

A photograph of three students in a colorful, artistic setting. In the foreground, a young man with dark hair and a beard, wearing a dark blue sweater and a patterned tie, is smiling and knitting with blue yarn. Behind him, a young woman with blonde hair, wearing a grey and white sweater, is also smiling and knitting with blue yarn. To the left, a young man with reddish hair, wearing a maroon sweater and a white shirt with a tie, is smiling and knitting with blue and yellow yarn. He is wearing a blue lanyard with 'STUDENT' written on it. The background is a vibrant, abstract mural with various colors and shapes, including a large eye and a clock face.

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# Knit and natter

Sixth Form students  
access an extensive  
programme  
of enrichment  
opportunities

Proud of the past, prepared for the future

# A school fit for the 21st century

WELCOME to the autumn edition of *Inview*.

This September we opened the completely refurbished teaching areas for our Design, Technology and Innovation Faculty. The fully updated facilities mean that students have a significantly improved learning environment, more in line with other recently improved areas around the school.

I am sure you will agree that our students deserve such first-class facilities in order to support their academic and social achievements, some of which are showcased in the rest of this edition.

I am proud of all of our students' achievements and I will continue to strive to secure the resources our students need for their continued success.

*Janet Sheriff, Headteacher*



First-class facilities: Headteacher Janet Sheriff with Miriam Davey and Adam Belts, Year 10.

## Young Engineer builds a sustainable future

YEAR 11 student Megan Jones-Tinsley has been selected from thousands of entries to take part in the Young Engineers Mentoring Programme.

At a recent conference in London, Megan presented her GCSE Product Design coursework project to her peers, as well as scientists and engineers from the National Physical

Laboratory. Her project involves using circuitry and mechanisms to make an interactive doll's house with a focus on sustainability.

In March, she will be put forward for the mentoring programme awards, with the chance to attend the International Science and Engineering Fair in Phoenix, Arizona, in May. Good luck, Megan!

Grand designs: Megan Jones-Tinsley, Year 11.



## Double first for aspiring athletes

TWO students have achieved amazing results in their chosen sports recently.

Joe Fairburn in Year 9 (right) became a World Champion Bowhunter and represented the British Field Archery Team at the U21 European Championships, coming eighth, despite shooting against much older archers.

Year 7 student Lucas Ellis (below), meanwhile, recently won the British Alpine Racing Ski Club's Indoor Championship for U12s. He also came first in the team event. Lucas hopes to be selected for Team GB in the future.

"We are very proud of them both. We support



all sorts of sport, both inside and beyond school, and we are always very pleased when our students achieve something so momentous," said Jo Temple, joint Acting Head of the PE Faculty.



## Pupils and parents sample school life

MORE than 600 primary school pupils and parents attended October's school Open Evening to find out more about life at Prince Henry's.

As part of the busy programme of activities and events, historians from Years 7 to 9 prepared an interactive display of 'foods through time'. Dishes on offer included Greek, Victorian and World War II rations.

Faculty Leader for History Rose Burns said: "Visitors enjoyed sampling foods from across the ages, although some of the samples were tastier than others!"

Food through time: Olivia Ashworth-Ellis, Year 9.



## Literature quiz



YEAR 8 students Gemma Smith, Rowan Parkinson, Kathryn Dawes and Madeline Armstrong recently joined 23 other teams in The Kids' Lit Quiz at King James's School in Knarborough.

The quiz is an international, annual literature competition for children aged 10-13, in which teams of four students from Years 6, 7 and 8 work together to answer 100 questions across 10 categories on a wide range of children's literature.

Library Manager Lynne May said: "Our students worked extremely well as a team, and were presented with books for winning the third round."

## Evening classes on the rise

OUR Community Education Programme has been a great success this year, with over 730 people enrolling in 46 evening classes. Demand was so high that we had to create additional classes in Spanish and Italian.

Those attending this year included several Prince Henry's students, who are taking the opportunity to learn new languages and skills alongside members of the local community.

"It's great to see that so many people value this unique programme, which is run by Prince Henry's for the benefit of our students, parents and the local community," said Christopher Lillington, Assistant Headteacher.

