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# A new chapter

Our Library Ambassadors step up  
and develop their skills

Respect, flourish and achieve

# Making strides

WELCOME to the summer 2023 edition of *Inview* magazine. These pages give a snapshot of the vibrancy, achievement and unique ethos at Prince Henry's, which make our school so special. With international trips and visits firmly back on the agenda, our community continues to thrive with a myriad of opportunities near and far, new and renewed. It is also fantastic to see our facilities develop for all as the brand-new 3G pitch makes progress and the swimming pool reopens. Visitors to our school frequently comment on the fantastic offer available for all, and the tangible pride evident from students and staff. We are privileged to be 'Team PHGS', and we always look forward to welcoming visitors to our school to experience this for themselves.



Proud team: Headteacher Sally Bishop with Taha Amini and Lily Richards, Year 7.

# Pitch perfection

AFTER years of hard work, preparation and engagement with the local community, work has now begun to build our new 3G pitch, providing a state-of-the-art training and match-play facility for football, rugby and other activities. Students will use the pitch during the school day, while local sporting clubs will have access in the evening and at weekends. As well as local fundraising and investment from Prince Henry's, significant funding has been provided by the Football Foundation, Sport England and Otley Town Council. The pitch is due to open this summer and will be accompanied by extensive biodiversity enhancement works across the site.



Perfect pitch: Finn Guzdek and Elliott Crosby, Year 8.



Tackling prejudice: Ella Thornton, Year 10.

## Inclusive ambassadors

LAST year, Year 10 students Ali Suttle-Marshall and Ella Thornton were selected to become ambassadors for The Anne Frank Trust as part of their Youth Empowerment Programme. The two-year mentoring programme has given them exciting opportunities to learn how to tackle everyday prejudice and discrimination. Their ambassador activities have included a visit to the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam, a residential trip to Ambleside and getting involved with inclusive online workshops, such as an LGBT+ History Month event. Ella has even had her work published in The Anne Frank Trust Annual Lunch brochure. Well done, Ali and Ella!

## Stonewall supporters

THIS year, we secured the Gold Stonewall School & College Champion Award in recognition of our anti-homophobia and anti-transphobia work. The assessors' feedback commented, "We were incredibly impressed with your submission. Your commitment to LGBTQ+ inclusion is clear, and we can see you're doing a brilliant job supporting LGBTQ+ pupils and engaging everyone on the importance of LGBTQ+ inclusion." Work towards the award was supported by our Free2Bme Student Equality & Diversity Group, which also aims to raise awareness of issues such as racism, disability discrimination and sexism.



Firm allies: Jasper Cook and Amy Dawson, Year 13.

# Theatrical finesse

THIS year's school production of *Billy Elliot the Musical* proved to be a barnstorming, toe-tapping success. Our fabulous cast, spearheaded by Year 8's Jacob Barker as Billy Elliot, put on a show full of heart-warming drama and laugh-out-loud comedy. Accompanied by a stunning pit band featuring 14 of our own students, it really was a week to remember. We were particularly proud to have sold out all three nights and very much hope to build on this for another spectacular musical production in 2024. Performing Arts Faculty Leader, Peter Condry, said, "Thank you and well done to all the cast, band and crew - and to our wonderful audiences who cheered us every step of the way."



Top cops: Our wonderful cast.

## Smart energy

MEMBERS of our Geoscience Club have been busy investigating the potential for using geothermal energy around the school with programmable temperature loggers buried around school grounds. Titled 'Can the heat beneath our feet heat up our school?', the project aims to identify the best location for a ground source heat pump and calculate how much energy it would provide the school. The research

has been made possible thanks to a Royal Society Partnership Grant to buy equipment and work with academics at the School of Earth and Environment at the University of Leeds. Area Leader for Geography, Dr Tom Watts, said, "The project is led by the Geography team at Prince Henry's but uses a collaborative approach to build links with other STEM subjects."

