



in view

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Focus on creativity
with the launch of
Photography Club

Proud of the past, prepared for the future

WELCOME...



Excellence all over

WELCOME to the winter edition of *Inview* magazine. This issue celebrates our students' creativity; I am sure you will agree how impressive it is to see such exciting talent thrive alongside academic achievement.

Many thanks to the students and staff who work together, often outside of school hours. This dedication helps to nurture the imagination, innovation and individuality that enriches our core curriculum.

We have regular music, drama, art and technology evenings, and other showcase events for parents and carers. I hope over the coming months you will take the opportunity to witness this wonderful creativity first hand.

Janet Sheriff, Headteacher

Sample session for future students

MORE than 300 pupils visited Prince Henry's last term as part of our successful transition programme for local primary schools. As part of the Year 5 taster day, pupils from the seven local primaries took part in a day of lessons including Science, English and Modern Foreign Languages before sampling school lunch in Henry's Diner.

Meanwhile, Year 6 pupils participated in a mini Olympics event, competing in a range of sports including football, boccia, and athletics.



Hot topic

YEAR 11 student Minhazul Abedin, was selected from a nationwide group of candidates to take part in a House of Commons debate.

Minhazul debated the issue of 'better work experience and careers advice', which was one of five subjects chosen following a survey of 500,000 young people across the UK.

Minhazul was one of only 15 students to be seen speaking from the dispatch box, which was televised live on BBC Parliament in November.

Live, on air: Minhazul Abedin, Year 11.



Award winners

ENGLAND Rugby Union Head Coach Stuart Lancaster will be the guest speaker at this December's annual Celebration Evening at Leeds City Museum.

Previous award winners include British Olympic Cyclist Lizzie Armistead, who won the Josh Frankland Memorial Shield for Outstanding Achievement in Sport in 2007, and former student and English teacher Chris Smith, who won the Lynn Jenkins Rose Bowl for English Literature in 1994. Chris said: "The award was part of a lifelong love of literature, which began all those years ago in the classrooms where I now teach!"



A global education: Students take part in a Hindu workshop.

First for diversity

PRINCE Henry's has become the first UK secondary school to achieve Level 3 Bronze in the Stephen Lawrence Education Standard.

Members of our Student Diversity Forum collected the award at a special ceremony at Leeds Civic Hall. Assessors, who interviewed students, staff and parents and toured the school, described the application as "outstanding" and praised students' impressive "understanding and knowledge of difference".

The presentation followed our Equality and Diversity Week, which this year included a focus on disability issues, with students trying out Paralympic sports such as wheelchair basketball, boccia and goalball, which is aimed at visually impaired athletes. Other highlights included workshops on Hinduism.

LESSONS ADD UP

THE Maths Department has enjoyed a busy start to the new school year.

Year 11 students have been developing their knowledge of Maths by attending the GCSE Further Maths group every Tuesday after school. This additional qualification will help to bridge the gap between GCSE and A-level. For those who need extra help with class work or home learning, the Key Stage 4 Maths SOS group meets at lunchtime and after school on Wednesdays.

Meanwhile, after the success of last year's programme, gifted Year 6 mathematicians from local primary schools have been coming to Prince Henry's to take part in after-school classes.

Finally, congratulations to Maths teacher Jill Whieldon, whose third *Mini Mathematical Murder Mysteries* book was published recently!



Qualified to succeed:
Year 11 students William
Hide and Cailan
McMurrough.

Language Assistants have their say...



Grüß Gott!

Mein Name ist Martin und ich komme aus Oberfranken in nordöstlichste Teil Bayerns und liegt natürlich in Deutschland! Bayern ist wie Yorkshire – sehr schön. Ich interessiere mich für Wissenschaft, Kunst und Kultur, vor allem aber für Musik, Filme, Essen und Sport.

Martin

iHola a todos!

