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Warm Reception

We open our
new Science
building

Proud of the past, prepared for the future

First for attendance

FORMER Year 11 pupil Sida Mao achieved first prize in the 'Give it 100% Attendance' competition.

Sida, who achieved 100% attendance, enjoyed a day in London with Attendance Improvement Officer Sheila Stansfield, visiting the MTV Studios, a complimentary lunch and a trip to the London Dungeons.

Congratulations also to Patrick Stewart in Year 9 who won an iPod.

The **Student Council** at Prince Henry's was relaunched again this year. The Council received a full day's training by Nick Cook and Jen Sadler.

Megan Woodier attended the exclusive, week-long **Linfoot Design School** held at Harewood House. Her visit helped to strengthen the link between the Technology Department and the Harewood Estate.

Alison Newbolt and Jess Parkinson in Year 13 have been appointed Youth Action Team Leaders by **vinvolved**, an organisation set up to support and promote volunteering projects.

A plaque has been mounted in the new Science block in memory of Year 13 student **Rhys Thomas**, who died tragically in a road accident just over a year ago. The plaque was dedicated by family, friends and teachers, and carries Rhys' favourite saying, "Interesting... if true".

A group of 25 Sixth Form students had the chance to meet the entrepreneur **Theo Paphitis**, of the BBC TV series *Dragons' Den*, picking up valuable tips and advice about setting up and running their own business.



Catwalk creations

THE Technology Department recently held its annual fashion show. "It's been hard work, but it has been a really memorable show," said Textiles Teacher Gina Williams.

GCSE and A-level Textiles pupils are also being offered the chance to visit the Clothes Show Live exhibition at Birmingham NEC – good luck to the Year 12 students

who have entered the design-a-bag competition.

The department also launched our Food Technology Comenius recipe book. "Europe on a Plate is the product of three years of hard work with our partner schools in Italy and Poland," said Alyson Pearce, Food Technology Teacher. The book is on sale for £2.



Recipe for success

PUPILS attending the after-school cookery club had fun making scary Hallowe'en cupcakes recently.

This was their first recipe of the year, and it paved the way for other seasonal treats such as spicy meatballs for bonfire night and Christmas biscuits.

If you are interested in cooking, why don't you come to Room 35, sign up, and take a recipe?

Budding chefs: Katerina Oldfield, Year 9, Adam Smithson, Year 7, and Victoria Anderson, Year 8.



Court appearance: Year 12 students visited Leeds Crown Court.

Trial run

PRINCE Henry's Student Press Officer Laura Walklett reports on the Government and Politics trip to Leeds Crown Court:

"Prince Henry's recently competed against six schools in the Regional Bar Mock Trials at Leeds Crown Court. Although we were fifth overall, the school achieved first place in the court reporter and press officer competitions, with myself and

Shahnoor Amin proceeding to the national finals.

"Students were assisted by teacher Ben Colliard, Karamjit Singh, a barrister from Sovereign Chambers, and students from the College of Law in York.

"All the students said how much they gained from the trials, developing confidence by experiencing the courts at first hand."

Awards for endeavour

CONGRATULATIONS to Year 11 pupils Paul Hunt, Andrew Major, Tom Darbyshire and Joshua Buckland (pictured, left to right) who successfully completed the bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

The quartet worked extremely hard, and are the first pupils to receive their badges and certificates.



Speakers teach by example

HEALTH and Social Care students recently welcomed several speakers to school. Representatives from the Barnado's Willow project talked about the support they offer to young carers, while social workers from Bradford Council discussed the importance of the Children Act in their work. Councillor Jim

Spencer also explained funding within the NHS, and two speakers from Leeds Partnership Trust highlighted the difficulties faced by people with learning disabilities.

Emily Birkett, Year 13, said: "The talks have really highlighted the problems of vulnerable people in the community."

Catering to our needs

PUPILS from the pilot Study Plus programme talked to their peers and staff at Prince Henry's to find out how catering arrangements in the school had improved.

Their report, entitled 'Food for Thought', concluded that, "the appointment of Head Chef Andy Rice in 2007 has spearheaded radical changes in the kitchen and dining hall" and that, "the result is a new enthusiasm for providing healthy, tasty food, sourced from the local community wherever possible, and freshly prepared on the premises".