## Eco. warriors

OUR Eco-mittee has certainly had a busy year so far. They have continued their work with York University's 'Leaders for Change/Fix Our Food' programme by making a film about sustainability that will be shown at an important regional conference. They have also bid successfully for funding from Modeshift STARS to improve the sustainability of school travel. More recently, students delivered an assembly at Ashfield Primary School and took part in a workshop with Otley 2030. Work on habitat conservation with Wildlife Friendly Otley also continues alongside, supporting Prince Henry's new 3G pitch biodiversity enhancement plan.



Energy providers: the Geoscience Club.

# Trips are back!

Take a look at where our globe-trotting students have been jetting off to this year



Our pro skiers on the Italian slopes.

## Skiing the slopes

OVER the Easter holidays, a team of ten staff took 100 students on the Ski Trip to Folgarida in Italy. The 82 beginners made fantastic progress and were soon shooting down blue runs, while the advanced and intermediate groups

worked really well on their speed and technique. Trip leader, Sian Ellis, said, "This was the biggest ski trip we've ever taken, and it was quite a challenge getting 100 students up and down a gondola to the ski area each day!"



## Discovering South Africa

Our global rugby stars.



OVER Easter, 83 students from our U14 and U15 rugby and netball teams had the amazing opportunity to pit their skills against teams in South Africa as part of our ten-day Sports Tour. They faced tough opposition playing against three schools including a team from the Goedgedacht Trust. Highlights included a surfing lesson on Muizenberg Beach, zip wiring on the Cape Canopy Tour, spotting South African animals on safari and a cable car ride to the top of Table Mountain with magnificent views of Cape Town. Among the most thought-provoking excursions were visits to Robben Island, where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned, and a trip to a local township. This tour was truly memorable for everyone involved.

## Icelandic insights

MORE than 80 GCSE and A-Level Geography students visited Iceland as part of two long-weekend trips, with students spending three days exploring the island's unique geography first-hand. Experiences included bathing in the Blue Lagoon hot baths (which are warmed by Iceland's geothermal energy) and

visits to several spectacular waterfalls, the Þingvellir rift valley and National Park, and a geothermal power station. Undoubtedly, the highlight of both trips was seeing the stunning northern lights – even if it did mean standing in -20°C temperatures in the middle of the night to experience it!

Braving the cold conditions: Geography students in Iceland.



## Terrific trips

THE summer term sees another 350 students heading overseas:

-  53 Year 7 French students are visiting the French Opal Coast, with trips to a bakery and a snail farm.
-  73 Year 7 Spanish students will fly to Barcelona to experience Gaudi's Sagrada Familia as well as the Barça Immersive Tour.
-  126 Year 8 German students will take part in one of two trips to Cologne, with highlights including the zoo and Phantasialand theme park.
-  53 Year 10 History students are heading to the First World War Battlefields in France and Belgium.
-  42 Music students in Years 7-12 will perform to audiences in Mallorca as part of a Music Tour.

## Continental culture

THIRTY Sixth Form Art & Photography students recently visited the Netherlands to experience a wide range of art to support their A-level coursework. They visited the Rijksmuseum, Van Gogh Museum and Stedelijk Museum of Modern Art in Amsterdam. The group also travelled to the beautiful Kröller-Müller Museum near Arnhem, where they rode the famous white bikes (with no brakes!) to look at outdoor sculptures. Faculty Leader for Art, Shane Green, said, "It's a short but sweet trip where students are able to soak up the history and culture of Amsterdam and then apply it to their coursework."



## Holocaust history

SIX students in Year 12 had the opportunity to participate in the Holocaust Educational Trust's 'Lessons from Auschwitz' project, which included a day trip to the Auschwitz-Birkenau Museum in Poland. Area Leader for History, Paul Low, said, "Despite it being a very long and emotionally charged trip, all the students found it to be a memorable day and are now looking forward to sharing their learning with the rest of the school."