Me llamo Sandra y soy mexicana. Vengo de Cuernavaca, una pequeña ciudad con un clima agradable en el centro de México. Viajar y conocer lugares son mis pasiones al igual que la enseñanza y los idiomas. Estar en Inglaterra es un sueño hecho realidad.

Sandra

Bonjour!

Je m'appelle Clara. J'habite en France, dans les Alpes. C'est très beau, il y a beaucoup de montagnes et de neige, alors on fait du ski. J'étudie à Lyon – l'anglais, l'histoire mais aussi le cinéma! Je suis très heureuse de travailler à Prince Henry's et d'enseigner la belle langue du français!

Clara

Partner schools broaden our horizons

YEAR 10 students spent ten days visiting our partner school in Hangzhou for the 12th annual Chinese Exchange. Highlights included visits to the West Lake and a calligraphy class in school. The group is now looking forward to repaying the warm hospitality shown by our Chinese hosts.

Students from Years 10 and 11 also visited our Spanish partner school in

Cordoba where they took part in a series of joint activities, as well as touring the famous Mezquita (Mosque), the caves at Zuheros and the city of Seville.

And in Year 13, students presented at a multinational conference in Calw, Germany, for the next phase of our Comenius Project with partner schools in Germany, Poland and the Czech Republic.



When it comes to being creative, our students stand out from the crowd

Celebration of our creativity



Grand designs

AS well as making their own pyjama bottoms this term, members of the Sewing Bee Club also took part in the 'Big Knit' in October, during which they made mini-bobble hats for Innocent Smoothie bottles. The idea was to use the money from each bottle sold to raise funds for Help the Aged. In addition, 40 Textiles students visited the Clothes Show

Live in December, with Year 10 students producing some amazing products for this year's competition to design a T-shirt for a band/song of their choice. Teacher Gina Williams said: "Students customised T-shirts with printing and dyeing techniques to produce unique and innovative designs. The quality of design work this year is phenomenal!"

Helping the aged: Kate Marston, Lauren Bingham and Hollie Russell.

THE annual choral workshop, in partnership with Otley and Ilkley Choral Society, took place in November.

Conductor Barry Jordan was accompanied by his wife, Pat, and around 40 members of the Choral Society. Working with GCSE Music and PerForming Arts students, as well as the two school choirs, they produced performances of a work by Handel and a selection of Christmas music. Barry, who has led the workshop for the last three years, said: "Prince Henry's students were a credit to the school. I very much hope our partnership will continue to flourish."

HIGH NOTE



In pictures: Chloe Craft, Peter Goodman, Imogen Leather, Euan Procter and Saville Gore Booth, Year 9.

Photography in focus

A NEW lunchtime enrichment activity, the Key Stage 3 Photography Club, has been launched this term. The club is open to keen photographers who want to develop their skills. Although Media Studies teacher Sian Ellis supports the group, the students themselves decide on their agenda. This term, the group has been looking at portrait photography, how to digitally enhance photographs and playing with light.

THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT!

THE Performing Arts faculty hosted its first Revue in December, a new event designed to showcase the talents of Prince Henry's students.

Singers, dancers and actors gave performances around school, which the audience viewed in a 'carousel'.

Teacher Fiona Husker, who teaches Dance as part of the BTEC Performing Arts course, said: "It is great that Performing Arts have been given such a high profile in this way."

The Performing Arts faculty also recently welcomed Jo Starkings, from Chatsworth Dance Studio, who is teaching on the BTEC course.



All aboard the carousel: Ione Lamb, Katie Hughes and Imogen Lamb.

Workshop draws on real life

THE Blah, Blah, Blah Theatre Company visited Prince Henry's in October to work with our Year 11 GCSE Drama and BTEC Performing Arts groups. Students took part in an interactive workshop, which was based on *The Raft of the Medusa* by the French painter Géricault, about a real-life disaster at sea. The workshop explored ideas relating to humanity, survival and sacrifice.

Into the limelight

IN September, Drama students from Years 12 and 13 visited the Globe Theatre in London to watch a dynamic production of *Macbeth*.

