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Partnerships support our students

THIS term has seen an increase in our partnership work.

The launch of the Prince Henry's Association (PHA) has resulted in parents, teachers and associate staff working together to support our students. During the autumn term, we also strengthened many of our global partnerships, including our ten-year link with Xuejun High School in China.

Other partnerships continue to grow, and an increasing number of students are taking advantage of our links with local community groups, successful businesses and Further and Higher Education institutions.

A 21st-century school cannot succeed in isolation, so we will continue to nurture our partnership work to provide valuable opportunities for the students at Prince Henry's.

Janet Sheriff, Headteacher



Tenth anniversary trip to China

THE annual Chinese exchange is always a very special experience for those students who take part, and this year's tenth anniversary trip was no exception. The partnership between Prince Henry's and Xuejun High School in Hangzhou dates back to 2000. Since then, nearly 200 students and staff have had the opportunity to try out home and school life in a different culture.

This year's group of sixteen Year 10 students, accompanied by Headteacher Janet Sheriff and Deputy Headteacher Chris Lillington, were treated to an exciting hospitality programme. This included visits to the Six Harmonies Pagoda and Tianmu Mountain, a boat trip on the West Lake and a special anniversary celebration event. Students also took part in the school's Sports Day, including an Olympic-style opening ceremony.

Accent on diversity



Race relations: William Mitchell and Charlotte Milner, Year 11, and Bhavesh Bhagwanji, Year 8.

Staff wear T-shirts with pride



Dressed for success: Kathleen Walsh, Nick Low, Dawn Smith, Rob Standeven, Annie Cunliffe, Rob Mathewson, Amanda Dudley and Chris Lillington.

MORE than 60 members of staff helped to support a campaign run by the equality organisation Stonewall by sporting T-shirts bearing the slogan, 'Some people are gay. Get over it!'.

Posters were displayed throughout the school to raise awareness, and the PE Department organised special workshops focusing on sexuality and gender roles in sport, led by Lou Englefield of Pride Sports.

Details of our anti-homophobia activities have been reported nationally. Deputy Headteacher Chris Lillington recently spoke at a special conference at Twickenham Stadium on how our Student Diversity Forum had asked us to do more to address this aspect of equality.

And, during a recent visit to Prince Henry's, the actor Sir Ian McKellen gave his personal point of view on the subject.

Diversity work wins award

FIVE members of our Student Diversity Forum recently attended the Stephen Lawrence Education Standard Award ceremony in Leeds.

As well as giving a presentation about our work on race equality and respect for diversity, they proudly accepted the Level 3 plaque (the highest level of the award), on behalf of the whole school community.

This is a major achievement, and follows our hugely successful whole-school Diversity Festival, entitled 'Same Difference'. The name was chosen to reflect the fact that, although we are all different, we are all basically the same: we are all human beings who should enjoy the same rights and the same freedoms.

Comenius trip to Czech Republic



All abroad: Outside the Spilberk Castle in Brno.

TEN Year 12 students recently embarked on the third leg of our Comenius project, visiting Brno in the Czech Republic. They spoke at a conference about the environment, and were given the opportunity to sample life with a Czech family.

The exciting programme planned by our partner school included visits to the Macocha Abyss and the imposing Spilberk Castle, which towers above the city.

The highlight of the trip was a gala evening where everyone had the chance to sample traditional Czech dancing.

Alyson Blakeley said: "It was a fantastic opportunity for the students, and I'm really looking forward to our partner schools visiting us next March. We need lots of students to help organise a spectacular finale to the project."

