



in view

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Building on success

Our new
classrooms
and Sixth Form
area nears
completion

Proud of the past, prepared for the future

Pride in our school, pride in our students

WELCOME to the autumn edition of *Inview* magazine.

Throughout this term, excitement has been growing as the current building improvement programme nears completion. The additional classrooms and dedicated Sixth Form seminar/social area will enhance the learning environment for students and support the further development of the talent and achievement showcased on the following pages.

I hope that as you read about their accomplishments, you will be as proud as I am of the talent, hard work, dedication and resilience shown by students at Prince Henry's.

Janet Sheriff, Headteacher



New build: Headteacher Janet Sheriff with Amelia Utley, Year 7, and Ritesh Patel, Year 9.

Sixth Formers widen their experience

THIS year, our Sixth Form students have more opportunities than ever before to develop new skills and enjoy a broader academic experience, thanks to our Enrichment Curriculum.

From designing and creating Formula One prototype cars to GCSE Italian or A-level Creative Writing, there are a wide variety of extra courses available. These

additional qualifications will give our Sixth Formers every chance of securing a place at their chosen university or taking that first step on their chosen career path.

Students have also selected a series of short modules in areas such as British Sign Language, Chinese, Thai, Latin, Cookery, Theatre Studies and producing their own student magazine!



Sign of the times: Lizzie Casson, Beatrice Timme, Megan Shields and Bethany Searle, Year 12.

Lights, theatre, action!

ENGLISH Literature and Drama students have enjoyed seeing their exam texts come to life through visits to the theatre this term.

Year 11 students had the chance to appreciate the powerful drama of Arthur Miller's *The Crucible* at the West Yorkshire Playhouse, featuring our very own Year 13 student Holly Pennington.

Over at Sheffield's Crucible Theatre, Year 12 students saw a spectacular and memorable interpretation of Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*.

Window on Another World

ICT students in Years 10 and 12 spent a day at Another World Adventure Centre in Halifax designing a website for the company.

As part of their investigation, the students tried out some of the activities that visitors to the centre can enjoy. These include mountain boarding, bush craft, archery and zorbing.

ICT teacher Waqas Khan said: "Students enjoyed the challenging nature of the teamwork activities. It is also important for them to see how a business is run from the inside."



ICT goes outdoors: Our students in Halifax.

'Limitless' opportunities



Team effort: Jamie Webster, Alice Graham, Hollie Reynard and Claran Clarke, Year 12.



Sounds good: Beth Harron, Elliot Chilton and Poppy Jopson, Year 7.

AS part of the Formula 1 in Schools competition, Year 12 student George Lyttle has secured sponsorship from Austin Hayes Ltd to help his team make scale Formula 1 cars. The class will tour the company's facilities in Yeadon, before working with staff to deliver high quality paint finishes on their cars.

'Team Limitless' has also received sponsorship from Paint It Hardware and A Webster joinery. Teacher Danielle Staniforth said: "Anyone interested in helping our students with sponsorship can contact us via the school's email address."

Meanwhile, students taking part in

October's STEM masterclass created passive amplifiers using jigs and vinyl records. The design is based on the same principles as classical amphitheatres, which used form to enhance sound. Year 7 student Poppy Jopson said: "It was really fun and interesting".

Year 6 fly high

YEAR 6 pupils from our feeder primary schools have been coming to Prince Henry's on Wednesday afternoons to experience some hands-on Science.

As well as sending rockets flying high over the school, they have made colourful rainbow fish using an

indicator made from boiled cabbage!

Faculty Leader for Science Richard Oldroyd said: "The pupils have thoroughly enjoyed using all the equipment in the laboratories and have had fun while developing new scientific skills."



Testing times: Westgate Primary School pupils take part in an experiment.

Science at large

YEAR 8 students visited Bradford University's Science Festival in October where they saw a gruesome presentation about medieval medicine practices.