Green light for garden initiative

IF you look out of your classroom window, many of you can see fantastic views and green space. However, one area in need of urgent attention is the lower school quad.

Plans are in place for Year 11 Work Related Learning pupils to transform this area into a multiple use educational, ecological and enterprise zone. It will include a planting area for fruit and vegetables that can be sold, and a composting system that will recycle waste from the kitchen.

The project will involve the whole community of Prince Henry's including pupils, local business people, parents, teachers and community groups such as Otley in Bloom.

Already, parents and pupils have contributed to the scheme by collecting more than 6,000 Morrisons' 'Let's Grow' vouchers, enabling the school to buy essential horticultural equipment and greenhouse facilities.

Ready to 'grow': Head Boy Jack Collins and Head Girl Natasha Munro, Year 13.



Ten years at the top

AS all of you know, I will be leaving Prince Henry's at Christmas after almost ten years as Headteacher.

My time at the school has been among some of the most rewarding and successful of my career. The pupils at Prince Henry's have made every day a joy. Their enthusiasm for learning, and their involvement in the many extra-curricular activities, is what makes the school one of the richest in the north of England.

I shall miss the school and the many very talented colleagues I have worked with over the past decade, but I know the ideas, experiences and successes will travel with me to my new post in Kingston upon Hull.

I'm also proud of the school's work with others, often in less fortunate situations, which has received national recognition. I would like to wish everyone at Prince Henry's every success in the years to come.

John Steel, Headteacher

Leaving school:
Headteacher John Steel.



Global recognition

WITH partner schools in a dozen countries and 15 annual trips abroad, it is no surprise that Prince Henry's recently became the first high school in the area to achieve the prestigious International School Award for the second time.

This has now become a double celebration, with the announcement that Prince Henry's is also the first high school in the whole country to receive the Global School Award at Level 3, another accolade, which recognises our commitment to developing an international ethos throughout the school.



Royal visit: HRH The Duke of Kent opened the new Science building.

Building for the future

HRH The Duke of Kent officially opened the Hindle Science Building in July. The building is named after Walter Hargreaves Hindle, who was a former student, and whose generous bequest has supported Science students for many years.

The new block houses the latest technology and is highly energy efficient, benefiting from both solar power and thermal glass to supplement more traditional energy sources.

A new reception area provides an excellent environment to greet the many people who visit us from all over the world. An extensive display facility also enables us to exhibit our many sporting trophies alongside examples of students' work and gifts from our foreign partners.



Biology lesson: Stephanie Grange, Year 10, in one of the new Science labs.

Historic celebration

ON July 4th, we held a celebration dinner to mark the 400 years that this school has been educating the young people of Otley.

Our keynote speaker, Greg Mulholland MP, talked eloquently about the history and tradition of Prince Henry's.

The food was expertly prepared and served by our chef and catering staff. Many former students and staff attended, and we were overwhelmed by the number of compliments we received.

Pride in our achievements

As the school celebrates its 400th anniversary, we take a look at some of our outstanding success stories



Art award

THE Art Department recently received the nationally recognised 'Good Schools Award' for the second year running. The award was achieved at A-level, with particular attention focused on raising boys' achievement.

Curriculum Leader for Art Shane Green said: "The Art Department recognises that an excellent working relationship of mutual respect and a passion for creativity are the main factors behind this achievement and congratulates all students who make up our A-level course, both past and present."

Creative passion: Sixth Form Art students Andrew Mulligan, Asis Patel, Alex Lunn and Matthew Johnson.



Taste of China: Louise Mitchell, Stefan Epler-Snow, Andrew Cook, Alice Humphrys and Rosanna Bellini, Year 10.

Chinese exchange

A GROUP of Year 10 pupils recently visited Xuejun High School in Hangzhou, our partner school in China. The link was established in 2001.

Since then, more than 80 pupils and staff have taken part in the exchange.

Assistant Headteacher Delia Orton, who accompanied this year's group with Trevor Davidson, Head of Sixth

Form, said: "This unique opportunity allowed pupils to live with a Chinese family and take part in a school day with their exchange partner. We were able to experience a completely different culture, and the visits to the China Tea Museum, Tianmu Mountain, Six Harmonious Pagoda and the West Lake were awe inspiring."



Postcard from Durban

PUPILS studying GCSE Geography recently visited Durban in South Africa.

