

in view

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Rainbow nation

Teams showcase their
skills in South Africa

Proud of the past, prepared for the future



State-of-the-art facilities and resources: Headteacher Janet Sheriff with Adel Watt and Johannes Kotzee, Year 7.

Technology enhances our students' learning

THERE have been many exciting developments at Prince Henry's since the last edition of *Inview*. In April, £900,000 of additional funds were secured to enhance facilities at the school and, in this same month, iPads were distributed to our Key Stage 3 students. My visits to lessons over the past couple of months indicate that even at this early stage, students are using their iPads creatively and effectively to enhance their work

and support their learning. It is really encouraging to see both staff and students approaching this new resource with such enthusiasm. It is the hard work and dedication of students that has brought about the successes and achievements captured in the articles on the following pages. I hope you enjoy reading about the many accomplishments of our school community.

Janet Sheriff, Headteacher

Lessons in literacy

IN February, a group of students from Years 9 to 13 were entertained by the up-and-coming writer Steven Camden and his blend of Brummy-meets-rap performance poetry. They also heard extracts from his critically acclaimed debut novel, *Tape*. Then in March, Year 8 students listened avidly to local writer Martyn Bedford, hearing extracts from his novels *Never-Ending* and *Flip*.

Meanwhile, in May, a small group of Prince Henry's critics attended the Leeds Book Awards at Leeds Civic Hall. Local poet James Nash also inspired our new AS Creative Writing class to be confident and experimental writers.

Poetic inspiration: Prince Henry's students with writer Steven Camden.



Let's talk Maths! Abraham Gilbody, Georgia Coates and Euan Walkley, Year 10.

Mathematical inspiration

LAST term, Year 11 Further Maths students heard from a variety of engaging speakers at a 'Maths Inspiration Talk' at the West Yorkshire Playhouse. The half-day event made them think about risk and uncertainty, boomerangs and the 'friendship paradox of Facebook'.

Mathematicians in Years 7 and 8 were also invited to enter the Half Term Challenge organised by the University of Leeds. Certificates were presented in assembly to Jack Auchterlounie, Olivia Ashworth-Ellis, Mollie McLean, Samuel Parsons and Ben Wilson. In May, a number of students in Year 7 took part in the Junior Maths Challenge. They are now eagerly awaiting the results.

A matter of faith

RELIGIOUS Studies students in Years 11 and 12 recently had the opportunity to explore two different faiths during a visit to Manchester's medieval Cathedral and Buddhist Centre.

After studying Manchester Cathedral's Gothic architecture, they learned how to calm their minds with guided meditation at the Buddhist Centre, before eating at the Centre's organic vegetarian Earth Café.

Year 11 student Catie Pine said: "I got really involved and even dressed up as a Bishop. It was especially interesting speaking to the Buddhist guide."



Enlightened education: Chloe Tear, Henry Davies and Caitlin Buttery, Year 11.



A CREATIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Climate challenge

CONGRATULATIONS to Sixth Form students Olivia Agar, Lukas Abalo, Ella Churchill, Jack Scott and Max Wright, who made their mark in the Climate Week Challenge, which encourages schools and businesses to come up with creative ideas to help the environment.

Their design for an eco-friendly housing estate, built around a shared water store and recycling facility, resulted in them taking the winning title.

Catwalk creations

YOUNG people from across the school took to the catwalk once again for the Prince Henry's Fashion Show, an annual event that allows Textiles students to show off their work.

Polly Robertson, Katie Hook and Gabrielle Selman closed the show with the Year 13 final collections. Area Leader for Design and Technology Gina Williams said: "These students used their collections to demonstrate very high-level making and decoration skills. I am immensely proud of the exceptional work they have produced."



Dressed for success: A student models a stunning design.



Showcase of work: Jack Scott, Year 12, with his speaker.

Canapés anyone? James Harm, Year 12, serves up a treat.

Appetite for design

IT has been a busy few months for Design and Technology.

Once again, our students competed in the Rotary Club Cookery Competition and Technology Challenge. They also had the opportunity to showcase their coursework in a real-life Design and Technology Exhibition and Fashion Show. Meanwhile, our Year 12 Food Technology students created a range of delicious canapés for both events.

We are proud that so many of our former students now work in the design industry. Who knows, one of them could be the next Heston Blumenthal or Vivienne Westwood!

Starry future for budding chef

YEAR 11 student Oliver Robinson fought his way through to the finals of the Golden Apron Competition, where he finished as one of the runners up. Oliver prepared a course for a Michelin-starred chef and served white chocolate pots with Yorkshire-

forced rhubarb, ginger popcorn and parkin.

Year 12 Technology students also enjoyed a trip to the Good Food Show in Harrogate, where they met and were inspired by celebrities such as Dave Myers from the *Hairy Bikers*, Brian Turner and John Torode.