The Earth was literally spinning at a 'Science: the best bits' workshop, while 'The Ultimate Forces Show' included burning hair, human rockets and exploding soft toys!

Science teacher Sue Cullen said: "The festival gave our students a great opportunity to enjoy Science outside the classroom, and to see its possibilities in the world at large."

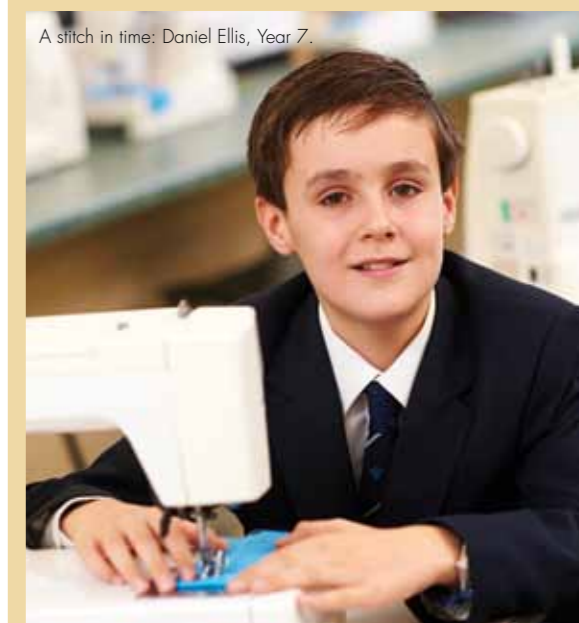
In touch with Textiles

YEAR 10 students Liley Riley, Megan Hey, Tim Frankland and Saville Gorebooth were selected to showcase their top quality Year 9 Textiles project work at a national event in Nottingham. Teacher Gina Williams said: "The exhibition is designed to inspire teachers up and down the country."

This year's annual visit to the Clothes Show Live in December also gave A-level Textiles students the chance to take part in a fashion drawing workshop. Year 10 Textiles students entered the poster competition ahead of the event.

Meanwhile, Year 12 students participated in an embroidery and fabric dyeing workshop at the Knit and Stitch Show in Harrogate.

And finally, Year 7 student Daniel Ellis has been recognised as being one of the top stitchers in his year.



A stitch in time: Daniel Ellis, Year 7.

Artists draw on the environment

AS part of The Big Draw, a national campaign aimed at getting everyone drawing, the Art Faculty held their own event for students and staff in collaboration with Rossett School and Horsforth School.

Choosing their own media, participants had to draw their own postcard-sized interpretation of the theme 'It's our world'. Art teacher Natalie Sadler said: "The event was a huge success with hundreds of pieces of work produced. Year 7 were particularly enthusiastic and produced some excellent drawings."

Creative drawing: Victoria Ogden-Pickering, Year 7, and Hollie Russell, Year 8.





Life savers

IN October, all Year 9 students were taught the vital citizenship skill of CPR as part of the European Restart a Heart Day, organised locally by the Yorkshire Ambulance Service and British Heart Foundation.

Yorkshire Ambulance Service said: "We enjoyed our afternoon with your students who all had fun while learning how to save someone's life. Although we did not beat the world record, we did teach over 11,000 young people the life skill of CPR."

Skills for life: Toby Culverwell and Akhila Kale, Year 9.

THINK! road safety

STUDENTS in Years 12 and 13 stopped to think about the special responsibilities of being a car driver during a road safety event in October.

This included a live demonstration by the local fire service of how people are cut out of cars in emergency situations.

Post-16 and Student Leadership Manager Verity Sinclair-Willis said: "While it was impressive to watch giant cutters crunch through metal while fire officers sawed through glass, it was a sobering experience to see the potential dangers of driving at first hand."



Leading the way in Sport

STUDENTS Abigail Thackray, Year 10, and Megan Smith, Year 11, were part of the Aireborough and Otley Summer Sports Leaders project funded by the outer North West Area Committee and Otley, Pool and Bramhope Cluster.