The trip included time working in our partner school, Earlington, in the Phoenix township area, and a visit from the Education Minister for Kwa-Zulu Natal.

The pupils also did some sightseeing, including trips to U-Shaka Zulu theme park, Kwa-Marshu (a large 'black township') and a safari to the Hluhluwe Game Reserve.

Teacher June Brighthouse said: "In Kwa-Marshu we saw at first hand the stereotypical, informal settlement. Our guide stressed that it is the future that is important, rather than the inequities of the past. We saw houses being upgraded and new houses being built. At the Art Centre, they invited us to try 'walky-talky', a stew made of chicken heads and feet. But they were also working on e-Mac computers. This kind of juxtaposition is evident everywhere."

On your marks!

YEAR 8 pupils recently took part in a cross-curricular Activity Day on the theme of the 2012 Olympic Games in London.

Pupils were involved in designing Olympic-themed T-shirts, sports drinks, nutritional sports bars and kites, as well as taking part in drama productions.

Year 8 will be taking their GCSE examinations in 2012, so the purpose of the day was to raise awareness that exam preparation is essential, in a similar way to the athletes who will compete for our country in 2012.

A small group of pupils also designed an emblem that now represents Year 8 (Practice Honours Great Success).

Spotlight on Media Studies



PUPILS taking Media Studies at Prince Henry's have the opportunity to take part in a variety of stimulating activities.

It is not surprising, therefore, that Media Studies student Rowan Purvis has achieved one of the top ten marks in the country for Applied Media A-level.

Media Studies pupils, including the 15 students who have signed up for the new Film Studies A-level course, now also have access to the new video editing suite.

Meanwhile, GCSE pupils recently spent the day at the Derek Fatchett City Learning Centre taking workshops in video production, digital photography, chroma key technology and special effects make-up.

Year 11 BTEC pupils are also completing their animation project to promote healthy lifestyles using plasticine models, which will be shown to local primary schools.

Last but not least, Curriculum Leader Sian Ellis has started the CISCO IT Essentials course, run by the school's ICT technicians, with a small group of Year 12 students.

Picture of good health: Jordan Brown and Joshua Whitley, Year 11, with their plasticine animation models.

Love of English literature

IN September, 21 pupils in Years 7 and 8 met the children's author Michael Morpurgo at Leeds Town Hall, at an event celebrating the National Year of Reading. The former children's laureate talked about some of his fantastic stories, including his new book *Kasper: Prince of Cats*. The event, held in the beautiful grandeur of the Victorian hall, also marked the opening of Leeds Town Hall by Queen Victoria 150 years ago.

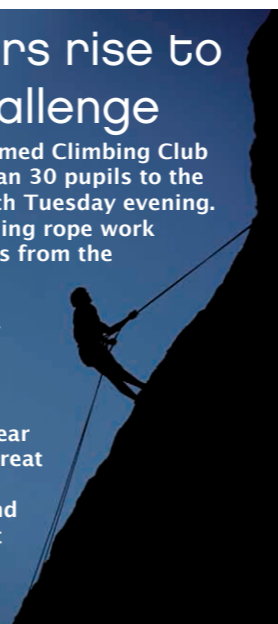
In July, more than 30 students studying AS English Literature spent a day in Haworth visiting the Bronte Parsonage Museum and walking in the footsteps of the Bronte sisters. Back at school, the students delivered presentations to each other on modern writers and significant periods in English Literature.



Climbers rise to the challenge

THE newly formed Climbing Club takes more than 30 pupils to the Leeds Wall each Tuesday evening. They are learning rope work and techniques from the instructors and testing themselves by climbing the overhangs.

Hannah Davidson in Year 11 said: "It's great fun doing a challenging and different sport with your friends."



War games: David Ohren, Scott Mondon, Owain Hughes, Louis Tucker and Zack Leather, Year 7, with teacher Ben Colliard.

Library aids learning

THE school Library gives pupils the opportunity to explore a wide variety of interests.

More than 20 pupils in Years 7 to 10 meet there after school on Tuesdays to take part in the re-launched Wargaming Club. Contact Mr Colliard if you are interested in creating and painting miniatures used to fight exciting fantasy and sci-fi battles.

Chess Club tournaments also run every

Wednesday lunchtime for pupils in Years 7 and 8.

