

in view

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Step up to Sixth Form

Students enhance their
learning with a broad
range of opportunities

Proud of the past, prepared for the future



Building on our strengths: Headteacher Janet Sheriff with Lewis Platt and Morgan Catchpole, Year 7.

A quality learning environment

WELCOME to the summer edition of *InView*. Since the last edition, our students have been involved in an impressive number of activities and achievements, only some of which we have room to feature in this magazine.

There have also been many improvements around the school site, including a £1 million refurbishment of the Lower School building. This has included the replacement of 110 windows, new electrics

and lighting, a completely new (and well insulated!) roof and the rebuild of our original clock tower. The work has brought a significant and positive impact on the quality of the learning environment for both students and staff.

It gives us a great opportunity to build upon the excellence acknowledged in our recent Ofsted Inspection report so that we can further improve our provision for students in the future.

Janet Sheriff, Headteacher

Authors bring books to life



Write on! The author Sophie McKenzie with our students.

THE award-winning author Sophie McKenzie celebrated the release of her new book, *Missing Me*, by visiting Prince Henry's. After talking to students in Year 8 about her life as an author, Adam Turner said: "Sophie McKenzie was so enthusiastic about her books and really drew us in, making them seem almost real."

Meanwhile, Year 7 and 8 students attended the Leeds Book Awards ceremony at Leeds Civic Hall. Our Book Marks group have been reading and discussing six shortlisted books for the award, and were given the opportunity to vote for their favourite. Year 7 student Charlotte Lewis said: "I got autographs from a few of my favourite authors. It was a fabulous day!"

Standing up for children's rights

PRINCE Henry's has become the first secondary school in the Yorkshire and Humber region to achieve Level 1 of the prestigious Rights Respecting Schools Award. The award recognises schools that place the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child at the heart of their work.

Two assessors from UNICEF met with students and staff, and commented: "It was clear that everyone places a real importance on developing a rights-respecting ethos. Congratulations to the school and to all involved in this achievement."

In tune with Chinese

DESPITE being among the only entrants from a state secondary school, four Year 9 students recently achieved third place in a Mandarin Chinese Reading Competition held at the University of Manchester.

Max Behrens, Ruaridh Brannan, Morgan Cliff and Arthur O'Connor impressed the audience with the Chinese poem, *Silent Night, Bright Sky*, which they recited and then sang!

The group attend the weekly, after-school Chinese course at school, and were coached by our Chinese teacher Miffy Loxton. Morgan said: "It was really good fun speaking and singing in Chinese in front of all those people, and I especially enjoyed meeting the Chinese Deputy Consul, Ms Chen Jie."

Poetry recital: Year 9 students Max Behrens, Ruaridh Brannan, Morgan Cliff and Arthur O'Connor.



Have a good journey... Bon voyage... ¡Buen viaje!

The Maine event

OVER the Easter holidays, 50 students took part in the ski trip to Sunday River in Maine, USA.

Trip leader Sian Ellis said: "The beginners managed to attempt a black run by the end of the week and the advanced group really improved their technique and were doing all sorts of trick and jumps."

Among the highlights was 'pizza night' when the group ordered 12 enormous American pizzas as an after-dinner 'snack'!

Abroad in France...

THE Year 7 French trip revisited the Opal Coast, enabling 68 students to sample a wide variety of cultural activities.

For many, the highlight was making their own croissants, while others preferred sampling handmade chocolate! Most importantly, everyone had a chance to try out their French language skills.

Year 9 and 10 students travelled to Otley's twin town of Montereau for the annual French exchange visit, welcoming their partners back to Otley a fortnight later.

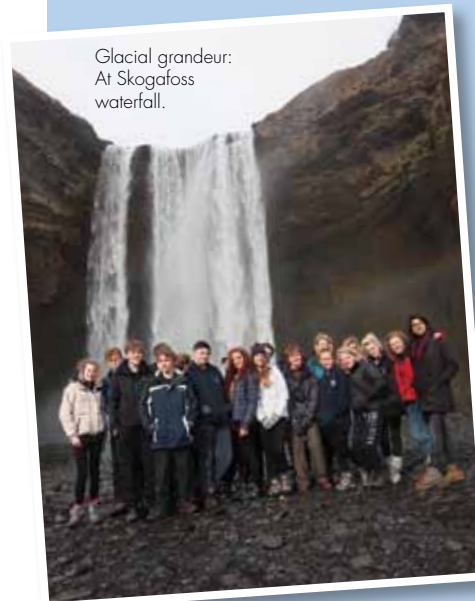
Flying the flag: Nic Cain, Becky Clarkson, Abe Gilbody and Ollilie Ebb, Year 9.



