



Prince Henry's Grammar School

COLLABORATIVE LEARNING TRUST



# Newsletter

July 2023

As we accelerate towards our well-deserved summer holidays, yet again there has been little time to pause for breath in amongst all the extra-curricular activities, trips, visits, tours abroad, D of E expeditions, sporting fixtures and events, concerts, exhibitions, carnivals, induction days, proms, and a whole host of other events in the school calendar. We have certainly packed it in and continue to do so in the final days as we celebrate our students' achievements and participation in a wide variety of pursuits, Rewards Day activities and Celebration Assemblies. International highlights have included trips to France, Germany, Spain, Majorca, and an expedition to The Gambia. To think that few of these would have been possible during the pandemic is sobering and we are delighted to be 'back with a vengeance' and able to offer such a rich and ambitious variety of experiences. Thank you to those of you who have offered your thanks to staff who have provided these opportunities for the benefit of our students – the rewards of taking part are always intrinsic, but it is so heart-warming to have the extrinsic thanks, too, whether it is directly from students or parents/carers, and it is always massively appreciated.

In amongst the flurry of activities at school, there has also been, sadly, the disruption to education caused by strike action. At last, an end appears to be in sight which will stop further disruption as we move into the new academic year, and I would like to thank you for your patience and kind messages of support in what has been a difficult few months in education, which all of us hope is now behind us.

This term has also been an opportunity to actively seek the views of others in our forward planning for September 2023. As such, we have collected 'Staff Voice' on a variety of aspects as well as 'Student Voice'. Both activities have been extremely worthwhile and highlighted our strengths as well as honing in on where we can continue to make improvements which will bring about some small changes in the new academic year. The most notable of these is the consultation on capturing our vision and values for Prince Henry's in a succinct and memorable way, and we will be delighted to share this in more detail in September. For now, as a teaser, our ambition is that we will be recognised as an exceptional school with a culture of respect, where we can all flourish and achieve. What more could we ask for?

As we draw to a close, and before school really is out, I wanted to highlight a couple of notable changes to staffing. Every year brings sad farewells, and this year we say goodbye to Vanessa Moss who is embarking on an exciting new chapter with her husband teaching in the Channel Islands. Having been at Prince Henry's since 1998, Mrs Moss has now earned her 'feathers' - a Prince Henry's Award for 25 years' service - and is about to fly off overseas. We will miss her greatly, as will so many of the students she has nurtured and educated, and we would like to wish her the very best. Alongside Mrs Moss, 11 staff are also due to take up new posts or fly the nest before earning their feathers, and we wish them well in their pursuits and promotions. I would also like to welcome an established member of staff – Rosalind Hunter – to the Associate Leadership Team, as she takes up the mantle of SEND Co-ordinator in September. Thank you for noting that Mrs Hunter takes over from Mrs Sadler.

So, as we look forward to some well-earned rest, I am sure you will welcome the same for you and your family. It reminds me of the quote from John Lubbock, "Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass, under trees on a summers' day listening to the murmur of water or watching the clouds float across the sky, is by no means a waste of time." On behalf of me personally, as well as our staff, thank you so much for taking the time to support and challenge us in our journey to becoming truly exceptional following a highly successful and busy year at Prince Henry's Grammar School.

For now, I wish you all a wonderful summer with plenty of rest, whatever your idea of 'rest' may be!

Miss S Bishop  
Headteacher

A reminder that **Friday 21st July** is the last teaching day of the term, when school will close at 12.25pm. No lunches will be served but hot snacks will be available during the extended morning break. School buses will leave school at 12.30pm.



