



Newsletter

May 2018

As usual, both staff and students have been extremely busy and hard working over the last half term. Nearly every year group has been involved in preparation for internal or external exams and, in addition, there have been the usual wide range of 'extra' activities, such as the Senior Concert, sporting activities, Duke of Edinburgh expeditions and a wide range of trips and visits. It is wonderful to be part of a school where both students and staff are prepared to 'go the extra mile' for the benefit of others, as well as themselves.

Added to all these events, the main external examination season has now arrived. I would therefore like to take this opportunity to wish all of our students – especially those in Year 11 and Year 13 – the best of luck over the coming weeks. Students and staff have been working extremely hard during normal lesson time and also in the many additional revision sessions. I am confident that this hard work will be worthwhile as all the indicators suggest that this may well be another very impressive year for our students' examination results.

School governors and senior leaders recently held their annual Strategy Meeting. One of the items discussed was the exciting proposal to construct a football Astro Turf pitch on the school grounds. The proposal includes the addition of a rugby shock pad laid underneath, thus allowing both sports to be played on the pitch. Both the Football Foundation and the Rugby Football Union support the project, which is in the very early stages. Otley has been identified as an area lacking such a facility so the pitch would be for the use of our students as well as sports clubs in the local community. If the project is approved, it would bring significant improvement to the sport facilities at Prince Henry's, dramatically reducing the number of training sessions and games that have to be cancelled throughout the season due to unplayable pitches. If we get planning permission and achieve our fundraising targets, the earliest the pitch could be built is for use in September 2019. I will keep you informed of any further developments.

There are still a number of important events coming up during the next half term, so please check carefully the dates for key events (page 5), and take note of the specific arrangements for the end of term (page 3).

Best wishes

Ms J Sheriff
Headteacher

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Key Stage 3 News

Year 7 and 8 students have been sitting end of year examinations and will hopefully see the fruition of their hard work over the year. They will receive feedback from subject teachers after the half term holiday. It will be an equally busy final half term for both year groups. A number of Year 8 students will be engaged as Ambassadors, supporting our new Year 6 cohort as they join Prince Henry's, whilst a large number of Year 7 students will be participating in a wide range of trips, both at home and abroad.

Year 9 students have made the transition into Key Stage 4 and will now be under the leadership of the KS4 team. It was pleasing to see so many students receiving awards for their achievements and contribution in the End of Key Stage 3 Assembly. Farah Mackay received the award for Student of the Year, whilst George Jopson was named Contributor of the Year. Miss Crosby and I would like to say how much we have enjoyed seeing our Year 9 students progress as young people at Prince Henry's. They have conducted themselves in a very mature fashion and we are sure that they will make the step up to Key Stage 4 with great success.

Mr S Day

Progress Leader: Key Stage 3



Rewards Day 2018

Our annual rewards day takes place on Monday 16th July 2018. As usual, students will be given a variety of options if they have earned the right to participate.

This year the choices will consist of a trip to Flamingo Land theme park, a day playing laser tag and an 'in school' activities day that will include a trip to a bowling alley. If they are entitled to participate, students will receive a letter on Tuesday 5th June 2018. Payment must be with us by **Wednesday 20th June 2018** or we will not be able to include your child in any of the day's activities.

Year 12 students may opt to join the Flamingo Land or laser tag trip, or participate in a separate sixth form 'in school' activities programme. The payment deadline for trips is Wednesday 20th June 2018.

Mr C Rowbottom

Deputy Headteacher: Learning Infrastructure

Key Stage 4 News

Year 10 students have now completed their internal exams and received results from subject teachers. This will be an accurate indication of their progress, as will the final Year 10 Progress Report which is published on Monday 11th June 2018. On the 6th June 2018, students have the exciting opportunity to take part in a range of community events as part of 'Timanyane Day'.

Year 11 students begin study leave later this week. Exams continue throughout June and there is a range of pre-exam revision sessions taking place in school. Please visit the KS4 study support section of our website for exam information and revision support materials.

I would like to wish all students the very best of luck in their exams, and look forward to congratulating them when results are published on 23rd August 2018. Results can be collected from 10am. The Year 11 Prom will take place at the Hilton Leeds City on 28th June 2018.

Mr S Knight

Progress Leader: Key Stage 4

Data privacy

Over the past few weeks you may well have received emails from lots of different organisations and companies on the subject of data privacy. This has been triggered by changes in the law, with the introduction of the GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) which comes into effect on 25th May 2018.

