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A new dimension

Innovations in the Design Technology faculty

Proud of the past, prepared for the future

A vibrant and high achieving learning environment

WELCOME to the autumn edition of *Inview* magazine.

This term our new Year 7 students have quickly settled into life at Prince Henry's, and are already making the most of the wide range of opportunities on offer.

We have also welcomed our new Year 12 students – both those who studied previously at Prince Henry's and those coming from other schools. We are pleased that they have chosen to join our vibrant and high achieving Sixth Form.

Of course 'vibrancy' and 'achievement' are two words that characterise so much of what happens at Prince Henry's – as I am sure you will agree as you read this edition of our magazine.

Janet Sheriff, Headteacher



Where students achieve their potential: Grace Martin and Alex Wong, Year 7, with Headteacher Janet Sheriff.

Class of '63 reunited

FORMER students enjoyed a tour around their 'old stomping ground' from Prince Henry's alumni and teacher Chris Smith, as part of their Class of '63 reunion. Mr Smith showed them round the original buildings and introduced them to the newer parts of school – with help from his dad, who left Prince Henry's in 1961.

"It is obvious that the school is an outstanding success. One that both it, and the people of Otley, can be justly proud. It has clearly maintained and built on the proud traditions that we former students fondly remember," said Howard Stokoe.



Biologists boggle at marine life

YEAR 12 Biologists visited Boggle Hole to study the East Yorkshire coast's rocky shore.

During the two-day field trip, the group looked at how to estimate population size, calculate an index of diversity and compare the distribution of algae at different sites on the shore.

Teacher Kate Brooks said: "We had to get down to work quickly to make the best use of the low tide. Students were soon engrossed in the wildlife, including limpets, periwinkles and sea anemone."

Eco ambassadors

DO you love Geography? Are you interested in protecting your planet? Would you like to make Prince Henry's more environmentally friendly? If your answer is 'yes', then we need YOU!

Join Prince Henry's new Eco Group on a Thursday lunchtime (1.20-1.45pm in GY4). All ages are welcome.

The Eco Group is currently working towards achieving the Eco Schools Bronze Award, to help make our school a more sustainable place. A Year 8 student said: "It is a good chance to understand the part we play in protecting our environment while making new friends at the same time."

3D printers are 'awesome'

THE Design, Technology and Innovation Faculty recently added three new 3D printers to its range of CAM equipment.

The CTC dual replicators allow fast photo typing as well as finished product manufacture as an option for GCSE and A-level students, and give all students the opportunity to

see modern manufacturing in action in the classrooms.

Teacher Rob Mathewson said: "These machines are capable of producing anything from buttons for garments to the parts for working prosthetic arms. All three have been described as 'awesome' by students."



Product focus: Alex Harm and Shakir Bearder, Year 11.

Employers set out their stalls



ONCE again, November's annual Careers Fair was extremely popular.

The school was buzzing as more than 400 visitors had the opportunity to wander around 32 stands representing companies from across a broad range of industry sectors. This gave both parents and students the opportunity to speak to employers to find out about the skills and qualifications required.

A representative from Santander bank said: "We really enjoyed attending this well-organised event. The young people were a credit to you and the school."

Open house: Jasmine Iley and Jacob Simpson, Year 11, with Kyan Dobney from Menston Primary School.



Insight into life at Prince Henry's

MORE than 600 primary school pupils and parents flocked to our School Open Evening in October. Visitors had the chance to sample activities such as flame testing explosions in Science, Robot Wars in Maths and the 'Bushtucker Trial' in Food Technology, where they ate mealworms, black ants and June beetles!

Then, in November, the school opened its doors to hundreds of Year 11 students and parents for our Sixth Form Open Evening. Head of Sixth Form Claire Willis said: "With high quality teaching, a 100% pass rate in over 30 subjects, an exceptional range of enrichment opportunities and our highly personalised approach, it's no wonder so many people want to find out about joining the Sixth Form at Prince Henry's!"

Filmmakers tune in to Christmas

A GROUP of keen filmmakers from Years 12 and 13 have been spending their Wednesday afternoon Enrichment time making a Christmas music video for the Christmas Assembly.

The students have coaxed several teachers, including some senior members

of staff, into appearing in the video. Even Years 7 and 8 are getting in on the act.

Filmmaking club is thriving at lunchtimes, with five groups of students set to make their own documentaries, music videos and horror films over the next few months.

Members of Filmmaking Club: Jacob Peel, Joshua Ibbertson and George Jopson, Year 8.





Creative cooks: Megan Barker and Jasmine Iley, Year 11.