As well as gaining seven leadership qualifications, including a Level 2 award in Sports Leadership, they did 30 hours of volunteer work supporting summer holiday activities.

Parents and children commented on the girls' commitment and professionalism, and at the end of the summer they represented the area in street games at the Multisport Festival in Manchester.

Sports Leaders: Megan Smith, Year 11, and Abigail Thackray, Year 10.

Our place in the community

Our links with members of the local and wider community help to enrich our students' education



Painting the town:
Alistair Davies, Leah Armitage, Sam Dawson and Chloe Fearnley, Year 11.

ARTISTIC tour de force

WITH a track record of producing quality artwork for the local community, it was no surprise that students and staff from our Art Faculty were invited to contribute to the town's preparations for the Tour de France.

Faculty Leader Shane Green said: "I was approached to brighten up the old Summer Cross in Otley, so I painted a large mural on the end wall during the night. Students in Years 10 and 12 then made giant TDF graffiti spray-can designs to hang on the side walls."



WW1 exhibition: Shannon Baker, Harrison Gordon and Emily Mumford, Year 8.

Centenary tribute

YEAR 8 students have been the first to engage in a series of events planned to mark the centenary of the First World War over the next four years.

Faculty Leader for History Rose Burns said: "Students have been visiting Otley's war memorials to research the stories of the soldiers from Otley

who fought and died in the war."

Students in all year groups had the chance to find out more about the First World War in November when the school reception area played host to the 'Legacies of War' exhibition, on loan from Otley Museum.

Careers in focus

AT September's Careers Fair around 600 students, parents and carers had the opportunity to speak to more than 30 employers, and staff from colleges and universities, to find out about the skills and qualifications they required. Careers Adviser Julie Robinson said: "The event was aimed at raising

awareness as well as aspirations."

Meanwhile, in October, members of the local Rotary Club staged 'mock interviews' for Year 13 students applying to study Medicine and Veterinary Medicine, or applying for a place at Oxford or Cambridge. Thankfully, everyone managed to emerge smiling!

Meet our new MFL Assistants

Hallo! Mein Name ist Malin und ich komme aus Österreich. Ich habe in den letzten Jahren in Salzburg gewohnt und dort Englisch und Biologie studiert. In Österreich gibt es viele Berge und ich gehe dort gerne wandern und im Winter natürlich Skifahren. Mir gefällt es hier in Yorkshire sehr gut und ich freue mich darüber hier zu sein.

Malin

Bonjour! Je m'appelle Justine et j'habite dans le sud de la France près de Montpellier. J'adore ma région car il y a des montagnes magnifiques. J'aime bien lire, voyager et m'occuper de mon petit frère Théo. Je suis heureuse de partager ma culture et d'enseigner le français à Prince Henry's.

Justine

iHola! Me llamo Carmen y soy de Cantabria, una preciosa región al norte de España. Estudié inglés en la Universidad de Oviedo porque me encantan los idiomas. También me gusta pasear por la montaña y el dibujo artístico. ¡A veces llevo mi cuaderno de dibujo cuando voy a pasear por la montaña!

