

# in view

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## On your bike!

Prince Henry's new  
cycling squad is  
ready to race

Proud of the past, prepared for the future



## Celebration of our achievements

WELCOME to the winter edition of our *Inview* magazine.

I hope you enjoy reading about the fantastic achievements of our students, from success in the Sci-lympics (see page 6) to the celebration of our many successes in PE and sport (see centre pages). You can also read about other positive developments in our provision for students. These come at an exciting time when we are undertaking significant improvements to the physical learning environment, with major refurbishment of our historic Lower School building due to be completed by March 2013.

I am sure you will agree there is clear evidence that Prince Henry's Grammar School continues to go from strength to strength.

*Janet Sheriff, Headteacher*



## A common goal

WE have embarked on our fourth Comenius Project this term. Comenius partnerships are funded by the European Union, and enable students across Europe to work collaboratively on a range of projects.

Our project involves schools in the Czech Republic, Germany, Poland and the UK, with students exploring issues of equality and diversity.

Thirty students visited Prince Henry's in November when they presented their findings to a questionnaire based on gender and sexuality. Activities also included workshops highlighting our local history, the Yorkshire dialect and British cuisine, plus a trip to York, a bowling evening and a gala celebration dinner, which included both Morris dancing and a ceilidh band.

Comenius partners: Natalie Lowry and William Mitchell, Year 13, with the Comenius visitors from the Czech Republic, Germany and Poland.

## Stand out from the crowd

SIXTH FORM students at Prince Henry's have been given the opportunity to stand out from the crowd, with the introduction this term of a new Enrichment Curriculum.

One of the most popular options is the EPQ (Extended Project Qualification), which has been chosen by 66 of our Year 12 students.

Prince Henry's is one of only six schools in the region to work with the University of Leeds on the delivery of this qualification, which involves a research-based project on a topic of the student's choice. Students have been treated to a series of inspirational lectures to stimulate ideas, delivered by experts from fields as diverse as cyber security and trauma radiology!

An enriched education: Katharine Missin, Eloise Cummings, Ella Churchill, Hannah Willis and Leo Hannan-Webber, Year 12.



## Cycling to fitness



Best of the best: Bronte Wales and Jude Mason, Year 7.

PRINCE Henry's now has its first cycling squad!

The squad is open to all Key Stage 3 students, and the aim is to encourage an enjoyment in the sport and to develop skills and fitness to enable team members to get involved in inter-school and local competitions.

As a result, Year 7 students Bronte Wales and Jude Mason recently raced in the 'Dirtwheels' cyclo-cross event in Wharfemeadows against the best Under 12s riders in the Yorkshire region.

Training and skills sessions will return in the spring term. Anyone interested should see Mr Mordue.

## THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY



Chain reaction: Year 10 students Rebecca Foster, Lakvinder Lakhani, Sophie Jeffery and Hannah Bradford.

## Neighbourhood watch

THIS year's 'i12' project involved four Year 10 students who, alongside Safer Schools Officers PC Heidi Beardsmore and PC Sally Bisset, have been challenged to inspire others, initiate change and use their imagination to have a positive impact in their local neighbourhood.

Entitled 'Cuffed & Caught', the

project involved students giving a presentation and handing out leaflets at a local coffee morning, with tips on how to prevent and deal with purse pinching and bag snatching.

The Young Citizens' Panel also plans to visit Year 6 pupils in a number of local primary schools to raise awareness about theft and shoplifting.



## A problem shared...

THE Maths Department has been hosting 36 gifted Year 6 pupils from local primary schools to further strengthen the links between the schools and bridge the gap between Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 3.

During the after-school sessions, pupils have been learning about shape and space, algebra and numbers to enhance their problem-solving and group work skills.

Jacob Webster, from Ashfield Primary School, said: "We do fun-filled Maths activities while bonding with new friends from other primary schools, and learning exciting new skills."

## Hands-on experience

HEALTH and Social Care students in Years 11 and 12 are now completing work experience in local primary schools, nurseries and residential homes to help develop their caring and communication skills.

Greta Petrulyte from Year 12 said: "It is a great opportunity to learn new skills and meet different people." Olivia Simpson, also in Year 12, added: "It gives you a chance to work with children with Special Educational Needs."

The Health and Social Care course gives students the opportunity to gain hands-on experience, informing both coursework and future career choices.

## Language students lead the way

THIS summer, our 36 'fast track' GCSE French and Spanish students achieved record results, with over 91 per cent attaining grades A\*-A, despite sitting the exam a year early!

With their GCSE grades under their belt, this term they have started work towards the Language Leaders Award. Students planned, prepared and delivered

their own language-learning activities for visitors to our Open Evening in October, where they took on the role of a teacher.