Young chefs put Wensleydale on the menu

YEAR 11 students Megan Barker, Olivia Timmins and Jasmine Iley triumphed in the final of the Leeds Children's Services Competition with their trio of Yorkshire starters: Wensleydale and caramelised onion tart with walnut pastry, Wensleydale scone with rhubarb chutney and a Wensleydale soufflé. The girls went on to work

alongside the head chef at the Hilton Hotel in Leeds, cooking starters for over 150 guests.

Year 8 student Joshua Ibbertson and Ben Cooper in Year 10 also fought off stiff competition to represent Prince Henry's at the Rotary Club Cookery Competition at Craven College in Skipton, where they prepared a two-course meal.



Girls aloud: Becky Holmes, Year 10.

Singers go head to head

YEAR 10 students Fabienne Clarke and Becky Holmes are preparing for the regional finals of the Open Mic UK competition after winning the Best Original Song category in their respective heats. Fabienne's song was inspired by her visit to a South African orphanage on the school Sports Tour.

In the summer, they both made it to the final of Breeze Has Talent, where Becky came second, before winning the Radio Aire Young Hero Talent Award in October. Fabienne and Becky are regular performers at school events.

Where students achieve

No achievement is too small, and at Prince Henry's we take great pride in celebrating all of our students' successes, both in and out of school

Swimmer makes a splash in Rio

SWIMMER Georgia Coates in Year 13 looks back on the Rio 2016 Olympic Games: "My Olympic experience was amazing – it was so different to every competition that I have been to. So many people were competing at such a high level, and I got to meet lots of different athletes from other sports. It was incredible to compete against the best in the world, and I loved watching all the finals. They were so exciting and it was fab to cheer on Team GB! It was the best thing I have ever done, and all the training and hard work definitely paid off."

Daniel is cast on the high seas

YEAR 9 student Daniel Simpson has been performing with Opera North in Britten's opera *Billy Budd*, after auditioning for the part of midshipman and powder monkey. As one of only five young people in a chorus of adults, Daniel described the experience as "quite tiring, but great fun".

Performances took place from October through to December in venues across Leeds, Nottingham, Manchester, Newcastle and Edinburgh.

