

# in view

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## Behind the mask

Prince Henry's pupils  
celebrate diversity in Art

Proud of the past, prepared for the future



## Thank you for your support

I CAN hardly believe that I'm almost at the end of my first year at Prince Henry's – the time has passed by so quickly! It has been an amazing ten months, and I am extremely grateful to the many members of staff, parents, governors and pupils that have helped me to settle in so quickly. It

is a pleasure to work hard for the benefit of our engaging pupils who are so committed to learning and proud of their school. I am even more determined to ensure further improvement to Prince Henry's Grammar School, to make a good school even better!

*Janet Sheriff, Headteacher*

One year on: Headteacher Janet Sheriff with Clare O'Neill and Jack Garforth, Year 8.



Rave reviews: Laura O'Neill, Eva Harding and Molly Walsh, Year 8.

## Leeds Book Awards

PRINCE Henry's Reading Group was invited to the Leeds Book Awards ceremony, at the Civic Hall in Leeds. Pupils from Years 8 and 9 have been reading the shortlisted books for pleasure and voting for their favourite book.

At the event, our pupils delivered a presentation in front of other school groups on one of the shortlisted authors. They also had the opportunity to watch a performance poet and meet some of their favourite authors.

Year 8 pupil Laura O'Neill said: "The performance poet was really funny and I loved meeting the authors."

## Creativity unmasked

TO celebrate Prince Henry's commitment to diversity and global citizenship, Year 7 pupils drew inspiration from China, Italy and Africa to create papier-mâché masks, which they wore in Otley's Carnival Parade. "We were really excited about taking part in the carnival and enjoyed being able to do something really creative and expressive," said one pupil.

In Year 7, Taneel Chana's stunning watercolour seascape was selected for the Leeds in Bloom calendar. Taneel's creativity will be rewarded by seeing his work in print, which will be appreciated by thousands of people. He will also receive a £100 prize for the school.

Artistic achievement: Rosalind Murray, Year 7.



Fairtrade for all: Deborah Britteon, Merna Khalil, Chloe Atkinson and Tobias Gray, Year 10, with Miss Pearce.

## Pupils go bananas for Fairtrade

OUR Fairtrade Team has been working hard this year to raise awareness of Fairtrade products, producers and events. Activities included organising a series of assemblies to encourage pupils to take part in Fairtrade Fortnight. Prince Henry's kitchen staff were also involved in Fairtrade Fortnight, using Fairtrade ingredients to create delicious banana bread, muffins topped with toffee, flapjacks and chocolate puddings.

As part of their GCSE coursework, Year 10 Product Design pupils designed, made and sold their own range of Fairtrade lip balms.

In addition, the Year 9 Fairtrade Cook Club made and sold cakes and treats using only Fairtrade cooking ingredients. Look out for more Fairtrade products on sale in the future.

## Record of their success

YEAR 11 pupils were challenged to achieve the highest average number of reward stamps as a form.

The prize was a visit to a professional recording studio in Leeds to record a cover song of their choice. The winning form was 11 TFJ, who recently recorded their version of the song, *Don't Stop Believing*.

