

in view

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A photograph of four young boys in school uniforms. They are gathered around a table, looking at a red and blue robot. The boy in the foreground is smiling broadly. The boy next to him is wearing glasses and looking at the robot. The boy behind him is also smiling. The boy in the background is looking towards the camera. The robot is a small, red and blue structure with a blue sensor or camera on top. The background is a plain wall with a door.

University challenge

Robotics Club enter
an international
competition

Proud of the past, prepared for the future



Kitchen angels: New chef Andy Rice with team members Rosemary Thompson, Julie Bowman, Thistlethwaite, Lorraine Kerr and Leanne Sumner.

New buildings, new courses – new Food!

PRINCE Henry's is benefiting from major changes this year. Our 11 new state-of-the-art Science laboratories are now nearly finished, housed in a fine Yorkshire stone building along the school's east wing. It is hoped that a member of the Royal Family will officially open the building early next year. In addition, new chef Andy Rice's menus are proving extremely popular, offering high-quality, healthy options together with tremendous value for money.

Examination results this year have been excellent, with many new courses assessed for the first time. At A-level, 21 out of 26 courses obtained 100 per cent pass rates, as did 20 GCSE courses. Finally, BTEC courses in Art, Media Studies, Business, Animal Care, Public Services Preparation, Horticulture and Construction are providing much wider opportunities for all our pupils.

John Steel, Headteacher

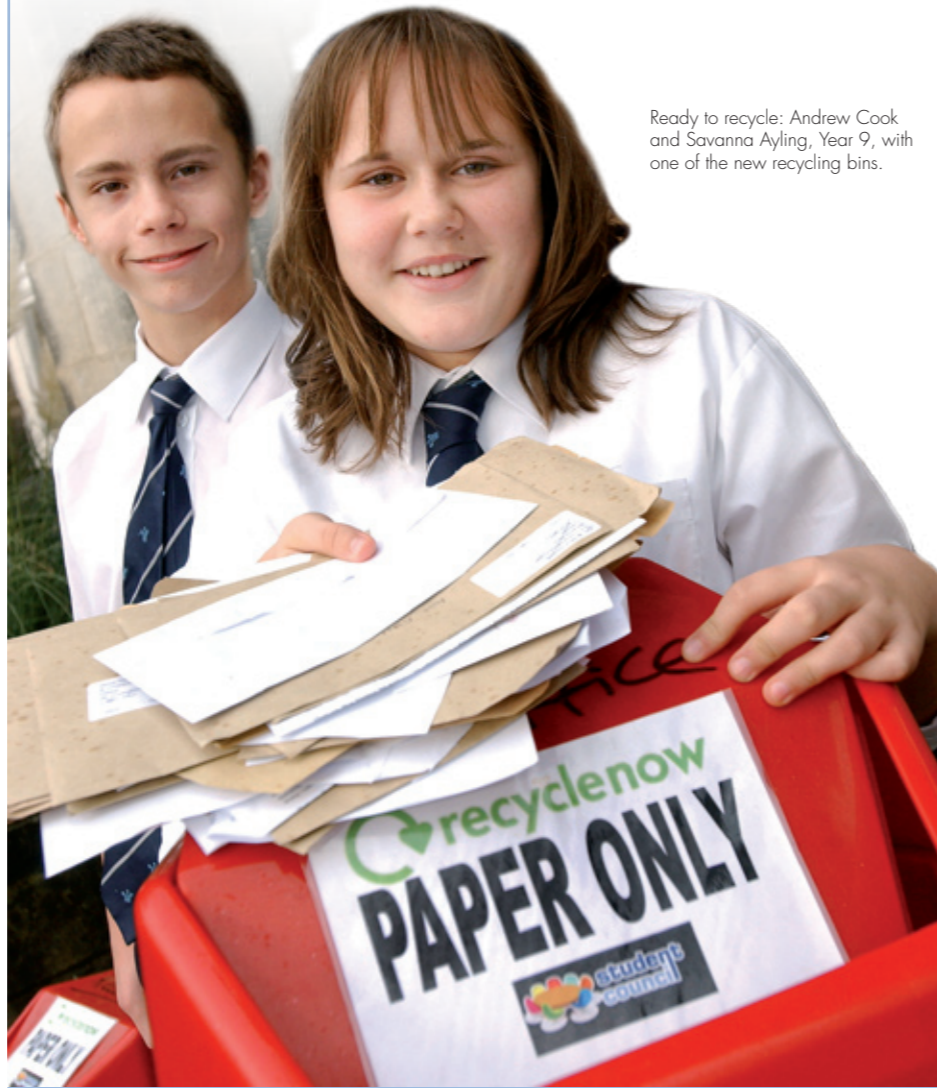
School Council elections

THE Student Council's electoral process has changed this year. Form Reps were given the opportunity to put themselves forward to represent their year group as leaders on the Student Council, which is chaired by Head Boy Tom Featherstone.