As well as having a go at memory games, matching tasks and word puzzles, Year 6 pupils and their parents were also invited to learn the song, *Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes* - in Spanish!



Fast track to success: Katy Dunn and Harry Kerr, Year 11.



## Support for sport

SIXTEEN students from Years 10 and 11 have been nominated Sports Prefects. Prefects support the PE Department with their aim of increasing participation in sport and deliver inter-school competitions and promote sporting opportunities. They will also organise lunchtime inter-form activities, as well as a Year 7 Mini-Olympics competition.

Alex Burnett and Katie Broome were selected to represent Prince Henry's as Young Ambassadors, and attended the regional conference at Colne Valley High School. As part of their Ambassador role, they will promote sport in line with the Olympic legacy.

Sports Prefects: Year 10 and 11 students.



## Olympics in her sights

ATHLETE Ellie Barker (pictured right), in Year 13, talks about her ambitions for the 2016 Olympics.

"I joined Skyrac AC in Guiseley, and through enjoyment and thanks to a serious coach, I started entering higher level competitions and beating previous records. I then went to the Yorkshire Championships and qualified for the English Under 21 championships, where I was proud to come second.

"Thanks to an invitation to join GB's Gifted & Talented Squad, I am now training for the qualifiers next summer, and hoping to compete in Rio in 2016. Although I started out as a 100m sprinter, I am currently going through a transition to become a 400m sprinter because of my physique and power. It's a lot harder! Fingers crossed I become a future Olympic sprinter!"



## Karate kid

YEAR 13 student Matthew Humphries talks to *Inview* about his sporting passion:

"I have done karate since I was three years old, and have been a black belt for four years now. I train in Leeds under Leeds Shotokan Karate, but I also train in Liverpool, York and Manchester. For the past three years, I have been in the England squad, and have been the regional and national champion several times for my age. I have represented the Men's Team fighting for both Leeds and England, and was also the regional champion in Kata.

"One of the greatest highlights for me was representing England in the European Championships in Germany in 2010. I have now been selected for the European Championships in Serbia this December, and can't wait!"



High flier: Matthew Humphries, Year 13.

From rugby to karate, Prince Henry's students go the extra mile across a wide range of sports

# FITNESS FIRST

## On the winning side

THE AASE rugby squad has begun the season with a flurry of fixtures, so far recording four wins and two losses in the first six of their ten games in the RFU AASE North Group. Fifteen new players have been added to the programme with a host of talented young players from around Yorkshire joining the RFU 'Achieving Academic and Sporting Excellence' scheme at Prince Henry's.

The potential of the group has been recognised, with Paul Hill, Jack Walker, Lewis Boyce, Dan Preston-Routledge, Guy Borrowdale and Nick Rawsthorne all having been selected for training with England U17s and 18s during the half-term break. Rob Rekis, Dan Tai, Josh Walters, Dan Grange, Josh Burrridge, Declan Dunn and Tom Burrridge are also playing for Yorkshire Under 18s in their county programme.

The squad is looking ahead to the rest of the season with anticipation, with the return leg of their 25-22 loss away to Hartpury College scheduled for 28th February.



- **Netball** – Years 8 and 9 are both champions of the Leeds Schools' Invitation Tournaments.
- Congratulations to the following for being selected to represent the city: Year 7, Megan Cullen, Millie Tarleton, Esme Sudall; Year 8, Ava Arundel, Phi Pinder, Cody Gray; Year 9, Georgia Rembacken, Tyler Slobodian, Emily Fleetwood, Gabi Gatewood, Zoe Kitchin, Lauren Richardson, Rebecca Clarkson.
- In addition, 20 girls from Years 10-13 qualified as Junior Netball Umpires in the England Netball Umpiring Award.
- **Indoor Athletics** – Year 8 girls are through to the city round of the championships.
- **Table Tennis** – Year 9 boys are through to the city round of the championships.
- **Dance** – Year 11 student Holly Pennington has established a popular new club that will choreograph some of the school show dance routines.
- **Rugby** – Year 8 boys are through to the fourth round of the Yorkshire Cup.



