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## A taste for adventure

Students work towards their  
Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Proud of the past, prepared for the future

## Vote of confidence

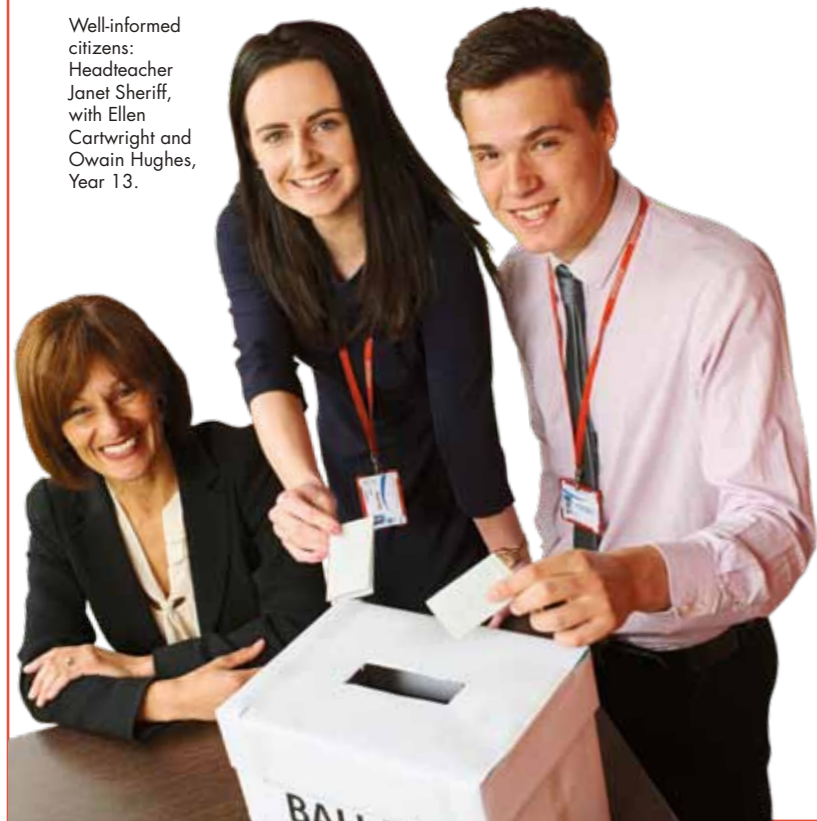
ONCE again this term, our students have excelled in a wide range of activities.

One example of this was the engagement of our students in the Prince Henry's Mock Election, which coincided with the national general election in May.

This event, which was largely organised by the senior students, was a great success – and gives us an additional reason to celebrate the developing maturity and confidence of Prince Henry's students as responsible, well-informed citizens.

*Janet Sheriff, Headteacher*

Well-informed citizens:  
Headteacher Janet Sheriff, with Ellen Cartwright and Owain Hughes, Year 13.



## Forensic approach to Science

THE Year 7 Science Club has continued to have fun and make plenty of mess each Friday lunchtime.

During the second half of the spring term they made bouncing custard balls, gooey slime and playdough, and even created erupting volcanoes!

Students also took on the role of forensic scientists, using chromatography and fingerprinting to solve various crimes.

## National debate

IN March, four members of the Sixth Form Debating Club took part in a national competition in London. Isla Hird, Lolita Miakinkova, Douglas Ellis and Caitlin Buttery debated against schools from across the country on topics such as tax avoidance, human rights and holding MPs to account.

Even though it was the group's first experience of a debate competition, the students made it through to the final, which was held at the US Embassy and judged by dignitaries, as well as the US Ambassador himself!

Enrichment Co-ordinator Ben Konopinski said: "Although we didn't win the final, our students had a fantastic experience. We will be sure to enter more competitions next year!"



## Designs on the prize

CONGRATULATIONS to Year 10 Textiles students Milly Cox and Amber Fox who went through to the finals in the Bradford Young Designer competition. They were joined by a number of other students from the GCSE Textiles group at the awards ceremony held at Bradford College's Catwalk Show in June.

