

in view

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Prince Henry's Grammar School
Specialist Language College

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Tuned in

Praise for our students'
musical performances



Proud of the past, prepared for the future

Better building for Science

WORK is under way on the construction of the new Science facility. The planned area is linked to the existing buildings by an internal street that will allow our pupils to travel around the school in much more comfort, protected from the elements.

The two-storey construction has the additional advantage of a lift to ensure that people with mobility problems are fully catered for.

In a recent ceremony to mark the start of our new building, our contractors and invited guests watched as our youngest student turned the first piece of turf.



Laying the foundations: Year 9 pupils Adam Rothwell and Poppy Palmer with Headteacher John Steel on the building site.

School celebrates proud history

ON 30 April 1607 King James I signed the Royal Charter which established the Free Grammar School of Prince Henry in Otley. To mark our 400th anniversary, the school has issued a limited-edition commemorative badge to all staff and students.

In this, our 400th year, Prince Henry's has become internationally known as a centre of excellence for the work we do with our partners across the world. Our success as a Specialist Language College means that we now regularly host visitors from overseas.

Lifesavers in training

YEAR 7 pupils have been through the "Heartstart" emergency life-support course, learning how to deal with choking, shock, bleeding, chest pains and heart failure. They also gained the skills to administer cardio-pulmonary resuscitation.

The course is part-funded by the British Heart Foundation because 70 per cent of

people requiring resuscitation are suffering from cardiac arrest. There are more than 300,000 heart attack casualties in the UK every year and only one per cent of the UK population knows how to deal with a non-breathing, unconscious casualty. The course was a great success, with every pupil gaining their certificate. Four staff members also qualified.

News in brief

- Prince Henry's was awarded the **Inclusion Chartermark** in December 2003, recognising the commitment, opportunities and individual attention given to all pupils. In December 2006, the Regional Inclusion Chartermark team visited school again. They were hosted by pupils for the day and our Chartermark for Inclusion was revalidated.

- Congratulations to Naomi Hemingway, Year 10, who has progressed to the next stage of the **Miss Teen Queen UK** competition. Naomi decided to enter after visiting the NEC Birmingham National Fashion Show. So far, she has been awarded an expenses-paid photoshoot at Fairlight Studios.

- After working for a year in a Madrid primary school, **former Prince Henry's student Laura Bye** is now writing her degree dissertation on the problems faced by gypsy families in Spain. Through her work she has been in touch with a Spanish film director making a documentary on the issue.



Heart of the matter: Year 7 pupil Beth Stevens.

A culture of creative enterprise is thriving in school

Entrepreneurial ideas into action

ALAN Sugar, Richard Branson, James Dyson and Bill Gates are all famous entrepreneurs who have succeeded in a competitive world. But entrepreneurs aren't just found in business. Jane Tomlinson was diagnosed with terminal cancer in 2000, and since then she has shown that anything is possible - raising more than £1m for charity.

Having great ideas is the starting point, but the critical ingredient is doing something about them.

Recently we were delighted to be awarded a grant of more than £10,000 to develop enterprise education at Key Stage 3. Stimulating activities will give pupils the opportunity to develop problem-solving skills, creativity, a "can-do" attitude, risk-taking and team-working skills.



Sweet taste of success

PUPILS in Years 7 and 8 were challenged to use their enterprise skills to make and sell products at a Prince Henry's seasonal fair. More than 40 groups of pupils sold products ranging from handmade bags, scarves, gift boxes and cards.

Pupils developed their skills in decision making, problem solving, team work and communication.

Enterprise skills were further developed when Year 7 pupils made and sold products for a Charity event raising more than £500.



BBC Beat the Boss champs

IN February, Prince Henry's was approached by the BBC in search of budding young entrepreneurs. Year 7 pupils Abbie Walker and Rhiann Mirchandani-Cooper were selected out of hundreds of young hopefuls to appear on the show.

The girls were pitted against a team of "hot-shot" business executives to design the ultimate pet-carrying case. They went to London to present their "Pet Paradise" to a panel of experts and were crowned *Beat the Boss* winners.

Abbie says: "Taking part in *Beat the Boss* has made me more confident and I feel I am more able to express my opinions and ideas."