Carmen



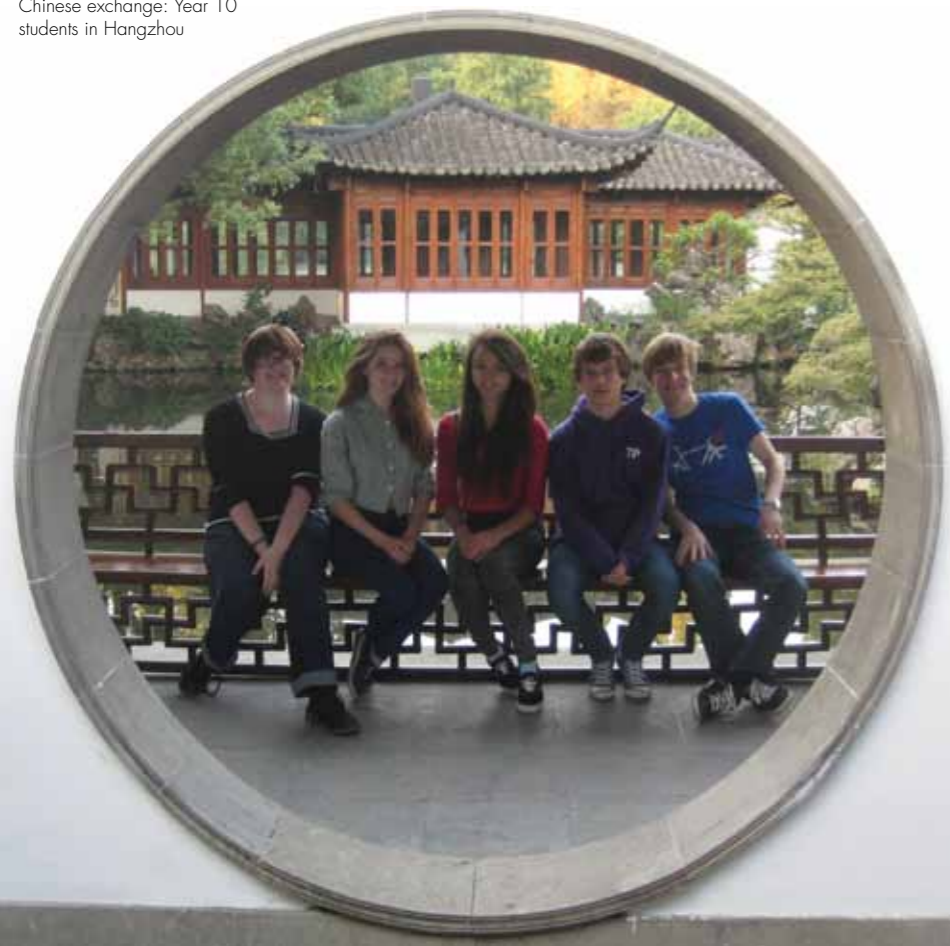
Help at hand:
New MFL
Assistants Malin,
Justine and
Carmen.

A fine time in China

IN October, Year 10 students travelled to our partner school Xuejun High School in Hangzhou, China. During the ten-day trip they immersed themselves in Chinese culture by attending lessons, sampling new foods, practising their Mandarin and living with Chinese families. They also visited ancient pagodas, museums and the beautiful West Lake.

Trip leader Ben Konopinski said: "We even impressed on Sports Day by winning three gold medals! It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience for all of us."

Chinese exchange: Year 10
students in Hangzhou



Language workshops

TEN Year 13 French, Spanish and German students took part in the 'Linguastars' residential experience at the University of Leeds last term, together with students from 22 other schools and Sixth Form colleges.

Workshops ranged from interpreting to world cinema, and the two-day event culminated with delegates delivering presentations on the Tour de France.

Student Hal Chavasse said: "It was brilliant because it gave an experience of both university life and careers in languages. I found it very useful."

Willkommen in Berlin

Photo to come early
December

EARLIER this month, 44 Year 9 students visited Berlin for a linguistic and cultural tour of Germany's capital.

Area Leader for German Anna Blakemore said: "Students had the opportunity to visit a school and take part in lessons, which was a fantastic experience."

The group also visited the Reichstag, the former Checkpoint Charlie border control, and the DDR Museum where they learned about life in the former East Germany.

A humbling experience

IN October, 40 Year 11 History students travelled back in time on a visit to Krakow, Poland, seeing the city from the eyes of the persecuted during the Nazi Occupation.

A talk by the grandson of a concentration camp survivor at the Galicia Museum hit home when it was revealed that he had entered the camp at the same age as our students.

