



Prince Henry's Grammar School

SPECIALIST LANGUAGE COLLEGE



Newsletter

July 2018

As we near the end of the final term of 2017/18 and I review the year, it is clear that it has been another very busy and successful year for Prince Henry's. Following the consultation earlier this year, plans are on track for Prince Henry's and Bramhope Primary School to form the Collaborative Learning Trust, which should be officially established on 1st September 2018. Prince Henry's will be the first school in the new Trust, followed by Bramhope Primary in December (if all goes to plan). This will see the two schools move to a new and exciting stage, in preparation for a secure and successful future, so that we can continue to deliver high quality education for our communities. Other successes this year include the many, many student achievements in a range of sports: the past academic year has seen Prince Henry's sporting teams (and individuals) recognised at local, regional, national and even international level. All of this has happened alongside student achievements in drama, music and other areas of school life. We are confident that similar progress and success will be reflected in our GCSE and A level examination results this year, so look out for announcements this summer – there should be much to celebrate.

As usual there are a few teaching staff leaving Prince Henry's this year. Of these, two members of staff deserve a special mention because of the impressive number of years they have devoted to the school: Mr Low has been part of the Art Faculty for the past 28 years, providing outstanding Art teaching to our students as well as leading the KS3 Art curriculum for many years. Mr Mathewson has been at Prince Henry's for 28 and a half years, inspiring students in his Design and Technology classes as well as contributing to Design and Technology faculty leadership for a significant amount of that time. Both Mr Low and Mr Mathewson have also given so much more to the Prince Henry's community through their involvement in many extra curricular and enrichment activities for students over the past three decades. I'm sure you will want to join me in thanking them both and wishing them, and the other staff who are leaving, the very best for the future.

This edition of the newsletter is packed full of really useful information to help parents and carers prepare for the new academic year. Please remember to make a note of the names and contact details of key staff, especially your son or daughter's Year Manager, who you will be able to telephone directly using the extension number provided.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank students, staff, governors and parents and carers for their contribution to Prince Henry's over the last academic year. I look forward to continuing our positive work in September so that every student enjoys their time at Prince Henry's and is able to achieve their full potential.

With very best wishes for a great summer.

Ms J Sheriff
Headteacher

End of term arrangements

A reminder of the information given in the last Newsletter. **Friday 20th July 2018** is the last teaching day of the term, when school closes for the holidays at 12.25pm. There will be an extended morning break for students to purchase food and school buses will leave school at 12.30pm. Students catching the X84 bus will need to walk to Otley bus station to catch this service.

Looking ahead to September

School re-opens to students on **Tuesday 4th September 2018**. On this day students in Year 7 and Year 12 return at 8.30am, with all other year groups arriving for an 11.00am start. There will be two bus runs, one at the normal time and another approximately **two and a half hours later**. Students who travel to school on the X84 will need to consult the service bus timetables to ensure they arrive on time.

Year 12 and 13 exam results

For current Year 13 students, the Sixth Form team will be available on A level results day and the day after (16th and 17th August 2018) to offer advice and guidance about courses and choices. Students will be able to check their university offers on UCAS Track from 7.00am on the morning of the 16th.

For any students experiencing problems with securing their university place, the Sixth Form team will be in school from 7.00am to help with the process of clearing or adjustment. For other students, results will be available as normal from 10.00am.

Mrs C Willis

Progress Leader: KS5 / Head of Sixth Form



Finance reminder

Remember to use the online payment system to add credit to your child's lunch card **before** the start of term. This will help to reduce the usual start of term queues at the re-valuation machine. If you have mislaid your log in details, please contact the Finance Office.



Key Stage 3 news

Year 7 and 8 students have been enjoying the rewards from their hard work over the past academic year. Rewards Day saw all students who have had a strong year taking part in a range of different activities. This week certificates and prizes have been given out for attitude to learning, progress and effort in each subject, and form awards have been presented for resilience, excellence and contribution. It was great to see such a large number of students collecting awards, including Polly Hughes (Year 7 Student of the Year), Leah Hinton (Year 7 Contributor of the Year), Wahab Atif Saleem (Year 8 Student of the Year) and Ella Lawson (Year 8 Contributor of the Year).

The incoming Year 6 cohort recently enjoyed three very busy induction days at Prince Henry's, and it was especially pleasing to see the Year 8 Ambassadors acting as guides and mentors.

Mr S Day

Progress Leader: Key Stage 3



Respectful communication

We all want the best for our young people, whether we are parents, carers, teachers or members of pastoral or admin staff. To help us achieve this, we ask all adults involved in this partnership to have consideration for one another, and to respect the roles we each have in looking after the interests of our young people.

Be Polite

- ◆ Stay calm
- ◆ Use respectful language

Be Factual

- ◆ Ignore hearsay and stick to the facts
- ◆ Don't jump to conclusions – let's work together to find out the truth and establish the full picture

Be Patient

- ◆ Take time to listen to one another
- ◆ Give time for things to be followed up properly – both at school and at home
- ◆ Unless it's an emergency, book meetings in advance so that we can discuss things when we have time to do so properly.