Mural on the menu

DEDICATED Year 9 Art Club students have been working on a bright, bold and colourful mural for Henry's Diner. Students took inspiration from Pop Artists such as Jeff Koons to come up with their own design, incorporating food such as baked beans and iced doughnuts.

The world-renowned South African artist Nils Burwitz also ran a workshop for Year 7 students. He gave an informative talk about his political work against racial discrimination and apartheid, after which students created a response in the form of a drawing. The artist donated a print of his work to the school.



Diners' delight: Frances Robinson, Harry Forde, Lily Zorrilla-Solk, Year 9.

Bon appétit!

THIS term's Year 7 French trip to the Opal Coast included visits to a local bakery where students had the chance to roll their own croissant, a trip to a sweet and chocolate factory and, more importantly, a chance to sample some of the products! Students were also able to practise their French when they bought gifts and snacks during a visit to the theme park.



Czech mates

YEAR 13 students recently visited Olomouc in the Czech Republic for the finale of our prestigious, two-year Comenius Project entitled 'Same Difference'.



Ten students spoke on the topic of disability equality at an international conference featuring schools from Poland, the Czech Republic and Germany. They presented their research findings at the conference and took part in special simulation workshops to help them empathise with people with arthritis and visual impairments.

The students were also invited to take part in a variety of exciting cultural events, while forging friendships with students from across Europe. They even managed to squeeze in a brief visit to Prague.

Germany at first hand

MORE than 100 students have been to Germany this year, with visits to Aachen (Years 10-13), Berlin (Year 9) and Cologne (Year 8).

Whether it's staying with an exchange family, visiting a school or spending the day at one of Germany's leading theme parks, students have all been able to experience the German language and culture at first hand.



From Picasso to Gaudí...

SPANISH students in Years 12 and 13 who visited our partner school in Madrid had a packed programme that included a ride on the teleférico (cable car) and visits to see Picasso's *Guernica* in the Reina Sofía Museum, the Las Ventas bullring and the

Rastro flea market. Meanwhile, 63 students in Year 7 visited Barcelona, taking in Gaudí's Sagrada Família and Parc Güell, the Camp Nou football stadium, street performers on the Ramblas and the PortAventura theme park.



The opportunity to travel abroad, experience different cultures and learn new languages, all help to map out our students' future

CITIZENS OF THE WORLD

Sun, snow and après-ski



THIS year's ski trip returned to the tiny, but incredibly beautiful, resort of Folgarida in the Dolomite range in northern Italy.

When they weren't flying down the slopes

enjoying some of the best snow the resort has seen for years, the 60 students were busy taking part in a range of après-ski activities, from skating and bowling to the legendary last-night Talent Show.

Snow fun! Lizzie Casson and Tania Clifford (inset), Lucy Peak and Rebecca Gray (main photo).



History students step back in time

A TOTAL of 34 Year 8 students set off to explore the First World War battlefields of northern France and Belgium on the History Faculty's annual trip.

The trip coincided with the 100th anniversary of the start of the war, and enabled students to reflect on the sacrifices made in the conflict and remember those who fell in battle. A particularly moving highlight was the Last Post ceremony at the Menin Gate in Ypres.



Sports tour to South Africa

STUDENTS from our U14 and U15 rugby and netball teams had the amazing opportunity to pit their skills against teams from South Africa during our very first Sports Tour to the country.

During the ten-day trip, students played against three schools as well as a township team from Langa, Cape Town. Highlights of the tour included

a safari visit and a cable car ride to the top of Table Mountain.

Tour leader Dean Hyam said: "Two of the most powerful and thought-provoking excursions were visits to Robben Island, where Nelson Mandela was held captive, and to a local orphanage. This tour was truly memorable."

A truly memorable experience: Euan Walkley and Emily Fleetwood, Year 10, and Ava Arundel, Year 9.





Musical hit squad: The Guys and (inset) Upbeat in downtown New York: The Dolls.

Cast stage 'Guys and Dolls'

we struggled to get all the cast and the 20-strong band onto the stage for the big musical numbers, but the effect was amazing."

The highlight of the show was the song *Luck Be a Lady*, with most of the cast and dancers performing in a giant sewer!

WITH a cast of 85 and a crew of 20, this year's school musical, *Guys and Dolls*, was a smash hit.

The main hall stage was transformed by the Art Faculty into a colourful depiction of downtown New York for this classic musical of gangsters and their 'gals'.

Director Sian Ellis said: "At times

Bands take Centre Stage

THREE bands from Prince Henry's - Random Behaviour, Demoralised and The Puppeteers - have made it to the final of this year's Martin House Centre Stage competition, a feat not matched by any other school in the competition's history! The winners of the final at the O2 Academy, Leeds, will play at the Leeds and Reading Festivals.