Best feet forward

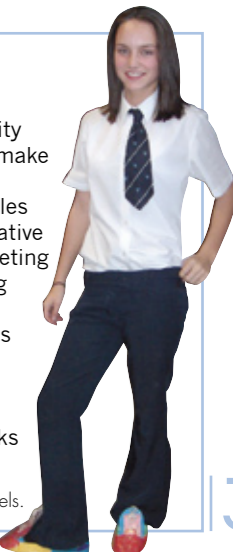
YEAR 9 pupils took part in a day-long enterprise activity - Cobblers! With limited resources, the teams had to make a revolutionary new pair of shoes.

Each team presented a marketing campaign and sales pitch to a panel of judges. They were assessed on creative designs, presentation skills, tenacious marketing ideas and team-working abilities. Presenting their ideas in front of the Year Group and a member of the senior leadership team was a challenge the students met head on.

The highlight of the day was the fantastically creative shoe designs, which could have graced the catwalks of Milan or Paris.



Fabulous footwear: Lauren Daniels.



Education goes global

IT has been another record year for visits abroad, with some 350 students taking part in 15 trips and exchanges, including:

- Year 9 French exchange (Montereau)
 - Year 10-13 German exchange (Aachen)
 - Year 11/13 Spanish trip (Córdoba)
 - Year 12 French exchange (Lille)
 - Year 8 Spanish trip (Barcelona)
 - Year 7 French trip (Boulogne)
 - Year 7 German trip (Cologne)
- Assistant Headteacher Chris Lillington, says: "Visits like these help to prepare our pupils to become citizens of a global community. They give them a chance to taste something of another culture, to practise their language skills and reconsider their preconceptions."

Visitors make cultural connection

WHILE it's important for our students to travel abroad, it's even more important for them to work alongside and get to know young people from other countries. This year, we welcomed four international students into Year 12: Ewout Schoemakers from Holland, Emily Palmer from Germany, Ayse Akbas from Turkey and Lara Marchesi from Argentina.

Lara Marchesi said: "This experience was a wonderful opportunity to get to know a new culture and establish new friendships."

International guests: Ewout Schoemakers, Lara Marchesi, Emily Palmer and Ayse Akbas.



Pan-European partnerships

PUPILS and staff have been working alongside their counterparts in ten other European countries on a range of curriculum projects.

As part of a three-year "Comenius Project" focusing on folklore, we welcomed 30 teachers and pupils from our partner schools in Poland and Italy.

During the five-day visit, Prince Henry's pupils and their guests took part in Food Technology, Music and Dance workshops. The visit culminated in a Cultural Celebration Evening attended by 200 people, with performances from pupils, a ceilidh band and Morris dancing. Our Cookery Club spent the day preparing traditional English dishes, including shepherd's pie and apple crumble. Pupils are now working together to produce a cookery book of traditional English, Italian and Polish recipes.

Prince Henry's teachers have been sharing good practice with colleagues from partner schools in Germany, Belgium, Cyprus, Estonia and Romania as part of another Comenius Project. Teachers from the five schools visited Otley to look at how ICT is

Cook time: Christopher Rawlings and Samantha Newlove, Year 9, produced traditional English food.



used across the curriculum. As part of the four-day programme, Head of Media Studies Sian Ellis organised a movie-making project.

Our budding journalists have also been writing for a special European newspaper, "DEFRIT", produced by pupils from six European schools. Tom Nutland and Tom Rowling, Year 10, and Martyn Hannah and Katie Needham, Year 12, have all had articles printed.



In the news: Katie Needham with an edition of Defrit newspaper.



Out and about: Choi Yi Chan, Amy Peters, Rosanna Bellini, Alyssa Ghajar-Beigy, Fergus McManus and Alice Humphrys.

A world of experiences

Overseas trips and projects with all corners of the world help our pupils to become responsible and enlightened global citizens

African extravaganza

EIGHT pupils and two staff travelled to our partner school in Earlington, South Africa, to take part in fieldwork that they will use as part of their GCSE Geography coursework. They also went on safari at Hluhluwe Game Reserve and visited the bush school at Intibane. It was an incredible experience.

