Currie	Harvey Gilmour
Callum Semple	Tom Burbeary	Liam Beighton
Tyler Bates	Sam Gibson	Ben Beever
George Barnes	Daniel Beck	Tyler Smith
Josh Farnsworth	Joe Rowley	Tom Cropper

and Jono Cooper (who has sadly been out of most of the season with a knee injury).

A massive thank you to Mr Allen for all of his time, encouragement and hard work this year - we couldn't have done it without him. We were very unlucky to be knocked out of the National Cup in the quarter final as the team believes they should have won the game. Windy conditions made the match hard for both teams and an injury in extra time did not help them. It has been a great year for the team and we hope to push on next year to get closer to the National Cup.



Sam Cutts



FUTURE AMBITIONS – SUMMER 2012



We at Meadowhead School have one sole purpose – to enable young people the opportunities to pursue their dreams and achieve their ambitions. We pride ourselves on a rich and diverse curriculum presenting pupils pathways that will enable them to one day access a bright and fulfilling future.

As we are all too aware the economy is constantly changing and we want to help prepare our pupils even further by giving them opportunities to experience the real world of work.

To complement the traditional curriculum therefore we aim to enrich the lives of all Meadowhead citizens and during this year lots of developments have been undertaken.

MOCK INTERVIEWS – MARCH 28TH AND 29TH 2012

All Y10 pupils were given formal mock job interviews for an office junior role that would be tied to the interviewer's occupation. The process involved 35 interviewers conducting 328 interviews over two days.

Feedback from the pupils has been overwhelmingly supportive and likewise the feedback from the businesses has been staggeringly supportive with all businesses happy to offer their services for next year.



It was a fantastic experience for me and you have some exceptional students at your school. I am glad that your students found the experience as beneficial as I did.

James Coope - Venture Matrix - Sheffield Hallam University



EXTENDING BUSINESS LINKS

In addition to all of our trust partners www.cathelco.co.uk of Chesterfield who specialise in marine engineering solutions have recently agreed to work with the school. So far they have given up 3 members of staff to support with the business interviews and have provided 4 work experience placements. They have also committed to offering a careers talk planned for the Autumn term. A huge thanks to **Justin Salisbury** for his commitment to improve opportunities for young people at the school.



www.mechan.co.uk have also come on board looking to recruit 2 Meadowhead students to begin placements from September; one as a fabrication apprentice and the other an office apprentice. Thanks to **Richard Carr** for his support and also his offer of work experience for the school.



APPRENTICESHIPS EVENING – 3RD MAY 2012

Jan Dove, Michael Abberley and Mark Frost presented to parents, students and businesses considering taking on new apprentices, about the extensive apprenticeship programme at Sheffield College, and the planned University Technical College.

If you missed the event and would like to find out more information regarding apprenticeships please contact businessgateway@sheffcol.ac.uk



Jan Dove - Business Development Manager

Y10 WORK EXPERIENCE



All Y10 pupils have booked their opportunity to have a one week work experience placement from Monday 2nd to Friday 6th July. For a list of all our supporting businesses please checkout the MLP link to partners.

Y9 parents please be aware that the documents are now available on the MLP to support you in helping your son/daughter secure a placement for summer 2013.

CAREERS ADVICE AND CAREERS TALKS

We believe that pupils can be inspired by the right speaker presenting their vocation to a group of pupils. I am proud to announce the following career talks have been held after school from 3 to 3:30.

- How to become a teacher - Gemma Brabin (Meadowhead School)
- How to become a BT apprentice – Mick Hughes (BT)
- How to join the armed forces – Major Ed Copland (Army)
- How to work in a veterinary practice – Tom Williams and Sally Briggs (Vets 4 Pets)
- How to get into midwifery – Rachel Cooke and Helen Fanning (Sheffield Hospitals)
- How to get into Engineering – Les Ingham (British Nuclear Industry Forum)
- How to get into Outdoor Instructing – Paul Barnett (Meadowhead School)



Tom Williams and Sally Briggs
Co-owners of Vets 4 Pets – Birley Moor

CAN YOU HELP?

AND FINALLY... Could you help? Policeman, Mechanic, Doctor, Dentist, Optician, Builder, professional footballer? In fact any professions happily hosted...

Please let me know if you have any further ideas or opportunities you would like us to try and offer your sons/daughters linking to work related learning and I will happily try to accommodate your requests.

Many thanks,

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Meadowhead **Community** Learning Trust

I would like to offer my sincere thanks to all the companies and organisations who supported Meadowhead with the Y10 MOCK BUSINESS INTERVIEWS in March 2012



Many thanks to your on-going support, Mark Cocken

MEADOWHEAD SUCCESS IN THE BIG CHALLENGE 2012!

Out of over 300 business team entries citywide from Sheffield schools/colleges, a total of 17 business teams were shortlisted for this years enterprise awards at the Holiday Inn on 27th March.

Meadowhead students from Y9-Y11 formed an astonishing 30 business teams at the start of the process last September, and after 6 months of trading their products and services, we managed to get more final reports submitted than any other school or college in the competition – a fantastic achievement in itself and testament to the hard work and determination of all the students and their staff mentors!

Competition from other schools once again was fierce, and we were very proud to get 3 of our teams shortlisted in the semi-finals;

- **TAILOR MADE** - Best Report
- **MADE BY ME** - Best Report and Web Presence
- **KEY2UNLOCK** - Best Web Presence and overall KS3 prize.

The teams had to pitch their business idea and explain their entrepreneurial journey to a panel of expert business judges at the town hall.

Harvey Morton & Gabe Parr of **KEY2UNLOCK** impressed the judges so much that not only did they win **BEST PRESENTATION TO JUDGES** on the day, but also **3RD PRIZE OVERALL IN KS3** winning trophies, certificates and £100 in Meadowhall vouchers each!

Both boys, their parents, myself and teacher mentors attended the fantastic awards ceremony at the Holiday Inn. It was an amazing evening with a real entrepreneurial buzz in the air as the function room was full of young, innovative future business entrepreneurs bursting with an inspiring enterprising spirit! Well done Harvey & Gabe, and to all the other Meadowhead teams who worked so hard in this year's competition. We might not have scooped the BIG trip to Dubai which was won by a team from Stocksbridge High - **SCRABTAGZ** (products made from scrabble tiles such as doorplates, earrings & cufflinks), but there is always next year so get your thinking caps on now for a new and innovative business idea! Feel free to pop in and see me to talk through any ideas you may have.

Keep your eyes and ears around school for details of how to enter the BIG CHALLENGE 2013 from September!

Visit www.bigchallenge.biz to check out all teams and winners below from this year's competition, videos, photos or just for some inspiring business ideas!

Mrs Silverwood



Sports/Activity Day 2012

Leading up to our annual Sports/Activity Day this year which has an Olympic theme, there was an Olympic Mascot competition for Year 7-9. Students were asked to colour in either Wenlock the Olympic Mascot or Mandeville the Paralympic Mascot. Ms James judged the entries and the winners are below.



Year 7

First



Ellie Hatton

Second



Heather Burton

Third



Verity Kent

Year 8

First



Calum Holloway

Second



Rebecca Samuels

Third



Molly Rushforth

First



Grace Eggleshaw

Second



Holly Parker

Third



Alicia Gordon