Back at school, the Year 13 students took to the stage the following month to perform their own devised examination productions: *Denied* and *The Summoning*. Performing Arts Area Leader Sue Collins said: "These were both very entertaining and skilful performances."

With the assistance of staff, Year 12 Drama students Holly Pennington, Becki Morris and Beth Smith are also running a new Drama club every Tuesday lunchtime for Key Stage 3 students.



Winning batik

AS the national winners and international runners-up of the Leeds Development Education Centre Art competition 2013, Year 10 students Charlie Gill, Max Behrens, Morgan Cliff, Oscar Ruane and Sam Graham will have their work displayed both online and at Arts@Trinity in January 2014. Their winning batik was a symbolic representation of the UN's Millennium Development Goals, which aim to eradicate extreme poverty and make the world a fairer, more sustainable place.

Putting the fizz back into fashion!

YEAR 13 student Eleri Dorsett-Paynton decided to explore the fashion influences of the 1920s for her Extended Project Qualification (EPQ).

As well as gathering a range of detailed and thoughtful research materials, she made a beautiful champagne-coloured, 1920s-style ballgown.

The EPQ is one of the optional courses open to Sixth Form students as part of the Enrichment Curriculum, which all students follow.

In Revue: Polly Robertson, Gareth Brittain, Will Howarth, Jonny Corner, Lauren Hall-Say, Beth Smith and Ellie Cummings, Year 13.

STEM students branch out

THE STEM subjects of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths continue to thrive at Prince Henry's.

A2 Product Design student Ella Churchill is collaborating with STEM ambassador and electrical engineer Mary Anslow on a unique project – an interactive ukulele teaching tool! Ella said: "I'm so lucky to be working with a real expert."

Year 10 students Rubylynn Williams and Thomas Forde were also part of the winning team in the Leeds STEM Challenge Day, which tested their skills in a series of tasks including police facial recognition software and solar car building.

Meanwhile, members of the STEM Club were recognised for their achievements in supporting the environment at this year's *Yorkshire Evening Post* Environmental Awards.



Innovative design: Ella Churchill, Year 13.



Computer wizard: Ian Bowden.

Ahead of the game

IAN Bowden, Art Director of Rockstar Productions, Leeds, came into school to talk to Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5 ICT students about the computer games industry and the process of developing a computer game. Grand Theft Auto V is the fastest-selling entertainment product in history, and Ian was influential in its production.

Not surprisingly, he attracted a large crowd of students from across the school, many of whom were keen to get his autograph. ICT teacher Liz Allgar said: "Ian's talk was both entertaining and informative, and we are grateful to him for giving up time in his very busy schedule for the benefit of our students."

First past the post

CONGRATULATIONS to the Prince Henry's Cycle Team who triumphed in the recent inter-school competition at Wharfe Meadows.

Our students secured first, second and third place in the Boys' Endurance Race, with Tom Cullen, Year 10, narrowly beating our newest hopeful, Year 9 student Ben Kettleborough, who was followed by Joe Howcroft in Year 9.

Megan Cullen, in Year 8, finished second in the Girls' Endurance Race, while both Prince Henry's mixed teams won their races. The final score: Prince Henry's 3, Benton Park 1.

The squad will resume in spring 2014. All keen cyclists are welcome.

Catering on the menu



YEAR 11 student Brandon McGraffin was given the opportunity to work in the school kitchen under the guidance of Catering Manager Andy Rice.

A Food Technology enthusiast since Year 7, Brandon is now completing the BTEC course in Hospitality and hopes to go on to college to develop his catering skills further.

His experience in Henry's has included making pastry as well as preparing salads, main courses and desserts. Brandon said: "I love being part of the team and really enjoy developing my skills."

For those interested in cookery as a life skill, or simply for enjoyment, Cookery Club runs on Thursdays after school.

Food enthusiast: Brandon McGraffin, Year 11.