## Year 6 step into bat

IN October we hosted a Year 6 Primary Cricket Festival for pupils from eight feeder primary schools.

The event marked the finale of a unit of work that pupils had been exploring with PE & Sport Primary Co-ordinator Ryan Davies, who said: "It is fantastic for primary school pupils to experience the facilities at Prince Henry's and put into practice the skills they have acquired during curriculum time."

The Primary Cricket Festival also provides an opportunity for Prince Henry's Sports Leadership Academy students to demonstrate their coaching and leadership skills.

## Year 9 take CPR to heart



AROUND 220 students from Year 9 learned CPR from members of West Yorkshire Ambulance Service as part of the 'Restart a Heart' campaign in October. This annual campaign aims to equip young people with the skills needed to help in an emergency.

Assistant Headteacher Phil Temple said: "We are always looking for ways to educate our young people in their responsibilities as part of the wider community, so when we were approached by Yorkshire Ambulance Service to take part in this campaign, it was ideal."

## Training the teachers of tomorrow

OUR new intake of teacher trainees started in September.

This term we have been working with Leeds Trinity University and Bradford College, as well as trainees from our own Red Kite Alliance School Direct programme. School Direct trainees are based primarily in schools within the Alliance for their training.

Teacher training is an important part of our commitment to help prepare the teachers of tomorrow, while enabling our current students to benefit from the enthusiasm, skills and ideas they bring.

For more details of the Red Kite Alliance programme, click on the 'Teacher Training' tab on our website.

# Welcome to the Sixth Form

We are proud of our Sixth Form. It's a dynamic environment in which students can engage in a wide range of innovative and exciting academic and extra-curricular opportunities



Knit one, purl one: (left to right) Thomas Rhodes, Chloe Tear, Ellen Dando, Harris Tariq, Bethany Leitch, Ruth Wyss, Sukmani Bhullar, Year 13 with teacher Anne Cuniffe.

## A broader education

OUR Sixth Form Enrichment Programme is now well established, giving Prince Henry's students the opportunity to leave school with more qualifications than ever.

As well as taking courses in subjects like Creative Writing, Critical Thinking, Italian, Sociology, Algebra and the Extended Project Qualification, students also have the

opportunity to develop new skills such as writing articles for the Sixth Form magazine, Arabic, sign language, public speaking, cookery and even knitting.

Dave Edmondson, from St John Ambulance, said: "It is a pleasure coming here to deliver the First Aid course. The students are engaged, courteous and want to learn."

## Senior Students team up

PRINCE Henry's 2015-16 Senior Students are extremely excited about their role within school this year. They will play a key part in organising fundraising events for charity, contributing to the development of the school and representing the views of the whole student body.

In preparation for their role, the Senior Student Team took part in a leadership and teambuilding day at Yeadon Tarn, where they spent time planning the structure of the student leadership cycle.

It was not all hard work, though! To get to know one another and develop their leadership skills, they also took part in fun activities like canoeing and raft-building.

Head Girl Ellie Richardson said: "It was a great way for the Senior Students to get to know one another better."



Teamed up: The 2015-16 Senior Students.

## Leading the debate on climate change



STUDENTS from the UK, Czech Republic, Hungary, Austria and Germany visited Prince Henry's in October for an International Youth Conference on Climate Change, organised by Leeds DEC, as part of a Global Fairness project. The students shared ideas, surveyed local residents and worked with representatives of the Youth Parliament.

"Our place in, and responsibilities towards, the international community are core to our ethos. Opportunities of this kind really bring home to young people the impact of their decisions," said Georgina Anson, International Co-ordinator.

## Artists fly high at Harewood

ADAM Leach in Year 13 was one of four Fine Art A-level students at Prince Henry's who were selected to display their artwork alongside other artists at the prestigious Harewood House Red Kite Show.

A private viewing also gave parents and students the opportunity to see the work of their peers from other schools across the Red Kite Alliance. The show then opened to visitors to Harewood House throughout the summer.



Art showcase: Adam Leach, Year 13.

## Golfers tee off

OUR innovative new Golf Programme for Post-16 students started in September.

