

in view

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Celebrating diversity

Making Prince Henry's
the best place for everyone

Proud of the past, prepared for the future



Looking forward: Executive Headteacher Janet Sheriff with Caleb Madahe and Eva Jones.

Moving forward with new opportunities

WELCOME to this edition of *Inview* magazine, which showcases some of the highlights of the 2020–2021 school year. Despite the challenges, students have continued to take advantage of the many activities on offer to develop their talents, make new friends and get the most out of school life.

I am proud of how our students have responded, and how they have continued to think of others – be it through fundraising, by supporting Fairtrade and sustainability or by championing equality. Special congratulations go to students in Years 11 and 13, whose dedication to their learning has been recognised

through their superb exam results this summer.

This term, as we welcome our new Year 7 students, we look forward to being able to provide an even wider range of opportunities for students once again.

Janet Sheriff, Executive Headteacher

The results are in

Great GCSE grades

AFTER a spectacular school prom in central Leeds, Year 11 students were rewarded for their hard work with an impressive set of grades on exam results day. KS4 Progress Leader Steve Knight said “Despite the uncertainty and challenges, students have worked hard to overcome the obstacles. The grades have been awarded following a rigorous assessment, standardisation and moderation process, so every grade has been hard fought and is very well deserved.”

Highest achieving students include Isobel Heap, Jake Powell, Katarina Robinson and Patrick Timmins, who all scored multiple grade 9s in their GCSE courses.



Outstanding A-level results

Year 13 students have also been celebrating an outstanding set of results. These included Reuben Cochrane, Poppy Jopson, William Hallidie Smith, Thomas Bebbington, Lucy Preston, Lilly Ross, Alex Myland, Lucy Dugdale and Kathryn Davies who all achieved three or four A* grades at A-level. Fin Deeley, Jonas Lord, Milly Armitage and Bethany Pollard secured at least two Distinction* grades in vocational courses, in addition to other qualifications.

Head of Sixth Form Claire Willis said “We are especially proud of our students’ achievements this year, which are even more impressive given the challenges they have faced. We wish them all the very best as they move on to university, an apprenticeship, or work.”



A Fair achievement

PRINCE Henry's has once again secured the prestigious FairAchiever Award in recognition of our commitment to Fairtrade. Recent activities have included a Fairtrade poetry project in Year 10 English and a design project in Year 9 Art. Award assessors commented that “your students’ work contains some very powerful imagery and it is clear that they have an in depth knowledge about Fairtrade and issues such as justice, fairness and sustainability, and feel passionately about them. This really is an excellent application.”

Award win: Emily Bates and Ahmed Mhana.



Balancing act: Aylar Rasoolzadeh, and (inset) visiting speaker, Asher Knight.

United by difference

‘TIMANYANE’ means “Let’s know each other”, and July’s annual Timanyane Day once again gave students the chance to think about, and find out about, the different people who make up our local and global communities.

Themes explored included environmental sustainability, celebrating differences, gender identity and mental health, with activities including British Sign Language workshops, a lobbying activity raising awareness of barriers to education,

and a focus on single-use plastic waste. Homelessness charity St George’s Crypt ran awareness-raising sessions for Year 9 students, whilst Year 7 and 8 took part in a fun WaterAid activity, learning about global water and sanitation issues.

One of the day’s highlights was a performance by singer-songwriter Asher Knight, who shared personal experiences and spoke about bullying, body image, LGBT+ equality and being kind to others.

Leaders for Change

Equality, fairness and respect for people and the planet is at the heart of our school community

Free 2B Me

IN April, students in Years 10 and 11 established a new Equality & Diversity Group, supported by staff, to help champion equality, celebrate diversity and tackle discrimination. With the slogan Free2Bme@phgs, the group played a key role in July’s Equality & Diversity Week, producing display materials, form-time activities and a newsletter. The

week also included creative activities in the library and equality-themed lessons in different subjects. Jasper Cook, who helped to establish the group, said, “Some of us belong to a minority group and some of us don’t, but our sole purpose in the Equality & Diversity Group is to make the school the best place possible for everyone.”



Flying the flag: Reuben Thornton, Polly Hughes and Lois Cameron-Young.

Our Eco-future

PRINCE Henry’s eco group, the Eco-mittee, has been very busy throughout the year, discussing ideas for future work in a virtual meeting with Wildlife Friendly Otley, delivering two whole-school virtual assemblies, and achieving our Bronze Eco Schools Certificate! They are also now representing Prince Henry’s on the Leaders for Change group, which is led by FixOurFood at the University of York and is made up of young ambassadors across Yorkshire who are passionate about climate change and healthy food. The project will also feature a visit to an urban farm.

Creating opportunities outdoors

SINCE April, Year 10 students have taken responsibility for a raised bed as part of their ASDAN programme. Students have been weeding and planting to enhance biodiversity in the school grounds, whilst creating a wonderful outdoor learning space.

