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Specialist Language College

in view

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Drama takes centre stage

Our students
showcase their talents

Proud of the past, prepared for the future

Awards for ASDAN achievers

CONGRATULATIONS to Year 11 pupils Imogen Dickinson, Georgina Howarth, Euan Evans-Thirlwell and Joe Newsome who successfully completed their Bronze and Silver challenge ASDAN awards.

ASDAN awards and qualifications recognise and reward the completion of

'personal challenges' by young people of all abilities, which help them to develop personally and socially.

Imogen said: "It was really good fun."

New skills: Euan Evans-Thirlwell, Imogen Dickinson and Joe Newsome, Year 11.



An asset to the school

OUR pupils frequently have the opportunity to take part in a rich and diverse range of trips to many countries around the world.

Recently, I received a letter from the Headteacher of a school in Bradford who had been returning from a holiday in Barcelona to Leeds on the same flight as 49 of our pupils and staff. She was so impressed by the mature and considerate manner of the pupils that she felt compelled to write a personal letter of congratulations.

Those of you who have listened to my post-concert and school production speeches will have heard me talk about the real pleasure and privilege it is to work with our pupils. Their contribution to enhancing the reputation of this school locally, nationally and worldwide should never be underestimated.

They are, undoubtedly, our greatest asset.

John Dean, Acting Headteacher



A capital experience: Reece Fink, Adam Haigh and Jonathan Hannah, Year 12.

Politics at first hand

FIFTEEN Politics students enjoyed a packed schedule during a recent visit to the Houses of Parliament in London.

The group attended sessions in both the Commons and the Lords, and took part in a lively round-table conference with Greg Mulholland MP. A dramatic lunch in Parliament Square, surrounded by protestors, followed!

"Listening to a debate in the Commons really brought the subject to life," said Shahnoor Amin.

They also experienced the wider cultural life of London with visits to HMS Belfast, Covent Garden, the Trocadero and the London Eye.

Physics gives girls the power to succeed

GIRLS in Years 10 and 11 attended a 'Girls into Physics' conference at Horsforth School to make them aware of the rewarding and enjoyable Physics-related careers that are open to women. During the course of the day, the girls were able to talk to female role models who use Physics in their jobs.

Alice Humphrys in Year 10 said: "I learned so much about the jobs you can do if you take Physics. It is everywhere around you, and most things need 'physics' to work."

Girl power: Claire Robinson, Emily Wilson and Alice Humphrys, Year 10.



Books win rave reviews

PUPILS in Years 7 to 11 have been reading the shortlisted books in the Leeds Book Awards.

Invited to attend the voting ceremony at Trinity and All Saints College to find the winner, they were able to meet their favourite

authors and have their books signed. During the ceremony, Eleanor Clowes, Shannon English and Sarah Clayton in Year 8 gave a presentation on the award-winning author Kate Thompson.

News in brief

TWO members of staff successfully completed this year's **London Marathon**. Curriculum Leader for Physical Education Sarah Grant completed the race in 3 hours 59 minutes, while Teaching Assistant James Horsley crossed the finish line in 4 hours 31 minutes.

THE dangers associated with electricity were recently explained to Year 7 pupils during an Enhanced Curriculum Day, which focused on **Health & Safety**. The pupils listened to guest speakers from CE Electric UK, took part in an interactive quiz and watched a DVD.

CONGRATULATIONS to former Prince Henry's student **Lizzie Armitstead** and the Great Britain cycling team who beat New Zealand to win gold in the Women's Team Pursuit final at Track Cycling World Championships in Poland. Lizzie then went on to win silver in the Scratch race and a bronze medal in the Points race.

YEAR 11 pupil **Qais Ashfaq** is hoping to box for Great Britain in the 2012 London Olympics. Dubbed the next Amir Khan, Qais has been boxing since the age of ten, and is already boxing for England.

In touch with games technology

SIXTH Form students recently attended a special **Games Technology Conference** at Prince Henry's.

Guest lectures and workshops were delivered by **Hull University, Huddersfield University and the University of Leeds**.

