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Future focused

From work experience placements to roles as Sports Leaders, our students are building skills for life

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Welcome...

...to the summer 2026 edition of Inview

I AM delighted to share some of this year's highlights at Prince Henry's. It has been inspiring to see our community thrive through a rich curriculum, both in and beyond the classroom, with so many staff and students embracing the wide range of opportunities available.

We were especially proud to be named Yorkshire Secondary School of the Year by My

Sally Bishop, Headteacher, with Oscar Bacon and Mish'al Khawar, Year 7.

Local Awards - a wonderful acknowledgement of our vision to become internationally recognised as an exceptional school with a culture of respect where everyone can flourish. Achieving this locally is a significant milestone, and we now look forward to an even broader platform. We are privileged to be part of such a special community, reflected once again in these pages.



James Marshall Hughes, Sebastian Ruddle, Lea Barlow and Freddie Lumb, Year 13.

Making a difference

STUDENTS have been busy raising money and awareness for their chosen charities, The Sarah Jackson Community Wish and Endometriosis UK. A highlight was the lively Staff vs. Student Quiz, which brought the Sixth Form community together and raised £200 for the causes.

Meanwhile, ASDAN students supported a Christmas food bank appeal by collecting essential items for local families. Through teamwork and generosity, students have shown how small actions can make a meaningful difference.

Remembering the past

IN March, four Year 12 students visited Auschwitz-Birkenau as part of the Holocaust Educational Trust project. During the long and emotionally challenging day, expert guides helped students reflect on the horrors of the Holocaust and how it is remembered today.

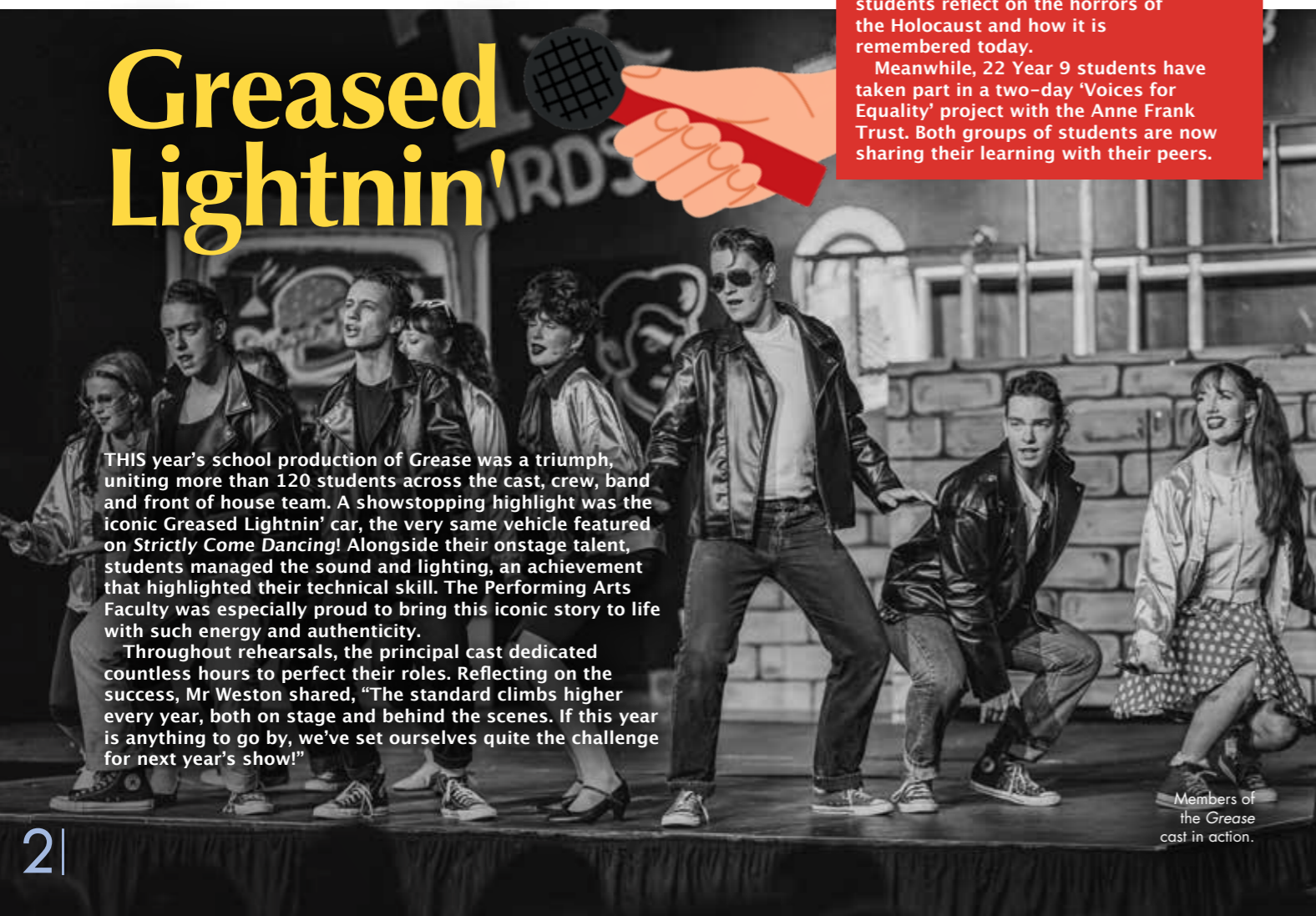
Meanwhile, 22 Year 9 students have taken part in a two-day 'Voices for Equality' project with the Anne Frank Trust. Both groups of students are now sharing their learning with their peers.