Centre stage: Demoralised members Harris Tariq, Tyrone Jozefowicz, James Hinchcliffe and Anirudh Ajaykumar.



Students put on their dancing shoes

EIGHTEEN dancers from Years 8 to 11 competed in the *Great Big Dance Off* at Leeds Town Hall. The students performed two routines to *Dancing Shoes* and *Shake Your Tail Feather*. Teacher Fiona Husker said: "The girls performed brilliantly, coming seventh and tenth, respectively, out of 20 groups."

Budding dancers - watch out for next year's competition!



'There's no business like show business!'



Students act the part

YEAR 12 Drama students showcased their talents and entertained audiences with two performances of the plays *The Education of Skinny Spew* by Howard Brenton and *Dahling You Were Marvellous* by Steven Berkoff.

A2 and AS students also attended a workshop in school, run by working practitioners from Nottingham University, to explore the set text of *Lysistrata* by Aristophanes to help them prepare for their Unit 4 examination.

Other recent highlights included trips to see *Lulu* at the West Yorkshire Playhouse, and *Midsummer Night's Dream* and *One Man, Two Guvnors* at the Sheffield Lyceum Theatre.

A theatrical feast: Thomas Baptie and Harry Kerr, Year 12, and Beth Smith, Year 13.

Talent instrumental to our success

THIS term has been a fantastic success for Music at Prince Henry's.

There was another set of hugely successful external instrumental exam results, with Year 7 students Adel Watt and Georgia Lee Donaldson notably achieving top-end distinction results in their saxophone exams, and many others achieving distinction and merit.

In May, there was a memorable and well supported Senior Concert at Otley Parish Church, and PHOJO (Prince Henry's Jazz Orchestra) performed alongside Leeds Youth Jazz Rock Orchestra and other ensembles at a special Jazz Evening.

There were also two wins at the Wharfedale Festival of Performing Arts, where both our Brass Ensemble, No Strings Attached, and our Senior Choir won their class.

And who can forget Otley Carnival in June, where students in the Concert Band performed on our James Bond-themed float?



Achievements of note: Tara Appleyard, Year 10 and Fergus Straiton, Year 11.

Primary schools club together

PE teacher Ryan Davies has now taught every child at our main feeder primary schools this year!

A clever plan by Ashfield, Westgate, All Saints, Whartons, Pool, Bramhope and Adel primary schools to 'club together', using their PE and Sport Premium funding, has enabled Ryan to involve all children in a 'festival of sport', together with our Sports Prefects. Talented pupils have gone on to represent our Cluster in city events.

As part of our transition programme, the PE Faculty is also organising free swimming lessons for Year 6 pupils, to help them to swim 25m.

Sport aids transition: Ryan Davies with Jenson Brogden and Hebe Dalby from Westgate Primary School.



Medal winners: Zoe Hofman, Year 10, Emilia Blackie, Year 9, Amelia Tempest, Year 10, and Maia Parkin, Year 11.



THE British Schools' Rhythmic Gymnastics National Competition took place in May at Windsor High School, Halesowen.

For the first time, Prince Henry's entered a small, but exceptionally talented, team made up of Zoe Hofman,

Maia Parkin, Amelia Tempest and Emilia Blackie, courtesy of Otley Rhythmic Gymnastics coach, Karen Priestley.

Maia and Amelia went on to win gold in their ball duet and Emilia won bronze in her ribbon routine.

SPORTS IN BRIEF



Success in sport: Patrick Phipps, Cameron Blake, Cory Shaw, Michael Cunningham and Philip Rhodes.

IT has been another year of unprecedented success for sport at Prince Henry's, with team triumphs including:

Netball

Successes in the LSNA League, include:

- Year 7 Invitation Tournament (IT) runners up, Year 8 IT champions, Year 9 runners up in Divisions 1 and 2, Year 10 IT runners up, Year 11 champions in Division 2, and Senior champions.

Rugby

- Year 7 Yorkshire Cup U12s runners up
- National Academy League runners up
- U18 Players' Player of the Season: Patrick Phipps
- U18 Player of the Season: Cameron Blake
- U16 Players' Player of the Year: Cory Shaw
- U16 Player of the Season: Michael Cunningham

- U16 Most Improved Player: Philip Rhodes

Football

- Year 9 boys Leeds NW League runners up
- Year 7 boys Leeds NW 7-a-side champions / 5-a-side runners up
- Year 7 girls St Mary's Competition champions

Athletics

- Year 7/8 girls champions
- Year 7 LSAA Competition champions

Badminton

- Year 9 Leeds Schools runners up

Crick

- U12 Leeds School Cup Championships
- U13 and U15 Leeds School Cup runners up



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