In addition, **John Dennis, Design Manager of Team 17**, gave students an insight into

games production and different career roles in the gaming industry. **Team 17 is an entertainment software studio based in Wakefield, famous for its Worms and Lemmings games.**

Students were able to get a true insight into the design process of games 'from concept to console'.



From concept to console: Sixth Form students put theory into practice.

Maths masters

PUPILS from Prince Henry's joined pupils from across the north of England at a series of lectures investigating the Maths behind topics ranging from TV game shows to rollercoasters and rock guitars.

Then, in March, nearly 200 pupils from Prince Henry's took part in World Maths Day 2009. Their aim: to answer more mental Maths questions than their opponents, which numbered more than one million from over 160 countries. In total, our pupils answered an incredible 125,516 questions correctly between them.

Maths rocks! Kenneth Andrew, Alex Thomas and Jack Richings, Year 11.



Welcome to our global family

International links and initiatives mean that pupils at Prince Henry's benefit from a truly global education

The write to read

IN April, pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 took part in the 'Send My Friend to School Campaign'. The worldwide campaign is designed to raise awareness of the need for literacy skills among children all over the world.

This year's campaign focused on the promise made by world leaders to do something to help the 75 million children

in the world who cannot read and write.

Pupils worked in their English lessons to write letters, poems and stories about the importance of literacy for everybody. After sharing their work in assemblies, they sent it to VIPs across the country, including the Prime Minister, Gordon Brown, and Princes William and Harry.



Postal campaign:
Beth Stevens, Year 9,
Owain Hughes, Year 7,
and Megan Khullar, Year 9.

In the barren, burning heart of the South African hills was a village. It couldn't have been more out of place – there was absolutely no other civilisation around, and the dust whistled around the creaking lonely buildings in the wind. In one of these houses lived a family of six children and their mother. It wasn't a very rich family, but they got along by growing berries to survive on.

James Rockliff,
Year 9

As we sit and watch and laze we have a great education but do we think of the other people in our fantastic nations?

People in Africa, India and Asia all need to be able to read. If we stand up and say the right words they'll get the education they need.

Sophie Jones-Tinsley,
Year 8

'Obamarama' puts schools in the spotlight

"WITH partners in Asia, South America, Africa, North America, Australasia and Europe, the 'Obamarama' hub school has taken twinning to a whole new level."

This was how the BBC introduced Prince Henry's Grammar School to the world when we worked with them to develop a project timed for the inauguration of President Obama.

Pupils from Prince Henry's and our partner schools were asked to think about what

the US President means to them and their country. For example, if Barack Obama visited your school and community, who would you want him to meet and what would you want him to see?

The responses can be found on the BBC World Class website and are displayed in school. Anele, from Earlington High in South Africa, suggested taking President Obama to meet her father who campaigns against apartheid.

Obama memorabilia: Harry Kerr, Year 7, and Ella Rembacken, Year 10.



Widening our horizons



ON 13th May, pupils in Years 7 to 10 took part in a Global Dimension Day entitled 'Timanyane' or 'Let's know each other'.

The day was spent studying global issues and taking part in a Music and Dance workshop run by Ugandan artists Drum Arts Ngoma.

Each year group was asked to research one of the Millennium Development Goals, and then took part in a variety of activities. For example, Year 7 pupils had the opportunity to ask asylum seekers about their lives, while pupils in Year 8 focused on homeless children.

'Timanyane Day' gave pupils the opportunity to 'know each other' by working with different teachers and pupils, as well as thinking about people whose lives differ from their own.

In tune with global issues: Prince Henry's pupils with Drum Arts Ngoma.



Focus on Fairtrade

PUPILS from Prince Henry's recently took part in 'Go Bananas'. Using Fairtrade bananas donated by Waitrose, they joined more than 380,000 people as they attempted to munch their way into the record books by eating a Fairtrade banana each to mark the end of Fairtrade Fortnight 2009.

They also marked Fairtrade Fortnight by taking part in 'Henry's chocolate frenzy'.

Although chocolate is not normally on the menu at Prince Henry's, pupils were able to buy chocolate-based products in support of Fairtrade.