Exploring Europe: Maisie Hawkins and Daisy Lister, Year 12.

# Daring designers

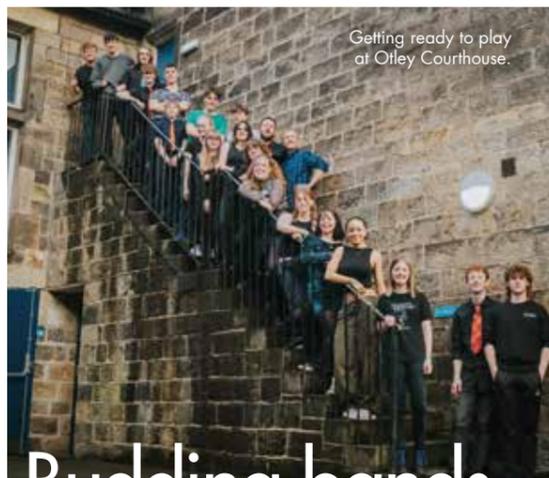
THE Design, Technology & Innovation Faculty has certainly lived up to its name this year. In Textiles, students from Years 7-11 got the opportunity to 'channel their inner Versace' by entering the Young Designer of the Year competition, designing outfits that are both multifunctional and sustainable. More recently, a Sewing Bee has launched on Wednesdays after school and is open to all students.

Earlier in the year, the popular Christmas cake competition saw

Year 8's Harry Butler taking first prize for his penguin cake with some fantastic fondant work, closely followed by runner-up Connie Peak in Year 8. In the spring term, students had a great time at STEM Club making jewellery from polymer clay. It was lovely to see such creativity going on across the school. Talking of creativity, the faculty was thrilled to celebrate not one but three prizes in the Rotary Club Technology Tournament at Gargrave, taking home awards in each category.



Entering the world of design: Millie Mangeolles, Lottie Smith and Anna Cooper, Year 8.



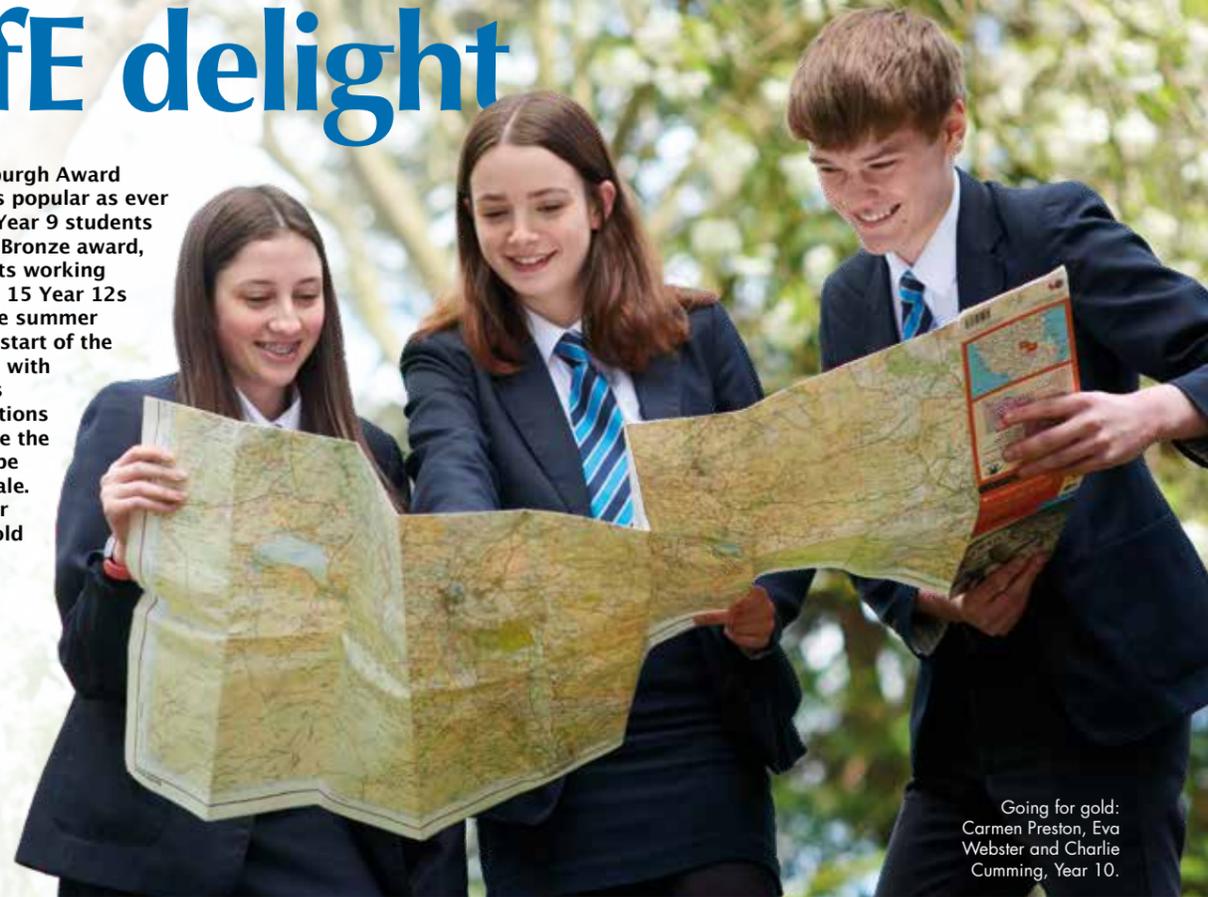
Getting ready to play at Otley Courthouse.