The garden creates opportunities for students to cultivate their own flowers, vegetables and herbs from seed, and to learn and connect with nature in a practical way. Gardening is known to benefit our mental health, to reduce stress and improve mood. Produce from the raised bed will be used in Henry's Diner and in Food Technology, reducing our carbon footprint and enhancing the wellbeing of our school community.

Food for thought: Isabel Metcalf, Finnegan Gallagher-Thompson and Thomas Cain.



Grow with it: William Guy and Melissa Keshkar.

Green fingers transform garden

IN the summer term, an enthusiastic group of Year 7 students took on the ambitious task of maintaining and developing the school garden. After lockdown, the garden had become slightly out of control and nature had truly taken over! However, in a matter of weeks, these keen students were using their green fingers to grow broccoli and beetroot in the greenhouse, fill the newly-turned flower beds with thriving courgettes, tomatoes and potatoes, whilst developing a wildlife-friendly environment with wildflowers and bird feeders. They even harvested their first batch of rhubarb to be served in the rhubarb crumble at lunchtime in Henry's!

Strumming al fresco

WHEN the weather has allowed, staff in the Performing Arts team have taken Year 7 Music classes outside to do some ukulele playing.

Faculty Leader Peter Condry said, "As restrictions on indoor singing have been in place, this has been the only way to get students singing as a group this year – and they sounded great!"



Al fresco sounds: Esme Knighton, Michael Bowman, Aidan Pears and Emma Walters.

Safe and confident cyclists

SEVENTY students from Year 7 and 8 have had fun whilst learning new skills as part of Bikeability level 2 and 3 training, delivered by qualified local instructors.

Cycling is a life skill and cycling safely with confidence is key to enjoyment and participation. Level 3 Bikeability equips students to use more

challenging roads and traffic situations, using local roads and routes.

Organising teacher Jo Greenhalgh said, "Bikeability is so much more than a cycle training programme. Cycling helps to develop personal and social skills, support health and wellbeing, promote positive behaviours and contribute to achievement."



On your bike: Elodie Thompson and Jack Pullan.

Let's go outside

From safer cycling to sustainable planting, open air music to intrepid expeditions, our students are making the most of the outdoor environment...

D of E
Gold

Award success for adventurers

D of E
Silver

IT was a busy end to the year for our Duke of Edinburgh Award staff team running all the expeditions which had been postponed during lockdown. As soon as restrictions lifted, campsites were booked, routes planned and rucksacks packed. Across six expeditions within just six weeks, 80 Bronze, 20 Silver and 28 Gold award participants all passed their Qualifying Expeditions with flying colours.

The Gold groups had the biggest challenge, walking nearly 40 miles on their four-day expedition through Dentdale, Wensleydale and Swaledale, carrying everything in rucksacks. DoE Manager Sian Ellis said, "Big thanks go to all the staff who gave up their time (and comfort!) to supervise our expeditions."



Expedition success: Gold (left) and Silver Award students on their expeditions.



Pen pals: Ollie Macintosh-Dixon and Benjamin Brunold.

Letter exchange

IN the summer term, a Year 9 German class exchanged handwritten letters with students from the Georg-Friedrich-Händel-Schule, our partner school in Berlin. The project provided an opportunity for students to use their language skills for real purposes, despite not being able to travel to Berlin this year, and to share their experiences with young Germans of a similar age.

Our German counterparts wrote about their hobbies and lockdown

experiences. Prince Henry's students were hugely impressed by their standard of English, but also reassured that the letters weren't perfect, giving our students the confidence to reply in German. They wrote about themselves and their families, interests, and cultural festivals celebrated in Yorkshire. Class teacher Paula Critchley said, "When the first letters arrived from Berlin, there was a tangible buzz in the classroom!"

Music to our ears

DESPITE Covid-related challenges, our talented musicians have been as busy as ever! Building on the success of their Christmas Concert video, students and staff also recorded a special Virtual Summer Concert to showcase the work of the 100-plus students who continued to be involved in the various bands and choirs across the year.

Congratulations go to Taya Tur, who has received scholarships from Awards for Young Musicians and Sage Gateshead, and Imogen Baker, who has benefitted from an Otley Town Council grant enabling her to record a stunning song, which she composed during lockdown. The Music team were also delighted to welcome the Cool Lieder Project back to Prince Henry's to run choral workshops with our young singers.



On song: Imogen Baker and Taya Tur.



Art imitates life

YEAR 12 media students spent the summer term working on their practical coursework. Some created True Life magazines, some filmed reality TV shows and others produced music videos. There have been some challenges along the way, such as making sure that filming and photoshoots are socially distanced and, of course, coping with our never-dependable Yorkshire weather, but the students have all produced creative, technically-sophisticated work.

