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Newsletter Autumn Term 2017

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

**Opening of New £2.4million Sixth  
Form Building – unveiling of facility  
for the South West of Sheffield**



Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017  
saw the long anticipated opening  
of Meadowhead School's new  
Sixth Form Building. The new  
centre features eleven new  
classrooms fitted out with the  
latest technology, a Common  
Room, and a new Café. The  
building's design is inspired by



the approach of local universities and throughout the process,  
the architects regularly sought the input of students and  
teachers to ensure the building has the most positive possible  
impact on learning. *Continued on inside page .....*



## Celebrations and Events

### Diamond Awards

Congratulations to the 106 students who were awarded their first Diamond Award at the end of term ceremony, supported by their proud families. These are given in recognition of their effort, achievements and attitude, having previously earned at least 100 Gold awards. Special mention goes to Jonny Allison, Natalie Smith and William Waterhouse (all Y11) who received a Double Diamond Award - their second Diamond one! Very well done everyone.



### Octagon GCSE Presentation

It was with great pleasure that we welcomed Madeleine Robinson to be our guest speaker at this year's Octagon Presentation of GCSE certificates to last year's Y11 students on Tuesday 14th November.

Madi is a former Meadowhead student and Controller of Corporate, Legal and Governance at Channel 4. Madi told us of some of the inspiring people she has met as part of her job at Channel 4 and showed the advert for the Rio Paralympics, with the theme of 'Yes I Can' - whoever you are and whatever difficulties you face, persevere, be the best that you can and keep going!



Madeleine Robinson (centre) with Mr Fowler (Headteacher), Linda Taylor (Chair of Governors) and students who helped with the evening's presentation.

### The Sixth Form Centre



Mr Fowler chats to students in the common room

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The building's completion marks the latest phase in the development of a school based Sixth Form in the Meadowhead area. Steve Fowler, the school's headteacher, explained that it was a proud moment for the whole community:

"For many years, students were forced to travel across the city to attend a school Sixth Form. With the support of the community we have pursued the ambition to give students the opportunity to study locally. Since beginning our A Level teaching in 2010, we have built a reputation for expert teaching, excellent results and outstanding pastoral care. This has led to a great record of progression to university and employment including successful Oxbridge and medicine applicants.

This new building will benefit all students, allowing us the opportunity to develop our provision even further and to increase the amount of study space available to our students. It will be a development to be enjoyed by generations of future students."



Emma Bradley, the Sixth Form's elected student president (pictured left), explained the impact that the new building has had on students who have already been using it:

"The new building is a great place to be - it feels like a university or a place of work. I feel like an adult and there is more space to study and also sit with friends during breaks."

Emma, who studies A levels in English Language, Sociology and Geography and is hoping to study social work at university, also explained:

"We have been looking forward to this for a long time and we are really enjoying the building now it has opened".

An official opening is planned for the summer of 2018.



Students in the independent study area (above) and enjoying the new cafe area (below)



## Sixth Form Open Evening 2017

On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November we welcomed prospective students to our annual open evening. There was an opportunity to see the new Sixth Form Centre and students were able to talk to relevant subject staff, meet our tutor and support team and talk to some of our current students. Students and their families also enjoyed taking a look at our specialist rooms in Science, Sport & Exercise, Art, Textiles and Product Design.



Current Meadowhead students wishing to stay on are already having the first round of advice and guidance interviews.

We warmly welcome applications from students at other schools to join our Sixth Form and there is further information on our website.

## Alton Towers

We held our now traditional start to Y12 with a trip to Alton Towers - a day of fun and getting to know each other before a year of intense academic study!



## A Level Certificate Presentation Evening

There was a great turn out on 19<sup>th</sup> December and a lovely vibe as last year's Sixth Formers caught up with friends and staff over a festive nibble. Our former students seem to be thoroughly enjoying their new adventures post Sixth Form. Mr Fowler presented everyone with their certificates, thanked them for their hard work whilst at Meadowhead and wished them all the very best for the future.