Run in conjunction with Cookridge Hall Golf Club, students study golf alongside their academic studies, with a view to a potential career in the sport. The curriculum is tailored to each golfer and includes visits from external experts and the guidance of a professional coach.

Deputy Headteacher Chris Rowbottom said: "Our intention is that this programme will allow young people to develop in the same way as our elite rugby programme did. We are launching a new Sixth Form Excellence in Sport and Education programme from next September, following on from this success."

## Gold standard

CONGRATULATIONS to past and present Sixth Form students who have recently achieved their Duke of Edinburgh's (DofE) Gold Award: Natalie Lowry, Rachel Brockbank, Toby Rankin, Lauren Leak-Smith, Jenny Straiton, Ellen Cartwright, Gabby Picker, Selina Stoves, Holly Simmons, Isla Hird and Caitlin Buttery.

As part of a new pilot scheme, Year 10 students have for the first time this term been able to enrol for the Duke of Edinburgh's Silver Award.

DofE Co-ordinator Steve Appleyard said: "This is great news, and in future years students should be able to enrol for the Bronze Award in Year 9."



On course to succeed: Matthew Astley and David Flower, Year 11, with coach Jonathan Pearson.

# Maths teaching, Chinese-style

IN September, Maths teachers Lisa Wray and Fiona Husker travelled to Shanghai for two weeks to observe Maths teaching.

Shanghai is regarded as one of the top-performing places in the world for Maths teaching, and the visit was organised as part of a national project with the Department for Education and the National Centre for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics.

Then, in November, two teachers from Shanghai undertook a reciprocal visit to Otley to observe and teach our students here at Prince Henry's. Miss Husker said: "What a fantastic opportunity to learn from the best in the world!"

Making it count: Beth Harron, Year 8, with Dai Weijie.



In profile: Patricia, Águeda and Charlene.

# Putting Languages on the map

OUR three new Languages Assistants tell us a bit about themselves:

Hallo! Ich heiße Patricia und komme aus der Schweiz, wo man vier Sprachen spricht. In meiner Freizeit mache ich gerne Sport und gehe ich im Sommer oft in den Schweizer Bergen wandern und im Winter Skifahren.

Bonjour! Je m'appelle Charlene, je viens de France. J'habite à Saint-Etienne à l'Est de la France. J'ai étudié la littérature et l'histoire anglaise. Je suis venue pour découvrir l'Angleterre et pour faire connaître la culture française.

¡Hola! Me llamo Águeda y soy una chica española de 22 años. Nací en Albacete, una pequeña ciudad del sureste de España, cerca de la playa, pero he estudiado en Granada. Mi sueño es enseñar español.

# Visits strengthen links abroad

IN October, 36 Year 11 Spanish students visited Córdoba and Seville. As well as excursions to the famous Mezquita (mosque) and Cueva de los Murciélagos (bat cave), the programme included a hands-on ceramics workshop and a treasure hunt around the historic centre with students from our Spanish partner school.

Year 10 students also visited our partner school in Hangzhou as part of the annual Chinese Exchange. Accompanied by teachers Andrew Matthews and Sue Cullen, they spent time in lessons with their Chinese partner and visited local attractions including the West Lake, umbrella museum and Liu He Pagoda. They even took part in the school's sports day.



Year 11 students in Cordoba with their Spanish partners.

# Courage under fire

AS part of our Equality and Diversity Week, we welcomed 91-year-old Holocaust survivor Iby Knill to Prince Henry's, who spoke to Year 10 students.

Iby shared her story of tremendous courage during horrific circumstances to deepen students' understanding of where prejudice and intolerance can ultimately lead.

Teacher of Religious Studies Lisa Walsh, who arranged the visit with the Holocaust Educational Trust, said: "It was a privilege for us to welcome Iby to Prince Henry's. Her powerful testimony will help students to learn from the lessons of the Holocaust and make a positive difference in their own lives."



# Media students Focus on Film

MEDIA Studies students and staff are undertaking a variety of productions at the moment.

They include Year 11 BTEC Creative Media students who are making a short film promoting Prince Henry's. The film is a montage of shots showing different aspects of life at the school.