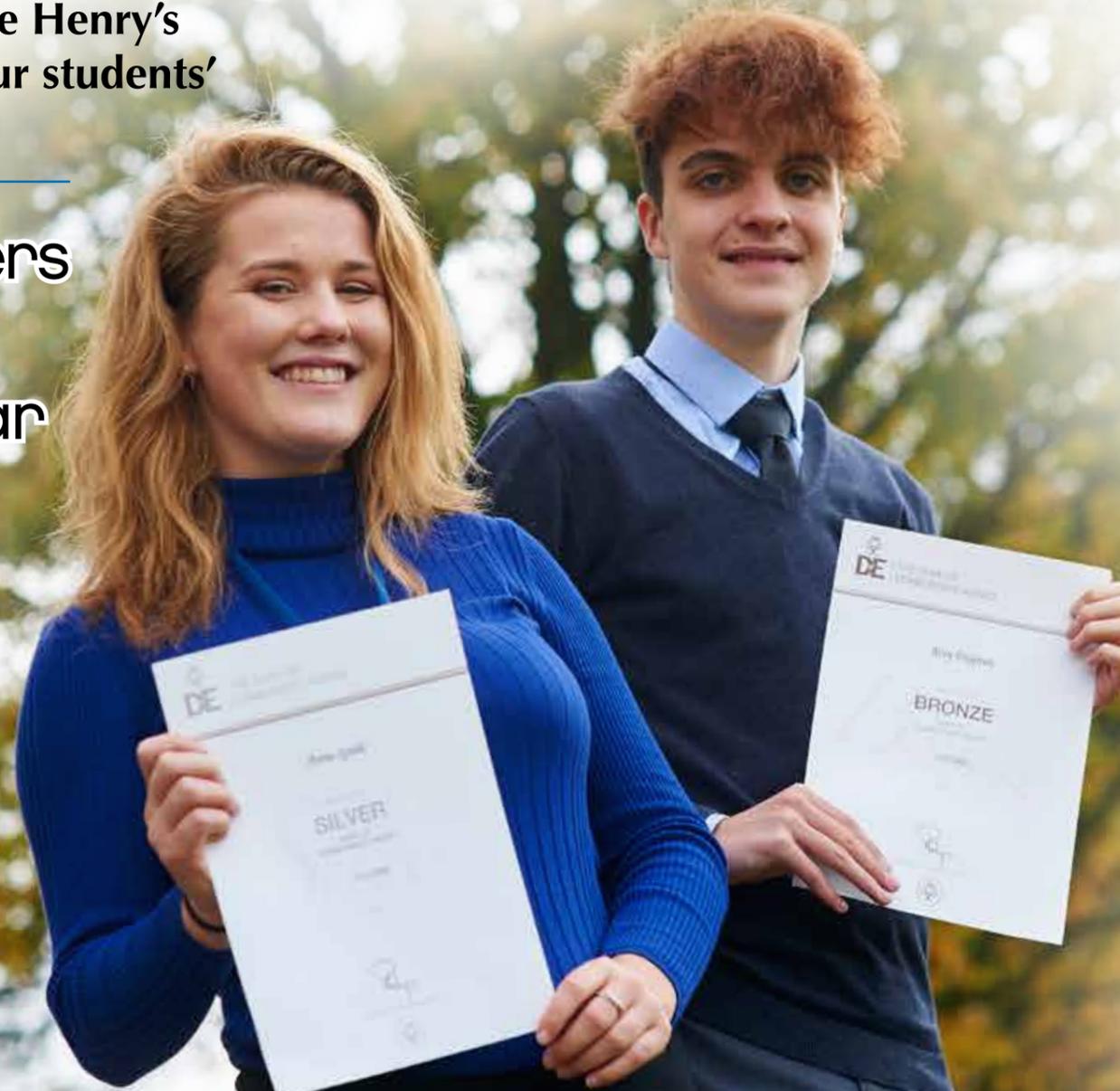
Award-winners shine during diamond year

THIS year has marked the 60th anniversary of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, which is proving increasingly popular at Prince Henry's.

The scheme is now open to Year 9 students for the very first time, with more than 90 students applying to do the Bronze Award.

The Silver Award is even more popular, with 105 students from Year 10 applying for a place on the scheme, which requires students to show commitment over an extended period through volunteering/community service, physical activities and new skills. They also have to take part in a three-day expedition.

Aiming high: Anna Speak and Rory Deignan, Year 12.



Tinned goods: Sophie Hitchen, Year 9.

Glowing commendation

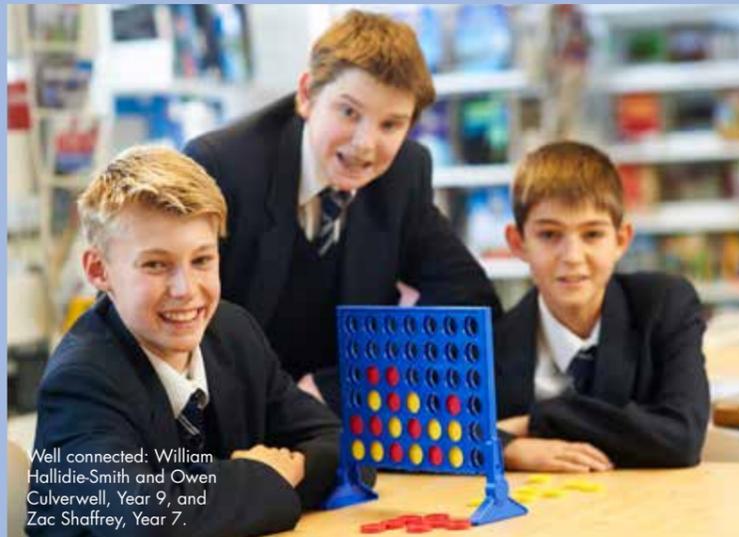
YEAR 9 Textiles student Sophie Hitchen secured first place in the Red Kite Alliance inter-school 'Product in a Tin' competition with her innovative folding fabric torch.

The product not only included Sophie's own original print but also used glow in the dark thread to make it more user friendly.

Sophie's product was then entered into the national competition where she received a commendation for her design and use of modern techniques and materials.

Julie Boyd, who devised the national competition, commented that Sophie's product demonstrated the versatility of textiles, and was original both in design and concept.

Lunchtime activities in the Library



Well connected: William Hallidie-Smith and Owen Culverwell, Year 9, and Zac Shaffrey, Year 7.

PRINCE Henry's Library isn't just for reading and studying. Our Student Librarians help to organise a variety of lunchtime events and activities across the year.

In November, Owen Culverwell in Year 9 ran a popular Connect 4 Tournament, where 20 competitors battled to become champion. The winner, William Hallidie Smith in Year 9, said: "I like the fact that the library has a wide range of games and tournaments that everyone can participate in."

Meet our new MFL Assistants

Salut! Je m'appelle Elise et j'ai 22 ans. Je viens de Toulouse, dans le sud de la France. Je fais de la danse, j'aime beaucoup les chats et j'adore le Royaume-Uni et l'anglais!

¡Hola! Mi nombre es Constanza Abarca y tengo 22 años y vengo de Santiago de Chile, Sudamérica. Trabajo en Prince Henry's desde hace unas semanas y ha sido una experiencia fantástica.

Hallo. Ich heiße Heidrun. Ich höre gerne Musik (Indie), treffe Freunde und verbringe Zeit mit meiner Familie. Ich lese auch gerne und gehe oft ins Kino. Im Winter fahre ich gerne Ski und Snowboard.