Land of ice and fire



Glacial grandeur: At Skogafoss waterfall.



FOR the first time at Prince Henry's, 21 Geography students from Years 10 to 13 undertook an awe-inspiring trip to Iceland. The group spent an action-packed weekend exploring the thermal waters of the Blue Lagoon, the beautiful capital of Reykjavik and Thingvellir National Park (the site of the world's first parliament and where the Mid-Atlantic Ridge is visible). They also saw the amazing Strokkur geyser, an immense glacier and countless breathtaking waterfalls, including Gullfoss and Skogafoss.

On the front line

IN May, 36 Year 8 History students set off to explore the First World War battlefields of northern France and Belgium.

The visit gave students a better understanding of the conditions that soldiers of all nations endured during the First World War, and enabled them to reflect on the cost of the conflict.

Trip leader Jonathan Adams said: "We felt privileged this year to visit the grave of Corporal Walter Wardman, the great-great-grandfather of Year 8 student Ellen Wardman."



Sightseeing in Spain

WHILE Year 12 students spent a week with their Spanish Exchange partners in Madrid, attending lessons and visiting sights including Toledo and the Prado Art Museum, a group of Year 7 students travelled to Barcelona to see Gaudi's Sagrada Familia and Parc Güell. The 65 students also visited the Camp Nou football stadium, the Poble Espanyol, Port Aventura theme park and the street artists of Las Ramblas.

Sehr gut!

THE highly successful Year 8 German trip to Cologne was a fun-packed weekend. With cultural sightseeing activities in the heart of Cologne, chocolate-tasting in Lindt, elephant and tiger watching at the local zoo, speaking German and rollercoaster

riding all squashed into a very tight schedule, the only thing students didn't have much time for was sleep!

Students in Years 10-13 spent a week with their German Exchange partners in Aachen, before welcoming them back to Otley.



On the tourist trail: Our students explore Cologne.



Talented all-rounder

RUGBY Academy student Jack Barnard, Year 13, has excelled across both academic and sporting programmes at Prince Henry's. Alongside his A-level studies in Science, Geography and Business, Jack has taken responsibility as captain of our AASE rugby side, and was named a member of the England U19 training squad in recognition of his ability and progress.

Rugby Coach Andy Rock said: "Jack's development as an athlete, student and person have been great to see during his two years here. He should be proud of his contribution to the Sixth Form."

Excellence, on and off the field: Jack Barnard, Year 13, with Allan Secker from RFU.

Engineering the future

SIXTH Form students met with design engineer Steve Nevey of the Formula 1 Red Bull Racing Team as part of an innovative scheme to get students into automotive engineering. The students witnessed product design and testing at work and finished the day racing gas-fired models down a test track.

Year 12 student Declan O'Hagan said: "It was really awesome. I've had an interest in Formula 1 since I was young. It's opened my eyes to how much work is involved getting the cars 'track ready'."

Comenius conference

SIXTH Form students have been sharing our equality and diversity work at a special Comenius Project conference in Gruziadz, Poland.

Ten students from Years 12 and 13 took part in the visit in March, together with young people from our partner schools in Germany and the Czech Republic.

As well as presenting their ideas for championing equality, the group sampled some local Polish culture, visiting the Live Gingerbread Museum in Torun and roasting sausages over a traditional bonfire – in the snow!

Travel bursary

YEAR 12 students Seona Brannan and Emily Bligh were recently presented with the Waye Travelling Scholarship, a bursary for Sixth Form students intending to travel.

Seona and Emily will be using the money to support their trip to Ghana, where they will be volunteering in a hospital for orphans, and helping with building maintenance and the repair of water pumps. The bursary was donated originally by the late Mr Douglas Waye, former Chair of the Foundation Governors and Honorary Citizen of Otley.

The cheque was presented by his daughter, Mrs Pam Beck, Secretary to the Foundation Governors, and the present Chair, Dr Chris Hatton.



Off to Ghana: Emily Bligh and Seona Brannan (L-R), Year 12, with Mrs Pam Beck.

The next step...

THIS half term, Year 12 students have been focusing on 'next steps' preparation. As well as looking at Higher Education applications, sessions have explored alternative routes such as higher apprenticeships and training schemes.