## Sixth Formers Q&A with local MP

We were very pleased to welcome back Louise Haigh MP on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September to answer questions from our Sixth Form students on current issues concerning:

- The Conservative and DUP coalition
- Brexit
- Student Fees
- Taxation
- North Korea
- Employment

Meadowhead Sixth Form would like to thank Louise for giving our students this valuable experience and for her participation and continuing support.



## Team Morocco

Eleven Y12 students are busy fundraising for their Morocco expedition that they will be undertaking in July 2018. They have organised 2 very successful film nights for Y7 and Y8 students, creating a lovely social event with snacks and a choice of films from being scared by 'Woman in Black' to having a giggle at 'Shrek' at the first evening to getting in the Christmas spirit with Elf, Nativity! and The Muppet Christmas Carol in the last week of term.



## Sixth Form

Meadowhead School Sixth Form is part of Meadowhead School Academy Trust. The school began a partnership with the Sheffield College to offer A Levels from 2010 and was granted independent 11-18 status by the Department for Education in 2013.

Meadowhead School Sixth Form currently has 230 students enrolled. These students are studying twenty-eight different A Level and equivalent courses.

The Sixth Form Building is an extension to the school's existing building which opened in 2007.

Parents and members of the local community can enquire about visits to the new Sixth Form Building by contacting School reception: 0114 2372723.

## International Links

### Full STEAM Ahead!

We are recruiting 30 Y9 students to form a new team of STEAM ambassadors and are looking for students interested in the STEAM subjects who have a willingness to offer their own time and energy, and have a keen interest in securing their future and helping others to do the same. On offer from the project is a wide range of opportunities including visits and project based activities with external organisations, and developing a wide range of skills and confidence.



## Community Links

### Everyone a Writer

It's time to tap into your creative side as we invite entries from adults in the Meadowhead Community and Trust partners to enter **"Everyone a Writer 2018"**. Send your typed entry (500 words max) on the subject of "The Elements: Earth, Air, Fire and Water" to [everyoneawriter@meadowhead.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:everyoneawriter@meadowhead.sheffield.sch.uk)

**Closing Date for entries — Friday 9th March 2018**

More information available on our website.



## Meadowhead School Everyone a Writer 2018



The Elements: Earth, Air, Fire and Water

### Erasmus International Project

At the end of November we were delighted to welcome 7 staff from our partner schools in Koblenz, Germany, and Zaragoza, Spain. They took part in our first transnational project meeting to initiate and plan for our new 3 year ERASMUS international project, following approval of our EU funding application in September. This exciting new project entitled, **'Full STEAM ahead'** will involve creating teams of teenage ambassadors of STEAM (**Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths and languages**) across all 3 countries. The aim is to train the ambassadors via an after school ERASMUS club about jobs, careers and skills in the STEAM sectors of industry, with a focus on Creative and Digital Arts to produce some exciting visual products to help promote these subjects and careers to their peers. Their role as ambassadors will then be to inform, engage and inspire younger learners to study these subjects and aspire to STEAM careers in the future.



### Family Engagement

25 of our Y7/8 families enjoyed putting their creative skills to the test in our new Creative Christmas decoration workshops this half term. Parents, carers and students worked together to design beautiful wooden, ceramic, acrylic and metal festive decorations for the home in this 6 week long series of workshops led by our ADT teachers. Families enjoyed spending quality time with each other, meeting other families and learning new creative skills. Look out for new family learning opportunities in other subjects next term.



### St Luke's Summer School

In August Meadowhead students took part in a new pilot programme to educate young people about the wide variety of roles, departments and career pathways in the care sector, with a focus on learning and developing palliative care skills. Jess in Y11 and Ted in Y12, along with students from other Sheffield schools, enjoyed a packed week of interactive talks and practical activities. Students were required to complete a workbook and do a group presentation at the end and all gained a Level 2 Award in End of Life Care as well as valuable experience.