Following their election, the leaders were invited to attend a one-day training session at Otley Courthouse, which was attended by Leeds North West MP Greg Mulholland. One of the Student Council's achievements has been pioneering the recycling of paper throughout school.



Party conference: MP Greg Mulholland discusses the issues with pupils.



Ready to recycle: Andrew Cook and Savanna Ayling, Year 9, with one of the new recycling bins.

'Look North' makes anniversary visit

AS part of events to mark Prince Henry's 400th anniversary, we contacted BBC Look North to ask if the school could be included in their feature on Yorkshire towns with something to celebrate. During the visit, Look North presenters Harry Gratton and Christa Ackroyd talked to pupils about why the school is so successful, saw an exhibition of Year 12 and 13 A-level design and textile work and watched the school's netball team practice.

Happy birthday: Look North news anchors Christa Ackroyd and Harry Gratton with Year 10 pupils Adam Kerridge, Alex Thomas, Caroline Walton, Lauren Wilson, Kathryn Bennett, Laurie Haines and Lewis Pollard.



Stand up for peace

SIXTH Form students from our Amnesty International Group attended a conference in Newcastle on 20 October, where we took part in a demonstration to launch the Unsubscribe campaign for human rights. Joe Simpson, Lenja Rohlfing and teacher Julia Alltoft also walked barefoot from Broughton to Malham Cove, raising more than £500 for Amnesty International.



Peace walk: Joe Simpson, Year 9, and Lenja Rohlfing, Year 10.



On 21 September, the UN International Day of Peace, four pupils attended Respect for all Faiths at Leeds Civic Hall. Terry Waite OBE was the keynote speaker and the Mayor presented Vaishnavi Khular, Year 9, with a badge for speaking at the event.



Light a candle: Teacher Julia Alltoft with Alisdair Tebbutt, Rebecca Krengel, Jack Collins and Vicky Wilson, Year 12.

Year 12 Religious Studies students went to a PeaceJam ambassadors event in November, as preparation for a weekend of workshops with Guatemalan Nobel Peace Prize winner Rigoberta Menchu Tum in March. The students have also been invited to the global conference in Costa Rica, which will be attended by ten Nobel Peace Prize winners including Desmond Tutu and the Dalai Lama.

Musicians learn about performance

OPERA North treated Music pupils to a workshop on Verdi's opera *Falstaff* in October. The professionals taught pupils all about the plot, characters and music, before the group saw the production at Leeds' Grand Theatre. Thom Wilkinson, Year 13, said: "I really enjoyed the workshop, and the opera was much more relevant afterwards."

Year 9 pupils have been working with music practitioners on extended services project "Inside Out", run by Education Leeds Artforms. The group, which meets after school on Mondays, works on performing songs and learning new musical skills.

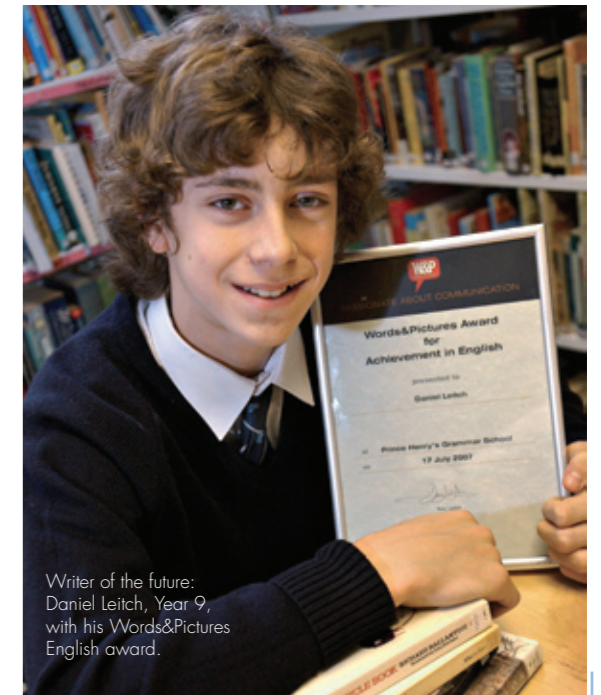
In November, school musicians also performed at the Otley Beer Festival, and at the switching-on of Otley's Christmas lights.