### Key Stage 3 news

Year 7 and 8 students have been enjoying the rewards from their hard work this academic year, and it was lovely to see so many of them enjoying the Rewards Trips and activities earlier this week. In this week's Prize-giving Assemblies, subject certificates and prizes have been presented - for attitude to learning, progress and academic achievement - together with Form awards for resilience, excellence and contribution. It was great to see a large number of students collecting awards for their efforts, including:

Year 7 - Contribution to the Year:	Elsie Dade
Student of the Year:	Mia Vaughan
Year 8 - Contribution to the Year:	Niamh Rasche
Student of the Year:	Chloe Petrie

We would like to thank Mrs Hunter for being an excellent Assistant Progress Leader over the past six years, as she moves to her new role as SENCO.

The Key Stage 3 team would like to thank all students and parents/carers for their support this year. We wish all students a good summer holiday.

Mr S Day  
Key Stage 3 Director

### Key Stage 4 news

This week, Key Stage 4 students have enjoyed a range of activities, including Monday's Rewards Day with visits to Flamingo Land or Laser Tag, or a day of fun in-school activities. These opportunities are a well-deserved reward for students' efforts this year and were thoroughly enjoyed by all. Tuesday's Olympic Day saw students demonstrating their teamwork and sporting prowess, whilst yesterday's Prize-giving Assemblies were a great opportunity to reward students for their progress, academic achievement and attitude to learning. Form awards were also given out for resilience, excellence and contribution. It was great to see such a large number of students collecting awards for their efforts.

We hope all students have a safe, enjoyable and restful summer holiday, and look forward to seeing them in September.

Mr S Knight  
Key Stage 4 Director

### Welcome to our Sixth Form

It was lovely to see so many prospective Year 12 students at our Sixth Form Induction Morning last week. Bridging work has been set on SharePoint to support students' transition to A Level. The Sixth Form team will be available on 24th (GCSE results day) and 25th August to discuss Sixth Form options at Prince Henry's.

Once students have received their results, they should complete the online enrolment form on the *Applying to Sixth Form* page of the school website [here](#) to confirm their place. There is a further 'enrolment clinic' on Thursday 31st August for students who are away on holiday on GCSE results day but wish to discuss their options. To book a place, please email [info@princehenrys.co.uk](mailto:info@princehenrys.co.uk).

Mrs C Willis  
Assistant Headteacher: Post-16 Learning

### Punctuality matters

It is widely known that lateness to school and to lessons has a big impact across the academic year in terms of the number of minutes lost to learning. Given this, in the last three weeks of the academic year we have had a drive on punctuality to support students to adopt good routines for the new academic year.

From September, ***the school gates will be closed and locked at 8.27am***. Any student arriving after this time must enter the site via the Newall Carr Road entrance. Students who arrive late to school will be issued with a late mark and a negative comment. Thank you in advance for your support.

Mr L Wilson  
Assistant Headteacher: Learner Support

**PUNCTUALITY MATTERS**

**IN ONE SCHOOL YEAR**

**5 MINUTES** late each day

**= 3 days off** in total

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The poster features a large yellow stopwatch icon on the right side, with the needle pointing to the 5-minute mark. The background is blue with white and yellow text.



## School uniform

As you may recall, back in April we updated the uniform expectations for Key Stage 3 and 4. Ahead of September, it is worth revisiting some key areas to avoid parents/carers wasting money on items which are not in line with the uniform expectations. Unfortunately, we do occasionally have a student who finds themselves getting the new academic year off to a negative start as we enforce the sanctions which go with uniform misdemeanours. To help your child avoid this, here are some of the common pitfalls for which we would appreciate your support:

- ◆ Students who plan to have piercings anywhere other than their ear lobes are advised to do this well in advance of their return to school. Nose studs/piercings of any kind are not allowed and students will be required to remove them before being allowed to attend lessons.
- ◆ Students may wear a watch and one small earring per lobe (small plain silver or gold stud only). No rings, bracelets or necklaces are permitted.
- ◆ Make up is not permitted in KS3 and must be discrete in KS4. Acrylic nails are not allowed in any year group at any time.
- ◆ Hairstyles and colouring should be in line with school policy.
- ◆ Navy trousers should be bootcut or tailored and must have a waistband, a traditional zip and cover the ankles. Slim/Skinny or tapered fit trousers and invisible/concealed zips are not allowed. If you choose to buy trousers from a retailer other than our recommended suppliers, please ensure that the colour matches the school blazer.
- ◆ Navy skirts must be traditional tailored navy without pleats, worn no more than 5cm above or below the knee. Please pay particular attention to the requirements regarding skirt style and length.
- ◆ Shoes must be plain black with no logos or white decorative elements. Boots are not allowed.