Year 13 student Emma Cannon, meanwhile, designed and created a kimono for her Design and Technology final piece, which she showcased at Mad Elizabeth in Leeds.

Product Design student Cienna Wajsowicz Harrison in Year 13 also came to the rescue of the 2nd Burley-in-Wharfedale Guide Pack after lack of facilities prevented the girls from doing a variety of activities. As part of her A-level coursework, Cienna created an easy-to-assemble, lightweight, space-saving fire pit. The girl guides then celebrated by firing up the pit to cook burgers!

Creative genius: Emma Cannon and (inset) Cienna Wajsowicz Harrison, both Year 13.



## Licence for adventure

THE Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) scheme is going from strength to strength at Prince Henry's, with the highest number of students taking part at Bronze level. On top of this, for the first time in several years, we have managed to find a place for every student who applied for the Silver Award.

Following recent changes in the DofE organisation, Prince Henry's has now been approved as a directly licensed centre for the award scheme. As part of this, we have been working with representatives of the new DofE North of England region, and hope this will lead to an even greater level of participation among our students.



Up for the challenge: Thomas Wilson and Amber Dhesi, Year 10.

## Facilities for the 21<sup>st</sup> century

THE £800,000 project to provide improved facilities for students within the historic Lower School building has been completed this term, after eight months of construction work.

As well as four extra classrooms, meeting rooms and an external Art terrace, the centrepiece of the new area is our Sixth Form facility, The Quad. With its own café bar, The Quad provides a high-quality study and social space for exclusive use by Sixth Form students.

The new teaching rooms have also enabled Prince Henry's to accept an additional form of Year 7 students in September 2015, to help meet the increasing demand for places.

Study time: Jamie Wardle and Rebecca Willis, Year 12.



## ICT students learn a new language

STUDENTS in Years 8 and 9 are developing their computer-coding skills using the Python programming language.

Students have built on their app creation skills since their last project and are learning a new language called Java in the final unit of the summer term.

Faculty Leader for ICT Barry Mordue said: "This is a very challenging project and the standard of students' work is very high. Well done Year 8 and 9 for working so hard!"

## Mathematicians go head to head

THIS year's annual February half-term Maths Challenge took on the theme of 'Alice in Wonderland'.

Year 7 students Izzy Watson and Kathryn Dawes emerged triumphant, picking up first and third place nationally in the Junior Challenge. Emily Wallis in Year 9 also achieved the school's best result in the Senior Challenge.

There were over 700 entries in the two competitions, which are organised by the Further Mathematics Support Programme and the University of Leeds.

Faculty Leader for Mathematics Andy Fishburn said: "The judges were impressed by the quality of the answers and the effort put in by our students."

Award winners: Kathryn Dawes and Izzy Watson, Year 7.



## History comes to life

IN January, 30 Year 12 and 13 History students visited Moscow and St Petersburg. Highlights included Red Square, the Kremlin, Lenin's Tomb, the Winter Palace, Peter and Paul Fortress and the Moscow State Circus. Temperatures dropped as low as -15° but this just added to the experience.

In June, History students from Year 8 also visited the First World War Battlefields of France and Belgium. Students learned about the conditions that soldiers of all nationalities fought in, and reflected on the cost of war. Several students were able to visit the graves and memorials of relatives who died in the conflict.

A wide variety of trips and visits enable students at Prince Henry's to receive an education that is truly global

# Travel broadens our minds



RUSSIA

## Dutch treat

FINE Art students in Years 12 and 13 took part in an Art residential trip to Holland, visiting Amsterdam, Rotterdam and the Kröller-Müller museum.

During their visit, the students had the opportunity to look at art on a global stage, inspiring their own creativity and cultural appreciation.

## Skiing USA

THIS April's ski trip returned to the American resort of Sunday River in Maine.

The 64 students spent six days skiing and boarding in a range of conditions – snow, rain and, for the last three days, sunshine!

Trip leader Sian Ellis said: "This was our seventh trip to Sunday River where, once again, the students were made to feel incredibly welcome by the resort staff."

