



Prince Henry's Grammar School

COLLABORATIVE LEARNING TRUST



Newsletter

July 2024

Another academic year passes by and school is nearly out for the summer after an action-packed few weeks yet again! The country as a whole, and Prince Henry's, have in many areas mirrored themes, having seen new leadership 'come into power', the highs of elite sporting success and music festivals ringing out with powerful performances and meaningful messages. All of this amongst sustained efforts both in and out of the classroom. We certainly do need – and deserve – a rest to get ready for another academic year when it starts all over again! Many of us look forward to this time to recharge our batteries, and of course, this is terribly important, but let's not forget that it is also a time when we can afford to follow our passions and do what brings us joy. As Joseph Campbell said "Follow your bliss and the universe will open doors where there were only walls". I will be following my bliss to the French Alps for a couple of weeks of the great outdoors. I hope your plans metaphorically open doors for you and your family.

This half term, we are delighted to welcome our new Head students, Deputies and Assistants into their new roles. I am sure you will join me in congratulating Sam Petrie and Lily Rollinson as our new Head Students, alongside Imogen Baker, April Kenyon and Teddy Thatcher as Deputies. They are joined by twelve additional 'disciples' who will commit to representing the school and students in a myriad of events and opportunities over the coming year. Good luck to the new team of 2024-25!

Last week, we also welcomed nine new staff to team PHGS on their new staff Induction Day, as well as Year 6 students who spent three days with us as part of transition in readiness for Year 7 in September – and, of course, their parents and carers, who joined us for an evening to hear from and meet key staff.

With hellos also come goodbyes, and there were some sad farewells at the Year 13 and Year 11 Proms where students donned their very best finery in an impressive array of outfits, transportation, dancing and spirits. We wish those who are moving on the very best and encourage them to keep in touch and let us know how they are doing. We always love to hear from alumni and look forward to featuring some new faces amongst our 'Prince Henry's People' gallery.

Our final goodbyes will take place on Friday after students have left the building at 12.25pm, where we wish staff who are leaving us good luck for their future pursuits and thank them for their contributions. This year we will say farewell to colleagues who have given varying periods of service to PHGS, notably Julie Bowman, who retires as a member of the catering team having given over 27 years to the school and our community. Among others leaving for pastures new are Mrs Wray in Maths, Mr Matthews (Music), Mrs Burton (D&T), Miss Sadik (English), Miss Taylor (MFL), Mrs Naughton (Economics), Mrs Gordon (Geography), Miss Watson (English) and Mr Thompson, Mr Welsh and Mrs Dinsey, who all leave associate staff positions.

Before signing out, I would urge you to read the many important messages within this newsletter about the small details which will help make September a smooth start for all – particularly about uniform, as I notice increasingly that outgrowing clothes seems to be a badge of honour!

With grateful thanks for your support in yet another action-packed half term. We are lucky to have such a supportive and dedicated community who all come together to provide the very best for students, staff and the school as a whole. Long may it continue but, for now, have a safe and joyful summer. Take care.

Miss S Bishop
Headteacher

A reminder that **Friday 19th 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 year.

It was lovely to see so many of them benefiting from Monday's Rewards Trips and activities, whilst today students have been representing their form groups in a range of Olympic Day competitions, taking part with great enthusiasm.

Over the next couple of days, students will also be involved in end of year Rewards Assemblies where certificates and prizes will be presented for the most stamps collected as well as for achievement, attitude to learning and progress in subjects. Form awards will also be handed out for resilience, excellence and contribution.

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

Mr S Day
Key Stage 3 Director

Key Stage 4 news

This week, students enjoyed our Rewards Day in recognition of their efforts this academic year and have today participated in our annual Olympic Day, competing against other form groups. At tomorrow's **Year 9 and 10** Rewards Assemblies, we look forward to rewarding students for their academic achievement, progress and attitude to learning. Form awards will also be given out for resilience, excellence and contribution.