Voyage of literary discovery

ABORIGINAL novelist Boori Prior and William Nicholson, the British writer of the screenplay for hit film *Gladiator*, addressed pupils attending the Ilkley Literature Festival. In addition, new English teacher Paul Giddings organised a workshop with linguist Sarah Adams, exploring Australian slang.

A-level English Literature and Drama groups are visiting Shakespeare's Globe Theatre and the National Theatre to see the critically acclaimed play *Women of Troy*. Year 12 are also enjoying cinema visits to see films including *Atonement* and *Elizabeth: The Golden Age*.

Closer to home, Daniel Leitch, Year 9, won the prestigious Words&Pictures English Award, celebrating outstanding achievement in writing.



Writer of the future: Daniel Leitch, Year 9, with his Words&Pictures English award.

- A record 37 pupils gained the top Key Stage 3 grade of **Level 8 in Maths**. This figure is the best ever achieved at Prince Henry's – and could even be the best result in Leeds this year!

- Education Leeds has enabled Prince Henry's to investigate offering the **International Baccalaureate** to Sixth Form students from September 2009.

- Jacob Pratt, Year 9, marked the **anniversary of the Battle of the Somme** by visiting Ypres in Belgium, where he gave a speech to a 5,000-strong crowd including the Queen and other members of the Royal Family.

Design on display

THE Design and Technology department's annual Product Design exhibition this year included some outstanding work produced by Year 12 and 13 students for their individual projects, including Product Design 3D items and Product Design textiles. The exhibition is always a great opportunity for students to share their success with parents, teachers, friends and visitors from other schools.



Haute couture at Prince Henry's

A-LEVEL textiles students will be visiting the Clothes Show Live at the NEC in Birmingham this term. We hope the visit will prove a major benefit to students when producing innovative products for their coursework. A local fashion designer will also be visiting Prince Henry's to teach students about constructing and decorating original garments. Congratulations to Ruth Taylor, Samantha Cockshott and Nicola Verity, Year 13, who won the "Rags to Riches" competition in Otley on 25 October. The girls designed and made three original outfits, based on a pirate theme, by recycling clothes from charity shops. The trio were overjoyed to have won, and received £200 prize money for their hard work.

Oo-arr me hearties! Ruth Taylor, Amy Coates and Samantha Cockshott, Year 13, model the prize-winning outfits.



Sustainable souvenirs: Simon Williams, Philip Britteon, Rosie Richardson and Olivia Thompson, Year 10, with some of their creations.

Triumphs in technology

Our pupils' skills in cookery, clothing and product design come to the fore

Pupil wins battle of the beef

DAISY Cox, Year 11, won Leeds' Quality Standard Beef Mince Young Chef Challenge, an initiative launched by the English Beef and Lamb Executive (EBLEX), to find talented chefs of the future. The finalists battled it out in cook-offs, in which they cooked their own original recipes featuring Quality Standard beef mince that were then judged by celebrity chef James Martin.

Daisy wowed the judges with her Beef Enchiladas with Chocolate, winning professional chef whites and a signed certificate, as well as £200 worth of vouchers towards cookery equipment for the school.

James Martin said: "Huge congratulations to Daisy! Her recipe scored top marks for producing an original, nutritious dish that was very nicely presented."



What's cooking?

OUR Food Technology Cookery Club has been busy this term deciding on, testing and, of course, tasting various traditional British recipes, as part of a collaboration with our partner schools in Italy and Poland to create a cookbook featuring native food. The finished recipe book will be available for sale in the near future.

Congratulations also to the Year 10 Food Technology group, who successfully raised £35.14 for Macmillan Cancer Research by giving up their own time to bake and sell cookies outside the school.

Souvenirs to remember

AS part of their GCSE Product Design coursework, Year 10 pupils visited Harewood House in October, to design and make souvenirs to promote the attraction and perhaps be sold in its shops. The group created sustainable souvenirs, some even used materials

foraged from Harewood's grounds! Jennifer Auty, Education Officer at Harewood, visited pupils in November to judge their finished products. We hope this successful trip will be the start of many, as we begin to build a partnership link between Prince Henry's and Harewood.



