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# in view

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# Gold standard

Students work for  
Duke of Edinburgh's  
Gold Award

Proud of the past, prepared for the future





A source of pride: Headteacher Janet Sheriff, with Emily Buttery, Year 7.

## Spotlight on our students

WELCOME to the latest edition of *Inview*. As usual, it is packed with information about our students' activities and achievements, but this time we have included a special feature to spotlight some of the many students who have had their achievements recognised outside of school.

Our students are not the only group in need of praise. Members of the Prince Henry's Association (PHA) have raised enough money to purchase an imposing set of benches for students – look out for them at the front of school. It is really pleasing that the PHA were able to respond to the Student Council request for additional outdoor seating and I would like to thank all parents or carers who have contributed. Hopefully, we will eventually experience some summer weather so that students can gain full enjoyment from this additional resource!

Janet Sheriff, Headteacher

## Emergency services drive message home



IN March, we welcomed the emergency services into school to deliver a powerful message to Year 11 students about safety on the roads. 'One Way Ticket To...?' involved input from the Police, Fire Service, Leeds City Council and an Accident and Emergency consultant, and included a staged road traffic accident in which five students were extracted from a car.

The purpose of the day was to highlight the dangers of speeding and drink driving, and included an emotional presentation by local man Tony Davis who lost his son in a road traffic accident. One student commented: "Before today, I just never thought about how important it is."



A world of difference: Celyn Gale and Alice Waites, Year 8.

## Oscar hopefuls!

FILM Festival fever has come to Prince Henry's this summer!

Students from Years 7 to 10 are hoping to use their new film-making skills to become the next Steven Spielberg or Danny Boyle.

Miss Ellis and the Prince Henry's film crew meet every Thursday after school in the Media Department to produce the films of the future. Keep an eye out for our Oscar-winning team, coming to a cinema near you!

Films of the future: Neil Ellis, Year 8, Daniel Hunt, Year 9, Emily Lloyd, Year 7, and Imogen Sweetman, Year 9.



## Rock'n'roll takes centre stage

IN March, the inaugural 'Prince Henry's Annual Bash' showcased rock'n'roll bands from Years 7 to 13.

The community event at Otley Courthouse drew an audience of parents, teachers and students from all years, and raised more than £800 for Martin House, thanks to a collaboration between English

teacher Chris Smith and Year 12 student George Buxey.

George's band, Indecisive Crisis, raised enough money to go through to national heats, and will now take part in the national final of the Centre Stage 2012 competition in front of over 1,000 people at the O2 Academy Leeds.

## Mathematical mystery

EVERYONE likes to think they can solve a murder, and Maths teacher Jill Whieldon has put together a best-selling book that enables students to do just that. By using reasoning and calculation, students establish the victim, murderer, time and place, while reinforcing their mathematical skills. Some of the students even feature as victims and murderers!

Published by Tarquin, Jill's *Mini Mathematical Murder Mysteries* has featured in the *TES* newspaper. Jill has also been invited to run a session at the Ilkley Literature Festival in October featuring a special Yorkshire-themed, mini-murder mystery.



Whodunnit? Maths teacher, Jill Whieldon.

## Support for Eve



ONE of the two school charities chosen by students this year is Eve's Journey, an appeal to raise money for seven-year-old Eve Williams who was born with quadriplegic cerebral palsy, to have life-changing surgery in America.

Fundraising events have included fun runs, cake stalls, Easter egg raffles and a fantastic talent show here at Prince Henry's. Eve's mother, Textiles teacher Gina Williams, said: "We have been amazed by the fantastic support of our students, staff and parents. Thank you all so much."

After exceeding the target of £100,000, Eve will now have her operation this summer.

## Get set for the Olympics

AS part of the London 2012 Olympics and Paralympics, inspirational students Megan Smith in Year 8 and Danielle Bailey in Year 9 were selected out of millions of people to be Olympic Torchbearers.

Meanwhile, our Sports Prefects have been organising Olympic sport competitions throughout the year, as well as delivering assemblies in our feeder primary schools. In May, they delivered a Mini-Olympics/ Paralympics competition to the whole of Year 7 with students taking part in basketball, seated volleyball, rounders and an assault course.

In addition, Year 9 Sports Prefect and Olympic Ambassador Minhazul Abedin submitted an application for free tickets as part of the GET SET School Olympics ticket share scheme. As a result, the school has been awarded tickets to the women's basketball semi-final in London and football at Old Trafford.