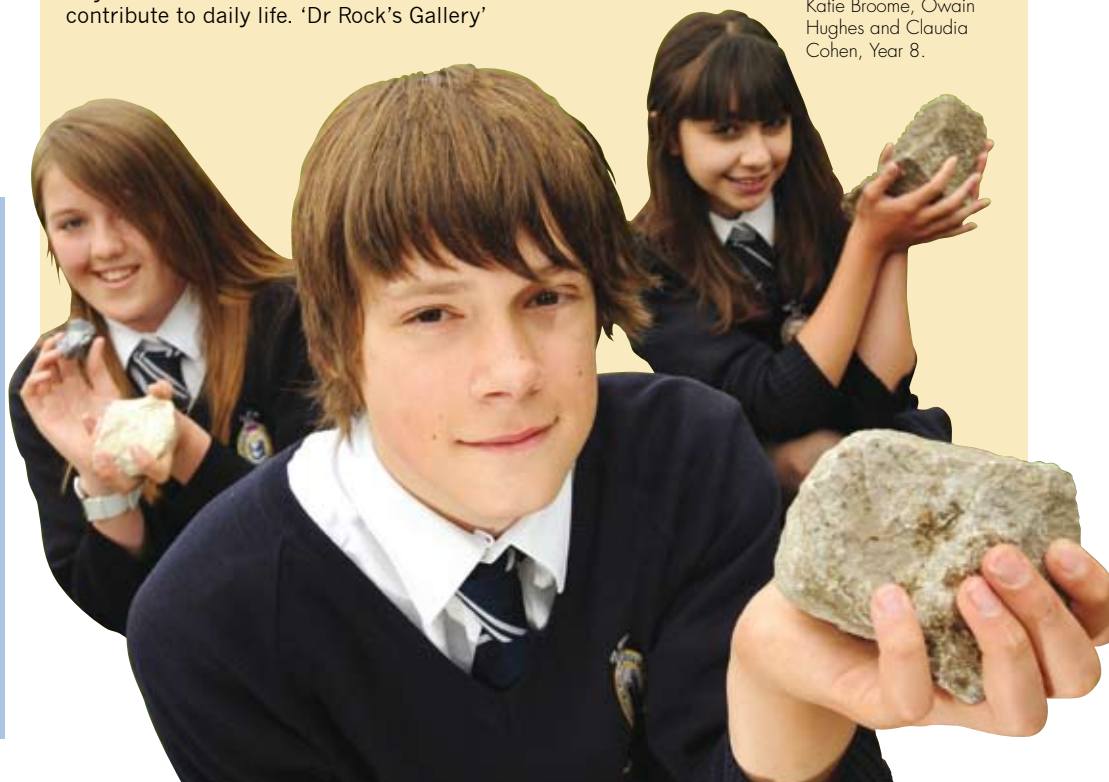
## Science spectacular

PUPILS in Years 9 and 10 were treated to a series of spectacular demonstrations when Dave Richardson from the Institute of Physics brought his 'Ever Wondered Why?' roadshow to Prince Henry's. The 'airzooka' proved to be a particular favourite!

Meanwhile, Year 8 pupils visited Leeds City Museum to see how rocks and minerals contribute to daily life. 'Dr Rock's Gallery'

included everything from poisonous rocks to human implants, mobile phones and X-ray machines. Pupils also explored the Ancient Egypt section. Science teacher Linda Rasdale said: "It was a fun-filled day, enjoyed by pupils and staff alike."

Secrets of Science: Katie Broome, Owain Hughes and Claudia Cohen, Year 8.



## News in brief

**KEY Stage 4 ICT** pupils took part in a trip to York Castle Museum and York Railway Museum recently, where they took video footage for their forthcoming ICT Video Unit.

TO mark **World Maths Day**, Prince Henry's pupils competed against students from countries around the world to correctly answer as many Maths questions as possible within 24 hours. Our contribution was 50,000, with Kallum Kirk and Will Mitchell each providing 2,000 answers.

This year's record breaking total was  $4.8 \times 10^8$  answers!

## Tour of Trafford Centre

YEAR 11 BTEC Retail pupils visited the Trafford Centre in Manchester as part of their Fashion Retailing Unit. They received a guided tour of the Centre and were given the opportunity to go behind the scenes.

Mohammed Ali, in Year 11, said: "I had a real insight into how the Trafford Centre runs on a day-to-day basis. This will be great for my coursework."

## Broadcast news

YEAR 8 pupils have taken part in a national media competition, run by the Big Lottery Fund in association with ITV. Their task was to choose a local rolling news story and produce a plan for a news broadcast.

Our students produced some interesting stories, resulting in Lizzy Richings, Molly Walsh, Becky Morris and Alex Copcutt being named runners-up. English teacher Amanda Dudley said: "We are really proud of our pupils, particularly as their story was about our resident 'chainsaw artist' Shane Green!"