Mouthwatering menu

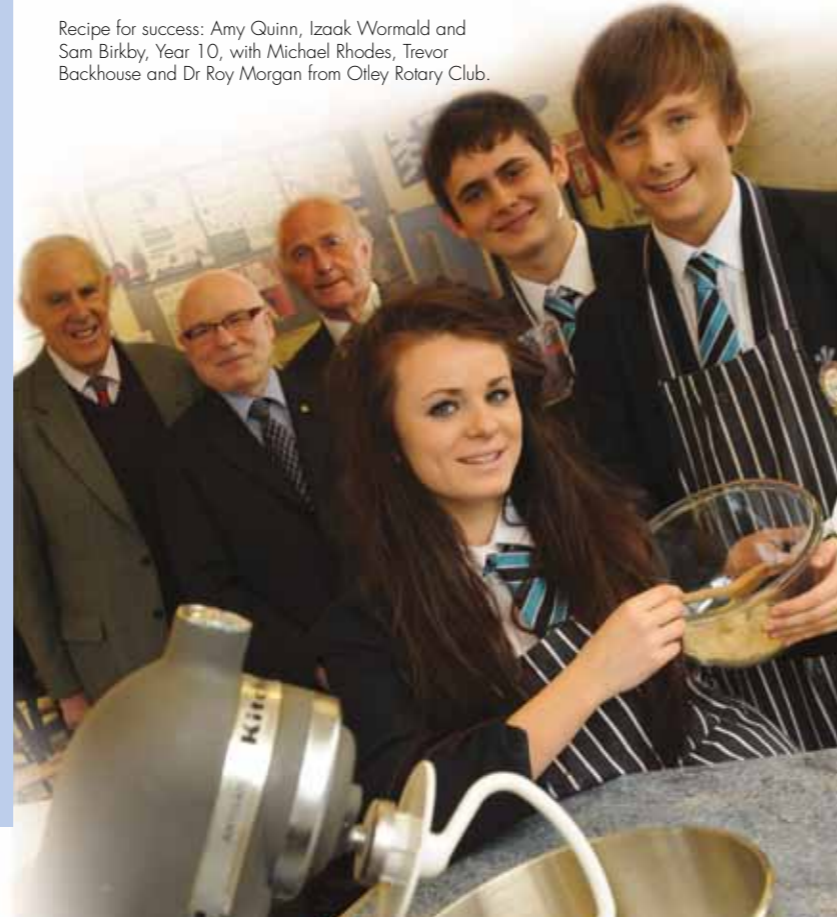
YEAR 10 student Amy Quinn recently represented Prince Henry's at the Rotary Club regional 'cook off' competition in Skipton.

Amy's mouthwatering menu of smoked salmon roulade, home-made open lasagne with a creamy chicken and

rocket sauce, and roasted figs with honeyed mascarpone, earned her second place.

Amy's success followed an initial heat in school between Year 10 Food Technology students. The runners-up were Izaak Wormald, Sam Birkby and Emily Bligh.

Recipe for success: Amy Quinn, Izaak Wormald and Sam Birkby, Year 10, with Michael Rhodes, Trevor Backhouse and Dr Roy Morgan from Otley Rotary Club.



Insight into Hinduism

DURING Diversity Week, the Religious Studies Department welcomed Krishnavesha Dasi, a practising Hindu, into school.

Using a variety of artefacts, pictures, symbols, music and puppets, Krishna talked to students in Years 7 and 8 about aspects of Hindu culture and Hindu beliefs. The opportunity to dress as Hindu princes and princesses was a particular highlight.

Colourful attire: Jac Flannery and Freya Aylward, Year 8, with Annie Cunliffe.

Cultural celebration

THE culmination of our Diversity Festival was an event for parents and members of the community, entitled 'Fusion: a celebration of language and culture'. This very special evening marked ten years since the opening of our Language College suite, and showcased the linguistic and cultural diversity within our school community.

The 170 guests were entertained by more than 40 young people who performed Bollywood and Irish dancing, songs in Chinese and Spanish, African drumming, the Chinese zither and martial arts. The acts were introduced by students in a variety of languages including Polish, Swahili, Cantonese, Punjabi and Hindi.

In addition, there was a performance by the New World Steel Orchestra, a Caribbean carnival parade and salsa dancing.

Bollywood dancers: Lakvinda Lakhnpal, Hannah Bradford and Louise Harrison, Year 8.



Drama students raise the roof

IN Drama, this year's A2 devised plays, *Divine Intervention* and *Bird's Eye View*, were performed in front of appreciative audiences in the Lower Hall in November.

Divine Intervention featured a game show, in which contestants fought for a place in heaven. *Bird's Eye View* was about a community who existed only in the mind of a mental patient. Both plays were developed by the students in a highly professional manner and the productions were intelligent, creative and very funny.

Meanwhile, former student Mark Speight, who left Guildhall this year, has won a part in *Game of Thrones*, an HBO series scheduled for May 2011 on Sky1.

Acting the part: The cast of *Divine Intervention* and *Bird's Eye View*.



Music rocks!

YEAR 9 students recently took part in an African drumming workshop, led by tutor Alison Lyon (who also runs an evening class at Prince Henry's). Louis Tucker said: "It was good fun. We played constantly and learned lots of new techniques."

The Music Department also hosted free classes provided by the School of Rock and Pop, in which students were given the opportunity to play different instruments and perform vocals.

Then, in November, Prince Henry's singers joined with

singers from Otley and Ilkley Choral Society for an afternoon workshop. In this first collaboration with the community choir, the students worked on a movement from Handel's *Messiah* (part of the GCSE Music specification) as well as some traditional carols.

