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Award season

Students go for DofE glory

Proud of the past, prepared for the future

Building on excellence

WELCOME to the summer 2022 edition of *Inview* magazine. This term, we have welcomed Sally Bishop to Prince Henry's as our new Headteacher. Miss Bishop, who joins us from Ilkley Grammar School, has had a busy few weeks getting to know students and staff, leading assemblies and visiting lessons.

With a background as a Music teacher, Miss Bishop has also

been especially keen to drop in on extra-curricular activities of all types. She said, "I'm excited to be building on the work of Mrs Sheriff, who is now concentrating full time on developing our Trust, and I'm looking forward to getting to know the whole community. Moving forward, among my priorities will be focusing on communication and on mental health and wellbeing."



Warm welcome: Sally Bishop with Aikam Boughan, Monty Baldwin and George Morris, Year 7.

Flawless fundraising

OUR Senior Students and Student Council have once again been leading the school's fundraising efforts to support this year's chosen causes: Dementia UK and Candlelighters. This has included candy cane sales, a non-uniform day and the annual Easter tombola, whilst Year 7 form groups have been organising their own fundraising activities. A particular highlight was the Sixth Form v staff quiz event, organised entirely by the Senior Student team, and Sixth Form ASDAN course students once again collecting hundreds of items to support Otley Food Bank.

The total raised so far is over £3,500, including a large donation to the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal.

Quiz time: Oscar Clarke and Cameron Brogden, Year 13.



Eco-friendly: Arthur Rogers, Evie Scholefield and Benjamin Simpson, Year 8.

Prince Henry's in the community

OUR community partnerships have recently led to some great initiatives. The Otley Maker Space ran a 10-week course for our Community Education Programme, making new products, such as a bag or bee house, from old rubbish.

Neil Griffin from Wildlife Friendly Otley and Andrew Howarth from Otley 2030 have been working with us and our Eco-mmittee to plan sustainable initiatives around the school site.

In July, our annual Timanyane Day will be a feast of volunteering activity across Otley. Several community groups have signed up to receive a band of willing Year 10 helpers to support their work across the day.

Inspirational alumni

AT this year's Celebration Evening, our guest speaker Chloe Tear – a former Prince Henry's student, disability activist, blogger and Content Designer at Scope – provided inspiration to all.

Drawing on her experience as an activist living with cerebral palsy and her recent sight loss, Chloe spoke about the importance of 'finding your thing' and turning obstacles into opportunities, working hard, stepping out of your comfort zone and following your passion. She also emphasised the importance of kindness, to yourself and others, after such a difficult time for everyone, and praised award winners for their ability to rise above it and achieve in such circumstances.



Eco roundup



THE Eco-mmittee has had an exciting few months, hosting guest speakers and making two visits to SPARK York as part of York University's Fix Our Food programme. Students took part in workshops to discuss the 'future for school food across Yorkshire', as well as a fun game to understand how different farming methods and diets affect the environment. They were able to learn more about sustainable food systems and are now looking forward to sharing their learning with the wider school community.



Wild designs

AS part of our biodiversity plan, Design and Technology students were asked to help to improve the school environment by working on a range of products to help attract wildlife into the school grounds and surrounding areas. Year 10 students responded with great creativity to this design brief, carrying out detailed investigations and coming up with a wide variety of ideas for housing and feeding solutions for the local wildlife, ranging from bats all the way to hedgehogs! The products have been finished with exterior paints and fixings and are now ready to be installed around the school.



Environmentally friendly: Year 10 students with their creations.

Shakespeare in the city

FORTY Year 11 students who are studying *Macbeth* for GCSE English Literature went to Leeds Playhouse to watch a fast-paced and thrilling performance of the play. One

student said, "I loved being able to finish some of the actors' lines in my head!" All agreed that seeing the text come to life on stage was a very valuable experience.

Terrific trip

IN April, more than 80 Year 8 students spent a weekend on an outdoor activities residential trip at Kingswood Dearne Valley. The weekend's packed programme included raft building, a zipwire, mini Olympics, aeroball, laser tag, 'nightline' and climbing.

Trip leader Marion Miller said, "The students were amazing. Every one of them put so much into it, and hopefully got lots out of the experience, too."



The great outdoors: Tom Driffield, Year 8.

Lighting the way

YEAR 12 Product Design students Jake Rollinson and Dominic Tinsley have just completed their first major project, selecting an iconic design movement of their choice for inspiration.

Faculty Leader Alyson Blakeley said, "Dominic and Jake have made lamps using their own creative and innovative ideas, demonstrating a wide range of skills. Their work is especially impressive given the limited practical work they were able to complete in Year 11."



