



The news magazine of  
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Specialist Language College

# in view

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## Global ambassadors

Students fly the flag for Prince Henry's

Proud of the past, prepared for the future

# Stories celebrate our success



WELCOME to the summer 2011 edition of *Inview* magazine, which celebrates the impressive range of activities undertaken by our students.

This year, we have been working hard to provide more opportunities for students to develop, with particular emphasis on their leadership skills. The impact of this is evident in many of the articles that follow.

One of our agreed school aims is to 'provide varied learning and enrichment opportunities to encourage personal as well as academic development'.

I think we can safely say that this is being achieved!

My thanks go to the staff, parents and students who have worked together to give us all so much to celebrate.

*Janet Sheriff,  
Headteacher*



## Year 11 stay the course

IN May, students from Year 11 attended the Leeds Further Forward College Awards at Leeds Town Hall, which celebrated the achievements of young people who have successfully completed college-based courses.

More than 500 students city-wide were nominated for awards, and four students from Prince Henry's received the 'Star Student Award', which was presented by the Lord Mayor of Leeds. They were: Kira Beresford for Public Service Preparation; Nathan Kirk for Construction; Luke McNicol for Animal Care and Ellie Rockett for Beauty Therapy.

### News in brief

- SIXTH Form students raised more than £300 with an evening of music and comedy at Otley Courthouse, in aid of Kidz in Campz, which supports refugees.

- STUDENTS from Years 7 and 8 attended the Leeds Book Awards at Leeds Civic Hall where they had a question-and-answer session with shortlisted author Chris Priestley.

- YEAR 11 students Merna Khalil, Chloe Atkinson and Deborah Britteon competed in the final 'cook off' at the Leeds 17 Restaurant Young Chef Competition, where they created a three-course meal using seasonal foods.

- GEOGRAPHY students in Year 10 were treated to a fascinating presentation from Jon Horrocks, a Leeds-based Associate Director of the global engineering and consultancy firm Arup, on the South Yorkshire floods of 2007.

- THREE groups of students from Years 10 and 11 took part in expeditions to the Yorkshire Dales in April and May, walking up to 30 miles and camping overnight as part of their Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

## Workshops demonstrate best practice

IN June, Head Boy Kieron Mirchandani-Cooper led students from Prince Henry's in a series of best practice, interactive workshops by schools from across Leeds.

The showcase event at the West Park Centre was designed to show how students

can play an active role in decision-making in their schools.

Our workshop focused on the Prince Henry's Student Leadership Plan and how it has been embedded successfully into the infrastructure of the school.



War of words: Bethany Searle, Beatrice Timme and Megan Shields, Year 8.

## Students argue their case

IN March, students from Prince Henry's made their debut at the 'Youth Speaks' public-speaking contest at Skipton Girls' High School.

Organised by the Rotary Club of Skipton, the students from Years 8 and 12 competed against six schools from around the region, resulting in the junior team winning their division with a speech on university fees.

# Welcome to our world

## Voices against apartheid

GEOGRAPHY and Media Studies students have been working together to interview people who played an active role in the Leeds campaign against apartheid. Interviewees have included Senzo Mchunu, Minister of Education for KwaZulu-Natal, the former Leeds MP John Battle and former MEP Michael McGowan. The group also visited London where they interviewed Peter Hain MP at the Houses of Parliament, and Dr Zola Skweyiya, the South African High Commissioner.

The interviews will form a lasting record, which will go on display at Leeds City Museum under the banner, 'Voices against apartheid'.



Student voice: Claire Robinson, Samuel Boyden and Beth Kirby, Year 12.

## Sir Ian takes centre stage

"YOU should be so proud of the anti-homophobia work you are doing in this school," remarked Sir Ian McKellen, as he spoke to more than 500 students and staff during his recent visit to Prince Henry's.

Perhaps best known to many as the wizard Gandalf from the *Lord of the Rings* films, Sir Ian drew upon his own experiences as an openly gay actor, and his work with the equality organisation Stonewall.

Anti-homophobia message: Sir Ian McKellen.



On the defensive: Prince Henry's students, staff and visitors.

## Focus on children's rights

AS part of our annual 'Timanyane' Global Citizenship Day, students explored issues of gender equality and children's rights, including the UN Convention of the Rights of the Child.