We have taken this opportunity to review how we use personal data in school. Both teaching and associate staff have received GDPR awareness training, and we are implementing enhanced security measures to safeguard all data relating to students, parents/carers, staff and other people associated with the school.

You will shortly receive a copy of our Privacy notice by email. This provides further details of how we use personal data at Prince Henry's. A copy will also be available on the Parent Zone section of our website.

Mr C Lillington

Assistant Headteacher: Learning Community

Year 12 Higher Education and Careers Preparation

Year 12 students will start their organised programme of preparation for Higher Education applications and career planning after half term, including input from university links during Timanyane Day on 6th June 2018. On this day, there will also be seminars for students interested in applying to Oxford and Cambridge, Medical and Veterinary courses and alternatives to Higher Education. It is vital that students attend this day to receive key information about UCAS and apprenticeship application procedures.

Students are encouraged to visit university open days during the Summer term. Many of these are held at weekends, but students may also attend up to three open days on weekdays in order to visit their preferred choices. Where this is the case, students should obtain permission from their form tutor in advance, with the absence section of the planner completed accordingly. Every effort should be made to avoid attending open days which clash with internal exam dates.

Mrs C Willis

Assistant Headteacher: Post 16 Learning



Farewell Year 13!

Year 13 students will begin their revision leave on Friday 25th May 2018. The official leaving day is Friday 15th June 2018, when students will return any text books, library books and equipment they have borrowed. Students will be able to collect their 'leaver's signing off sheet' from the Sixth Form Office from 8.30am on this day, and will then be free to leave as soon as this is completed.

On A Level Results Day (Thursday 16th August 2018) results will be available to collect from 10.00am, but students will be able to check whether they have been successful in gaining a university place using UCAS track much earlier in the morning. Sixth Form staff will be available from 7.00am to offer advice and support to any students who have not gained their university place.

Good luck to all Year 13 leavers - we will miss you!

Mrs C Willis

Assistant Headteacher: Post 16 Learning



Online school bus renewals

If your child uses a school bus service, you should have received a letter from Metro advising you to complete an online renewal form if you wish your child to continue using a school bus service.

Renewal forms can be located at www.wymetro.com/schools or by following the link from the school website: Parent Zone / Travelling to School.

Renewal applications must be completed by **30th June 2018**.

Mr C Rowbottom

Deputy Headteacher: Learning Infrastructure

End / Start of term arrangements

- ◆ **Mon 16th July 2018** - "Rewards Day".
- ◆ **Tues 17th July 2018** - "Olympics Day" (weather permitting!). Families are welcome to support participants at Wharfemeadows fields (afternoon).
- ◆ **Wed 18th / Thurs 19th July 2018** - Prizegiving assemblies for students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10.
- ◆ **Fri 20th July 2018**. School will close for the summer holidays at 12.30pm. There will be an extended morning break so that students can purchase food. School buses will pick up from school at 12.30pm. Students catching the X84 bus will need to walk to Otley bus station to catch this service.

Next term

- ◆ **Tues 4th Sep 2018** - First day of term for all students. New Year 7 and 12 students arrive for 8.30am. Other year groups start at 11.00am.



External examinations

As you know, GCSE and A level exams are now underway. Students have received a copy of the exam expectations and their personal exam timetable, and have attended assemblies outlining key messages. In order to prepare students for external exams, we enforce these same rules as closely as possible with all trial exams for students in Years 9 to 13. We would be grateful if you could re-iterate these with your child:

- Students must arrive for morning exams by 8.45am and afternoon exams by 1.15pm.
- Students are not permitted to bring **any** electronic device (e.g. phones, tablets, fitness trackers, smart watches) into the exam venue. If a student is spotted with such a device on their person (even if it is switched off), we have a duty to report this to the exam board. This is likely to lead to the student having their paper cancelled and not achieving a grade in that subject.
- Students are not permitted to bring bags into the exam venue.

New grades

This year, most GCSE subjects will be awarded using the new 9-1 grading system, with 9 being the highest grade a student can achieve. Under the new grading the DfE regard a grade 4 as a 'standard pass' and a grade 5 as a 'strong pass'. A link to more information on these changes and the exam season can be found on the school website under School information/Exam Results and information.

Results

Students can collect AS/A Level results from 10.00am on 16th August 2018, and GCSE results from 10.00am on 23rd August 2018. Results can only be collected by the candidate, unless written permission has previously been given to the exams office. Results cannot be given to friends, over the phone or via email.