## Student Success

Congratulations to budding photography student Josh in Y10 for his recent

success at The RSPCA Young Photographer Awards 2017 in London on 15th December. presented by BBC Springwatch's Chris Packham. Josh was overwhelmed to discover that he had won not one but two awards in the 12-15 age category for his Weasel image (winning 3rd place and commended), and scooping the 1st prize for his close up and somewhat scary photograph of the Wolf spider.

Josh said about his success *"To say I am pleased is a huge understatement and it's an amazing feeling knowing that so many people like my images so much."*

Josh's prizes were: £550 of Wex Photographic gift vouchers, a Motion detecting Camera trigger, a lifetime subscription to RSPCA magazine and a V.I.P visit to the main RSPCA centre in the New Year. There were almost 4000 entries to the competition, so well done Josh!

## RSPCA Young Photographer



## Advertising Unlocked

Seven Y13 students got all the insider information on a career in advertising at Advertising Unlocked 2017. MediaCom Leeds, a leading media agency, welcomed students on 29th September.

Students heard from directors, employees, apprentices and recent graduates and got to experience what it would be like to work in a media agency. They also had to come up with design concepts of their own and Meadowhead students received awards for Best Creative and Best Designer.



## Y12s try out University

In early November Ms Dale took a group of Y12s to the University of Sheffield to take part in an introduction to studying English at university – they experienced lectures, workshops and seminars in both English Literature and Linguistics - an excellent early experience for them!

## Sixth Form Theatre Trip

Our Sixth Formers are too young to remember Matthew Kelly's light entertainment heyday as the premier presenter of Saturday night entertainment, but they all had stars in their eyes after watching him in Eugene O'Neill's *Desire Under the Elms* at the Crucible Theatre on Thursday 5th October. Close to the action (and the dusty dirt floor of the set) they watched O' Neill's Greek-by-way-of- American tragedy of love and betrayal unfold. *Desire* was as dark and twisted as the elms of the title; for land, for affection, for step mothers and for the Our Cow Molly ice cream in the interval!



## Out & About

### Whirlow Hall Farm

Y7 and Y8 students from the

Project Group enjoyed an active day at the farm in November, learning about the health and welfare of the animals. They had plenty of hands-on experience with some of the jobs that happen on a working farm, from herding sheep, marking and weighing them to making spot health checks on the chickens. Students enjoyed stroking the goats and shetland pony and scratching the pigs, but learnt that they couldn't touch the piglets for fear of rejection by their mothers. A very busy and positive day!



## Around School

### A Christmas Carol

On Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November, Quantum Theatre, a touring theatre company, came into school to deliver an interpretation of Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol.

Y11s studying the play for their GCSE Literature exams formed the audience and were kept thoroughly entertained by the performance. The theatre company was made up of three actors who skilfully switched roles throughout the play in order to tell the whole tale. The script was faithful to the original text and students were able to spot the quotes they have been studying in classrooms brought to life on the stage.

Students and staff enjoyed the whirlwind performance, and we have no doubt it will have proved beneficial to all Y11 learners.



### Journalistic Challenge

Much excitement surrounded Meadowhead's very own VIP 'press conference' on 7<sup>th</sup> December as our Y7s were joined by pupils from Bradway and Woodseats primary schools at our Journalistic Challenge workshop. We welcomed SUFC players Kieron Freeman and Caolan Lavery who gave honest and interesting



### Y8 Responses to Terrorism Project

Students in Miss Hyman's ethics classes were asked for a creative response to terrorism. This related to what they had studied in class regarding the attacks in Manchester, Paris and Orlando. The homework could represent any of these events but had to be a memorial or positive response to these attacks. The students produced some amazing work and you can see some on the right.