Closer to home, pupils taking GCSE and A-level Music courses took part in African drumming workshops. They learned to play African percussion instruments, coached by Alison Lyon, an experienced drummer and African music enthusiast. The experience gave students a valuable insight into African music.



Unforgettable trip: Year 10 and 11 pupils in South Africa.

In touch with Italy

DURING Easter, more than 50 Sixth Form students and staff explored the historical sites of northern Italy on a History Department trip. Highlights included the huge Roman amphitheatre at Verona, St Mark's Square in Venice and a medieval evening.

In July, 40 students travelled to Italy to perform music to Italian audiences. Members of PHOJO, the concert band and senior choir played concerts in the Lake Garda area and visited Venice and the Verona Opera. Head of Music Lucy Greenwood said this was a wonderful opportunity for our musicians to perform abroad.



Roman legion: Year 12 students meet the locals.



Students remember the fallen

Fitting tribute: Rowan Purvis and Robert Froude, Year 12.

A GROUP of 22 Year 12 students had the honour of representing Leeds on a special trip to Belgium and France, organised by Leeds City Council. They visited Ypres and the Menin Gate, before taking part in a ceremony to commemorate the losses suffered by the "Leeds Pals" battalion at the Battle of the Somme on 1 July 1916, when 20,000 British soldiers lost their lives in a single day.

Musical pair hit the high notes

SENIOR musicians performed at All Saints Church in Otley in May, and vicar Graham Buttanshaw praised our "high levels of performance".

A-level Music students Sam

Bennett, Year 13, and David Major, Year 12, both featured as soloists in the concert. Sam, a keen jazz saxophonist, chose to perform with the Leeds Jazz Rock Orchestra, while David performed a Bach trio on the clarinet.



Musicians of note: David Major and Sam Bennett.

Psychology dissected

YEAR 13 Psychology and Biology students took part in "Brain Day" – a presentation by university lecturer Dr Guy Sutton on the physiology of the brain. Kitted out in protective specs and gloves, the students observed the dissection of a sheep brain, as well as taking part in online activities. They learned about the physiological effects of alcohol on the nervous system, and the biological basis of mental disorders.



Bookworms pick prizewinner

PUPILS took part in the first Leeds Children's Book Award, which involved reading as many short-listed books as possible. Meetings were held in the library to discuss the books with friends, teachers

and the librarian, and pupils voted for their favourite.

Jessica Rothwell, Year 8, says: "There was a good selection of books this year and some new authors."

Also in the library, we have formed a new Bridge Club, run by a volunteer.

"It's a lot of fun and everyone who plays has a great time," says Year 9 pupil, Jack Richings.



Anatomical evidence: Year 7 pupils Emily Newton and Hannah Crabtree.

Science for everyone

THIRTY Year 10 pupils took part in a forensic science workshop at Leeds University to mark National Science Week, sampling a variety of forensic techniques.

Year 13 Chemistry groups went on a successful revision weekend to Holly How Youth Hostel in Coniston, in an effort to boost their exam grades.

The Year 7 Science group ran every Friday lunchtime from October through to Easter, with pupils given a different problem to solve each week.

Ashfield Primary School Year 6 pupils and their teacher visited us to conduct experiments in our laboratories. They all earned certificates after completing a Science Passport.



Chemical analysis: Year 7 pupil Zach Warden in the lab.



Friends give healthy advice

AS part of their A-level Health and Social Care course, Lucy Moxon and Jade Collins had to devise a Health Education Campaign and deliver it to their target audience. They identified the problem of "binge drinking" and decided that their fellow students would be the ideal target group.

After interviewing other students they produced a very effective display that provides information on the damaging effects of alcohol. "We hope our work will discourage friends from partying too hard when they go to university and encourage them to drink sensibly," said Lucy and Jade.

Health education: Lucy Moxon, Year 13, with her display.

Pioneering trip for primary pupils

OUR commitment to developing foreign languages in primary schools continues.

Year 6 children from Adel Primary School were the first primary-age pupils from Leeds to have a stay abroad when they travelled to Malaga in Spain recently. They visited famous sites and had a day

in their partner school. Headteacher Steve Boothroyd says: "We now plan to make this an annual study visit."