In addition, they attended a capoeira workshop, which is a combination of martial arts and dance from Brazil.

## Thrilling climax For Comenius project



Cultural collaboration: Students join together in celebration.

FOLLOWING visits to the Czech Republic, Denmark and Spain, the Comenius Project reached its finale in March when Prince Henry's welcomed students from our three partner schools.

During the four-day programme, 60 students took part in a mock United Nations Summit to consider global issues such as access to education. Among the highlights was a Cultural Celebration Evening, featuring musical performances, Morris dancing, a ceilidh band and traditional British cuisine.

International Co-ordinator Alyson Blakeley said: "It has been a fantastic finale to what has been a great opportunity for collaborative work."

## Focus on languages

- TWENTY AS-level French, Spanish and German students attended the Mardi Gras Languages Festival at Leeds Metropolitan University in February as part of the 'National Campaign to Promote Languages'.
- IN May, 14 students and three teachers from Xuejun High School in Hangzhou visited Otley, following the Year 10 Chinese exchange trip in the autumn.
- CONGRATULATIONS to the 30 Languages students who have passed their British Airways Flag Awards. The national award now includes a section based around possible scenarios at the 2012 Olympic Games.



## Snapshot of life in Germany

THIS year's German exchange with our partner school, Rhein-Maas-Gymnasium, provided students with some lasting memories, including starting school at 7.50am and Lindt chocolate!

The week also included day trips to Cologne, Bonn and Brussels, and a guided tour of Aachen.

## Accent on languages

THIS year, more than 250 students have taken part in trips organised by the Languages Department, ranging from long weekends on the Opal Coast and city breaks in Barcelona and Cologne to homestay exchange visits to France, Germany, Spain and China. Languages are best enjoyed in their native countries, and these trips provide a vital opportunity for students to practise their skills.

Visits to places such as the chocolate factory in Aachen or the Camp Nou stadium in Barcelona only help to make speaking the language a little less daunting.

## Historians travel back in time

THIS year, History students have travelled across Europe to further their studies and have a great time, too!

In December, 45 students visited Russia, where they braved sub-zero temperatures to see Lenin's Mausoleum in Moscow and the Winter Palace in St Petersburg.

In April, 50 Sixth Formers had the chance to visit northern Italy to see the ancient amphitheatre in Verona and experience the beauty of Venice on a sunny day.

Finally, in May, students in Year 8 visited the First World War battlefields in Belgium, where they took away memories that will last a lifetime.

They say travel broadens the mind, which is why students at Prince Henry's are given the opportunity to meet new people, see new places and experience different cultures

# Our students Far

## A taste of Belgium

THE Music Department performed three concerts during their recent tour of Belgium, which featured both choral and instrumental performances. While in the Bruges area, they also had time to visit a Belgian chocolate factory, go on a boat cruise and tour the In Flanders Fields Museum in Ypres.

Drummer George Buxey, in Year 11, said: "As well as performing, I really enjoyed meeting new people and seeing new places."



Postcard from Paris: Year 9 students indulge in a spot of sightseeing.

## Vive la France!

DURING the Easter holidays, 15 students from Year 9 spent a week in Montereau on the return leg of the French exchange, where they met up with their partners who had travelled to Otley back in October.

As well as spending time with their host families, the programme included a sightseeing trip to Paris where they visited the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame, Sacré Coeur and the Champs Elysées.



Trips aid our learning: Rebecca Maston, Year 12, Tom Ginbey, Year 9, Stefan Epler-Snow, Year 12, Harry Moore, Year 8, Udayan Banger, Year 7, Laura O'Neill, Year 9, and Matthew Lister, Year 7.



# ts journey and wide...



## Skiing in the USA

THIS year, the Prince Henry's ski trip returned to Sunday River, a large resort in northern Maine, USA.

A total of 46 students made the trip across the Atlantic, where they had a brilliant time skiing and boarding. The snow conditions were excellent and, by the end of the week, even the beginners were attempting black runs. Everywhere we went, we were complimented on the fantastic behaviour of our students.