The group also visited Auschwitz and Birkenau, including the gas chambers, Execution Courtyard and a harrowing exhibition of the inmates' belongings.

Student Cameron Lord said: "Visiting Auschwitz was very a powerful and humbling experience."



Treasure maps: Sam Broughton,
Elyse Peacock and Joe
Bramham-Butts, Year 7.

X marks the spot

AS part of their 'Geography Toolkit' unit of work, Year 7 students produced treasure island maps, putting in to practice all their knowledge on map skills. The Geography faculty have been very impressed with the standard of maps produced.

In September, Year 11 Geography students visited Malham to complete field work for their controlled assessment, and to experience the beauty of the limestone landscape at first hand.

Luckily it was a beautiful day and students were able to enjoy the wonders of Malham Cove, Gordale Scar and Janet's Foss, all bathed in Yorkshire sunshine.

The sound of music

IT'S an exciting time for students of Music at Prince Henry's. The newly launched BTEC Level 3 Music and Performing Arts courses are enabling Year 12 students to develop their love of performing and improve their practical skills. Students Katie Hughes, lone Lamb and Imogen Lamb formed the band The Velvetens and have been showcasing their talents at a number of events. Meanwhile, students are already starting to prepare for performances planned for next summer when 33 of our musicians will travel to Valkenberg, Holland, to share their talents on a music tour.

Closer to home, a group of Year 8 students are visiting The Woolpack Studio in Otley each week to develop their skills through the use of music technology. Last month, choir members and students from both Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5 had the chance to develop their singing skills during a workshop with the Otley and Ilkley Choral Society.

Congratulations also to two of last year's Sixth Form students. Sarah Clayton passed Grade 8 singing with distinction and Andrew Straiton passed Grade 8 trombone with merit.



Singing sensations: Katie Hughes, lone
Lamb and Imogen Lamb, Year 12.

Winning start: Patrick Phipps and Michael Cunningham, Year 12.



Back in the cup

THE U18 rugby team is competing against more than 1,000 schools in the NatWest Schools Cup, following an absence of ten years.

With scrum-half Danny Care on the team, Prince Henry's won the Vase at Twickenham in 2003-4.

After a change in the rules, the U18s were no longer allowed in the competition, but thanks to help from the RFU, the U18s are back in the cup. They started their campaign with a 99-0 win over Lancashire's Ripley Academy.

Girls! Do your thing!

THE #thisgirlcan campaign run by Sport England celebrates the women who are 'doing their thing', no matter how they do it, how they look, or how sweaty they get!

Prince Henry's is already well known for its netball success, but did you know about the other, ever-growing opportunities offered to our female students?

The girls' football squad is going from strength to strength under the tutorage of Ryan Davies. Girls' rugby is also back on the extra-curricular programme, and more and more girls are showing an interest.

Faculty Leader for PE Sarah Grant said: "We have also been able to launch basketball, thanks to the involvement of Mr Swarbrooke, Miss Anson and Mr Costello, with take up from both boys and girls."



Yes, you can! Tia Bailey and Holly Clouston, Year 9, and Alisha Patel and Laura McPherson, Year 8.

Yorkshire's finest

YEAR 8 student Adel Watt is one of Yorkshire's top female golfers in her handicap group.

As well as representing Prince Henry's, Adel regularly plays for Yorkshire and has won her handicap group's Yorkshire Regional Tournament several times. Adel, who trains at Cookridge Hall Golf Club, hopes

to become a golf professional.

Coach Mike Pinkett said: "Adel is a phenomenal golfer who keeps the game fun while having a natural strength and talent for the sport."

Cookridge Hall Golf Club has recently launched an innovative Sixth Form Golf Development programme at Prince Henry's.

On target: Adel Watt, Year 8.



Mark of achievement

OUR diverse, high quality, extra-curricular sports programme has just been rewarded with the highest possible rating, the Sainsbury's School Games Mark Gold Award!

This government-led scheme recognises schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community.



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