All-round achiever

CHRIS Bevan, Year 12, lives at Inglewood Children's Home in Otley. Since he arrived at Prince Henry's, he has been involved with extra-curricular activities, taking lead roles in our musical productions *Little Shop of Horrors*, *Les Misérables* and *Grease*, and representing the school on the South African exchange in Durban. Despite his outside commitments, Chris also attained fantastic GCSE results, and his achievements have been recognised by the Fischer Family Trust as the best value added performance in our school.

Teacher Pat Stokey said: "Chris is the first student from Inglewood Children's Home to stay on in the Sixth Form. All the staff are immensely proud of his achievements and his engagement with the opportunities offered to him. We look forward to sharing Chris's future successes."

Star of stage and school: Chris Bevan, Year 12.

Award for sporting inspiration

RYANN Lambert-Tuthill, Year 11, has been awarded the Margaret Crossfield Trophy for perseverance in sport. Ryann had bone cancer as a child, which meant his left thigh bone had to be replaced with a titanium prosthesis. Despite this, Ryann has proved to be a committed, enthusiastic and successful sportsman and competes in PE with all of the other pupils. He plays cricket for Otley Cricket Club, and has been selected to join the Yorkshire Disabled Cricket Squad.

Biologists on the beach

BIOLOGY students in Year 13 went on a two-day residential field trip to Robin Hood's Bay, North Yorkshire in October. The group learned a variety of ecological study techniques as part of their A-level work. Appalling weather conditions made it very difficult to examine rock pools on the beach, but morale wasn't affected – and fish and chips on the second day revived everybody's spirits for the journey home.



Sea, sand and rain: Sixth Form biologists get stuck into studying on the beach at Robin Hood's Bay.



Bienvenue à Otley: French exchange pupils from Montereau on their visit to the school, with Otley Town Mayor Councillor, Neville Birch and Otley Bellman Paddy Steval.

French visitors enjoy Otley

PRINCE Henry's recently welcomed staff and pupils from Collège Paul Eluard, in Otley's French twin town of Montereau. During their week-long visit, the guests met the Mayor of Otley, Councillor Neville Birch, at a special reception at Otley Civic Centre. Other highlights included lessons in school, where the French group learnt how to make flapjack, and visits to Haworth, Saltaire, the Thackray Medical Museum

and the National Media Museum in Bradford. Year 9 pupils will be paying a return visit to Montereau in February 2008. Elsewhere, the North East Leeds City Learning Centre invited pupils from Leeds high schools to an "international" talent show held to celebrate European Day of Languages. Lucy Watmough, Year 11, scooped top honours after she sang *The Sound of Music* in Mandarin Chinese.

Art teacher's American exchange

HEAD of Art Shane Green has just returned from Pennsylvania, USA, where he taught metal, ceramic, plaster and mixed media sculpture at Manheim Central High School. His pupils went on to win awards at the National Scholarship Competition.

He now hopes to set up a similar experience for GCSE, AS and A-level students at Prince Henry's. He has put the American students' work online – anyone who would like to view it should contact Shane Green direct.



Prince Henry's goes global

AS part of our Comenius Project with Italy and Poland, eight students from Years 12 and 13 took part in a five-day visit to our partner school Liceo Statale Scientifico Federico II in Altamura, Italy. The three-year project examines different aspects of folklore and culture, such as food, religion, music and medicine and will culminate in a joint English-Italian-Polish recipe book, produced by

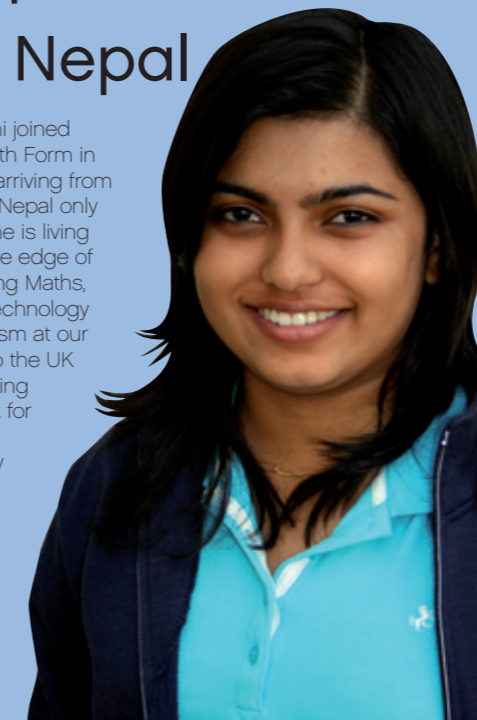
students, in the spring.