Currently, after the success of the Autumn Concert in October, our musical groups are busy rehearsing for the Christmas Concert when members of the audience will be invited to join in with communal carols.



Drum majors: Tutor Alison Lyon with Louis Tucker and Selina Stoves, Year 9.

Curtain up on creativity

Subjects such as Drama, Art and Music give students at Prince Henry's the opportunity to build their confidence and excel creatively

Artists of merit

THE Art Department recently celebrated the achievements of nine students in the Sixth Form, whose work was exhibited alongside that of professional artists from across Yorkshire.

Abigail Hilditch, Emily Maun, Ben Freer, Helia Atyabi, Robbie Cook, Daisy Conway, Sophie Kirk, Hannah Birkett and Mariam Gulamhussein were all selected to have

their work displayed as part of the nationally acclaimed Leeds Art Show. Year 13 student Robbie Cook said: "It was surprising to see how well our artwork fitted in with the work of so many established artists." Mariam and Daisy's artwork was then chosen to represent the United Kingdom in a joint youth culture exhibition in Germany.

In the frame: Abigail Hilditch, Ben Freer, Daisy Conway, Helia Atyabi, Robbie Cook, Hannah Birkett and Emily Maun.



At work in the community

THE Young Citizens Panel at Prince Henry's is made up of a group of Year 11 students who have been working with the West Yorkshire Police to enhance links between school and the wider community. This year, seven Year 11 students produced a film, which was designed to address some of the concerns or misconceptions that older people can have about teenagers. Their findings were presented to the police, Local Councillors, our local MP, parents, staff and the High Sheriff of West Yorkshire. The team eventually went on to win first prize across the county.

Students at Prince Henry's are also given the opportunity to make a difference through the new Senior Student Leadership Team. Head Boy Kieron Mirchandani-Cooper and Head Girl Abigail Hewitt were elected by the whole school following a rigorous campaign. They lead the whole school Student Council, which is made up of elected student leaders from each year group. The Student Leadership Team also comprises Deputy Head Boys Matthew Trees and Jason Jones, and Deputy Head Girls Casey



Head Boy and Head Girl: Kieron Mirchandani-Cooper and Abigail Hewitt, Year 13.

Brownbill and Manpreet Ryatt. Together, they lead the four different Student Leadership Focus Groups: Learning & Teaching, Student Health & Well-being, Environment and Citizenship/ Student Voice.

Meanwhile, Year 10 students following the new BTEC CCLD (Children's Care, Learning and Development) course have made an enthusiastic start, which has included work experience on Tuesday mornings at three local primary schools and a nursery. Sophie Jones-Tinsley said: "I really enjoy working with the children and can't wait to go back."



Prize-winning film: Rebecca Surr, Hayley James, Marisa Balance, Nathan Coope, Rhiannon Hughes, Laura Foster and Olivia Hudson, Year 11.

A few of our favourite books

THE author Michael Scott, who wrote the popular series *The Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel*, visited the Library recently to give an inspirational talk about his love of writing to students from Years 7, 8 and 9. Afterwards, the students took part in a question-and-answer session, and were able to buy copies of his books from representatives of Waterstone's.

Our love of literature has also manifested

Michael Scott fans: Douglas Ellis and Joe Gilbody, Year 9.

itself in our 'Get Caught Reading!' campaign. This term, posters of staff caught reading their favourite books have appeared in corridors around the school. These range from our caretaker, Shane Ratcliffe, reading his favourite book on a stepladder to the Headteacher Janet Sheriff reading while walking around the school grounds.

In addition, students are being awarded stamps by their English teachers for books

they have read. The initiative is being advertised with amazing designs by Nicola O'Shea's Year 11 English group and Sally Cox's Year 10 Media Studies students. Curriculum Leader for English Annie Cunniffe has also taken part in the campaign, and said: "We're very proud of our reading culture here at Prince Henry's."

Look out for more posters coming soon. What will you get caught reading?



Hot topic: Chemistry teacher Phil Pope reads Jeremy Clarkson.

Lifesaver showcases her skills

YEAR 12 student Alice Fisher recently took part in an international lifesaving competition.

Alice flew to Egypt with the Leeds Phoenix Life Saving Swimming Squad to compete in the 2010 Interclub Lifesaving World Championships.

Alice and her team took part in a variety of events, including board rescues and a 4 x 50 metre obstacle race, at the Olympic-size swimming pool in Alexandria and in the sea off Mamoura beach.



Buoyed by her success: Alice Fisher, Year 12.