If in doubt, please check the uniform area of the website [here](#) which sets out our full uniform expectations, together with new visuals to support you to purchase items that meet the requirements.

Mr S Clarkson

Deputy Headteacher: Leadership for Learning (Acting)



Yorkshire  
Wildlife Trust

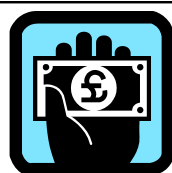


## Fundraising news

Thank you to everyone who has supported our fundraising efforts this year, led by the Student Council, Senior Students and Year 7 form groups. In total, our school community has raised over £4,300 to support our students' chosen charities: The Brain Tumour Charity and local conservation charities Yorkshire Wildlife Trust and Prickly Pigs.

Mr C Lillington

Assistant Headteacher: Learning Community



## Finance news

Where possible, please use the Scopay payment system to add credit to your child's lunch card before the start of the new term. This will help to reduce the usual start of term queues at the re-valuation machine.

## Sixth Form news

Congratulations to our **Year 12 students** who have recently finished their work experience. Over 140 students undertook external placements or residential work visits whilst the remainder completed useful work-related activities in school. Thank you to all our brilliant host companies who supported work experience this year. If you would like to offer a placement to Year 12 students for July 2024, please do get in contact with Miss Rosillo, our work experience coordinator in school.

For **Year 13 students**, the Sixth Form team will be available on A Level results day (17th August) from 8.00am onwards, and on 18th August between 10.00am and 2.00pm to offer advice and guidance about courses and choices. Year 13 students will be able to check their university offers on UCAS Track from 8.00am on the morning of the 17th August. If there are any problems with your child's university place, the team will be in school from 8.00am to help with the process of 'clearing'. Further advice about preparing for results day can be found on the UCAS website [here](#).

Mrs C Willis

Assistant Headteacher: Post-16 Learning

Last week's Equality & Diversity Week saw students in all year

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groups exploring issues of equality throughout the curriculum. As part of Tuesday's Timanyane Day, students took part in activities including BSL and Deaf Awareness lessons and Middle Eastern dance workshops. We also welcomed external speakers who shared their personal experiences of issues such as racism, LGBT+ equality, gender expectations and life as a refugee.

In assemblies to launch the week, students were encouraged to look out for one another and to 'speak up' if they, or others, are being bullied or made to feel uncomfortable. Please encourage your child to follow this 'no bystanders' approach.

Mr C Lillington

Assistant Headteacher: Learning Community

### Looking ahead to September

School re-opens to students on Tuesday 5th September. Students in Year 7 and Year 12 will return at 8.25am, with all other year groups arriving for 11.00am. There will be two bus runs, one at the normal time and another approximately **two and a half hours later**. Students who travel to school on service buses will need to consult bus timetables to ensure that they arrive on time.

### Footwear for PE lessons

From September, the new 3G pitch will be available for use in PE lessons and after-school clubs. As previously advised, students will only be permitted to use this if they have the correct footwear (i.e. plastic or rubber full-studded boots). These can be used on the 3G pitch or on grass, and so offer greater flexibility. Please see our website [here](#) for examples.

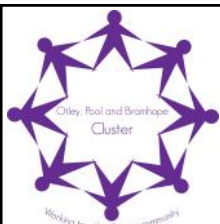
We appreciate the costs which can go with this, particularly with growing feet. To assist you, by the end of this week we will add the programme of study for KS3 and KS4 PE to our website [here](#), so that students and parents/carers can see when this footwear is required. This will enable those who do not already have suitable footwear to purchase it much closer to when it is actually needed.