Dazzling display of talent

A TERM of feverish activity in the Performing Arts Faculty has resulted in some stunning performances – with more to come in the near future.

The Performing Arts Showcase in early December was a great opportunity to see a snapshot of work from across Drama, Dance and Music.

The Christmas Concert also featured a huge array of musicians, not least from our newly formed No Girls Aloud boys' singing group. Faculty Leader for Performing Arts, Peter Condry, said: "This enthusiastic group of boys are proving a welcome addition to our roster of ensembles."

And don't forget to bag a place to see this year's school musical, *Hairspray*, in February!



Lighting up the stage: William McPherson, Ben Wittering and Daniel Parapia, Year 7.

Senior Students team up

THE 2016–2017 Senior Students have been appointed and are happily settled into their role.

The students play a key role throughout the year in many aspects of school life, such as leading fundraising activities, representing the views of students, acting as ambassadors at school events,

supporting the wider Student Council and being role models for younger students.

As a team-building exercise, the Senior Students went to Yeadon Tarn where they took part in raft-building and canoeing. It was a fantastic opportunity for them to come together and learn leadership skills in a fun way.



Role models: Year 13 Senior Students.

¡Viva España!



OVER half term, 29 GCSE Spanish students took part in a cultural visit to Córdoba in the south of Spain.

During their stay, the group visited the world famous mezquita (mosque), cathedrals and ancient palaces, which are some of the biggest and most important in the world.

The highlight of the trip, however, was a visit to a local school, where students met their Spanish partners. Everyone made the most of a fantastic opportunity to learn about Spanish culture, practise speaking the language with real Spanish people and make friends that will last beyond GCSE.

Geography students have a field day

IN September, the Geography team, plus some willing and able helpers, took Year 11 Geographers to Hornsea, on the east coast of Yorkshire. The aim was to complete field work for their controlled assessment, and to experience the fight against coastal erosion at first hand.

Faculty Leader for Geography, Emma Dayes, said: "Students worked hard to collect the data needed, but it was also clear they enjoyed the experience."

The students also tucked into some well-earned fish and chips for lunch!



Computer wizards

AT Computer Coding Club, students have been meeting up with like-minded people who love to be creative with computers. The club is open to students in Years 7-11, who have been programming things like geometric patterns and Minecraft mods.

Faculty Leader for Communications and Media Technology, Barry Mordue, said: "It's amazing to see students learn to code. We will be continuing to work on a number of challenging projects across the year using the Raspberry Pi and sensors."

Why not join us on Wednesdays after school?

Rugby on the rise

IT has been a busy start to the term for the rugby teams at Prince Henry's.

All the teams have achieved some superb results across all age groups, with victories against Harrogate Grammar and Ilkley Grammar School being notable highlights.

The U15s, U16s and 1st XV are still competing in their respective Yorkshire Cup competitions after defeating their first and second round opponents. The U13s have beaten two very strong schools to progress into the third round of the Schools Sport Magazine Cup, while the U12s made a great start to their rugby careers at Prince Henry's, winning all 14 of their Central Venue matches against ten different schools.



The right results: Lewis Duncan and Matthew Parsons, Year 8.

Footballers team up to win

A RECENT victory over Ilkley Grammar School for the Year 9 boys' football squad demonstrated how far they have come. New team member James Trant has put in some particularly good performances in goal.

Year 8 are strong title contenders, with excellent performances throughout the team. With Lewis Payne and Alfie Storer scoring plenty of goals, the squad is hoping for a good Leeds Cup run.

The Year 7 squad, meanwhile, have already picked up a number of points during the first half of the campaign, with standout performances from Sam Finney and Leo Diffey.

Girls' football also continues to grow, with more than 30 students attending Friday night training. Girls' captain and Head Sports Leader Georgia Barr in Year 11 has taken on a coaching role to aid the development of Key Stage 3 footballers, along with Erik Arter in Year 13.



Netballers of note

THE school's netball squads have made an excellent start this season. Training has been well attended for all age groups, with some years having as many as 60 girls competing for a position on the team.

The A teams are unbeaten so far, and the B team squads have shown good progression and demonstrated some great netball. The U12A team had an outstanding win in their first game, beating Horsforth 11-2. The U16B team have so far beaten Leeds City College 20-0 and the U14As secured a win over Gateways B team, scoring 22-8.

We look forward to seeing some excellent netball on display during the remainder of the season.

Teamed up: Daniel Ellis, Alfie Tyrrell, Ross Jacques and George Carter, Year 9.



Anyone for table tennis?

THE lunchtime table tennis club is proving popular, with a committed group of students working hard with their coach, Year 13 student Kate Nixon.

The first tournament of the year was a steep learning curve for both the Year 8 and Year 10 teams, with particular success for Charlie Smith in Year 8 and Ross Jacques in Year 9.



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