### Spanish Fashion Show

On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December, Mrs Cardall's Y8 Spanish class put on a mini fashion show. This was part of their speaking and listening assessment and they each had to introduce an outfit in Spanish - not an easy thing to do in front of their classmates but they did brilliantly!



answers to a range of questions from our budding journalists. Following the interviews, students were able to chat with the players and get their autographs. The final part of this project was for the students to watch the match at Bramall Lane the next night, taking along their notepads and then write their match reports. We would like to thank Sheffield United Community Foundation, Kieron and Caolan for being so generous with their time, and to the Meadowhead Community Learning Trust for funding the project. 

## Welfare Services

Supported by Meadowhead Inclusion Support

Team (MIST), there are a number of initiatives that we have put in place:

Beginning on 11<sup>th</sup> December, we have a monthly drop-in support service delivered by Sheffield School Nursing Team to support any physical or emotional health issues students may be facing.

We are about to commence a weekly drop-in/advice service delivered by Sheffield MAST (Multi Agency Support Team) who assist families with support in a variety of areas, from wellbeing to attendance barriers. The drop-in service can be accessed by students, but families are also welcome into school for these sessions.

Please speak to your child's pastoral manager or Mrs Weaving (MIST Manager) for further information about any of these services.

## Future Shapers

We host Future Shapers (Sheffield City Council partnership)

who provide a support worker in school, currently working with 15 Y11 students to help them gain extra accreditations. The Future Shapers programme runs until March 2018, so we hope for all 15 to achieve their credits before then.

## ZEST

We are signed up to the Sheffield Smokefree Schools Programme, commissioned through Sheffield City Council Public Health Team whose vision is to inspire a smoke-free generation by 2025.

ZEST deliver the programme

in schools and they brought with them a range of props to highlight the effects of smoking, carried out lung carbon monoxide tests and encouraged Y8 students to sign up for the Smokefree Ambassador Programme. ZEST – 0114 2702040



## Guns & Knife Crime Assembly

South Yorkshire Police came

into school in December to deliver a powerful Gun and Knife Crime assembly to years 7 – 11, highlighting the dangers and consequences behind carrying these weapons. The assembly is age appropriate (aimed at 11-16 year olds) and was delivered by an expert in the field. Students came away with the message that it is about having the right information and making the right choices.

## Fearless

We have started working with Fearless this term (Youth

Organisation part funded by Child Line) who aim to help young people deal with crime, specifically reporting crime. Fearless delivered a brilliant assembly to years 7 - 11, which engaged our students and helped them understand why all crime should be reported, and offered them a way to do this anonymously through the Fearless website:

<https://www.fearless.org/en>

## Transition

We are offering a newly extended Transition Programme to all seven of our feeder Primary Schools.

This includes additional visits to Meadowhead during the school day, tours of the school delivered by Student Mentors, question and answer session with current students and teachers, as well as participating in current Y7 lessons.



Y7 Science lesson - dissecting a chicken wing to learn about muscles and joints



## Supporting Our Students

### Mentors

We recruit and train 142 Y10 and Y11

Student Mentors who deliver morning support to the Y7 and Y8 corridors, as well as to whole school events, parents' evenings, visitor tours and even to transition pupils from our Primary Schools. The mentor programme is run on a voluntary basis, which make these individuals and their hard work a credit to the school.



### Reading Partners

We currently have 65 Y10 and Y11 students delivering an accredited

Reading Partner Programme (Reading Matters) to 65 Y7 and Y8 students, helping to improve their reading skills in a weekly session. A special congratulations to the 33 Y11 who are nearly at the end of their programme and completing their portfolios to send off for external review before receiving their credits. We thank the Meadowhead Community Learning Trust for helping to fund this programme.

### Roundabout

We host Roundabout

(Sheffield Youth Homelessness Charity) who deliver drop in support sessions in school, to support youths who are experiencing, or are at risk of homelessness. Roundabout also deliver mediation to families at risk, in school. They have extremely high success rates with their mediation services and their support is invaluable.