As with previous requests for donating old school uniform, if any students have old boots which meet the requirements and no longer fit them, we would be delighted to receive them. This will help to support all students to access the 3G pitch.

Thank you for your support with this and in enabling us to maintain the life of this valuable new community resource, which represents an investment of over £1 million.

Mr D Curtis

Faculty Leader: PE and Sport



### Summer holiday activities

The Otley, Pool and Bramhope Cluster has arranged for ACamps and InGear Coaching to offer a range of activities for young people during the Summer holidays. We are also hosting Otley Town Council's School's 'Cycling Days' at the start of August. If your child is interested in accessing these sessions, please visit our website [here](#).



### Sustainability news

This summer's planned improvement works include the final phase of our lighting upgrade plan, with an investment of over £40,000 to replace all remaining fittings with energy efficient LED lighting. Work will also begin to replace our current fitness gym with a brand new building which will feature a 'living roof'.

Last week saw students in all year groups exploring sustainability issues as part of Timanyane Day, our annual Global Citizenship Day, with 120 Year 10 students spending part of the day supporting sustainability projects in the local community. On the same day, the Otley Family of Schools' Active Travel Fair attracted families from across the area to sample activities including a roller disco and a scooter maze. A big thank you to Pippa McPherson, our Community Engagement Admin Manager, for organising the event.

Mr C Lillington

Assistant Headteacher: Learning Community



## Who to contact at Prince Henry's

To contact your child's Year Manager, call 01943 463524 and enter the appropriate extension number (see below). For enquiries relating to Special Educational Needs, contact our SENCO, Mrs R Hunter.

For matters relating to specific subjects, email [info@princehenrys.co.uk](mailto:info@princehenrys.co.uk) or call school and leave a message for the appropriate subject teacher or Faculty Leader.

PASTORAL TEAM	Key Stage Director	Assistant Key Stage Director	Year Manager (from September)		
Key Stage 3	Mr Day	Mr Weston	Year 7	Mrs McQuire	Ext. 224
			Year 8	Miss Crosby	Ext. 262
			Year 9	Mrs Stewart	Ext. 237
Key Stage 4	Mr Knight	Mr Walsh	Year 10	Mrs Wood	Ext. 235
			Year 11	Mrs Wells	Ext. 295
Key Stage 5	Mr Faulkner (Y12) Mrs Willis (Y13)	Miss Rosillo	Year 12/13	Mrs Robinson-Junni	Ext. 220

## CURRICULUM SUBJECTS

Art	Mr S Green	Law / Psychology / Sociology	Mr M Faulkner
Business Studies / Economics	Mr M Faulkner	Mathematics	Mrs L Wray
Design Technology and Innovation	Mrs A Blakeley	Media Studies	Mr S Hunt
Drama	Mr P Condry	Modern Foreign Languages	Mrs J Barber
English	Mr C Smith	Music	Mr P Condry
Ethics, Philosophy and Religion	Mrs N Edney	Photography	Mr S Green
Geography	Mrs N Edney	Physical Education	Mr D Curtis
Health and Social Care	Mr S Hunt	Politics	Mrs N Edney
History	Mrs N Edney	Science	Mrs S Richards
ICT / Computing	Mr S Hunt		



## New Community Education Programme launched

Our brand new Community Education Programme brochure is out now, featuring a wide range of evening courses and one-off workshops. Choose from **53** classes, including 23 language courses across 10 different languages, as well as a broad selection of hobbies and wellbeing classes. New courses this year include Greek Beginners and Latin Beginners, Creative Crochet, Pilates with Meditation and Beginners' Bike Maintenance. Familiar favourites including Sewing for Fun, Guitar, African Drumming and Dru Yoga also make a return. For further details, visit our website [here](https://www.princehenrys.co.uk).

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