Getting physical

From football and rugby to cross-country running and rounders, our students are really putting Prince Henry's on the sporting map



Girls leading the way

THIS year has seen an exceptional number of girls competing in PE through extra-curricular clubs or outside of school. Around 300 girls have attended Prince Henry's in one of our 17 teams and competing in over 100 fixtures. A further 100 girls have attended extra-curricular football, with seven students

selected for Leeds United squads. Other sports have also attracted high numbers, including girls' rugby, cross-country, swimming, rowing, dance, cheerleading and badminton. We have also seen some great achievements in cricket and cycling and look forward to the start of summer activities in rounders and athletics.

Good sports: Jasmine Duncan, Year 9, Amelia White, Year 8, Primrose Romaine and Lauren Hammond, Year 7 and Emily Middlebrooke, Year 11.

University life

IN January, Year 12 and 13 BTEC Sport and A-level Physical Education students visited Leeds Trinity University where they were given a tour of the university and its sports science facilities. They also attended a talk with current students and lecturers about what the university has to offer before experiencing some of the sports courses available, visiting a sports injury laboratory and a biomechanics lab, and taking part in a sports philosophy seminar.



Cross-country champions

IT'S been an outstanding year for cross-country so far. U13 and U15 boys achieved first place with notable performances from Ollie Holder, Tommy Smith, Joseph Whitehouse, Archie Illingworth, Ned Gallagher Thompson, Sam Petrie, Oscar Roden and Jack Wilks.

In the U15 girls, Charlotte Chambers came first overall with Bea Pennington fifth, whilst the U13 girls achieved second place - well done to Annie Chambers, Bea Pennington, Emily Gascoyne, Amelia White and Mia Shepherd.

Congratulations to Ned and Charlotte who represented the North of England at the Schools Cross-Country Championships in Kent, together with Freddie Roden and Jamie Walker.

Staff and students also had a great time running through the mud at the Chevin Forest parkrun!



Developing the sporting future

OUR Excellence in Sport and Education Programme (ESEP) is going from strength to strength. It supports Year 12 and 13 students to develop in their specific elite sport. Harry Hepworth (left), the current national U18 gymnastics champion, has been selected to train with the men's Team GB squad and recently competed in his first adult competition as a Team GB member. Josh Ibbertson (inset) became the second-youngest British climber to ascend Rainshadow 9a at Malham Cove and is making great progress on Rainman 9b, which is the hardest climb in Great Britain.

Sporting roundup

THIS year has seen a return to extra-curricular competitions, including badminton, cross-country running, fell running, football, netball, rugby, rowing, swimming and table tennis. Meanwhile, the summer term programme includes competitive athletics, cheerleading, cricket, dance, rounders and softball. Come and get involved!

Rugby stars



IT has been a fantastic season for rugby at Prince Henry's, after a disrupted season last year. The U14s won the Yorkshire Cup Final 19-5, with Will Blaikley awarded Man of the Match in what was an excellent all-round team performance. The U16s also reached the Yorkshire Cup Final and, although they weren't successful this time, have had a superb season. The 1st XV reached the Quarter Finals of the RFU National Bowl - a fantastic achievement. Director of Rugby Dean Hyam said, "The success of the teams across all year groups shows the real strength of rugby at Prince Henry's."



Maths champions

OUR UK Senior and Intermediate Maths Challenge results have again been impressive. In the Senior Challenge, 44 certificates were awarded, with Harrison Crowder, Alfie Liddicott, Jake Powell and Anna Lolashvili doing particularly well, whilst Omar Haider went on to achieve a certificate of Merit, putting him in the top 25% of all entrants.

In the Intermediate Challenge, 96 certificates were awarded, with

strong results from Bobby Carter, Oscar Roden, Maya Sokolowska and Will Wilson, Year 9; Ewan Ashworth, Sam Rhodes, Yunhan Wu, Year 10; and Archie Clarke, Asher Dawrant, Emily Nichells, Yash Raj Sharma, Zachary Robinson, Isaac Shvitiel, George Toms and Nathan Williamson, Year 11. The standout performance was Jack Cumming, Year 11, who has been invited to participate in the Maclaurin Olympiad!

Reading for change

STUDENTS have been learning more about themselves and others at our new Equality and Diversity Book Clubs (Friday lunchtimes in the Library). A theme is set each half term, with students choosing their own books from reading lists or recommendations. Topics have included race, LGBT+, disability, neurodiversity and chronic illness, leading to thought-provoking discussions on media representation – how far we have come, and how it could be better.

Another Library success was 'Blind Date with a Book', where students borrowed 'mystery' wrapped books on the basis of just three key themes!