# Science Technology, Engineering & Maths (STEM)

## Science Clubs

This half term has seen the launch of after school clubs in Science – the Year 7 Science Club, Year 8 STEM Club and the brand new Year 9 Discovery Club.

Discovery Club - led by Miss Gregory - is an exciting opportunity for budding scientists, who are currently getting hands on with the world of forensics.

There will be different projects in the science clubs each half term as well as STEM events outside school to participate in. Students can find out more from their science teacher.



Y7s Making 'Airzookas'



## Big Bang Science Fair

On 24th October Meadowhead School hosted the Big Bang Science Fair. For one day only, the school's Rosling atrium was transformed into a market of Science stalls each run by a group of Year 8 young-scientists. Each team demonstrated a mini-physics experiment to their eager customers before letting them have a go at the fun Science activities themselves. The experiments on offer ranged from air pressure football and hover board hockey to musical oven trays and decoding secret messages.



Thanks to the STEM team at Derbyshire Education Business Partnership for supporting the event.

## Y12 Practical

Just to give a flavour of an A Level Biology lesson, here you can see our students investigating the effectiveness of anti microbial agents on the growth of bacteria. They had to research and plan their own methods and there were a range of approaches, from looking at the effect of tooth brushing, concentrations of mouthwash and antibiotics to natural extracts from garlic and herbs.



Centre of Mass (left) and some of the team (above)



Hover Board Hockey

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## Chemistry Quiz

At the beginning of December Mr O'Brien took Charlie Mahon (Y9), Penny Crookes (Y9), Jonathan Brocks (Y10) and Kellie Roberts (Y11) to the Top of the Bench Chemistry inter schools competition at King Edward VII Upper School. This was a prestigious event run by Royal Society of Chemistry. The competition involved several rounds including balancing equations, several challenging quiz questions and practical tasks. The work involved was at Higher GCSE and A level standard and stretched their chemistry skills - applying their knowledge to many different situations. Although the team did not get through to the next round they applied themselves extremely well and were exemplary in their behaviour. Congratulations to all for being chosen to take part! Rounds were tough, but our team did extremely well to come 4th. Well done everyone!

**Macmillan Coffee Morning**

A lovely end to the week at the end of September as we supported Macmillan Coffee Morning. A

team of Y8 students sold sweet treats in the Café Olé, Sixth Formers enjoyed cakes donated by Mellors Catering and staff were treated to a delicious range of home-bakes at break time. Thank you to everyone who baked and donated so generously. We raised £480.35



**Remembrance Day**

In the week leading up to Armistice

Day on 11th November, assemblies focused on why we remember it and a team of our Y10 students sold poppies and related merchandise in the Rosling at break and lunchtimes. They raised £352.34



**Children in Need**

Well done to our wonderful Y7 fundraising

team who did a fantastic job selling Pudsey Bear merchandise in aid of Children in Need. Thank you to everyone who bought something or generously donated.



£478.81 raised for Children in Need



**Fundraising**

**Christmas Jumper Day**

A very positive end to our Autumn term as we supported this national cause, raising money for Save the Children.



The winners of the best Christmas Jumper prize - Y8, Y9 & Y7



**Reverse Advent**

The Sixth Form supported the reverse advent

calendar again this year - adding food items to a box each day (the opposite of the chocolate Advent Calendar!). Together we collected over twenty boxes of food donations for Grace Foodbank that supports families in need in the local area. Thanks to all Sixth Formers and tutors for supporting this great cause.

In the staff room, boxes were also filled and staff signed a giant festive poster, making donations in lieu of individual Christmas cards.



A small selection of the Sixth Form boxes.

Did you attend Meadowhead School, Rowlinson or Jordanthorpe? Why not join our network of former students to receive invites to special events throughout the year on:

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

Meadowhead School  
Former Student Network



## Notices

### Progress Day

Thank you to everyone who attended Progress Day in November - parents and students had valuable conversations with form tutors as well as the opportunity to talk to a range of staff and guests in our 'market-place' Rosling area.