Charity champions

GIVEN the disruption caused by school closure last year, students decided to carry over their two chosen charities for a second year to raise as much money as possible. Through a series of events, including non-uniform days, a candy cane sale and an Easter egg tombola, students and staff have raised an impressive £7,863 to share between the conservation charity WWF and Yorkshire Air Ambulance. Deputy Head Student Alex Myland said, "We would like to thank everyone who generously donated eggs to the Easter Tombola, and supported our other events."

The Student Council will now be working with all students to select two charities to support this year.



Ooh la languages

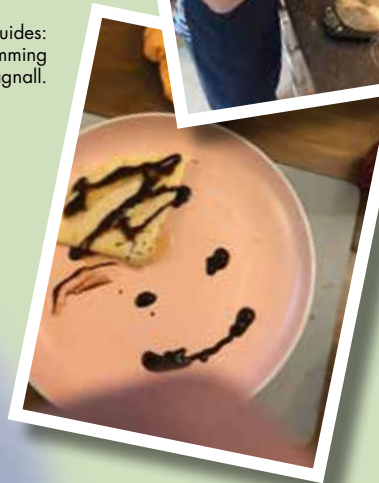
THERE have been many exciting and creative activities taking place in the Modern Foreign Languages Faculty recently, including during lockdown! Year 8 students learned about celebrations in French-speaking countries and students were set the challenge of cooking something related to these celebrations. Oscar Johnson turned his home kitchen into a crêperie and made French pancakes for his family! "Miami miam!"

Year 10 students worked hard to produce detailed

and useful revision resources in a style of their own choosing, as part of a drive to boost retrieval skills.

Meanwhile, some of our Year 12 linguists took part in the Leeds University virtual Linguastars project during the summer term along with students from across the country. The students met weekly with tutors from the university and, as well as developing their linguistic skills, have also been finding out about studying languages at university.

Revision guides: Jack Cumming and Dulcie Bagnall.



Top chef: Oscar Johnson.

Floral mural for Otley

ALL Year 12 Art students took part in designing and creating a colourful mural to be mounted in Bay Horse Court, central Otley. The theme was 'Floral Composition and Time'. They collaged together a wide range of colourful flowers which they had photographed, and one student came up with Keats' quote 'Life is but a day...' for the design.

The painting was created in school and then sited in

the heart of Otley for the summer, where it has proved very popular. Faculty Leader for Art Shane Green said, "The materials used were sponsored by Jan and Dean Ball from Bay Horse Inn, and all students involved will be able to draw on the teamwork, community responsibility and creative skills they demonstrated, when preparing to apply for Higher Education during the autumn term."



Bright and beautiful: The mural in situ and Year 12 students at work on the pieces.





Cricketers compete again

IT was great to see the return of some competitive inter-school sport in the summer term, after a long period where this could not take place. The Year 8 and 9 cricket teams both reached the semi-finals of the County Cup competitions, with outstanding displays by Ollie Holder, Alfie Urban, Charlie Bradbourne, Jasmine Duncan, Adam Hughes, Ethan Lowans, Sam Rhodes and from Will Lowans, who just missed out on a maiden century with 96 not out.

PE Faculty Leader Dave Curtis said, "Although some fixtures were not able to run, there were some excellent performances, and we're already looking forward to a busy and successful 2022 cricket season."

Team effort: Will and Ethan Lowans.

U15s join rugby elite



A league of their own: Brody Duckmanton, Evan Reyner, Lloyd McEwan-Peters and Harry Taylor.

FOUR U15 rugby players have been selected as part of the development groups for two very prestigious rugby league academies. Leeds Rhinos have selected Harry Taylor and Lloyd McEwan-Peters, whilst Bradford

Bulls have selected Evan Reyner and Brody Duckmanton. The boys will be involved in academy games and continue on the elite talent pathway over the next year.



Olympic games: Isobel Peake and Daisy Bolton.

JULY'S sun-drenched Olympics Day saw students representing their forms in a wide variety of sporting competitions from swimming to table tennis and from dodgeball to lacrosse. External coaches from British Cycling and RowUK also came

into school to help lead activities alongside staff and Sixth Form students. Several athletics events took place in the run-up to the day, with Tom Kitchingman (6.80m) and Elliot Peart (11.51m) breaking the Year 7 and 10 shot put records respectively.

Rowing for Gold

THE PE Faculty has kick-started its rowing programme by joining up with the new Leeds Rowing Academy. Key Stage 3 students Phoebe Bland, Isobel Peake, Amy Watt, Madison Lawson, Lizzie McDonald, Mattie Dawson, Ted Brown and Joey Shah were selected from schools across Leeds to attend a talent ID session at Leeds University. Joe Bramham-Butts came fourth in the National Schools' final, whilst three-time Olympic Gold medallist Andy Triggs-Hodge paid a visit to give students an insightful and inspirational talk.



In training: Lizzie McDonald and Mattie Dawson with Andy Triggs-Hodge.

All photos adhere to social distancing rules and year group bubbles.



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