Students have attended an Open Day at Leeds Metropolitan University and a UCAS convention, featuring representatives from over 300 universities. Staff from companies offering training schemes have also visited school, including Sky, Unilever and Dettica.

Study skills: David Pearce Wright and Marah Khalil, Year 12.

Sixth form and beyond

A wide variety of opportunities, both in and out of school, give our Sixth Form students the chance to develop new talents and fulfil their potential

Psychology in focus

A-LEVEL Psychology students attended a conference at Harrogate Grammar School to hear an informative and entertaining series of talks by lecturers from York, Northumbria, Bangor and London City universities.

Topics included 'memory', 'the importance of sleep' and 'the sensory consequences of seeing others in pain'. Students also worked on an 'Ethics Committee' exercise, including a discussion about whether a proposed research study to develop a new treatment for post-traumatic stress disorder should be allowed.

The conference concluded with an entertaining presentation on the weird and wonderful effects of visual illusions.



On the beat

CALLUM Barrington in Year 12 was given the opportunity recently to take part in the Explorer Programme, run by the West Yorkshire Police.

The programme is designed for young people aged 16-18, enabling them to investigate different aspects of policing and, at the same time, support their communities through volunteering.

A force to be reckoned with: Callum Barrington, Year 12.

Accent on research

STUDENTS completing the Extended Project Qualification took part in a study and research skills day at our delivery partner, University of Leeds, to encourage them to consult a range of sources when developing their projects.

The day involved talks from lecturers, archivists and staff about resources available in their library, and students were able to handle 18th-century medical instruments and access rare records and books from their Special Collections.





Mathematical merit:
Albert Hartley, Year 7.

Science reigns supreme

THE Year 7 Science Club has met every Friday lunchtime throughout the year. Activities have included bouncing custard balls, mealworm racing, collapsing cans, and making play dough and lava lamps.

Students Katrina Patterson and Natalia Chamberlain said that their favourite activity was making bath bombs, while Jennifer Brady loved the elephant toothpaste!

Clubbing together: Miriam Spencer, Aisha Kwiatkowska and Emily Wallis.



Maths adds to our success

ON World Maths Day, Prince Henry's students contributed over 90,000 to the worldwide total of 2.9×10^8 correct answers to Maths calculations given in one day!

Special mention must go to Jacob Harounoff for answering the most questions and to Albert Hartley and Lauren Binks for being the quickest (beating the fastest

teacher by one answer).

This year, Year 7 students also entered the Maths Challenge. Morgan Catchpole, Georgia Barr, Marc O'Halloran and Jack Auchterlounie competed against students in Years 7, 8 and 9 from across Yorkshire. Jack did particularly well, gaining a 'merit' for his work.

Top for Technology

YEAR 4 pupils from Westgate Primary School visited the Technology Department to take part in a tie-dye lesson and to create prints for their T-shirts using iPads, before modelling them on the catwalk at our annual fashion show. Westgate Headteacher Ms Carpenter said: "The children had a ball and it was such a confidence booster."

In Year 9, Amber Smith won a commendation for her entry into the Bradford College Design

Awards 2013. Amber designed a red carpet outfit for Amanda Siegfried to wear at the premiere of *Les Misérables*.

In Resistant Materials, Year 10, 12 and 13 students have produced a number of interesting design solutions. Their creativity has resulted in a range of quality timepieces, which reflect their broad interests.

Year 9 student Kieran Brown competed in the Rotary Club Filipo Berio national semi-finals,

fighting off stiff competition in the school heat, and then local and regional heats. He made light work of cooking his home-smoked trout with samphire, chicken ballotine with fondant potatoes and lemon posset with shortbread biscuits.

Congratulations also to Jack Hayward, in Year 11, and Oliver Robinson, in Year 10, who represented Prince Henry's at the recent final of the national curry competition.



Clocking in:
Aadil Karim,
Year 10
and Faye
Monaghan,
Year 12.



Mouthwatering menu:
Kieran Brown, Year 9.

An eclectic musical menu



Musicians strike the right chord: Lily Walsh, Alex Barnes, Alice Wood and Jordan Bambury Year 9, at the Woolpack Studios.