Prince Henry's lights the way: Megan Smith, Year 8, and Danielle Bailey, Year 9.



## Eco warriors

THE STEM Club is a collective of environmentally conscious students and teachers who strive to use Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics to solve real problems facing the world today.

In the past few months, the group has entered national competitions and designed and made eco-friendly products such as our earth oven and solar-powered robots. They have also tested theories with live experiments, creating a green roof and mapping a passive solar strategy for the school.

The group meets Thursday lunchtimes in room Te6, and new members are always welcome.

## Live, on air!

BBC Radio 4's *Any Questions?* programme came to Prince Henry's in March.

Chaired by Jonathan Dimbleby, the live show took place in front of a packed audience of more than 300 students, staff and members of the local community. On the panel were

Baroness Afshar, Professor of Politics and Women's Studies at York University; Sir George Young, Leader of the House of Commons; Angela Eagle, Shadow Leader of the House of Commons, and Doug Richard, entrepreneur and former *Dragons' Den* member.

TEN students from Years 7 and 8 attended the Leeds Book Awards 2012 at The Carriageworks in Leeds. The group, called 'Bookmarks', have been reading the six shortlisted books for the 11-14 age range, and have voted for their favourite book.

ON this year's Global Citizenship Day, 'Timanyane', students investigated a number of new topics including travellers' rights and transgender issues, as well as supporting lobbying campaigns such as 'Send my friend to school' and 'Mothers Matter'. Key Stage 3 students also took part in an African drumming and dance workshop.

CONGRATULATIONS to Year 7 student Jamie Kirk who won the 'Top Banana Award' with his seven-page comic strip entitled 'The Many Adventures of Winston'. The winning entry was published in Jamie's favourite comic magazine, *The Phoenix*.





## Fridge magnates!

SIXTH Form students Emrys Rosser, Bryony Barlow, David Rex, Grace O'Halloran, James Rockliff and Louise Warren competed against 100,000 entrants to win Britain's largest environmental competition: The Climate Week Challenge 2012.

Their design for a curved supermarket 'ECOfridge' used magnets

and a sliding door mechanism to prevent energy being wasted.

The judging panel included TV presenters Kate Humble and Michaela Strachan, as well as a climate change expert from the Met Office.

Our students are now in talks with Tesco's team of engineers to develop their winning idea.

Climate controllers: Sixth Form students Emrys Rosser, Bryony Barlow, David Rex, Grace O'Halloran, James Rockliff and Louise Warren.



Members of Parliament: Minhazul Abedin, Year 9, and Dalitso Tembo, Year 11.

## Democracy in action

STUDENTS from across the school queued to cast their vote in March in support of Minhazul Abedin, in Year 9, and Dalitso Tembo, in Year 11, who stood as candidates to represent Leeds in the UK Youth Parliament.

The winners were announced at a special event hosted by Hilary Benn MP: Minhazul was elected as a Member of the Youth Parliament while Dalitso was elected a Deputy Member.

Student Leadership Manager Cathryn Reardon said: "The UKYP is an opportunity for young people to have their voices heard and to take part in a democratic process."

## 'Battle of the Books'

YEAR 10 students Zac Leather, Joe Gilbody, Eva Harding and Hal Chavasse recently took part in the 'Battle of the Books' literature quiz at Harrogate Grammar School.

The team competed in front of an invited audience for the Michael Rosen Trophy, individual prizes and £300 for the school library.

Overall, they came a respectable third out of 14 schools and had the opportunity to meet a number of published authors as well as quizmaster Lucy Adlington.

## Appetite for words

STUDENTS from Prince Henry's featured prominently in the first 'Otle Word Feast'. Year 12 students Jo Miles and Holly Cooper, Celyn Gale in Year 8, and Year 7 students Lauren Rawse, Elden Theaker, Douglas Elgar and Islwyn Rosser all won prizes or were highly commended in this inaugural celebration of the written word.

The winner of the adult poetry competition was Prince Henry's very own English teacher, Chris Smith, who said: "It was great to win, but the quality and number of Prince Henry's students being recognised for their talent was an incredible achievement."

## Students curry favour



STUDENTS Andrew Tillotson, Jacob Knowland and Kieran Brown represented Prince Henry's in the Leeds Seventeen Restaurant Final after beating 60 entrants in our own school competition and students from 13 other schools.