USA

ICELAND



## Students warm to Iceland

IN March, a group of students from Years 10 and 11 spent a long weekend exploring the chilly delights of Iceland.

Students bathed in the geothermal Blue Lagoon, visited a number of towering waterfalls and observed one of the world's most active geysers at Strokkur.

The trip was a huge success, and students were full of praise for this unique country.

SPAIN



## Bienvenue en France

THIS term, 60 excited Year 7 students made their way across the Channel to experience French culture at first hand.

The group tried their hands at making croissants and visited a local chocolate factory. Everyone was encouraged to use some of the French they have been learning in school – even if it was just a simple 'Bonjour' or 'Merci'!

FRANCE



## Hola España

IN February, our largest ever Sixth Form Spanish exchange group travelled to our partner school, Colegio Nuestra Señora de las Maravillas, in Madrid. The trip included time in lessons, as well as visits to the university town of Alcalá de Henares, the Reina Sofía Museum and the Santiago Bernabeu stadium.

A record number of students also took part in June's Barcelona trip. The 76 Year 7 students took in all the usual sights, including Gaudi's Sagrada Familia and Parc Güell, and the street performers on the Ramblas. They also took a cable car up into the mountains to visit the monastery at Montserrat.

GERMANY

## Cultural exchange

THIS year, more than 100 students have taken part in visits to Germany, as well as hosting visitors from our German partner schools.

In February, GCSE and A-level German students took part in a week-long exchange visit to Rhein-Maas-Gymnasium, Aachen, where they stayed with families, attended lessons and visited local attractions.

Then, in March, students from Georg Friedrich Händel Schule, Berlin, visited Prince Henry's where they spent the morning in lessons. The visit followed the Year 9 trip to Berlin earlier in the year. And, in June, over 40 Year 8 students spent the weekend in Cologne, enjoying visits to the zoo, the city itself and the theme park, Phantasialand.

Faculty Leader for MFL Jo Barber said: "The trips allow students to develop both their linguistic skills and cultural understanding. They give students a chance to put to the test the skills they learn in the classroom."



## 'Grease' spreads a little happiness

THIS year's school musical was the ever popular classic, *Grease*.

With a cast of more than 90, it certainly rocked the school and sold out for three of the four performances. Audiences enjoyed the show's hit songs, including *Hopelessly Devoted to You*, *You're the One That I Want* and *Greased Lightning*.

Year 11 student Alice Wood played Sandy and Head Boy Owain Hughes played Danny.



## What a performance!

AS and A2 Drama and Theatre Studies students performed four plays over two nights in April for the performance element of their A-level examinations: *My Mother Said* by Charlotte Keatley, *The Erpingham Camp* by Joe Orton, *Womberang* by Sue Townsend and *Scary Play* by Judith Johnson.

Area Leader for Drama Sue Collins said: "All the performances were excellent. They were entertaining and creative, and really showed the students' passion for acting."

Role play: Jacob Hovell, Year 12.



## A very musical year

IT has been an especially busy term for musicians at Prince Henry's.

We recently enjoyed the first collaborative concert with primary schools from the Chevin Learning Partnership. This was a great opportunity to celebrate the fantastic music that is happening in local schools.

In May, students shared their talent at the Senior Concert, hosted by All Saint's Church, in an evening of quality music and great variety.

Our jazz orchestra, PHOJO, once again took part in an evening of jazz from across Leeds, in support of LYJRO's partnership with schools in Durban, South Africa.

Then, in June, the Concert Band took to the streets of Otley, performing at the town's annual carnival, and our younger musicians staged their own Junior Concert.

This very musical year will be wrapped up with an exciting Music Tour to Valkenburg in Holland. This will give students a chance to develop their talents by performing on the international stage, as well as developing their cultural knowledge.

Tuned in: Joseph Ridgway, Year 10, with Ashfield Primary School pupil Kamile Tamasauskaite, Year 6.