Greased Lightnin'

THIS year's school production of Grease was a triumph, uniting more than 120 students across the cast, crew, band and front of house team. A showstopping highlight was the iconic Greased Lightnin' car, the very same vehicle featured on Strictly Come Dancing! Alongside their onstage talent, students managed the sound and lighting, an achievement that highlighted their technical skill. The Performing Arts Faculty was especially proud to bring this iconic story to life with such energy and authenticity.

Throughout rehearsals, the principal cast dedicated countless hours to perfect their roles. Reflecting on the success, Mr Weston shared, "The standard climbs higher every year, both on stage and behind the scenes. If this year is anything to go by, we've set ourselves quite the challenge for next year's show!"



Members of the Grease cast in action.

Perfect harmony

THE Otley Family of Schools' Music Concert brought Prince Henry's students together with six local primary schools for a packed evening at Yeadon Town Hall. Ninety-four of our musicians spent the day rehearsing and performing alongside fantastic young players from across the community, culminating in a sell-out concert.

The very next evening we returned to the same venue for the 14th annual Prince Henry's Bands' Night. Another sell-out crowd enjoyed performances from 14 brilliant bands, while also raising money for Martin House Children's Hospice. Huge congratulations to every band who performed.



Beth Laird, Year 10, performing with Out of the Blue.

Building bridges

STUDENTS recently competed in the Rotary Design & Technology Tournament in Gargrave, designing bridges with moving parts. Competing against other schools, our teams displayed excellent teamwork and problem-solving. The KS4 team secured first place with an innovative design, while the KS3 and KS5 teams both achieved impressive second-place finishes.

KS3 students have also entered the V&A Innovate Design Challenge to sharpen their creativity. GCSE students visited the Science and Industry Museum in Manchester, exploring interactive exhibits to support their studies. These experiences have allowed students to apply classroom knowledge to real-world challenges, building vital confidence and skills in engineering and design.



Running the numbers

OUR UK Senior and Intermediate Maths Challenge results have again been pleasing. In the Senior Challenge, 22 certificated were awarded, with Daniel Turner securing a place in the next round. In the Intermediate Challenge, 128 certificated were awarded. In Year 9, Charlie

Jackron (Best in year), Amanuel Demena, Samuel Ratahi and Amelia Fortune achieved Gold awards. In Year 11, Isabella Yip (Best in school), Matthew Tremnan and Taha Sheikol also achieved Gold awards. These students progressed through to the Grey and Pink Kangaroo respectively.