Year 6 pupils from feeder primary schools visited the Languages ICT suite last term to record "café dialogues" using our Moviemaker software.

Quality design: Edward Bailey, Year 13, made a snowboard.



Technical excellence

New ideas on board

YEAR 13 student Edward Bailey has designed and manufactured an outstanding quality snowboard, using the latest materials as employed in professional snowboard manufacture. The board's mould was designed and built at Prince Henry's. The final assembly was undertaken with the assistance of James Patrick at Leeds Grammar School.

Material world

YEAR 9 pupils attended a gifted and talented workshop with textile artist Marilyn DeLorenzi Waters. They worked alongside Marilyn to experiment with a range of textile techniques. Meanwhile, Year 10 pupils took part in the scrap fashion competition and combined their artistic flair with their passion for fashion to create unique products made from old waste materials.

Natalie Cohen, Year 10, says: "I got the inspiration for my theme from the hippy ideas of the 1970s, where a bold, bright palette of colours was used. I wanted to give it a modern twist, so I decided to turn my jeans into a corset."

Passion for pasta

ALISTAIR Whieldon, Year 11, won a "Passion for Pasta" competition run by Craven College in Skipton. He designed a main course dish and salad within a specified budget. The dish was "sausage carbonara", a tasty meal of meatballs on linguine with a smooth creamy sauce. His prize was a Mediterranean book.

Meanwhile, pupils across the school have taken part in a cookery competition, which has been promoted by EBLEX. Entrants had to design a dish incorporating minced beef. Participants were judged by John Dean and Andrew Rice, the school chef. The lucky winner will be able to oversee their dish being served on the menu in Henry's.

Good sports at the table

FOUR Year 7 pupils triumphed in a table-tennis competition against schools from the north of Leeds. Ellie Preston, Olivia Gooch, Rob Atkinson and Kieran North played singles and won the local trophy,

which put them through to the all-Leeds final. Here, against stiff competition, they finished in third place. All were extremely sportsmanlike in victory and defeat.



On the ball: Olivia Gooch, Ellie Preston, Kieran North and Rob Atkinson, Year 7.

Footy firsts scoop the cup



Team players: The First XI football team.

OUR First XI football team competed in the final of the Leeds Schools Cup, against Benton Park School. Jack Cheetham, Year 13, put Prince Henry's ahead and a superb goal by Greg Lambert Tutill, Year 12, three minutes from the end sealed an excellent victory.

The man-of-the-match award went to Josh Waite, Year 11, although all team members put in an outstanding performance.

Champions at the net

IN celebration of this year's catalogue of successes in netball, we splashed out on some new team kit. Simon Coates of "Finnings" is our first-ever sponsor for girl's sport, and without his assistance we wouldn't have been able to update our image.

Summary of successes:

- Champions of the U12, U13 and U14 Leeds School Invitation Tournament.
- Champions of the U13 and U14 Leeds Schools League.
- Champions of the U13 Leeds School Tournament.

Net result: The Year 7, 8 and 9 team.



Rugby's runaway winners

SIX rugby teams were entered into the Aire Wharfe Cup. Four (U13, U14, U15 and the First XV) won their competitions, with the other two teams coming close to victory. This exceptional outcome was the result of a season's hard work.

Players have shown dedication over the year, training up to four or five times a week. This wouldn't have been possible if it wasn't for Dean Hyam, Peter Bell, Mathew Stockdale and Peter Latham giving their free time to help.

Rugby result: William Rigg, Year 8, Ieuan Cranswick, Year 12, and Jack Lester, Year 9.



Sports in brief

● **Alex Black**, who moved to Prince Henry's at the start of the year to follow the NVQ in Sporting Excellence, was selected to play rugby for Scotland U17. Alex has worked extremely hard over the year and has been rewarded with an international cap.

● Former Prince Henry's pupil **Danny Care** captained the England rugby union U20 team in the Six Nations tournament, leading the team to victories over Scotland and Italy and a draw with Wales. Hopefully we will see Danny representing the full England squad in the near future.

● **Charlotte James**, a member of the Skyrac Athletic Club, collected a bronze medal at the Yorkshire Track and Field Championships with a personal best of 26.5 seconds.



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