Fun and games



Game designers: Jordan Fearnley and Joe Gadd, Year 9.

YEAR 9 students Joe Gadd and Jordan Fearnley have entered the BAFTA Young Game Designers competition. They showcased their work at the recent Open Evening, and we will find out soon if they have been shortlisted. Both students are members of our after-school Gaming Club, which is run by the ICT Department.

Meanwhile, a group of ten students, led by Oliver Dawson and Ross Walkinshaw, are competing again at the First Lego League competition at the University of Manchester. Their task is to program a robot so that it completes a series of missions, and to give a presentation on this year's theme - 'Body Forward'.

Students promote Fairtrade

AFTER another successful trip to Harewood House, where students have continued to strengthen local community links, Product Design students in Year 10 have teamed up with the Print Technology Department at Leeds City College in the hope of winning a prestigious national competition.

PrintIT!, which is mapped to the national curriculum, aims to make students aware of job opportunities in the printing industry by encouraging them to promote Fairtrade products within a supermarket environment.

Supermarket sweep: Rachel Brockbank, Year 10.



Focus on health and well-being

YEAR 12 Health and Social Care students have been busy learning about inequalities as part of their AS course.

Robert Mann, a lead nurse from Leeds Partnership Trust, came in to talk about problems encountered by people with disabilities. Student Josh Matthews said: "I didn't realise the difficulties people face with disabilities." Molly McCaffrey added: "If I were a care practitioner, I would try to help break down barriers."

Meanwhile, Year 13 Health and Social Care students made an invaluable contribution to the recent Sixth Form Open Evening when they staged a mini-health promotion event, enabling parents and prospective students to taste exotic fruit and assess their 'five-a-day' intake.

Sports Prefects lead the field



New kit: 'Modelled' by Girls Captain Jessica Georgallis, Year 8, and Boys Vice Captain Benjamin Palmer, Year 9, with sponsor Jeanette Romani and PE teacher Dean Hyam.

THIS year, the Sports Prefect Council has grown to give students in Years 9, 11 and 12 the opportunity to develop their leadership skills and raise awareness of PE and sporting opportunities and achievements

throughout the school.

One of the projects being managed by our Sports Prefects is the programme of inter-form competitions. These include a Year 7 rounders competition and a Year 8 dodgeball competition.

Sports prefects: Tom Bailey, Erin Bentley, Hannah Burnham, Tom Clarkson, Sam Hargreaves, Holly Hawke and Owain Hughes, Year 9.



Soccer sensations

THE U13 girls' football team and the U14 boys' football team are at the top of their respective leagues. After receiving sponsorship for new kit from 'Kidz Only Travel' and 'Ladies Only Travel', both teams are going from strength to strength.

Dean Hyam said: "It is a tremendous achievement for both teams. With continued hard work and dedication, hopefully both teams will end up champions of their respective leagues by the end of the season."

Three cheers for Olivia!

YEAR 11 student Olivia Coyle began cheerleading 18 months ago with the 'Aviator Allstars' from Leeds. Forget the idea of pom-pom waving – this form of cheerleading is a combination of dance, tumbling and stunts.

This year, Olivia's 26-strong, mixed cheerleading team won both the National Championships and European Cheerleading Championships, which were held in Bottrop, Germany, in May.

If you fancy having a go, find out more at www.aviatorallstars.com

Aviator Allstar: Olivia Coyle, Year 11.



Sports in brief

- YEAR 9 student Ellie King has been selected for the Yorkshire **Netball** Academy.
- Zoe Kitching and Oliver Daffern, in Year 7, represented Prince Henry's at the International Simultaneous **Marathon** at the John Charles Centre of Sport in Leeds.
- Year 10 student Oliver Procter has been selected as the new Junior Captain at Cookridge **Golf** Club.
- In **Rugby**, Year 13 student Dominic Barrow was England U18 captain and played for Leeds Tykes 1st XV this season; Arnie Ellison, in Year 13, has been selected for the England squad; Year 13 students Jack Bergmanas, Sam Kerry and Chris Gemmell, and Year 12 student John Matthews have been selected for the North of England U18 training squad; Luke Cowdell and Tobias Gill, in Year 11, have been selected for the Yorkshire U16 rugby squad.
- Henry Tyrrell, in Year 11, represented the North East in an Army Cadet Force national **Swimming** competition at Sandhurst recently. He competed in the individual medley, the butterfly and front crawl.
- Evie Pedley, Year 9, won a silver medal in the British Gas Scottish **Synchronised Swimming** Championships in the 13/14 team event.



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