In Year 13, students are indulging in flights of fantasy as they make their own short, superhero movies. Area Leader for Media Studies Sian Ellis said: "Students have been working hard for months planning and are now starting to film sequences." The productions will eventually be aired on Prince Henry's YouTube channel.

# An instrumental part of the curriculum

EACH year, around 30-40 of our students gain ABRSM, Trinity Guildhall or Rock School instrumental qualifications, the majority with merit or distinction. For those students taking their exams soon, we wish them all the best. They include Megan Richards and Akhila Kale in Year 10 who are taking Grade 5 clarinet. "These exams represent the culmination of a huge amount of dedication and practice," said Lucy Greenwood, Faculty Leader for Performing Arts.

Meanwhile, in November, choristers from our own Sing Up! and Senior Choir, as well as GCSE and BTEC Music students, were fortunate once again to work with members of the Otley & Ilkley Choral Society. They even made some recordings of the results, which you can find on the school website.

# New Club on the block

PRINCE Henry's can now boast a Geography Club. Already, budding geographers have examined where different foods come from in the world, and were surprised to learn that cucumbers are grown here in Yorkshire. In addition, they have researched evidence of geography in the news, looking at various examples of natural disasters, and created models of both physical and human geographical features such as erupting volcanoes.

In September, 140 Geography students also spent time on the Holderness Coast gathering data for their GCSE investigations. Students compared sea defences at Mablethorpe and Hornsea and used the data to complete their GCSE controlled assessment.



# Shakespeare at first hand

"AN amazing experience and the most authentic journey back in time that any theatre lover could experience". That was how Year 13 Drama students summed up their visit to Shakespeare's Globe Theatre in London.

After setting off from school at 5.30am on a cold and blustery autumn day, the cast of Richard II warmed the students' hearts and gave them a hugely emotive experience of what it would have been like when The Bard's work was staged in the 1500s.

Area Leader for Drama Yvonne Wittering said: "Students embraced the conditions of Shakespearean open-air theatre and were a credit to the school."

# Cricketers' trophy triumph

THE U13 and U14 cricket teams have had a fantastic season, with both teams winning the Leeds School Cup.

The U13s beat Roundhay School by nine wickets and the U14s beat Morley Academy by 104 runs. The U14s also reached the final of the Lord's Taverners Cricket Final,

in which teams compete from across Yorkshire.

"Reaching the final of the Lord's Taverners competition is a tremendous achievement. It is the first time in our history that an U14 team has achieved this. Although they lost the game on the last ball,

the experience will stand them in good stead next year," said Dean Hyam, Acting Faculty Leader for PE.

Year 10 students Cameron Duncan, Will Pallister and George Hanson (U14) and Year 9 student Arjun Ramkumar (U13) have also represented Yorkshire this year.



Cup winners: William Pallister and Cameron Duncan, Year 10, and Arjun Ramkumar, Year 9.

# Swimmer sets British record

**GB swimmer Georgia Coates has enjoyed some recent success.**

Following the European Games in Baku, she returned home with three silver and two bronze medals. Meanwhile, at the British Nationals, she won five golds and qualified for the World Junior Championships in Singapore. She then achieved a bronze, with a new British record of 4 mins 39.94 seconds in the 400m Individual Medley.

Georgia, who hopes to represent Team GB at the Olympics, said: "It's probably a bit too early for Rio in 2016, but you never rule it out because if you believe you won't, then you won't. By Tokyo 2020, I'll be 20, and that's the one I'm probably aiming for the most."

# County champions!

THE U16 netball squad got off to a flying start this season in the West Yorkshire Invitation Tournament.

Competition was tough, against some of the best schools in the area, but their sheer grit and determination saw them unbeaten in the group stages.

Triumphant over Salendine Nook (12-2), Crossley Heath (12-6) and Bradford Grammar (5-4), a forfeited game from Wakefield Girls' High secured the team a place in the final.

Having previously beaten Bradford Grammar in the group stages, our rivals were out to prove a point, but Prince Henry's remained calm and won 7-6, to be crowned West Yorkshire Champions.

Acting Faculty Leader for PE Jo Temple said: "This is an absolutely fantastic achievement. These girls are definitely ones to watch!"

Courting success: Eleanor Atkinson and Elizabeth Clegg, Year 11.



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