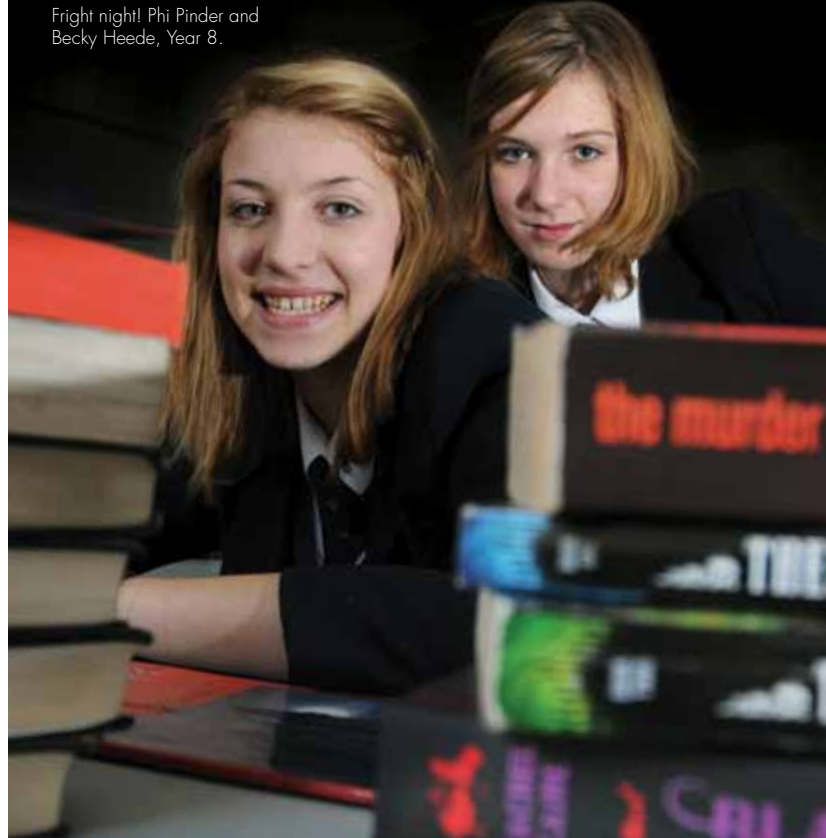
# Hair-raising stories

SIX Year 8 students – Jake Walker, Emilia Blackie, Alim Demirbag, Dan Musgrave, Becky Heede and Phi Pinder – flew the flag for Prince Henry’s at this year’s Ilkley Literature Festival.

In addition, their spooky gothic stories were also ‘highly

commended’ in the Young People’s Writing Competition, and Becky and Phi were asked by the judges to read their work to a packed crowd at Otley Courthouse. English teacher Chris Smith said: “It was a brilliant night. Becky and Phi did the school proud!”

Fright night! Phi Pinder and Becky Heede, Year 8.



Science challenge:  
Catie Pine and Aadil Karim, Year 10.



## ‘Sci-lympics’ triumph

IN July, Immanuel College hosted a special ‘Sci-lympics’ event, inviting students from 11 schools to take part in a variety of athletics events in the morning and Science-based challenges in the afternoon.

Fielding a team of 12 students from Years 8 and 9, who were carefully selected for their skills in both athletics and Science, we were delighted to be awarded first place in the competition!

Our reward? A cheque for £1,000, a large trophy and medals for everyone involved. Congratulations to Catie Pine, Andrew Triggs, Mollie Mallinson, Aadil Karim, Adam Estell, Annie Palister, Max McMurdo, Cailan McMurrough, Matthew Edmonds, Megan Shields, Tyler Slobodian and Zoe Kitching.

# Global warming under the microscope

THIS term in Geography, Year 8 students have investigated the causes and effects of global warming and how renewable energy might be a solution.

Students researched the effects of global warming in locations as diverse as Greenland and Australia, and presented their findings in creative and imaginative ways.

The wide range of fantastic work demonstrated both how global warming is changing our planet and the creativity of our Geographers.

Eleri Haines designed a ‘global thermometer’ of climate change impacts, while Jessica Hemsley created an interactive model highlighting impacts in locations around the world.



Hot topic: Year 8 students Eleri Haines and Jessica Hemsley.



Top marks: Gabriella Hudson, Laura Foster and Robert Cross, Year 13.

# Harewood exhibition

THIS year, the Art Department has been extremely proud of the outstanding number of A\* grades achieved by students at A-level. In fact, half of all top grades awarded to Prince Henry’s students were for A-level Art.

Their work was also featured as part of the Red Kite Alliance Design Exhibition at Harewood House during the summer.

# Elected representatives

THROUGHOUT September and October, Form Reps were inspired by the success of the previous Student Council to put themselves forward to represent their year group.

As well as the Head Boy and Head Girl, the Student Council is made up of Student Year Leaders who represent every student in school, and who deliver their message to the Senior Leadership Team and governing body.

The first point of communication is the Form Rep, who takes ideas and issues to the relevant Student Year Leader to be discussed at the full Student Council.