# Insight into Islam

IN March, students from Year 7 visited the Leeds Grand Mosque Annual Exhibition. As well as exploring the inside of an Islamic place of worship, they watched presentations by Muslim teachers explaining the importance of prayer and the Five Pillars of Islam. One of the highlights was a film presentation dramatising

the life and works of famous Muslim inventors, scientists and mathematicians.

Curriculum Leader for Religious Studies Lisa Walsh said: "I was very impressed with the excellent contributions by our students. It was an interesting and informative visit and we will certainly do the trip again next year."

## Films focus on the environment

AS part of their portfolio, Year 12 Applied Media students have been making short films to persuade younger children to make small changes in their lives that will help to save the environment. The films, which can be viewed on the Prince Henry's YouTube channel, include a western spoof and a spoof of the classic thriller *Psycho*.

## Jazz rocks!

DURING a recent jazz night held at Benton Park School, PHOJO shared the stage with a variety of other bands, including Benton Park, Ralph Thoresby and LYJRO (Leeds Youth Jazz Rock Orchestra), which also encompasses six members of PHOJO.

PHOJO performed an eclectic programme, including *Tuxedo Junction*, *I Got A Feeling* and *American Patrol*. The evening concluded with a performance of a wonderful Charles Mingus classic, in tribute to one of LYJRO's members, who passed away recently.



All that jazz! Lewis Graham, Gabrielle Picker and Isla Hird, Year 9.



Art in the community: Jordan Lawrence and Kane Copsey, Year 10, with Hannah-May Jones, Melissa Iley and Daniel Sumner, Year 10, and Steve Milner from Otley Fire Station.

## Mural raises awareness

YEAR 10 BTEC Art and Design students were asked to create an outdoor mural for Otley Fire Station in celebration of the positive impact the station and its firefighters have within the community – from fighting fires to educating others about fire safety. The students visited the station for a thought-provoking insight into the duties of a firefighter by Crew Manager Steve Milner, where they

were given the opportunity to try out some of the equipment.

In other Art news, Leeds City Museum is holding an exhibition at the end of July celebrating the diversity and vibrancy of Leeds' carnivals and street festivals, which includes photographs of Year 7 Art students preparing for, and participating in, last year's Otley Carnival. Rosalind Murray's Britain-themed mask will form part of the exhibition.



Great balls of fire! Bethan Grubb, Year 12, Charlotte Astley, Year 9, and Andy Cook, Year 12.

## It's a monster mash!

THIS year's musical production, *Return to the Forbidden Planet*, paid tribute to the science-fiction B-movies of the 1950s.

Loosely based on Shakespeare's *The Tempest*, the creation of a working video screen and a giant monster with tentacles proved to be a huge technical challenge. However, the show proved a resounding hit with audiences and critics alike.

Nominated for the best Youth and Schools Production in the Wharfedale Festival of Theatre, Bethan Grubb, Charlotte Robinson, Luke Rothery, Grant Holmes, Sophie Smith and Louis Tucker were also nominated for acting awards.



Reading allowed: Lucy Marston, Year 8.

## Excellence in English

IT'S been a busy time for English students. In February, Year 13 Literature students enjoyed Danny Boyle's spectacular production of Mary Shelley's gothic classic *Frankenstein* at the National Theatre in London.

In March, as part of Comic Relief, students competed against staff in our first Spelling Bee. Students across the school demonstrated their spelling prowess during English lessons, with class champions competing in heats before meeting staff in the grand final. Congratulations to finalists Alexander Barnes, in Year 7, Minhazul Abedin, Year 8, Owain Hughes, Year 9, Julia Craggs, Year 10, and teachers Linda Rasdale and Barbara Harper.

Students also continue to 'Get Caught Reading', with Year 8 student Lucy Marston reading more than 20 books during the Easter holidays. Watch out for the 50 Book Challenge coming in September.

Meanwhile, Year 10 boys are working with Leeds University's writer-in-residence James Nash. During a recent visit to the Yorkshire Sculpture Park, they created their own poetry after being inspired by the Spanish artist Jaume Plensa's Wordsworth-influenced, 50-metre steel curtain.

## World Maths Day

ONCE again, Prince Henry's took part in World Maths Day on 1st March, an event that looks to correctly answer as many Maths questions as possible in 24 hours.