THIS term has been a very busy one in Music, with a jazz evening, Senior and Junior concerts and a Junior band day for Year 6 musicians. Seven Year 9 students took part in a series of workshops run by The Big Hoo Ha Company at Otley's Woolpack Studios. They were given the opportunity to produce their own tracks using the latest recording equipment. Director Richard Sabey said the students were engaged and interested throughout. Jordan Bambury, Alex Barnes, Alice Wood, Lily Walsh, Rublynn Williams, Jay Linskill and Nic Cain were all great ambassadors for the school.

In June, Theo Pedley, Henry Moore and Joseph Bradford took part in The Red Kite Community Opera Noye's *Fludde* (Britten) in Harrogate. Students from schools within the alliance came together to form an orchestra and choir for this large-scale event. On the same day, the Concert Band performed at Otley Carnival, playing pieces from their *Les Misérables* repertoire to the crowds lining the streets. And, in early July, 30 members of various school ensembles travelled to Dublin to perform in a band and choir to Irish audiences.

Battle of the bands

PRINCE Henry's has achieved another great year in the Martin House CentreStage competition.

At a fundraiser at Otley Courthouse in March, seven bands, including the notorious staff band, Manic Creep Teachers, raised £900 for Martin House.

This enabled Never Ending Reason (Louis Tucker, Year 11, Charlie Tucker, Year 9,

and George Roe, Year 12) and The Puppeteers (Tom Sloman and Marcus Chevasse, Year 13, and Ellie Clowes, Year 12) to go through to the CentreStage heats, where The Puppeteers made it to the final on Wednesday 17th July at the O2 Academy. Why not come along to support the band?



Dancing is free!

IT was jazz hands and swings all round when two Year 11 students ran a free Dance Club for pupils from Years 4 to 6.

Teah Richardson and Charlotte Astley ran the ten-week club as part of the Otley, Pool and Bramhope Cluster programme, working with Activities Co-ordinator Katherine Robertshaw.

The primary pupils learned dances to *Fame* and *Hard Knock Life* from *Annie* and joined the Aireborough and Yeadon Clusters' Dance Clubs in a performance at Guseley Theatre. "We had a great time and it was fun performing at the theatre," said Laura McPherson from Westgate Primary.

Dramatic showcase

AS-LEVEL Drama students impressed audiences with their excellent exam production of *Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA)* by Dennis Kelly, in April. The performance was full of energy and wit and showcased the students' exceptional talents. During the subsequent PHSE Day, the performers also helped to run sessions in role with Year 10 students, who responded enthusiastically.

Meanwhile, Year 8 Drama students were treated to a road safety performance and workshop by Ignite Theatre Company, a group of second year Leeds University Drama students. Their response was very positive and Curriculum Leader for Drama Sue Collins described it as, "an excellent, memorable and very worthwhile learning experience".

DNA in the spotlight: Members of the cast.



Wow, what a season!

CURRICULUM Leader for PE Sarah Grant sums up an exceptional year for sporting achievements at Prince Henry's:

"Never have I known such success from such a variety of sports. To win one event/league/tournament in a year is an achievement, but this is something else! Indoor athletics, rugby, swimming, aqua festival for our disabled students and, of course, netball. We may even add to this haul of accolades before the end of the year, given our progress with cricket and athletics. It is wonderful to see such talent and commitment to training being rewarded. Congratulations to all students who have represented Prince Henry's in sport this year. Same again next year?!"

Exceptional effort: Members of our sporting teams.



Swimming sensation



Gold standard:
Georgia Coates,
Year 9.

AT the British Junior Swimming Championships in Leeds, Year 9 student Georgia Coates came first in the 400m freestyle (14 and under) and fifth in the 400 individual medley (IM) (16 and under).

She then competed in the North Eastern Championships, winning gold in no less than seven events and achieving a championship record in the 200 IM at 2.19.99m!

Georgia also has an excellent chance of being selected for the Great British Squad at the European Youth Olympic Festival in the Netherlands.

Netballers triumph

THIS must surely be our best year ever in terms of netball success, with seven teams, three staff and more than 100 girls playing competitive, inter-school netball.

The tally so far includes winners of the Leeds Schools' League at U12 and U13 and runners-up at U14 and Seniors, and winners of the Leeds Schools' Invitation

Tournament (for state schools only) in every available age group. To top it off, we entered the U13 West Yorkshire County Netball Tournament for some 'experience' and ended up beating the Grammar School at Leeds, Woodhouse Grove, Bradford Grammar, Silcoates, Wakefield High and Crossley Heath in the process!

Record results: Phil Pinder, Ava Arundel, Year 8 and Esme Sudall, Millie Tarleton, Year 7.



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