## Cast impress in 'South Pacific'

THE dynamic duo of Greenwood (Music) and Ellis (Media) returned this year to produce one of Rodgers and Hammerstein's most successful musicals, *South Pacific*.

Main Hall was transformed into a dreamy Polynesian island with palm trees and a volcano, thanks to the amazing set designed by Art teacher Natalie Sadler. With a cast of more than 50, it was a

challenge to fit everyone on stage for the really big numbers.

Tayla Rae Wilson, Luke Rothery, Sarah Jepson, Fergus McManus and Andrew Cook played the leads and impressed the audience with the show's iconic songs, including *Some Enchanted Evening*, *I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Outta My Hair* and *Happy Talk*.

Some enchanted evening: Prince Henry's pupils took to the stage.





# Diversity in action

Pupils at Prince Henry's benefit from an inclusive education, which broadens their horizons and helps to embed a culture of equality

## Prince Henry's sets the standard

OUR work on diversity and global citizenship was presented as an example of good practice at the national launch conference of the Stephen Lawrence Education Standard.

Year 13 student Shahnoor Amin joined Headteacher Janet Sheriff and Assistant Headteacher Chris Lillington in presenting to an audience of more than 400 people, who were also treated to a performance of *The Sound of Music*, in Chinese, by Year 13 soprano Lucy Watmough.

The Sound of Music: Lucy Watmough, Year 13.

## Africa in

FOUR postgraduate students worked with Year 7 during an Enhanced Curriculum Day in March. Their aim was to challenge pupils' perceptions of Africa and to make them aware of the differences between the 57 countries that make up the continent. The students, from

Nigeria and Kenya, are taking part in a project called African Perspectives, which is run by the Centre for African Studies at Leeds University.



## Pupils champion human rights

IN March, our Global Justice Group attended the PeaceJam UK 2010 Youth Conference at Bradford University. The action-packed weekend was a chance to work with other young people committed to positive change in their schools, communities and the world, and to talk about the work they have been doing at Prince Henry's to champion human rights issues.

It culminated in the unique opportunity to meet the Nobel Peace Laureate and current President of East Timor, José Ramos-Horta. Alice Hodnett, in Year 11, said: "Meeting a real-life President was inspirational."

Citizens of the world: The Global Justice Group with the President of East Timor.



## Horrors of the Holocaust

HOLOCAUST education forms an important part of the school's anti-racism work.

As part of the 'Lessons from Auschwitz' project, Year 13 Philosophy and Ethics students Mel Thackray and Daisy Cox recently visited the former Nazi concentration camp in Auschwitz, Poland. Both girls were very moved by the experience. Daisy said: "It is extremely important that this horrific event is remembered, to make sure it never happens again."

IN March, Prince Henry's became the first school outside London to work with Caboodle Arts Company on a production aimed at challenging homophobia and promoting equality throughout the school. The performance, "Boxed In", and follow-up workshops enabled Year 9 pupils

to look at prejudice, assumptions and stereotypes regarding sexuality. The day was organised in response to discussions at the Student Diversity Forum. The company's actors praised our pupils for the maturity and respect with which they approached the subject.

TWENTY-FIVE pupils took part in Prince Henry's first trip to the World Cup BT Paralympics in Manchester.

During their visit, they saw inspirational athletes with disabilities compete in a range of sports, including 'Blade Runner' Oscar

Pistorius. Oscar, with his two micro-fibre legs, stormed to first place in the 100m and 400m sprints.

Peter Williams, in Year 8, said: "I thought it was amazing to see how disabled people can compete as athletes just like other people."

## Forum leads the way



Celebrating diversity: Isobel Rudman, Year 12, Alex Davey, Year 9, Oliver Comyn, Year 13, Ambreen Ashraf, Year 10, Lakvinder Lakhpal, Year 7, and Hannah Patterson, Year 8.

**MEMBERS of the Student Diversity Forum have taken a lead role in our work towards the Stephen Lawrence Education Standard.**

As well as undertaking a pupil survey of equality and diversity issues across the school, the 35-strong group has contributed to assemblies, spoken at a staff training session, taken part in the launch of the 'Ottley Family of Schools Anti-Racism Charter' and helped out at Westgate Primary School's Diversity Week. Pupils have also been busy preparing for our own Diversity Festival, 'Same Difference'.