Competing online against students from Austria to Zambia, we made a substantial contribution to the impressive total of more than 200 million answers.

The top ten performers are now sporting their commemorative World Maths Day bracelets.



Maths on the menu: Michael Anslow and Bobby Joe Walker, Year 8.

## Leaders in the style stakes

THE annual Fashion Show featured a Year 10 Recycled Outfits Collection, Year 11 coursework garments, Year 12 and 13 A-level products and, for the first time, an exhibition of A-level coursework folders.

The show also included a performance

by Years 7 and 8 of the hit TV show *Glee*, led by Danielle Skilbeck, in Year 8, and an exclusive guest appearance by 'Lady Ga Grant', in Year 12, who wowed the crowd with his amazing moves!

The audience was also treated to individual collections by Year 13 Textiles students. Poppy Palmer, who showcased her work, said: "It was an amazing experience. I was so happy to see my work on the catwalk."

Fashion on parade: Poppy Palmer, Year 13, Jade Firth, Year 12, and Zoe Coates, Year 13.



## Swimming sensation

YEAR 8 student Danielle Skilbeck has been nominated for a NDS (National Disability Swimming) Award after her talents were discovered at a school disability swimming gala.

After competing in a national competition, Danielle effectively became Junior British Champion. Danielle has joined Harrogate Swimming Club and is following an individual swimming programme at Prince Henry's, which is monitored by Teaching Assistant Marion Miller.

She has also been selected for the Home National Regional Talent Programme (National Level) and the World Class Talent Programme (International Level).

In the swim: Danielle Skilbeck, Year 8.



# Athletes triumph on the track

Athletic achievement: Captains Matthew Edmonds and Jess Georgallis, with Annie Pallister (leaping), Mollie Mallinson, Charlotte Leddy, Jack Farrimond and James Hincliffe, all Year 8.

FOLLOWING their victory in the Leeds North West Sportshall Athletics competition earlier in the year, our boys' and girls' teams represented Leeds North West in the Leeds Final in February. Despite stiff competition from South, East, North East and West Leeds,

both teams went on to win their respective competitions once again.

At the West Yorkshire final in March, our students competed against ten teams from each district in West Yorkshire, with the girls' team finishing in fourth position and the boys finishing third overall.



## Sports in brief

- **Cyclist** Tom Cullen, Year 7, recently took part in his first 'Track Attack' time trial mountain bike race, and came first out of 14 children and adults.
- Johnny Matthews, Year 13, represented Scotland U18s in **rugby**. The squad won the U18 Six Nations.
- Sophie Olley, Year 13, has secured a **golf** scholarship at Murray State University, in Kentucky, to study Biology and will train as a professional golfer alongside her studies. She hopes to play on the LPGA (Ladies Professional Golf Association) tour.
- **Basketball** player Eli Hargreaves, Year 11, has been selected for Yorkshire and will be touring this summer.
- Tom Bailey, Year 9, has been selected to represent Leeds in **high jump**. Matthew Edmonds, Year 8, and Owain Hughes, Year 9, have also been selected for **shot put**.
- George Ross, Year 12, is a regular **cricketer** for the Yorkshire Second (Development) Team (just one step away from playing as a professional cricketer!).

## Buoyed by their success

YEAR 11 student Jack Smith has passed both his National Pool Lifeguard Qualification and his ASA Level 1 Swimming Teachers Certificate in recent months. At 16 years of age, this is an amazing achievement, and means that Jack is possibly one of the youngest people to do both.

Meanwhile, Georgia Coates in Year 7 has been selected as a member of the City of Leeds swimming squad. After competing in the county and northern rounds of the National Junior Swim League, the squad went on to become overall national champions.



## Netball roundup

- The U12s: Champions of the Invitation Tournament and fourth in Division 1.
- The U13s: The A team came fourth in Division 1, while the B team were sixth in Division 2.
- The U14s: The A team were fourth in Division 1 and runners-up in the Invitation and Full LSNA Tournament. The B team were fifth in Division 2.
- The U15s: Fifth in Division 1.
- The U16s: Runners-up in Division 1 and they reached the quarter finals of the LSNA Senior Tournament.
- Seniors: Third in Division 1 and runners-up in the LSNA Tournament.



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