Students lead assemblies

YEAR 13 students have been planning and presenting their own assemblies this term. During the course of the year, every Year 13 tutor group will have led an assembly for their peers.

13ESS were the first group to take the stage, choosing the topic, "What your teachers do after school". As well as making a very funny video featuring a number of teachers, they went on to make the serious point that teachers work hard to help students succeed.

GOLD STANDARD



IN 2008, there were fewer than 20 students at Prince Henry's working towards the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award. However, participation in the scheme has soared in recent years, with around 150 students now taking part at Bronze, Silver and Gold levels. There is also a waiting list of students who are keen to join.

Former student Robert Atkinson, who is now studying at UCL, recently became the first student to complete the Gold Award with Prince Henry's. Programme coordinator Steve Appleyard said: "We hope that by next summer some of our current Year 13 will also have completed the Gold Award. This will be a significant achievement, as most entrants don't complete the award until they have finished Sixth Form."



Intrepid hikers: Students on their recent expedition to Ingleborough.



Gymnast inspires success

THE former Olympic and Commonwealth gymnast Craig Heap visited school recently to introduce 'Steps to Success' to Year 7 students. This is a motivational programme, designed to help students achieve their individual goals.

Craig also talked to other year groups about the 'Six Keys to Success', which enable young people to develop valuable life skills.

Year 8 student Holly Clouston said: "I thought he was really inspiring and he encouraged me to aim for what I want to do later in life."

Opportunity knocks!

STUDENTS have been making the most of a wide variety of alternative opportunities this year.

Year 7 students have been getting to know each other in their new form groups and also at lunchtime – taking part in activities in the library such as Lego, chess and Warhammer, and listening to a wide range of music. The library has also been buzzing during morning

registration with Maths teacher Jill Whieldon, teaching assistants and the Sixth Form volunteer mentors running the ever popular Reading Club and SUMS Club.

Other alternative opportunities include courses in catering, horticulture, beauty and animal care at college, lunchtime swimming sessions in the school pool, as well as a wide range of enrichment activities, clubs and teams.



Volunteer mentors: Sixth Formers Connor Bateman, Sean Leddy, Cameron Blake and Laura O'Neill.

Impressive innings

IT was an exceptional season for cricket at Prince Henry's last term with the Under 12, Under 13 and Under 15 teams all reaching the Leeds Schools' Cup finals. A tremendous effort saw the U13 and U15 teams finish as runners up, whilst the U12s seized victory from Morley Academy, making them Leeds Schools' Cup Winners.

"This has been a great year of achievements for us, winning the Leeds Schools' Cup and making it through to the regional finals of the Bunbury Cup," said Year 8 student George Hanson, man of the match in the hard-fought victory at Otley Cricket Club.

Team captains: Ben Jonson, George Hanson and Minhazul Abedin.



Natalie packs a punch



INVIEW met up with karate champion Natalie Hoffman in Year 12, who talked about her passion for the sport:

"After six years of hard work, I achieved my first black belt (1st Dan) and I am now training for my second black belt (2nd Dan)."

Earlier this year I received the club's annual over-16s merit award. One of the highlights of my karate career was the European Championships, with over 22 countries and 1,500 competitors taking part. In my category, there were a lot of formidable opponents - especially the Romanian and Portuguese girls!"

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Going for gold

IN swimming, City of Leeds were the top girls' club at the ASA 2013 National Age Group Championships, with Prince Henry's student Georgia Coates in Year 10 the top girl for Leeds after she won four golds, three silvers and a bronze medal. Georgia took her first gold in the 400m freestyle, in a time of 4:21.83. She won the remaining three golds in the 4x100m freestyle, 4x200m freestyle and the 4x100m medley relays.

Olympic hopeful

YEAR 7 student Joe Fairburn has been selected for the Archery GB Performance Academy for the North, in the hope that one day he will be an Olympic medallist. For Joe, this is the culmination of more than six years' hard work, during which he has won many national titles and broken numerous national records.



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