Fairtrade Fortnight also coincided with the launch of Fairtrade refreshments at Community Education, and students set up a stall at the Buttercross in Otley town centre to sell cakes on market day.



Pupils 'Go Bananas': Ellen Judd, Stuart Dunn, Junior Gatewood and Vanessa Krupianka, Year 9.

Young designers aim higher

THREE Year 13 students studying A2 Design & Technology Product Design have entered the Northern Design Competition 2009 run by Leeds Metropolitan University.

The boys have succeeded in producing work of outstanding quality, and we look forward to seeing them succeed in their university courses studying Product Design.



On course for university: Chris Brown, Asis Patel and Samuel Firkney, Year 13.

A virtuoso performance

IN May, Prince Henry's held its senior concert at All Saints Church in Otley. The annual event is an opportunity for senior students to show off their musical talents, especially those who are leaving the school in Year 13.

Chris Bevan said: "It was a pleasure to be involved in my last concert at Prince Henry's."

The evening was a great success, and a reminder of the extremely talented students who will be leaving us this year.

Lights, camera, action!

THE Media Studies Department continues to grow.

Year 12 Applied Media students have been making short promotional films about the school. These will be taken to our international partner schools to give their students and teachers a glimpse of what life is like at Prince Henry's.

This is also the first year we have run the A-level Film Studies course. Students have studied the horror genre, the British film industry and Hollywood, as well as making their own films. They are looking forward to studying world cinema next year.

Earlier this term, the Department launched a new video service to our feeder schools. This involves A-level Media students filming and editing events at primary schools, and providing the school with a DVD. The students are using a new HD camera funded by Education Leeds.



Calendar girls and boys: Beihan Hartley and Thomas Ginbey, Year 7, and Jack Tasker, Will Mitchell and Gabriella Hudson, Year 9.

Artistic talent on display

THE Art Department staged two A-level Art exhibitions in the heart of Otley – at the Old Grammar School, better known as Bamford Architects, and the Otley Courthouse. Members of the public were welcomed to the evening preview, and A-level Art students Chris Bond, Chris Isherwood and Denham Hill put on their very own rock concert.

Art pupils in Years 7 and 9 also entered an Energy Saving Homes competition, run by West North West Homes Leeds, to design a calendar promoting energy efficiency in the home.

Out of more than 200 entries, five pupils from Prince Henry's had their work selected for the calendar, winning £50 prize money and a further £250 for the Art Department.

A dramatic achievement

A-LEVEL Drama students have staged four productions this year: *Wartime Spirit*, a devised play set in war-torn 1940s London; *Found*, an adaptation of Pinter's *The Birthday Party*; *Dick Barton - Special Agent*, a 1940s film noir spoof; and *Find Me*, the true story of a misunderstood and misdiagnosed autistic girl growing up in the 1970s.

The productions played to full houses and the acting showcased the full range of our students' talents.

Pupils in Years 10 and 12 also worked with a professional film company and director to make films for the Connexions Direct website. These will appear online later this year.

Forties spoof: Samantha Roberts, Michael Divers, Paul Clements, Phoebe Winterburn and Alex Rhodes, Year 12, in 'Dick Barton'.



Languages put Prince Henry's on the map

New course takes off

FOR the first time at Prince Henry's, pupils have been given the opportunity to take an exciting new language qualification.

Thirty-two Year 11 Fast Track French and German pupils are the proud recipients of the British Airways' Flag Award.

Taught as part of their Year 11 enrichment programme, the course was examined in school by Jo Barber and Ruth Young, who travelled to London to be accredited at the British Airways Training Centre.

Pupils in Year 10 are looking forward to taking up the challenge next year.



Flying high: Mary Tyrell, Jonathan Missin, Sophie Garrett and Andrew Major, Year 11.



Snow day: Pupils in Years 10 to 13 in Aachen.

Abroad in Aachen

THIS year's German exchange to our partner school in Aachen was a wintry affair.

Amid snow flurries and snowball fights, pupils had a fantastic time with their partners. In addition to their lessons, they enjoyed visits to Aachen, Cologne, Monschau, and across the border into Belgium.