## Budding bands

PRINCE Henry's Bands Night at Otley Courthouse saw seven bands from our school playing to a sell-out audience. Professional sound engineers were there to make sure everyone sounded fantastic and professional photographers were on hand to capture the entire evening. This year's bands included Gazelles, Maya, Lilly and Isabelle, Lights Out, Loaf, No Names, the school Jazz Band (featuring 12 members and a brass section) and the Prince Henry's staff band - the Manic Creep Teachers. It was a superb evening with all profits donated to a great cause in Martin House Children's Hospice.

# DofE delight

THE Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme remains as popular as ever this year, with 93 Year 9 students signing up for the Bronze award, 67 Year 10 students working towards Silver and 15 Year 12s going for Gold! The summer term has seen the start of the expedition season, with the Bronze cohorts completing expeditions in Wharfedale while the Silver groups will be exploring Nidderdale. Spare a thought for students on the Gold award who have a tough expedition ahead, going from Ribblesdale to Wensleydale and into Swaledale - all on foot whilst carrying those heavy rucksacks!



Going for gold: Carmen Preston, Eva Webster and Charlie Cumming, Year 10.

## Library representatives

THIS year has seen the return of the revamped Library Ambassador programme. Students in Years 7-10 were given the opportunity to apply to join a team of 30 volunteers who help run the library during break and lunchtime. Successful candidates have been given a weekly shift at the circulation desk, developing their customer service skills and sense of responsibility. They also helped at Open Evening and at a World Book Day event in March.



Tuned in: George Toms, Year 12.

The right note: Miriam Robinson, Year 10.

## Musical mania

OUR talented Music students have had fun inspiring pupils at All Saints, Westgate, Ashfield and The Whartons primary schools with their fantastic brass, woodwind and string performances. Meanwhile, 50 students enjoyed front-row seats at a sensational performance of 'A Cunning Little Vixen' featuring our very own Daisy Wade in Year 11 and Cecilia Ward in Year 8. This was a first taste of the operatic world for many of our students and they left the theatre excited for more.

## Outdoor adventures

FOR the second year running, a group of Year 8 students have taken part in the jam-packed, adventure-filled outdoor activities residential at the Kingswood Centre near Doncaster.