As usual, when our **current Year 9** students begin their GCSE option courses in September, they will be learning alongside students from across the whole year group. Next year, in order to maximise integration between the French and Spanish mini schools, these will be 're-configured', with form groups Bratley, Dyneley, Hawksworth, Jennings and Naylor making up the new 'X mini school' and Cave, Fairfax, Knight and Robinson forming the new 'Y mini school'.

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

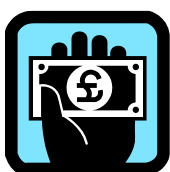
Mr S Knight
Key Stage 4 Director

Sixth Form news

Congratulations to our **Year 12 students** who have recently finished their work experience – they made a great impression on their host companies, judging by all the positive feedback we have received. Over 160 of our 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 2025, 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 (15th August) from 8.00am onwards, and on 16th 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 15th August. A letter and presentation detailing how to use Clearing (if needed) has been sent out via email, and if there are any problems with students' university places, the team will be in school from 8.00am to help with this process. Further advice about preparing for results day can be found on the UCAS website [here](#).

Mrs C Willis
Assistant Headteacher: Post-16 Learning



Important Finance update

As part of catering system upgrade works taking place over the summer, from September it will **no longer be possible for students to use cash** to add credit to their lunch card. This will help us to reduce the amount of cash being brought onto the school site. The current revaluation machine will be replaced with two 'balance checker' devices (one in Henry's and one in The Quad). Please use the Scopay payment system to add credit to your child's lunch card before the start of the new term, and then to 'top up' the balance, as required. Please contact the Finance Office if you have any difficulties accessing this.



School uniform

Ahead of September, it is worth re-visiting some key areas of our school uniform to avoid parents/carers wasting money on items which are not in line with the uniform expectations. Unfortunately, we occasionally have students who find 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 applying false eyelashes or fake/acrylic fingernails should understand that they must be removed before the return in September, as these are not permitted in school in any year group.
- ◆ 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 discreet in KS4.
- ◆ Hairstyles and colouring should be in line with school policy. Hair accessories should be discreet and one colour only.
- ◆ 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 the student's hand width 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, with visuals to support you to purchase items which meet the requirements.

Mr S Clarkson

Deputy Headteacher: Behaviour and Attitudes

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CHANGE ATTITUDES.
FIND A CURE.
JOIN US.



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. Over the year, our school community has raised almost £4,000 to support our students' chosen charities: Hug On a Tray (which supports Haematology patients and families at St James's Hospital, Leeds) and Parkinson's UK.

Mr C Lillington

Assistant Headteacher: Community and Ethos

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 for students on the school website [here](#) to support their transition to A level study. Students should work through the tasks in their chosen subjects before the start of term in September. The Sixth Form team will be available on 22nd (GCSE results day) and 23rd 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 *Sixth Form > Applying* area of the school website [here](#) to confirm their place.

Mrs C Willis

Assistant Headteacher: Post-16 Learning

SEND news



We are very grateful to have received a donation from local charity Sarah Jackson Community Wish, which we plan to spend on sensory resources for our SEND students to help create a calm space for those who struggle with the busy school environment. You can learn more about Sarah Jackson Community Wish, or donate to the cause, [here](#).

Mrs R Hunter

Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator

Looking ahead to September

School re-opens to students on Tuesday 3rd 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 should consult bus timetables to ensure that they arrive on time.



Arbor

PD on Arbor

94% of parents and carers are now accessing Arbor to view information about their child. The platform's value has been further enhanced this year as we have also moved the recording of behaviour incidents to Arbor. We will continue to develop our use of Arbor and encourage you to view it frequently.

Over the summer, please check your contact details on Arbor and ensure that your child's medical details are accurate, ready for the new term.

Mr S Clarkson

Deputy Headteacher: Behaviour and Attitudes

Last month we were proud to become one of the first two secondary schools to be awarded the Red Kite Alliance RED Award in recognition of our work to promote Respect, Equality and Diversity. This coincided with a special 'Collaborative Voices' musical event at Prince Henry's, bringing together young people from across the Collaborative Learning Trust to launch the Trust's new Equality and Diversity Charter.