The German pupils paid a return visit in April, and spent their time soaking up the English culture as well as the spring sunshine.

French trip is just the ticket

SIXTEEN pupils in Years 9 and 10 visited Otley's twin town of Montereau, as part of our annual exchange with Collège Paul Eluard.

Year 10 pupil Jessica Hartley takes up the story: "The school was smaller than Prince Henry's, and everyone was very friendly. We visited Paris twice – taking in the Eiffel Tower, Sacré Coeur and the Arc de

Triomphe – and also the chateau of Fontainebleau. Montereau is very similar to Otley, although it is a lot bigger.

"My exchange partner was very helpful and made sure that my stay was as comfortable as possible. It was a great experience, and I think the link between our two schools is very important."



Sightseeing in Paris: Snapshot of the Eiffel Tower.

Spanish pupils are going places

IN February, eight students in Year 13 took part in our new exchange with Colegio Nuestra Señora de las Maravillas in Madrid, hosting a return visit to Otley a few weeks later.

Then, in April, 16 pupils in Year 11 embarked on a trip to our partner school, IES Lopez Neyra in Cordoba, where they visited the famous Mezquita (Mosque), the caves at Zuheros, and Seville.

In May, 57 Year 7 pupils visited Barcelona, taking in Camp Nou stadium, the Sagrada Familia, Parc Guell and Port Aventura. A few days later, pupils in Year 8 also flew to Barcelona, where they found time to visit our other Spanish partner school, IES Montserrat.



Enjoying the sunshine: Year 11 pupils in Cordoba with their Spanish partners.

SPAIN

UK

FRANCE

GERMANY

Trophy triumph for girls' football

MEMBERS of the Years 7 and 9 girls' seven-a-side football teams have made a successful start to the season.

Both teams were formed late in 2008, and both have reached the final of the Leeds Schools Sport Partnership tournament, which was held across two legs in 2008 and 2009.

The Year 9s won their first trophy for girls' football for the school beating Horsforth, while the Year 7s were runners-up.

Premier league: The Year 9 girls' football team.



Adam sets his sights on golfing glory

YEAR 9 pupil Adam Wade has been playing golf since the age of ten.

A member of the Otley Golf Club, his hard work and dedication have certainly paid off after he won the Yorkshire Order of Merit, a series of golf events played at various golf courses throughout Yorkshire. Adam's achievement is all the more remarkable, as he was competing against adult players.

Adam has also been signed to the U14s Yorkshire team and training squad, and hopes to follow in the footsteps of his hero, the golfer Ian Poulter, by turning his hobby into a lifelong career.



Academy leads the field in sport

THE Key Stage 3 Academy Programme is a new and exciting project in Leeds, which has been designed as a lead scheme for the School Sport Partnership with the aim of encouraging all pupils to participate in five hours or more of sport a week.

This project invites pupils to become members of a new Academy squad, where they will be challenged to increase their current levels of activity and become better sportsmen and women.

Sports enthusiasts: Sumaiyah Karim, Year 9, (hurdling) with Year 9 pupils.



Sports in brief

The **cricket season** is off to a flying start with Prince Henry's beating Ermysted's Grammar, Woodhouse Grove and The Grammar School at Leeds.

Jameel Karim and **Will Prest**, Year 10, have been selected to play for West Yorkshire's athletics squad.

Our **netballers** have swept the board at the Leeds Schools Presentation Evening, receiving medals for being League winners at U14 and U15, Invitation Tournament winners at U13 and U14, runners-up at U12, and Black Prince Tournament winners at U14, U15 and U16.

Rugby Academy players came home plate winners at the National Super 16s Tournament.

The **U15 rugby squad** has won the Yorkshire Cup for the first time.

Nathan Rogers (U16), Ewan Brannan (U15) and William Rigg (U15) have all been selected for **Yorkshire rugby**.

The **hockey team** were runners-up in the U16 Leeds Schools Hockey League.

All our Rugby Academy students are now **qualified referees** after taking a refereeing course run by RFU.



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