Welcome to our Sixth Form

The Sixth Form team will be available on GCSE results day and the day after (23rd and 24th August 2018) to discuss Sixth Form options at Prince Henry's for students who have recently finished Year 11.

Sixth Form enrolment day is Thursday 30th August 2018. Please drop in any time between 10.00am and 2.00pm to register for the Sixth Form and confirm your course choices. This should take approximately 10 minutes for most students.



Changes to bus services

We have been advised by Metro that, from September, there will be changes to the bus services which currently serve Prince Henry's. In some cases this includes changes to bus operators, routes, fares and ticket options.

Unfortunately, we are unable to give specific details, but have been assured by Metro that they will be contacting parents/carers directly with details of how these changes will affect our students. We will, of course, update the link from our website when the confirmed changes are available online. In the meantime, you can contact Metro directly on 0113 348 1122.

Mr C Rowbottom
Deputy Headteacher: Learning Infrastructure



School uniform

Ahead of September, here is a reminder of some of the key school uniform requirements for students in Years 7-11.

- ◆ Students who plan to have piercings anywhere other than their ear lobes are advised to do this well in advance of their return to school.
- ◆ Students may wear a watch and one earring per lobe (small plain silver or gold stud only). No rings, bracelets or necklaces are permitted.
- ◆ Hairstyles and colouring should be in line with school policy. Hairstyles should not reflect the extremes of youth culture and hair colourings should be of a natural colour only. Hair should be cut no shorter than a 'number 2 grade'.
- ◆ Trousers should be bootcut or tailored and must have a waistband and a traditional zip. Skinny fit or tapered trousers are not allowed, along with invisible/concealed zips. If you choose to buy trousers from a retailer other than our recommended suppliers, please ensure that the colour matches the school blazer.
- ◆ Shoes must be plain black with no logos or white decorative elements. Boots are not allowed.

Full details of the requirements, together with supplier information, were sent home in the letter from Progress Leaders last week. The details can also be found on our website under School Information / Uniform.

Mr C Rowbottom
Deputy Headteacher: Learning Infrastructure



Donate unwanted musical instruments

Have you got a guitar gathering dust? How about a clarinet you last played in the eighties, or a violin that you wish you'd got around to learning but never did? We would be very grateful for any donations of unwanted musical instruments, large or small so that we can get even more young people playing an instrument. We would gladly accept virtually anything apart from children's toys - even a slightly broken guitar might have plenty of usable spares. If you have an instrument you'd like to donate, please bring it to the main school office, which is open between 9.00am and 3.00pm during the holidays.



Attendance

I am pleased that whole school attendance for this year is 95.4%. This is a tribute to the positive attitude of all students, and the support they receive, both at home and in school. The highest attending form group this half term is 7FXC, with an attendance figure of 98.1%. Congratulations!

Mr P Temple
Assistant Headteacher: Learner Support

IT upgrade

We are upgrading our IT systems in the first two weeks of the holidays. As a result, contact by email will be limited during this time, so it will take longer to respond to queries at the start of the holidays.



New Community Education Programme launched

Our brand new Community Education Programme brochure is out this week, featuring a wide range of courses. Choose from **51** different classes, including 30 language courses across 8 different languages, as well as a broad selection of hobbies, interests and wellbeing classes. New courses this year include Art History, Floristry & Flower Arranging and an Introduction to Microscopy, alongside familiar favourites such as Dru Yoga, Guitar and Sewing for Fun. Brochures have been sent home to all families this week. For further details of courses visit our website: www.princehenrys.co.uk.

Mr C Lillington

Assistant Headteacher: Learning Community

Who to contact at Prince Henry's

To contact your child's Year Manager, call 01943 463524 and enter the appropriate extension number.

| | Progress Leader | Assistant Progress Leader | | Year Manager | Extension |
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| Key Stage 3 | Mr Day | Miss Cruickshank | Year 7 | Mrs Crosby | 237 |
| | | | Year 8 | Mrs McQuire | 224 |
| | | | Year 9 | Mrs Lee | 262 |
| Key Stage 4 | Mr Knight | Mr J Walsh | Year 10 | Mrs Wells | 295 |
| | | | Year 11 | Mrs Torgerson | 235 |
| Key Stage 5 | Mrs Willis | Mrs Hall | Year 12/13 | Mrs Robinson-Junni | 220 |

For matters relating to specific subjects, please e-mail info@princehenrys.co.uk or call 01943 463524 and leave a message for the appropriate subject teacher or Faculty Leader:

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| Art | Mr S Green | Mathematics | Mr A Fishburn |
| Business Studies / Economics | Mrs A Blakeley | Media Studies | Mr B Mordue |
| Design Technology and Innovation | Mrs A Blakeley | Modern Foreign Languages | Mrs J Barber |
| Drama | Mr P Condry | Music | Mr P Condry |
| English | Ms A Cunniffe | Performing Arts | Mr P Condry |
| Geography | Ms R Burns | Photography | Mr S Green |
| Health and Social Care | Mr B Mordue | Physical Education | Mr D Curtis |
| History | Ms R Burns | Psychology | Mrs S Richards |
| ICT / Computing | Mr B Mordue | Religious Studies | Mrs A Blakeley |
| Law | Ms R Burns | Science | Mrs S Richards |