#Free2Bme
@phgs

During last week's Equality & Diversity Week, students in all year groups explored issues of equality throughout the curriculum. The busy programme of activities included wheelchair basketball and British Sign Language workshops as well as a range of sessions delivered by external speakers on issues such as racism, homophobia, gender stereotypes and disability discrimination.

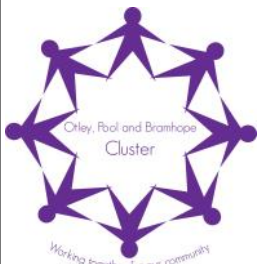
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Assistant Headteacher: Community and Ethos

Donate your Year 11 Prom outfit

Do you have an old Prom dress or suit in the back of a wardrobe that you would be willing to donate to us? We appreciate that Year 11 Prom can be a very expensive occasion and we would like to put together a collection of 'nearly new' outfits that we can loan out to students who may not be able to purchase their own.

If you have a dress or suit that you would be willing to donate, please drop it off at Reception and we will make sure it is put to good use.



Summer holiday activities

The Otley, Pool and Bramhope Cluster has arranged for InGear Coaching, Leeds Rhinos Netball and the Leeds United Football Foundation to offer holiday activities this summer. There will also be some family fun swim sessions at the Chippindale Pool, run by InGear Coaching. If your child is interested in accessing these sessions, please visit our website [here](#).



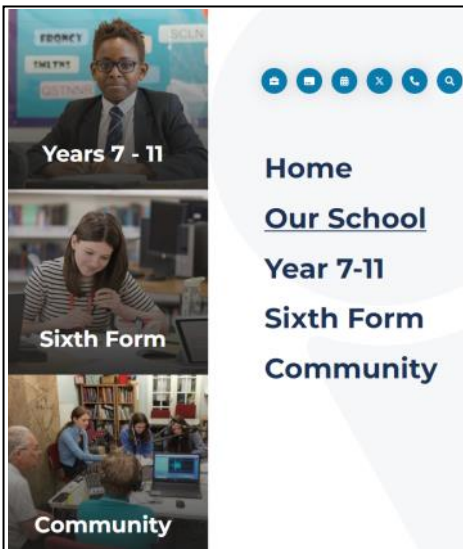
Sustainability news

Last week saw students in all year groups exploring sustainability issues as part of Timanyane Day, our annual Global Citizenship Day, including a new BioBlitz activity developed by students from our Eco-committee. As part of the day, some 120 Year 10 students braved the rain to spend time supporting sustainability projects in the local community.

Ahead of the new term, please support our sustainability efforts by ensuring that your child brings a filled re-usable water bottle to school every day. Please also try to avoid bringing your child to school by car, wherever possible, or consider using our [#FeetFirst](#) drop-off points to reduce congestion and pollution near the school gates. Please remember, that parents/carers must not drive into the school car parks at the start and end of the day due to the number of school buses and walking children, for safety reasons.

Mr C Lillington

Assistant Headteacher: Community and Ethos



New school website

This month we have launched our brand-new school website. Most information previously listed under the Parents and Carers tab can now be accessed by selecting either **Years 7-11** or **Sixth Form**, as appropriate, whilst the **Our School** menu covers more general areas such as school news and policies, as well as information regarding things like SEND, Safeguarding and the curriculum.

In the first week of the new term, look out for your copy of our *Key Events* leaflet for 2024/25. In the meantime, visit our website [here](#) for details of term dates and training days.



Parent and Carer Survey feedback

Thank you if you responded to our recent Parent and Carer Survey, which attracted **536** responses.

As part of the survey, we invited you to name up to three aspects of our provision which you consider to be strengths of the school, and up to three areas which could be improved. We are grateful for the time taken to provide this valuable feedback, and are now reviewing each and every comment. We are also categorising comments to draw out themes which were mentioned most frequently. This will enable us to review areas of our provision and, where appropriate, identify improvement actions.