### Parent App

September saw the launch of the new Parent App, a quick and easy way for parents to view online information about their child's progress, homework, achievements and behaviour.

If you have not yet signed up for the Parent App, please email the address at the foot of this page with your name and child's name/form. You will then get an activation email (from 'noreply@sim.co.uk')

We apologise if you have already registered, but are now having problems with the Parent App - we experienced an early system error which affected some people. Please email us (address below). In most cases it will simply be a case of sending you a new link asking you to join.



Please see our website for full details. 

Email: [parentapp@meadowhead.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:parentapp@meadowhead.sheffield.sch.uk)

### Online Parent Payment

We are very pleased to advise that the school now has an online payment system for purchasing and payment of school trips. The system is called 'Agora' and is managed in partnership with Capita SIMS. Unfortunately we are not currently able to accept dinner money payments until our catering providers can install the till point system that supports cashless catering. However, we anticipate this will be included in the New Year.

In order to register for the service you will be required to acknowledge the auto generated email titled SIMS Agora that has already been sent to you. This email will provide you with step by step instructions to register with the Agora online payment system which requires a Microsoft Account. Once you have registered with one child additional children may be added to the existing account using the unique reference number supplied for each child.

Please email us if you would like further help:

[enquires@meadowhead.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:enquires@meadowhead.sheffield.sch.uk)



## Student Success

### Y10 English Enrichment

Y10 students who have expressed an interest in doing English at A Level have been invited to attend a number of Enrichment sessions on Thursdays between 3 and 4pm throughout the year. These sessions will be run by members of the English Faculty and will take place in the new Sixth Form centre and are on topics which will give them an insight into life in the Sixth Form. Please see our website for details.



- ⇒ Studying English GCSE? \*
- ⇒ Love the subject?
- ⇒ Aiming for a level 7/8/9?
- ⇒ Considering studying English **Language** or **Literature** at A' Level?

### Gold & Silver Diving Medals

Congratulations to Joseph in Y10 who won Gold and Silver in the junior Scottish Nationals diving competition at the beginning of December. Joseph trains intensively for his diving and we wish him all the best for his future competitions.



### Attendance Rewards

At the end of the Autumn Term SV (Sheffield

International Venues) will be awarding 1307 of our students a free leisure activity voucher for use during school holidays, as a reward for achieving the school target of 95.9% attendance so far this academic year. Well done to all those students! This reward scheme will continue to run over Easter and Summer Term too.

We have had an action packed first few weeks in terms of competitive sport and extra-curricular activities. We have again had a multitude of clubs running such as Fitness Suite, Football, 5-a-side football, Basketball, Netball, Dance, Rugby, Trampolining, Badminton, and Cross-Country. January and February will see things take off again with a host of new opportunities, such as the indoor inter cricket competitions as well as the indoor athletics competitions and the South Yorkshire table tennis competition, both taking place at the English Institute of Sport.

**Football** There have been many fixtures for both boys and girls played across a number of competitions with all Y7/8/9 girls teams making a great start to the season.

**U12** girls are currently 4<sup>th</sup> in the Sheffield League, winning 5 out of 6 games, and they came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the South Yorkshire tournament. An excellent team effort!

**U14** girls played an exciting match in September with their 12-6 win against Westfield in the National ESFA competition! Unfortunately they lost the next game against a Derby team 8-1. Team members will also be playing in the Sheffield 5-a-side competition.

**U15** girls have put in excellent performances, reaching the last 32 teams in the county in the ESFA cup with wins of 7-3, 8-5 and 6-3. The girls should be very proud of their achievements - Miss Dunbar certainly is!

**U16** girls have played well, narrowly missing out to local rivals Dronfield in their ESFA cup match. They will be taking part in the Sheffield 5-a-side later in the year.

**Y7** boys have an unbeaten run in the Sheffield League and an excellent season in the South Yorkshire Schools cup, only narrowly defeated in the quarter finals.