Amelia Fortune and Samuel Ratahi, Year 9, and Isabella Yip, Year 11.

Putting pen to paper

STUDENTS in Year 9 and 10 took part in an interactive workshop at Otley Library with graphic novel illustrator Salomey Doku. Salomey spoke about how her art has developed and her journey into publishing. Students learned about the process of creating graphic novels from initial ideas to storyboarding to

colouring. We may have some future graphic novelists in the making!

We also have a keen group of 10 students from Years 7-9 taking part in the Leeds Book Awards again this year. After reading and voting on the shortlisted books, they even got to meet the authors at the Awards Ceremony!



Seren Hughes, Year 10, and Alex Bodkin-Morton, Year 9.

Dipping into digital

EARLIER in the year, Year 9 students took part in BIMA Digital Day, a nationwide challenge introducing young people to digital and creative careers. Professionals from Leeds-based company Numiko led workshops inspired by major British brands, and students pitched ideas Dragons' Den-style. Harriet Boardman, Clemmie Quin and Autumn Blakey-Bainbridge won the Aston Martin brief, while Erin Whitaker, Veronika Stseba and Thea Fink topped the Hello Fresh challenge, with all students showing impressive creativity and teamwork.

Skills for success

Our students have been building skills that will carry them forward

Good sports

THIS year, we have had a record 52 Year 9 students taking on roles as Sports Leaders, showing impressive leadership across events for our local primary schools. Highlights have included supporting the Northwest Leeds Cross Country event, which welcomed more than 600 participants, and helping to run Prince Henry's Primary Festivals such as Year 5 Dodgeball, Year 4 Netball, Year 5 World and Inclusive Sports, Year 3 Gymnastics and Year 2 MultiSkills. We also looked forward to the Year 6 Rounders and Orienteering Festival and the Year 1 MultiSkills Festival, each welcoming nearly 200 enthusiastic young pupils!



Teshawn Marimira, Year 12, with Ian Dixon, Site Maintenance, and on cover with Henry Waite, Year 12.

Learning on the job

AS usual, Year 12 students are preparing for their week-long work experience placement in July. This year, placements range from helping to run a drone show in London to working with the Rail Delivery Group and Leeds Teaching Hospitals. Feedback from most organisations is always glowing and the number securing placements increases year on year. Work experience gives students an insight into the working world and a chance to show off their skills. Good luck, Year 12!

Heart to heart

YEAR 9 students took part in an inspiring Restart a Heart Day alongside the Lord Lieutenant's Officer, Colonel Stephen Boardman. Yorkshire Ambulance Service delivered hands on CPR training, helping students gain vital lifesaving skills.

Prince Henry's joined over 180 schools across the region taking part on the same day, highlighting the importance of emergency readiness. This annual event continues a proud tradition at Prince Henry's – the school has now trained more than 2,500 Year 9 students in CPR over the years. It was a day of teamwork, confidence building, and learning skills that could one day save a life.



Joel Clarkson and Harriet Boardman, Year 9.



Maria Tresnan and Ben White, Year 9, with Seb Wordie, Alexander Fernandes-Magpayo and Martha Shaw, from St Joseph's Catholic Primary School.



Safer cycling

NEARLY 60 Year 7 and 8 students recently took part in Bikeability training, working with Cycle North to become safer on the roads. Almost all students passed Bikeability Level 3, equipping riders with skills to confidently navigate busier roads, focusing on advanced road positioning, hazard perception, and route planning.

"More and more students are choosing to travel to school in an active way, so this training is really important," said Pippa McPherson, Admin Manager: Community.

Award-winning efforts

SINCE last year, 84 students have successfully achieved their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award, contributing an impressive 1,018 hours of volunteering within our local community. Their efforts included activities such as litter picking, assisting in charity shops, running activities for children, marshalling at Parkruns, supporting local

wildlife charities, and helping elderly neighbours.