The 40 students experienced a variety of activities like mini-Olympics, aeroball, laser tag, zip wiring and archery.

Trips such as these are important as they help students build resilience and grow in confidence. Students returned home once again with fantastic tales of bravery and new friendships.



## Maths mayhem

'MATHS Mayhem' launched in January, bringing a different outlook to mathematics. This weekly Year 7 lunchtime club runs in a relaxed atmosphere bringing fun and hands-on learning together with the opportunity to make new friends. Students have been busy creating illusions using isometric drawings, learning cards and number tricks whilst also making origami cubes, playing games and completing puzzles. If you're interested in getting involved, drop into Ma1 on Thursdays Week A and Fridays Week B.

Adding up: Dara Easton and Marcelli Kawalec, Year 7.



## Fundraising fun

YEAR 7 form groups have been competing to see who can raise the most money for this year's chosen charities - the Brain Tumour Charity, Prickly Pigs Hedgehog Rescue and the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust. Each form has planned its own activities, prepared promotional material, and used assemblies to promote its plans

and encourage other students to lend their support. Activities have included raffles, sweet jars, 'guess the teacher' challenges, games rooms and even a staring contest. Senior students have also been busy supporting the school's fundraising, including the ever-popular staff versus Sixth Form students quiz.

Doing their bit: Martin Pourkhorsand and Una Jochum-Critchley, Year 7.



Book lovers: Chrissy Vater, Year 9, Reuben Muhumuza, Year 7, and Grace Davis, Year 8.

# Rugby victors

THE U15 rugby team certainly had a season to remember after winning the National Bowl Final in March at the StoneX Stadium – the home of the Saracens Rugby Club in London. Deputy Faculty Leader for PE & Sport, Dean Hyam, said, “The 18 boys played phenomenally well, relishing the pressure that came

with a big national final, and ended up winning in style 45–15.” The triumphant squad becomes only the second team in the school’s history to win a National Schools rugby final, following in the footsteps of the 2004 National Vase winning team.



Our victorious team on their triumphant return to Otley.

## On the ball

OUR U13 netball squad entered the School Sports Magazine National Cup! It was a tense four rounds, but Prince Henry’s went on to beat Ashville 36–15, St Aidan’s 29–23 and Hymers 29–8. PE teacher Sam Cooke said, “We lost to Wirral Grammar in the semi-final but the standard of playing was phenomenal. Well done to Grace Fishburn and Lucy Williams who won Player of the Match.”



## The sports rundown

- In cross-country running, Ned Gallagher-Thompson won the Leeds Schools individuals, while Ned and five others represented West Yorkshire. The U15 boys finished as runners-up in the Leeds Schools league and the inter boys’ and inter girls’ teams reached the national schools’ finals.
- Our netball teams have won multiple Leeds Schools trophies, with the Year 8 team reaching the national cup quarter-finals.
- In football, Year 7 girls, Year 8 boys and Year 9 girls and boys all reached the Leeds Schools’ quarter-final, with Year 10 girls reaching round four of the ESFA national cup.
- This term has seen students competing in the Leeds City athletics, rounders and cricket leagues, and our rowers going at it on the water at Roundhay.
- The U13, U14 and U16 rugby teams competed in the Rosslyn Park Rugby 7’s competition in London. The U13 team did particularly well in their first major 7’s competition, remaining unbeaten in their five group games.



## Sporting greats

PRINCE Henry’s was recently nominated for an Active Schools award at the Leeds Sports Awards, being ‘highly commended’ for our extra-curricular activities. This followed us winning the first-ever Leeds Schools Sports Association Championship. This competition shows that we are the most successful secondary school across the city in terms of both participation and performance in extra-curricular sports, with over 800 students taking part in sports clubs across 16 different activities.



Swimming sensation: Sam Brown, Year 10.



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