Last half-term, the Information Library purchased a wide range of books with a mathematical theme, ranging from works of fiction such as *The Number Devil*, to those that may help you to improve your skills, like *Math Doesn't Suck*. If you think that Maths and Literature don't mix, why not borrow one of these books and find out for yourself?

Force for positive change

IN September, Sixth Form students Annabelle Oddy, Emma Eglington and Shahnoor Amin accompanied teacher Julia Alltoft to the PeaceJam Global Call to Action conference in Los Angeles.

More than 2,000 young people from around the world joined six Nobel Peace Prize winners at the conference, the aim of PeaceJam being to inspire young people in their own projects.

Our students were privileged to present a film made by the Prince Henry's Amnesty International Group to Desmond Tutu.



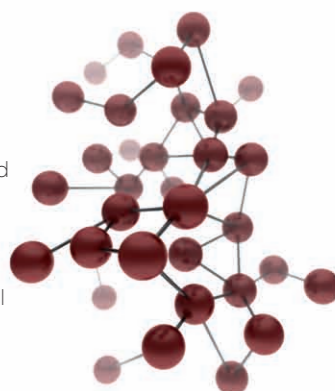
Inspirational meeting: Shahnoor Amin, Year 12, and Annabelle Oddy and Emma Eglington, Year 13, with teacher Julia Alltoft and Rehana Minhas from Education Leeds with Desmond Tutu.

Science under the microscope

FORTY Gifted and Talented pupils in Year 9 took part in a scientific workshop, organised by the Biology Department.

Pupils had the opportunity to develop essential practical skills relating to microscopy, and to learn about historical events leading to the development of light and electron microscopes.

Meanwhile, A2 Biology students took part in the annual Biology field trip to Boggle Hole and Robin Hood's Bay where they collected data for their A2 statistics module.





Joining the squad: Ellie Barker, Ellie Hargreaves, Ellie Preston, Beth Firth and Olivia Coyle, Year 9.

Sports stars

WE are proud of the individual sporting achievements of our pupils, and former students. These include:

- **Lizzie Armitstead**, former student - three times gold medalist in the World Track Cycling Championships
- **Richard Rhodes** - selected for England U18s rugby squad
- **Ellie Hargreaves** - U14 Yorkshire basketball development squad
- **Amy Quinn, Karmen Luu, Julia Craggs, Hannah Brearley and Alex Parkin** - Leeds Schools U13 netball squad
- **Ellie Hargreaves, Ellie Barker, Ellie Preston and Olivia Coyle** - Leeds Schools U14 netball squad
- **Beth Firth and Holly Cooper** - U14 West Yorkshire netball squad
- **Zoe Coates (U16), Ella Rembacken and Rachel Till (U14)** - selected West Yorkshire hockey squad
- **Danny Care**, former student - first choice scrum half for England
- **Adam Kerridge** - U16 British karate (kumite) champion

National player: Richard Rhodes, Year 13.



Top selection: Zoe Coates, Year 11, and Rachel Till and Ella Rembacken, Year 10.



Sports in brief

- This year's Sports Prefects are Zoe Coates, Richard Goakes, Andrew Major, Casey Brownbill, Jo Hargreaves and David Amos.
- The Club Captains are Stephen and Stuart Costello (rugby), Ria Rembacken (netball), Rianne Woodham (cross-country), Nicc Hewitt (football) and George Huntley (cricket).
- Key Stage 4 Dance groups are leading successful Dance sessions for younger pupils at The Whartons Primary School.
- The NVQ rugby team beat fellow 'Academy' side Sale 15-13 in a nailbiting match.
- U13 and U14 netballers have secured their position for the third consecutive year as Leeds Schools Invitation Tournament Champions.
- All four rugby teams beat Sedburgh in a recent fixture.
- The 1st XV rugby squad drew 21-21 with The Grammar School at Leeds and go through to the next round of the Daily Mail Cup on the away rule.
- The cross-country squads started the season well with pupils in Years 7 and 8 gaining first or second place.

Kitted out

THE Year 10 football team is sporting new kit, thanks to the generous sponsorship of Jeremy Leeds of the Parkside Hotel, who is the father of Year 10 pupil James Leeds.

Dean Hyam, manager of the Year 10 football team, commented: "The boys really look the part in their new kit, and hopefully they will have a successful season."



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