This year, participation has continued to grow across all three award levels. Over 100 Year 9 students are currently working towards their Bronze Award, 60 Year 10 students are progressing through their Silver Award, and 27 students are dedicated to achieving their Gold Award.



Ruby Lin, Yulia Nesterova and Rowan Morris, Year 10.

Finding their futures

MARCH marked National Careers Week when we welcomed employers from the British Army, the NHS and the Northern School of Art. Students also joined a virtual careers fair featuring resources from the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, Morrisby Careers Guidance, the NHS and the Careers and Enterprise Company.

Unifrog provided additional online guidance whilst Mrs Quinlan hosted careers drop-in sessions for all year groups, giving Year 7 and 8 students the chance to explore future pathways. Careers-in-the-curriculum lessons ran throughout the week and nine students won prizes in the Year 7 careers quiz. Congratulations to all.

From Pompeii to Paris

A snapshot of this year's exciting trips

Geography and gelato

OUR geographers have been on the move again! Last term, 24 Sixth Form Geography students took part in our first ever trip to the Bay of Naples, Italy. They visited the archaeological sites of both Pompeii and Herculaneum to consider the impacts of the 79AD eruption. They even climbed Mount Vesuvius and had an informative tour of the volcano from a local volcanologist. The group also observed lots of coastal landforms on their boat trip along the Amalfi coast and sampled the delicious lemon sorbet!

Meanwhile, 54 Year 11 Geography students took part in the annual trip to Iceland, with highlights including the breathtaking waterfalls of Skógafoss and Gullfoss, the rift valley and the Secret Lagoon natural pools.



Hitting the slopes

OUR ski trip to Wagrain, Austria, over the Easter holidays was a massive hit! With 74 students and six days of sunshine, the conditions were perfect for building confidence on the wide slopes.

From first-timers conquering their first blue runs to more confident skiers mastering red runs, a great time was had by all. It was a week of incredible progress and new friendships.

A huge well done to all the students for their energy and great spirits!



Gathering inspiration

YEAR 12 and 13 Art and Photography students enjoyed an inspiring trip to Paris in March. They explored world renowned cultural institutions, including the Louvre, the Musée d'Orsay and the Centre Pompidou, gathering firsthand source material for their exam work and experiencing iconic artworks up close. Students also discovered public art across the city, deepening their understanding of artistic movements and techniques.

Year 11 Art students visited London, exploring major galleries and museums, taking photographs for their coursework and enjoying a West End show. Their feedback was overwhelmingly positive, and planning is now underway for a similar trip for next year's GCSE cohort.



Nye Coombes and Toby Dixon, Year 12.

Sixth Form life

Speedy science

A TEAM of top Year 13 Chemistry students travelled to the University of Cambridge to participate in 'Chemistry Race', a fast-paced and high-level super-curricular competition designed to test speed, accuracy and problem-solving ability. The team finished as the top non-selective state school and placed 16th out of 59 schools, in addition to outperforming schools such as Heckmondwike Grammar and Queen Ethelburga's Collegiate.

Area Leader for Chemistry Mrs Kapoor said, "Our students demonstrated an admirable ability to embrace challenge and thrive under pressure; we are immensely proud of their achievement."



(Back row) Ned Gallagher Thompson, Max Horvath and William Walsh, and (front row) Amber Peacock and Emma Lister, all Year 13.

Going for gold

SIXTH Form BTEC Sport students have enjoyed an exciting year working on their Event Management module, taking the lead in organising activities across the school. A highlight was welcoming Olympian and former student Harry Hepworth, who delivered an inspiring presentation to Year 7 and 8 students and even let them hold his bronze medal!

Students also coordinated a hugely successful charity football match for over 100 Sixth Formers, raising £170. Other events included a thrilling 'Capture the Flag' challenge on the Chevin and hosting three primary schools for a multiskills sports festival. Well done, Year 13!