Book Club: Eve Williams, Year 8, Fred Verity, Year 7 and Roxy Dodgen, Year 8.

Socially bowling

IN February, twelve students from Years 7 to 11 attended the Leeds Inclusion Ten-Pin Event organised by Leeds School Sports Partnership at Hollywood Bowl. This exciting opportunity was aimed at developing life skills and independence, whilst offering students a real-life experience with the emphasis being on fun and enjoyment rather than competition. Inclusion Officer Gemma Owens said, "A range of schools from the Leeds area took part, creating a buzzing social environment. Great fun was had by all."



Future thinking



IN Year 12, the Academic Pathways group meets every week to support students who are thinking of either making an Oxbridge university application or applying for a medical course. Supported by teachers, these students receive advice about interviews, extra tests, personal

statements, work experience and the actual application process. Recently, the diverse range of students who make up the group have been working on their ability to argue a case in an interview by leading mini debates with their peers.

Next steps: Wahab Atif-Saleem, Isobel Heap and Rhuaridh Turner, Year 12.

Going for gold



THE Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme is more popular than ever, with 116 students in Year 9 embarking on their Bronze Award and 70 students in Year 10 recently starting their Silver Award. In addition, sixteen Year 12 students have been balancing their A-level studies with the Gold Award.

Prince Henry's DofE Manager Sian Ellis said, "This year, we are encouraging students to consider completing their Volunteering section by supporting a community project such as Wildlife Friendly Otley, Chevin Forest parkrun or groups such as local Scouts and Guides."

The great outdoors: Patrick Hardin and Amanda Lin, Year 10.

Culture swap

STUDENTS from a Year 8 German class have started a new letter exchange with a school in Idar-Oberstein, Germany. The students are now eagerly awaiting replies to their letters and are hoping to find out lots about their new friends, their school and their local area over the next few months.

Scientific prowess

THERE have been some impressive triumphs in national science competitions recently. Omar Haider, Year 13, achieved a Silver certificate in the Royal Society of Chemistry Olympiad, whilst Rhuaridh Turner, Year 12, achieved Bronze. The competition pushes future chemists far beyond A-level and requires them to apply their chemistry knowledge to real-world situations.

Seren Wardle, Year 10, was shortlisted in an international science communication competition. Seren had to demonstrate her scientific debate and reasoning skills to teach the public about the science that affects their lives. She produced three videos on climate change and was invited to the Royal Institute in London for the grand finale.

CPR lifesavers

YEAR 9 students took part in the annual Restart a Heart Day. With the help of volunteer paramedics, St John's Ambulance and White Rose Training professionals, they were able to learn this lifesaving

'hands-only' skill. Prince Henry's has been taking part in this initiative for many years, and this year we were one of 100 schools across West Yorkshire participating.



Essential skills: Year 9 students learning CPR.

Performing the arts

Music, theatre and everything in between

IT was a joyous experience to be able to put on a production of *School of Rock* this year, having been unable to stage a live show since *The Wiz* in 2020. The Performing Arts team is incredibly proud of our fantastic cast, crew and band who put on one of the most memorable productions ever seen at Prince Henry's, playing to sell-out audiences despite numerous Covid-related challenges during rehearsals! Not only was it a fantastic experience, but the standard was exceptionally high.

Our 'on stage' rock band did an unbelievable job of learning vast amounts of music, singing and dialogue, and the whole cast worked with incredible efficiency for a very intense three months. Special mention must also go to our 'pit' band, which this year was made up entirely of Prince Henry's students - not that you would know it as they, and everyone involved, performed like pros!

Getting the school rocking



Treading the boards: Members of the cast of *School of Rock*.

Next big thing:
The Kites.

Battle of the bands

PRINCE Henry's Bands' Night took place at Otley Courthouse just before the Easter holidays, after an absence of two years! Bands played to a sell-out audience, with professional sound engineers making sure the bands sounded fantastic, and a photographer on hand to capture the evening.

This year, the bands were

Men in Glass Houses, The Kites, a Year 9 duet, 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 Martin House Children's Hospice.

Live music triumphs

OUR musicians once again put on a stellar show at April's Senior Concert at Otley Parish Church. This followed a similarly superb show at the Christmas Concert, which featured an incredible range of music, from the most sensitive and moving singing from Sing Up and Senior Choir to the electric performances of Phusion, Jazz Band, Concert Orchestra and String Group.

Performing Arts Faculty Leader Peter Condry said, "The extra-curricular groups all performed brilliantly. It was hard to believe that this was our first live music concert since early 2020, as soloists and ensembles alike performed with nerveless aplomb."



In tune: Jake McBrinn, Year 13 and Zachary Robinson, Year 11.



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