In addition, Year 10 pupils had an early taste of China's Olympic Games when they joined their counterparts on Sports Day at Xuejun High School, our Chinese partner school in Hangzhou. Other highlights of the nine-day trip included visits to Wuzheng water town, Lingyin Temple and the city's most famous attraction, the West Lake.

Visitor From Nepal

PRATIKSHA Pageni joined Prince Henry's Sixth Form in September, after arriving from our link school in Nepal only the day before. She is living with a family on the edge of Otley while studying Maths, Business, Food Technology and Travel & Tourism at our school. Coming to the UK has been something of a culture shock for Pratiksha, but she continues to enjoy experiencing new things, and is looking forward to her first typical British Christmas.

Cultural exchange: Pratiksha Pageni.



Reading and robotics

EVERY Year 7 pupil received a free book as part of the Booked Up scheme this year. Pupils were first given a *Booked Up* magazine, containing a brief review of each title and peers' recommendations. Shannon English, Year 7, said: "I think giving away free books is a really good idea because it encourages children to read."

Meanwhile, members of our new after-school Robotics Club are taking part in an international First Lego League competition in December at the University of Leeds. The team's task is to solve a "Power Puzzle" which this year involves renewable energy. The Club meets every Thursday in the library – new members are always welcome.

Problem solvers: Robotics Club members Sam Wellington, Henry Lavery, Leo Hannan and Marcus Benn-Landale, Year 7.



Unrivalled in netball

On court to win: Ellie Barker, Year 8, Casey Brownbill and Vicki Wood, Year 10, Ella Rembacken, Year 9, Olivia Coyle, Year 8, and Hollie Phimister, Year 9.

OF the three netball tournaments played so far in Leeds, all three have been won by Prince Henry's Grammar School. Our teams triumphed in the U14 and U13 Leeds Schools Invitation Tournament, as well as the U15 Leeds Schools Tournament, in which Prince Henry's beat the West Yorkshire champions, Leeds Girls High School.

In addition, the U14 team were finalists and the U15 team semi-finalists in the West Yorkshire Invitation Tournament, which consisted of teams from the two top schools in Kirklees, Calderdale, Bradford and Leeds. Finally, the new "Academy" set up to improve our best players' skills has proved a big hit.



Sports in brief

- Fundraising is in full swing for our two netball and two rugby teams' **trip to Dubai** next Easter. Many thanks to Dean Hyam for organising the event.
- Good luck to the first team and apprentice boys as they compete for the first time in the renowned **U18 Super 16 Rugby Tournament**.
- Fingers crossed for the U14 and U19 netball squads, who are to take part in the county round of the **National Schools Netball Tournament**.

Local and national sports stars

THE following Prince Henry's pupils have achieved fabulous individual accolades:

Netball

- West Yorkshire County Academy – Jade Firth, Holli Wilson, Zoe Coates, Casey Brownbill and Abbi Hewitt.
- City U13 – Holly Cooper, Olivia Coyle, Ellie Barker, Beth Firth and Kate Marshall.
- City U15 – Sam Care, Hollie Phimister, Jess Quinn, Charlotte Ford, Jess Hargreaves, Ella Rembacken, Kate Preston, Hannah Whitworth and Emily Isherwood.

Rugby

- Scotland U18 – Alex Black
- Yorkshire U18 – Alex Black, Stephen Costello, Joel Gill, Gareth Denman, Dave Simmons and Jack Mackie.
- Central Yorkshire U15 – Jack Lester, Barnaby Gill, Matthew Bower, Josh Bennett, Josh Dyson, Josh Pinder, Nathan Rogers and Richard Goakes.
- Central Yorkshire U14 – Ewan Brannan, Will Prest, Will Rigg and Louis Hooper.

Run – it's fun!

IT is fantastic to see the increasing number of runners at Prince Henry's. More than 50 pupils train regularly and all six teams came either first or second in last year's Leeds Schools League. All four age group squads also made it through to the second round of the English Schools Cup – the only school from Leeds or Bradford to achieve this feat. The club is open to all for racing or recreation, so come and join in.

Hit the trail: Running Club members Laura Chaplin, Year 10, and Jack Hooton and Andrew Pullan, Year 9.



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