In the meantime, you may be interested to see a summary of the results of the first section of the survey, which asked for your opinion in response to a range of statements. The following figures show the percentage of “Strongly Agree” and “Agree” responses (of those parents/carers who expressed an opinion):

• My child is happy at this school	84%
• My child feels safe at this school	91%
• This school makes sure its students are well behaved	85%
• This school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year	68%
• This school has high expectations for my child	89%
• My child does well at this school	84%
• The school lets me know how my child is doing	85%
• There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school	95%
• My child can take part in clubs/activities at this school	92%
• The school supports my child’s wider personal development	77%

It was pleasing that **86%** of parents said they would **recommend the school to another parent**, which is consistent with the figure collected by Ofsted during our last inspection (December 2022).

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Assistant Headteacher: Community and Ethos

New Student Directory

September will represent the first time that we start an academic year without a Student Planner. This move to be more sustainable has been facilitated as more of the recording around attendance, home learning and behaviour has taken place on Arbor. We are looking forward to the launch of the Arbor Student App shortly which should enable students easier access to information.

Those who have previously used a Prince Henry's Student Planner will know that it has contained a range of other useful information. This information is now available to students via the new 'Student Directory'. This is a dedicated area of our new school website for students to easily access a range of information around the school day and expectations. An A-Z list allows students to easily find information on everything from Attendance through to Zones of the school which they should not be accessing. We will spend time helping students familiarise themselves with this new resource in September. For now, if interested, it can be viewed [here](#).

Mr S Clarkson

Deputy Headteacher: Behaviour and Attitudes

Attendance news

Please see below a summary of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, which comes into effect from the 19th August and applies to all schools across the country. The full guidance can be found [here](#).

We are keen to work in collaboration with families to support children to achieve their full potential, so please contact us if you feel we could support in any way.

Mr L Wilson

Assistant Headteacher: Safeguarding and Wellbeing

PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS CHANGING

1

FIRST OFFENCE

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days
Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

2

SECOND OFFENCE (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child to be paid within 28 days. No reduced rate will be offered.

The following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after **19th August 2024**.

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THIRD OFFENCE AND ANY FURTHER OFFENCES (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates; fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child.

Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on a Parents future DBS certificate, due to failure to safeguard a child's education'.

10 SESSIONS (5 DAYS) OF UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE IN A 10-WEEK PERIOD

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period.



Who to contact at Prince Henry's

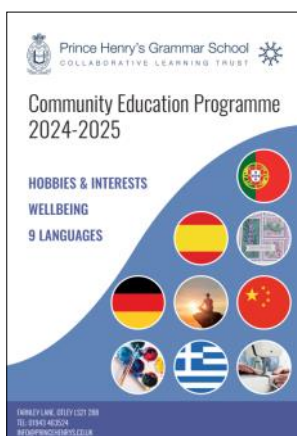
To contact your child's Year Manager, call 01943 463524 and enter the appropriate extension number (see below). For enquiries relating to Special Educational Needs, contact our SENCO, Mrs R Hunter.

For matters relating to specific subjects, email info@princehenrys.co.uk 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)		
			Year	Year Manager	Ext.
Key Stage 3	Mr Day	Mr Weston	Year 7	Mrs Parker / Mrs Stewart	Ext. 237
			Year 8	Mrs McQuire	Ext. 224
			Year 9	Mrs Furness (formerly Crosby)	Ext. 262
Key Stage 4	Mr Knight	Mr Walsh	Year 10	Mr Gracey	Ext. 295
			Year 11	Mrs Wood	Ext. 235
Key Stage 5	Mr Faulkner (Y12) Mrs Willis (Y13)	Miss Rosillo	Year 12/13	Mrs Robinson-Junni	Ext. 220

CURRICULUM SUBJECTS

Art	Mrs A Blakeley	Law / Psychology / Sociology	Mr M Faulkner
Business Studies / Economics	Mr M Faulkner	Mathematics	Mr A Fishburn
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	Mrs A Blakeley
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 **45** classes, including 19 language courses across 9 different languages, as well as a broad selection of hobbies and wellbeing classes. New courses this year include Paper Crafting, Gelli-Plate Printing and Driving Skills: Use your head! Familiar favourites including African Drumming, Sewing for Fun, Photography and Dru Yoga also make a return. For further details, visit our website [here](#).

Mr C Lillington
Assistant Headteacher: Community and Ethos



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