# Learn a new language

THIS term, we have welcomed our three new language assistants – Mónica, Sonja and Xavier – who will be working with our students until the end of May. Here, they tell us a little about themselves:

## Mónica

“Me llamo Mónica y tengo 25 años. Soy de México, de la ciudad de Guadalajara. Me gusta mucho Inglaterra.”

## Sonja

“Hallo. Mein Name ist Sonja und ich bin 26 Jahre alt. Ich komme aus Innsbruck. Das ist in Österreich. In meiner Freizeit besuche ich sehr gern Konzerte oder gehe Klettern.”

## Xavier

“Salut. Je m’appelle Xavier et j’ai 22 ans. Je viens de Nantes en France. J’aime voyager, chanter et toutes les choses simples de la vie.”



Mother tongue: Sonja, Mónica and Xavier.

# Journey into the past

BLACK History Month in October has been celebrated annually since 1926.

This year, students in Years 8 and 9 completed case studies on the lives of African-Americans and explored how the treatment they have received has changed over the years. In addition, students were asked to examine and reflect on behaviour towards minority groups in society, both in the past and present.

# Grand opera

THIS term, 32 GCSE Music/Performing Arts students took part in a workshop on Janacek’s The Makropulos Case, which was followed by a visit to the Leeds Grand to see the Opera North production.

“This project really helped students to understand the mechanics of opera; Opera North hopes to engage the audiences of the future through

work like this,” said Curriculum Leader for Music Lucy Greenwood, who was recently appointed Lead Professional for Music in Leeds.

This term, members of Otley and Ilkley Choral Society also visited for the third consecutive year to run an afternoon of choral singing for members of the school choirs and GCSE Music groups.

# Cultural exchange

DURING the October half-term holiday, ten students from Year 10 took part in our annual Chinese exchange with Xuejun High School, Hangzhou, accompanied by Miss Cox (English) and Mr Mordue (ICT).

Students stayed with their partner’s family, where they enjoyed a range of exciting experiences to develop their knowledge of Chinese culture, as well as spending time in school and visiting the beautiful sights of the region. The group had a fantastic trip and are looking forward to welcoming their partners to Otley next year.

Chinese on the menu: Our students in Hangzhou.





# CHANGING FACE OF TECHNOLOGY

## In brief

STEM Club students have taken part in the 'Otley Voice Your Choice' competition. Entries included an aluminium recycling machine, which generates revenue in recyclates, money-off coupons to promote local business and a community swap shop.

YEAR 8 student Emily Lloyd's poem was published as part of the Young Writers' Express Yourself competition. Her piece on deforestation, animal rights and sustainable food sources formed part of our sustainable campaigning.

PROSPECTIVE students and their parents and carers handled a variety of smart materials during Open Evening, including shape memory alloys, smart putty and thermochromatic pigments. Students will have the chance to test these materials further throughout Key Stages 3 and 4, and during the Sixth Form.

## Putting ideas into practice

OUR Year 11 Product Designers have been caught on camera talking about their favourite subject – Product Design!

Jess Carruthers said: "I took Product Design as you're in charge of what you make; it's a fun subject and the relaxed atmosphere makes it easy to learn." Check out the video on the school website.



In talks: Nathan Coope, Year 13.

## Everything to play for

YEAR 13 student Nathan Coope is in talks with two companies who specialise in products for disabled children, about his A-level Product Design coursework project. Both companies were very impressed with Nathan's sand and water play table for children with physical impairments.

Jon Riglar, Engineering Manager for Smirthwaite, said: "It's really encouraging to see the amount of background research that you have put into customer/market needs. We like the shape/access and the fact two people can play together."

The Design & Technology Department is looking forward to Nathan bringing his design to fruition in the coming months.

A photograph of a young woman, Sophie Irwin, Year 11, in a kitchen. She has long, curly blonde hair and is wearing a white shirt and a blue and white striped apron. She is holding a small white bowl and pouring its contents into a larger clear glass bowl. In the foreground, there is a large bottle of olive oil and a bag of flour. The background shows kitchen cabinets and various items on the counter.

'Mmmouth-watering' ingredients:  
Sophie Irwin, Year 11.

## Future chef?

CONGRATULATIONS to Sophie Irwin in Year 11 who won our school heat of the 'Mmmake it with mince' challenge, with her Moroccan lamb filo parcels, roasted butternut squash and minted yoghurt.

Year 9 student Kieran Brown came a close second, followed by Ruairidh Brannan, also in Year 9, who both cooked superb dishes.

Sophie has now been entered into the Future Chef competition, which is judged by Brian Turner and has launched the careers of many high-profile chefs in the UK.



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