Mr S Clarkson

Assistant Headteacher: Learning Facilitator

Behaviour on buses

Recently we have had to challenge some instances of poor or rowdy behaviour on the school buses during the journey home. Please emphasise to your child that the bus driver must be able to focus on driving the bus and cannot be expected to manage student behaviour. If it is reported to us that a student has behaved poorly we will warn the student, then remove them from the bus for a specified period of time, or indefinitely.

Mr C Rowbottom

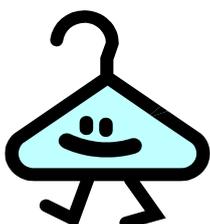
Deputy Headteacher: Learning Infrastructure

Consideration for our local community

Visitors to school often comment on the positive behaviour of our students, and we would appreciate your support in reinforcing the same expectation when walking to and from school. In particular, if your child crosses the bridge in Otley to get home at the end of the day, please remind them to be considerate to other people and to avoid walking in groups of more than four. We recognise that students are just walking with their friends, but it can cause distress to local residents who are unable to cross the bridge at these times.

Mr C Rowbottom

Deputy Headteacher: Learning Infrastructure



Unwanted school uniform and PE kit

Does your child have school uniform items which no longer fit? A jumper or a blazer which could be of use to another student? Shoes in good condition which are now too small, or PE kit items such as trainers, studded boots, white polo t-shirts and blue rugby tops? Or are you looking to access second hand uniform items / PE kit for your child?

Our school receptionist, Alison Kilmartin, manages our school uniform recycling bank. Please contact Alison if you have unwanted items to donate, or if you want to see what items are available for a small donation.

Attendance news



The current attendance figure for students in Years 7-11 for this school year is 95.1%. Congratulations to students in 7JRC, who have had the highest attendance this half term, with an outstanding figure of 98.1%!

Good school attendance is vital. Evidence shows a clear link between high rates of attendance and high levels of achievement, both in and out of the classroom. It is important that parents support the drive for good attendance by ensuring positive routines at home and asking for help when they encounter difficulties.

If you are concerned about your child's attendance, please contact their Year Manager.

Mr P Temple

Assistant Headteacher: Learner Support

Forthcoming dates

School closure

Close	Re-open
25 May 2018	04 Jun 2018
05 Jul 2018	09 Jul 2018
*23 - 25 Jul 2018	*03 Sep 2018

**Training Days - school closed to students*

Events

06 Jun 2018	PSHE Day 5: Timanyane Day
13 Jun 2018	PCC Evening
	SLT Open Access Evening
15 Jun 2018	Year 13 Leavers' Day
27 Jun 2018	Year 12 UCAS Exhibition
27 Jun 2018	Summer Concert
28 Jun 2018	Junior Band Day
03 Jul 2018	Year 12 Induction Day
06 Jul 2018	Training Day <i>(School closed to students)</i>
09 - 11 Jul 2018	Year 6 Induction Days
09 - 13 Jul 2018	Equality & Diversity Week
	Year 12 Work Experience
10 Jul 2018	New Parents' Evening
12 Jul 2018	International Day
13 Jul 2018	Year 10 Sixth Form Experience Day
16 Jul 2018	Rewards Day
17 Jul 2018	Olympics Day
18 - 19 Jul 2018	Prizegiving Assemblies
20 Jul 2018	Students finish at 12.30pm

Have your say!



The next Parent and Carer Consultation Evening (PCC) takes place on Wednesday 13th June 2018 at 7.00pm. On this occasion, we will be focussing on two distinct

areas: the use of quality **home learning** tasks and how we can ensure effective and efficient **communication** between home and school. As well as giving you the opportunity to find out more about our current provision, there will be an opportunity for you to contribute your view on how we might further develop these two aspects of our work.

If you would like to attend, please call Pippa McPherson on 01943 463524, or email mp@princehenrys.co.uk.

Mr C Lillington

Assistant Headteacher: Learning Community

Meeting with school staff

If you need to meet with a member of staff, please call first to agree a mutually convenient time. As you will appreciate, all staff have teaching and/or other commitments which means that they are highly unlikely to be available. Calling to book an appointment will avoid you making a wasted journey and help us to be more effective in assisting you.



Travelling to school by car

A reminder to parents and carers that West Yorkshire Police have requested that students are not dropped off or picked up in Prince Henry's Court, which is next to the school gates.

If you drop your child off in the morning or collect them after school, please do not turn into the school approach road. Instead, you should arrange to meet your child in a safe place on Newall Carr Road, or on one of the adjacent streets.

Please also remember that students must not be picked up or dropped off in the school car park unless there is a medical reason which has been agreed with the Year Manager.



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