Year 9 student Oliver Robinson also came second in the national final of the curry competition, while Year 8 student Henry Moore won our own curry competition and Ruaridh Brannon, in Year 8, won the Great British Fair Trade Bake Off Competition.

# Our winning formula

We celebrate the achievements of our students, both in school and beyond the classroom



In the swim: Leo Irwin, Year 7, with Scott Miller and Brandon McGraffin, Year 9.

## Swimmers race ahead

YEAR 9 students Scott Miller and Brandon McGraffin, and Year 7 student Leo Irwin, took part in the Leeds Aqua Festival at The John Charles Centre for Sport. The event was an opportunity for swimmers with a mix of abilities to compete in a variety of races.

As a result, the three students from Prince Henry's were selected to go forward for a county athlete assessment day.

## Musicians of distinction

YEAR 8 student Annabel Glover, who recently achieved 141 out of 150 in her Grade 2 flute exam, said: "I'm really pleased with my distinction. I hope I get the same in my next music exam." It is unusual for candidates to gain marks of more than 140.

Meanwhile, Year 11 student Andrew Straiton enjoyed success in the Wharfedale Festival recently. He won his class performing 'Firefly' on trombone. Curriculum Leader for Music, Lucy Greenwood, said: "We are keeping our fingers crossed that he has as much success in his Music GCSE!"



In tune: Annabel Glover, Year 8, and (inset) Andrew Straiton, Year 11.





## Students reign in Spain

STUDENTS in Years 10 and 11 had the opportunity to sample life in a Spanish school during their visit to Cordoba in April.

As well as meeting our partners from IES López Neyra, the group took part in a joint treasure hunt around the old part of the city and visited Seville, the world-famous Mezquita (Mosque) and the fortified Arab medieval palace-city of Medina Azahara.

During their return visit to Otley, our Spanish counterparts tried their hand at making scones in a Food Technology lesson!



## What the Dickens?

STUDENTS from our Chinese partner school, Xuejun High School, Hangzhou, joined Prince Henry's students on a visit to the Museum of London. As well as viewing an exhibition on Charles Dickens, the group took part in a joint Drama workshop to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the author's birth.

Students in both schools have been studying Charles Dickens as part of a year-long collaborative project funded by the British Council, during which they have been sharing their different perspectives of Dickens' writing.

International outlook: Antonia Chamberlain, Year 9, Joe Ridgway, Year 7, Anna Shields, Year 7, and Milo Dymoke-Marr, Year 9.



Gold standard: Daniel Thornley, Matthew Kilner (Duke of Edinburgh's Award Co-ordinator) and Peter Williams, Year 10, with Laura Stocker and Natalie Lowry, Year 12.

# Students go for gold

INTEREST in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award has grown significantly in recent years and this year, for the first time, we have started to run the Gold Award.

Difficult weather on some of the expeditions has been character-building to say the least for the 100 plus students in Years 10-12 who have been involved in the scheme this year!

Jim Coates, in Year 11, who is taking his Silver Award, said: "It was really difficult to keep going, but it felt such an achievement when we made it to camp."

# TRIPS AID LANGUAGE LEARNING

## Barcelona beckons



THEY may have been there for only three nights, but students on the Year 7 Spanish trip to Barcelona managed to fit in visits to Gaudí's Sagrada Familia cathedral, Parc Güell, the Olympic Stadium, Las Ramblas, the Pueblo Español and Camp Nou football stadium.

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## Accent on French

A TOTAL of 45 students from Year 7 took part in this summer's trip to France's Opal Coast.

Four days of activities and visits included a trip to a local boulangerie, a chocolate factory, a sweet-making factory and a Belgian theme park.

Throughout the visit, there were plenty of opportunities for students to practise the French they have been learning all year at school!

À l'année prochaine!



## A touch of Cologne!



ELEPHANTS, tigers, bratwurst, chocolate and a Unesco World Heritage site – just an average weekend on the Year 8 German trip!

More than 70 students took part in one of the two long weekend visits to Cologne this term, with excursions to the zoo, a walk along the Rhine, visits to the cathedral and Lindt chocolate museum, and a day at one of Germany's leading theme parks.

## Warm reception in snowy Germany

MINUS 15 degrees, several centimetres of snow and hats and scarves an essential item of clothing. It sounds like it could have been the ski trip, but it was actually this February's German exchange visit to our partner school, Rhein Maas Gymnasium in Aachen.