THIRTY pupils in Years 7 and 8 recently had the opportunity to gain a better understanding of disability by taking part in a wheelchair basketball workshop. The sessions were led by members of the Leeds Spiders wheelchair basketball club, including our very own Rebecca Morris, Year 8.



On the ball: Rebecca Morris, Year 8.



## Rugby team competes in Dubai

On tour: The U14 and U15 rugby team in Dubai.



THE U14 and U15 rugby team faced stiff opposition in Dubai against a number of local teams. However, the players also had the opportunity to experience the country's traditions and culture during visits to spice and gold souks, a Bedouin camp and Burj Khalifa, the world's tallest building. Luke Cowdell, in Year 10, commented: "The Dubai tour was fantastic. Not only did it test my rugby skills, but I took part in some brilliant excursions on our rest days."

## Field trip to

**YEAR 13 students Sarah Hooper and Ruth Benson recently took part in a Travel and Tourism trip to Gambia. Accompanied by Miss Belton, the girls said: "After winning the Responsible Holiday Challenge run by Leeds Metropolitan University, we took part in a week's field trip to Gambia. We visited an eco retreat, Makasutu Culture Forest, a bee-keeping co-operative and the capital city of Banjul. It was interesting to see how tourism can be both a positive and a negative force."**

# Passport to the world

## All abroad

IT has been a busy time for the MFL Department, with more than 250 pupils travelling abroad since the last edition of *Inview*.

Pupils and staff from throughout the school have been involved in two trips to France, two to Spain and three to Germany. Excursions have included Tour Montparnasse in Paris and visits to Barcelona's Camp Nou stadium and the delicious Chocolate Museum in Cologne. There have also been exchange visits to our partner schools in Montereau (France), Madrid (Spain) and Aachen (Germany).

## Scholarship

SIXTH Form students at Prince Henry's are encouraged to apply for the Waye Travelling Scholarship, which is awarded each year to students who are planning to travel abroad. The scholarship was set up in memory of the late Mr Douglas Waye who was Chair of the Foundation Governors for more than 20 years.

This year's recipient is linguist Chris Rawlings, Year 12, who is planning to visit Germany.

## Taste of Spain

TEN students in Years 12 and 13 recently visited IES López Neyra, our partner school in Cordoba, Spain, to take part in a conference about healthy lifestyles. The students stayed with local families and immersed themselves in Spanish culture. They also had the opportunity to visit places of interest such as a traditional olive oil manufacturing company. Our partner schools from Dronninglund, Denmark, and Brno in the Czech Republic also represented their schools as part of the Language College Comenius Project, which is funded by the European Union.

Health on the menu: Jordan Malthouse, Year 12, and Emily Glendenning, Mariam Gulamhussein and Jonathan Pratt, Year 13.



Instrumental to our success: Nicola Williams, Nathan Coope, Martha Nelson, Robin Armitage and Jonathan Bullock, Year 10.

## Musicians of note

YEAR 9 pupils visited The 02 bubble in London recently to see The British Pop Music Experience, an interactive exhibition about popular music and its history. The pupils enjoyed filming their own music video and learned how to play guitar, drums and bass.

Back in Otley, Senior ensembles performed to a packed All Saints Church. For some, this was their final school performance. Year 13 student Mallory Green said: "I'll miss music at Prince Henry's immensely."

Meanwhile, Year 6 pupils from our feeder primary schools came into school to take part in a joint Junior Band and Orchestra day. Music staff have also been visiting feeder schools to deliver lessons and talk about musical opportunities at Prince Henry's.

## 'Brain Day' boosts revision

THE ever popular 'Brain Day' for Psychology students in Years 12 and 13 was led by neuroscience lecturer Dr Guy Sutton.

The session covered abnormal psychological conditions, such as schizophrenia, and focused on the wonders of the mind

as well as dispelling myths about the brain. Students also had the opportunity to observe the dissection of a sheep's brain.