# ARTS

## in the ROUND

### Artsmark award

IN February, students and staff celebrated the news that the school had been awarded Artsmark status. Artsmark is a nationally recognised kite mark for schools showing excellence in Arts and cultural provision.

Art teacher Natalie Sadler, who led the school's application, said: "Holding Artsmark status demonstrates that Prince Henry's is passionate about, and values, the Arts, promoting a wide range of experiences for all our students."

### Uptown girl

NEARLY 100 students and staff danced their way across the world as our YouTube video of *Uptown Funk* went viral, with over 18,000 views in a week.

The video also fulfilled one student's dream of dancing at school. Chloe Tear, Year 12, (pictured left) who has cerebral palsy, wrote in a blog for Scope: "I enjoyed every single second of it, and would do it all again tomorrow if I could! Dancing certainly isn't something I get to do every day, making this occasion very special."

Mark of achievement: Emily Reeve, Year 10, Thomas Girling and Charlotte Lewis, Year 9.



## BANDS BATTLE IT OUT

IN April, eight bands played at Otley Courthouse to decide who should represent the school in the Martin House Centre Stage 2015 competition.

Porl Whos (Dan Stone and Max Lunn, Year 13) and Blyss (Theo Pedley and Caleb Flood, Year 10, and Jake Flood, Year 12) beat schools from across Yorkshire to go through to the finals.

The bands will be playing in the final at the O2 Academy on Wednesday 22nd July, with a chance of playing at Leeds and Reading Festivals.

# Squad lift Yorkshire Cup

IN March, the Prince Henry's under 15 rugby team won the U15 Yorkshire Cup at Queen Elizabeth Grammar School. Leading 19-0 at half time, the Prince Henry's squad had to keep up their tough defence through to the end, finally winning 19-14 against a determined Ripon team.

Area Leader for PE Dean Hyam commented: "This is a fantastic achievement for this group of boys and is a testament to their hard work in training throughout the year. It's great to see their commitment to rugby at Prince Henry's reaping its rewards."

A follow-on to the fantastic performances this year has been the individual success stories of Matthew Burke and Kieran Wilyman, who have been selected to represent Yorkshire Carnegie, with Matthew Burke also being selected to represent Yorkshire.

Team effort: Matthew Burke, Kieran Wilyman and Douglas Elgar, Year 10.



Leading the way: Anna Shields and Phi Pinder, Year 10, and Holly Clouston and Georgia Barr, Year 9.

## Sporting academy

THE Prince Henry's Sports Leadership Academy was established earlier this year.

Following an interview process, Alex Burnett and Katie Broome in Year 13 were appointed as Head Sports Prefects to oversee the Sports Leadership Committee, which comprises Sports Prefects from each year group. All committee members have completed NGB qualifications, with over 75 Sports Leaders completing the Junior Sports Leaders Award.

Members of the Academy are responsible for running school teams and clubs, hosting and organising inter-school competitions, and running Primary Festivals in a variety of sports and activities for our feeder schools.

In January 2015, Prince Henry's was awarded Sky Sports Academy status and is now mentored by Rachael Mackenzie, the World Thai Kick Boxing Champion.

## Sporting success

IT has been another triumphant year for Prince Henry's students across a wide range of sports:

**Netball**  
Leeds Schools' League  
Winners: Senior, U16,  
U15, U14  
Invitation Tournament  
winners: U12, U14

**Hockey**  
Leeds Schools' Hockey  
U12 Tournament  
Runners Up

**Rugby**  
U15 Yorkshire Cup  
Champions

**Football**  
Winners of St Mary's

7-a-side competition for  
both boys and girls

**Cycling**  
Key Stage 3 Leeds  
Schools Games Cycling  
Champions

**Golf**  
Yorkshire Schools' Golf  
Competition Champions

**Sports Hall Athletics**  
Partnership Champions  
for Year 8 boys and girls

**Swimming**  
First Leeds School (third  
overall)  
in the West Yorkshire

Inter Schools Gala

**Cricket**  
Winners of Leeds  
Schools Cup  
at U14

On the ball: Prince Henry's rugby player, Marion Ridgway, Year 8.



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