Ethan Kerr, Jacob Hepworth and Sion Lloyd-Parry, Year 13, with Harry Hepworth.

The art of persuasion

OUR Sixth Form debate team competed in the regional final of the ESU Debate Competition in March. Representing the school were Pola Tasel and Vinnie Metcalfe (Year 12) alongside Adam Zimvumi (Year 13). After strong performances throughout the heats,

the team narrowly missed out to Ripon Grammar School in a closely contested final. "Their confidence, clarity and teamwork were outstanding," agreed Mr Bromley and Mr Smith, who accompanied the team and coordinated their competition entry respectively.

Flat packs and finance

JANUARY'S 'Future Focus Day' saw Year 12 students develop enterprise, teamwork and presentation skills in an Apprentice-style challenge, developing exceptionally creative ideas such as 'Pokolyte' and 'Veggie Villains!'. They were also given guidance on work experience

and career and university options. Year 13 students explored student finance and money management, followed by an opportunity to select from a range of life skills, from managing stress to building flat pack furniture.



All-rounders

THIS year's enrichment programme for Year 12 has offered students a vibrant mix of new skills and experiences. The memorable activities have included practising first aid and CPR, learning basic British Sign Language, taking part in football sessions and exploring Chinese language and culture. Ms Rosillo, who organises the programme, said, "This year's enrichment offer has given students the chance to try something different, build confidence and discover new interests."

Where to next?

ANOTHER busy year of trips and visits culminates over the next couple of months with almost a thousand students due to take part in one or more day trips and residential visits. International highlights include:



70 Year 7 French students discovering France's Opal Coast



125 Year 8 German students taking in the sights of Cologne



88 Year 7 Spanish students travelling to Barcelona



47 Year 9 History students visiting the moving French and Belgian Battlefields



Elodie Thompson, Isabelle French and Serhii Lavronenko, Year 13.



Marc McGrath and Hermione Clarke, Year 12.

Isla Mathie, Year 12,
and Orla Goodchild
and Lucy Williams,
Year 11.

The pride of Prince Henry's



THIS past season, our Year 11 and Senior teams have proudly represented Prince Henry's during one of the most important years of their school careers, successfully balancing their commitment to both sport and academic studies. Both teams have demonstrated outstanding talent

while competing against schools across Leeds, ultimately finishing as Leeds Schools League winners in their respective leagues. The Year 11 squads also achieved great success in the Leeds Schools Netball Tournament, being crowned both winners and runners-up.

Football for all

THIS year, we have been proud to have received the Equal Access Award from the Women's Football Association. This recognition celebrates the school's commitment to ensuring that girls and boys have equal access to football within the curriculum. The award highlights the school's dedication to promoting fairness, inclusion and a love of football for all so that every student who wants to can participate, develop their skills and enjoy the sport. It was a proud moment for the whole community and a testament to the positive impact of providing equal sporting opportunities.



Winning at West Park

IT has been an outstanding year for our rugby teams, marked by determination, teamwork, and exceptional skill. Four of our squads – U12s, U13s, U16s and the Senior Boys – triumphed in their Yorkshire Cup finals, all held at West Park Rugby Club. Their victories brought home an impressive collection of four trophies, proudly displayed as a symbol of the players' hard work and commitment. This remarkable achievement highlights the strength of rugby across all age groups in our school and reflects a season we can all be proud of.



(Back row) Henry Holmes, Year 7, Will Owen, Year 11, and Finn Hanogue, Year 8, and (front row) Mattie Dawson and Ben Stephens, Year 13.

Oar-some performance

IN February, fifteen students from our Rowing and Fitness club attended the National Junior Indoor Rowing Championships at the John Charles Centre for Sports. Year 7 students competed in a two-minute row and Year 8 students in a three-minute

row, with all our students trying their absolute best and achieving personal records. Special mention goes to Saxon Hinchcliffe (Year 8) and Noah McLernon (Year 7) who achieved gold and bronze medals respectively in their categories.



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