Visits to Bonn, Cologne and Brussels were unaffected by the cold weather and all 54 students from the two schools had a fantastic time. The return visit took place in April with the German students enjoying trips to Haworth, Leeds and York.



## Peacekeeping force

STUDENTS from Prince Henry's Global Justice Group attended the annual PeaceJam conference at the University of Bradford in April.

As well as meeting the Argentinean Nobel Peace Laureate Adolfo Pérez Esquivel, they presented him with their 'Global Call to Action' projects, which they had completed in school. The group also took part in a number of workshops on the themes of peace and global justice.

## Catering on the curriculum

STUDENTS Crystal Barber and Adam Smithson, in Year 10, and Joe Gray in Year 9, have been working with school Chef and Catering Manager Andrew Rice as part of their ASDAN Bronze Award.

The three students were given an insight into how meals are prepared in Prince Henry's, including main dishes, desserts and sandwiches. They also looked at hygiene, health and safety.

Food for thought: Adam Smithson, Year 10, Joe Gray, Year 9, and Crystal Barber, Year 10.



## Queen rules!

THIS year's school production was the smash hit Queen musical, *We Will Rock You*.

The event was a huge challenge as it involved learning 32 songs, creating a life-size statue of Freddie Mercury and finding a real motorbike to go on stage.

However, more than 100 performers, band members and crew thoroughly enjoyed themselves to produce a sell-out show in front of parents and fellow students.

## 'Body' of work

YEAR 12 and 13 Art students exhibited their artwork at the Otley Courthouse and Bamfords Architects during March, in a show entitled 'Art from the Body'.

The work received great reviews from both parents and members of the public, and

helped students to produce work in a professional setting.

"This is the first time we've had a theme for one of our exhibitions," said Shane Green, Curriculum Leader for Art, "and the students have done exceptionally well under pressure."



Artistic achievement: Rebecca Dyer and Rachel Thomas, Year 12.



## Sports in brief

Sincere thanks to Pete Latham for spending his whole professional life serving Prince Henry's. He retires in July.

Congratulations to John Hughes and Harry Wales who scored 40/40 in their GCSE Practical Assessment.

Great news for Leo Irwin, Scott Miller and Sam Richardson who were selected to take part in the West Yorkshire Athlete Talent Assessment day.

Congratulations to Year 9 student Jasmine Hanson for achieving second place while representing The City of Bradford Swimming Club in Malta.

Netball success for U12s and U13s who won the Leeds Schools' Invitation Tournaments.

Leaving on a high, the Senior Netballers were champions of the Leeds Schools' League.

## Badminton's rising stars

PE teacher Dan Lowe's infectious passion for badminton has resulted in students competing successfully in the West Yorkshire Badminton League for the first time in many years. The team also competed in the Leeds Schools' play off and were triumphant in two age groups. Year 11 students Joe Armitage, Toby Rankin, Alex Dando and

Harry Wales claimed a bronze medal while Erin Bentley and Beth Bowen in Year 10, and Eleanor Clowes and Ellie Hide in Year 11 secured silver.

The Badminton Club has also provided a platform for rising stars including Theo Pedley and Alistair Scott, in Year 7, and Jonathan Bedford and Adam Wilkinson in Year 10.



## Leader leaders

THE AASE Rugby Academy team have enjoyed a successful season, culminating in third place in the RFU AASE League, out of a total of 12 teams.

Luke Cole, who captained the side this year, has led the team by example.

Director of Rugby, Richard Francis, said: "All the boys on the AASE programme deserve a huge amount of credit for their contribution to a successful season."

Congratulations also to Dan Grange and Paul Hill who represented England RFU U17s against Scotland at Melrose.

# Sports tour to Dubai

THE U14 and U15 rugby and netball sports tour to Dubai in April gave students the opportunity to experience the culture that Dubai has to offer as well as exciting activities such as dune bashing. Students also visited the world's tallest building, the Burj Khalifa, together with spice and gold souks.

In rugby, the boys won an impressive three out of four matches, while the girls achieved success in two of their three netball matches.

PE teacher Dean Hyam said: "It was a really great sports tour, and also our most successful one to date in terms of results."

All abroad: Cameron Blake and Alex Burnett, Year 10 with Lucy Peak and Abigail Nutchey, Year 9.



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