**Y8** boys had a tough start to the year against Wickersley in the National Cup and Silverdale in the Sheffield Cup (both strong teams) and despite playing well were narrowly beaten. The team get a chance to redeem themselves as they play Wickersley again in the South Yorkshire Schools Cup in the spring term.

**Y9** boys team had a positive start, reaching the 4<sup>th</sup> round of the English Schools competition, including great wins against schools from Mansfield (Quarrydale a 4-0 and George Spencer 5-2) and Barnsley (Kirkbalk a 1-0), eventually losing a closely fought game in extra-time (King Ecgbert 1-3).

The team also sit 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Premiership of the Sheffield School Leagues unbeaten on 7 points after three fixtures (Ecclesfield a 3-3, Bradfield a 4-2 and All Saints 1-1) and are through to the quarter-finals of the Sheffield Cup following a 4-1 win at Chaucer on 5<sup>th</sup> December. A brilliant work ethic and attitude in each game has enabled this team to be successful so far and they will be looking to continue this throughout the year.

**Y10** boys have produced some good performances in the league. The Meadowhead/ Sheffield FC Football Scholarship teams have started very well: the **U17** team has won all but one league game and the **U18** squad is currently unbeaten in the National College League Cat 2 division.



Y7 Netball Team runners up

**Netball** The girls have all put in a tremendous effort this term, with the Y7s off to a good start winning 2 out of 3 games.

The Y8 have demonstrated their excellent skill set with a confident win 14-0 against Newfield at the end of November - Nell Elam was voted Girl of the Game. The U14s squad haven't let defeat get them down and they are improving on their court play and tactics each week.

The U15 squad have taken on a huge leadership role this year with the younger players. The squad was promoted to the 1<sup>st</sup> division this year - well done!

Congratulations to the U16 squad who have just won their league and now have a few friendly matches to enjoy!



Under 12s Netball Team

### Badminton & Table Tennis

These have both had good numbers attending this term. The badminton squad are entered into the Sheffield Schools competition with 2 teams. The table tennis squad recently took part in a tournament at Birley school, with all students representing Meadowhead in a professional manner.



Cross Country runners

**Cross Country**

A number of students have been competing in a wide age range of races. The Y7 boys have been a real credit to their year group and the junior boys have been the stand out team representing the school. Special mention needs to go to Joe Newman-Billington who has dominated the senior competition and has won every race, a truly remarkable achievement for a special sports man. Keep up the good work in the remaining events Joe.

**Trampolining**

The after school club on Thursday is full of enthusiastic beginners who have learnt all the elementary moves and are beginning to work on routines - some of the Y7/8 girls will be chosen to represent the school at the Sheffield Schools Championships in April 2018. The Tuesday club members are learning advanced skills and most can somersault now. The session is used for perfecting the more difficult skills and advanced routines ready for the Championships.

Read our regular Sports News on the website!

**Student Success!**

Joseph Newman Billington has had a phenomenal year with his tennis. Joseph won the Men's British tour and made the semi-final in 2 other competitions. He is currently ranked 43 in England for men's tennis, 9<sup>th</sup> at U18 and ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in Yorkshire and the North of England at U18's. He recently qualified for the men's National Finals played at Loughborough where he reached the quarter finals before losing to the eventual winner.

**Rugby**

Y7 rugby team have had a great start to rugby at secondary school. They have competed in one tournament where they tried really hard and demonstrated a great work ethic. The Y8 Rugby team have followed up their success as City Champions from last year with a really strong start to the season, showing a fantastic commitment to training.

The Y9 team have put in some gritty performances against teams with a lot of experience and they were runners up in their recent tournament. Mr Perry believes they can make a push for silverware this season!

The Y10/11 combined team have had limited opportunity to play so far, but really hope for more fixtures in the New Year. Congratulations go to George Rodgers and Jake Dunn who have represented their County this year, a fantastic achievement!



Y9 Rugby Team