Psychology teacher Helen White said: "This valuable session will have helped students to prepare for their A-level exams this summer."

## technology students rise to the challenge

IT was the first time Prince Henry's Year 12 Technology students entered the Yorkshire Dales Rotary Club's Key Stage 5 Technical Tournament Construction Challenge – and they won! The team beat five other schools in the competition held at Gargrave.

The challenge was to build a Light Tower in which the light flashed once per second for ten seconds using only mechanical means.

The team were presented with a trophy and plaque and will now go forward to the national finals.

Shining stars: Nathan Rogers, Sam Kerry, Caroline Walton and Elizabeth Roberts, Year 12.



## Duke of Edinburgh's

YEAR 10 pupils taking their Duke of Edinburgh's Award walked from Pateley Bridge to Appletreewick. The next day, the 28 pupils continued on to Embsay, carrying everything they needed to be self-sufficient for the weekend.

The Award Scheme has continued to grow in popularity at Prince Henry's, and the participants have all been a credit to the school.

The great outdoors: Bryony Barlow, Will Mitchell, Ellie Preston, Sophia Megaw, Beth Firth, Robert Atkinson, Amber Hodge, Alastair Gimbey and Megan Davies, Year 10.





THIS term, we welcomed Richard Wareham as our new Director of Rugby. Previously Head of Games at Mount St Mary's College, Richard is just completing his L4 coaching award (the highest level possible), and is a member of the England U16 coaching team.

Just the job: Richard Wareham with James Tyson and Jack Scott-Paul, Year 12.

Richard said: "It is a great honour to work at Prince Henry's. There are only 14 AASE colleges in the country. From early on in my teaching and coaching career, I've always wanted a job like this."



PRINCE Henry's played exceptionally well at the Rosslyn Park National Schools Sevens this year. After a successful first day, the team played Neath and Warwick School. However, after playing Colston's School, Bristol, in the quarter-final, they lost to Millfield School, Somerset, in the semi-final.

The boys (pictured right) can be tremendously proud of their achievements, reaching the last four out of 105 entrants.



## Boxer packs a punch

AFTER winning the British Nationals in Boxing, Year 12 student Qais Ashfaq has just returned from representing Great Britain in the World Youth Boxing Championships in Azerbaijan. Qais finished in third place, having been

knocked out by the world number one in a very close match.

Qais's next goal is the Commonwealth Games in October.

Champion boxer:  
Qais Ashfaq,  
Year 12.



## Every one's a winner

PUPILS Joe Gray, Alex Hydes, Scott Miller, Imogen Sweetman and Brandon McGraffin took part in the Yorkshire Mini Games at Tong High School. The Prince Henry's team played superbly and won the football competition.

Congratulations also to Rebecca Morris, in Year 8, and Joe Gray and Danielle Skilbeck, in Year 7, who took part in Inclusive Zone basketball and athletics competitions. The three students were identified as showing real potential and were selected to represent West Yorkshire in a regional event at York College.

## Congratulations...

- **Ellie Hargreaves** has been selected to play in the Yorkshire U15 Girls Basketball Squad.
- The **Year 7 girls' 5-a-side football team** won the schools FA tournament and represented Leeds and then West Yorkshire in the regional finals.
- **Dominic Barrow** and **Chris Walker** have both been selected to represent England U18 on their forthcoming tour to South Africa this summer.
- **Toby Gill** joined the National 12-a-side U15s rugby tournament playing against other regional teams. Toby is hoping this will lead to selection in the England U16s.
- **Evelyn Pedley**, who represents Leeds at synchronised swimming, finished second in the British Nationals and first in the Scottish Nationals. Evelyn also attended the National Speed Championships for lifesaving.
- In **netball**, the U16 team made it through to the regional round of the National Tournament; the U15 team were winners in the LSNA tournament and the Senior team came second; the U13s were runners-up in the LSNA Invitation Tournament.
- The Prince Henry's **swimming team** came fifth out of 22 schools in the West Yorkshire Schools' Championships.



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