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PRINCE HENRY'S HIGH SCHOOL

An "Outstanding" Academy for Students aged 13-18

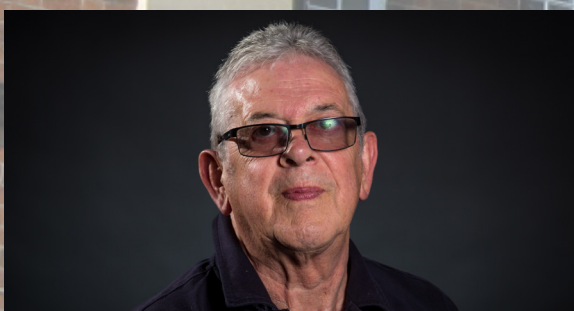
Farewell to Longstanding Staff



Mrs Bridget Worley



Mrs Jenny Smart



Mr Nick Clements



Mrs Rosie Loh



Mrs Rosy Bennington



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Headteacher's Welcome



I am delighted to present this latest edition of The Henrician which once again acts as a chronicle of school life, giving an insight into the accomplishments of our students and their many remarkable achievements. My sincere thanks to all the staff who support our students so well. Special thanks also to the team that put this together: Mrs Barker, Mr Dyer and Mrs Bradley.

Following outstanding achievements by our GCSE and A Level students last summer, notable highlights for the whole school during the past 12 months have included the first year of our School-Centred Initial Teacher Training (SCITT) programme, with our first cohort of trainee teachers successfully completing their training. We are also delighted that, having been awarded the School Sportmark Gold Award for six consecutive years, we were invited to apply for the new Platinum Award and became one of the first 104 schools in the country to receive this prestigious accreditation.

As is normal, we will be saying goodbye to a number of staff at the end of this academic year. However, I must recognise the huge contribution of five longstanding colleagues. Mrs Bridget Worley joined Prince Henry's in 1994 as Head of Psychology. At the time, Psychology was a comparatively new A Level subject at the school, and under her outstanding stewardship, it has become one of our most popular and successful Sixth Form subjects, with many students going on to study the subject at university.

After 24 years' service, she has decided to retire. Mrs Jenny Smart, who has worked at Prince Henry's as a Teacher of ICT since 2002 will also be retiring at the end of the year, as will Mr Nick Clements, who has been a stalwart of our Food Technology Department for 20 years. I know that Mrs Cox and Mrs Miles will miss his support, not least his culinary expertise in helping to prepare the wonderful teas that we all enjoy at the end of each Speech Day. Earlier in the academic year, two other longstanding colleagues also retired: Mrs Rosie Loh, who taught English, retired at Christmas after 23 years at Prince Henry's, whilst our Librarian, Mrs Rosy Bennington retired in February after 17 years of service. It was particularly fitting that, in her final few weeks, we learned that Prince Henry's had become the first school in Worcestershire to receive the Schools' Library Service Gold Award. The contribution of all these colleagues to life at Prince Henry's has been greatly appreciated and we wish them all a long and happy retirement.

The preparation of The Henrician is always a time of reflection for me, coinciding as it does with the writing of my Speech Day address. The last 12 months have continued to see enormous change both within the UK and on the wider world stage. Despite the changes going on around us, Prince Henry's continues to evolve and adapt whilst remaining true to its core values and ethos which have remained constant for at least the past hundred years. This was recognised in May when we held our annual Old Henricians' reception. Two of our visitors were students at the school during the Second World War, whilst a further three were with us during the 1950s. It is always a hugely enjoyable occasion and we took it as a huge compliment when one of them wrote to me after the event, saying 'Prince Henry's High School is in safe hands, holding a secure baton. Good wishes.'

I am proud to commend the 2018 edition to you.

Dr A Evans, Headteacher
June 2018

Welcome

A Welcome to Staff

At the beginning of the school year we welcomed some new members of staff.

Mr Line, who some may remember from a number of years ago, has returned to Prince Henry's as Head of Chemistry, whilst Mrs Oldham has newly joined the Science Department. Mr Cain also returned to Prince Henry's as a permanent member of our English Department.

In addition, Miss Spencer and Mr Futers have joined our Learning Support Team during the course of the year.

A Farewell to Staff

Some members of support staff have left us for pastures new during the course of 2017/18. As I mentioned in my introduction, Mrs Loh (English) and Mrs Bennington (Librarian) both retired. We also said goodbye to Mrs Coram (Geography) and Miss Price (Science). Mrs Crouch (Finance Officer) retired at Easter, whilst Mrs Bunker and Miss Wood left our Learning Support Team and Mr Drinkwater left our Site Team. Mrs Feeney (Learning Supervisor) also left us earlier in the Summer Term.

As previously mentioned, we will be saying farewell to Mrs Worley (Psychology), Mrs Smart (ICT) and Mr Clements (Food Technician), all of whom will be retiring at the end of this year. Mrs Pigounakis, a member of our administrative team will also be leaving us.

We would like to thank all of these colleagues for their hard work and support, and to wish them well for the future.

I would also like to place on record my grateful thanks to Mr Michael Amies, BEM, who has decided to step down as a Member of the Prince Henry's High School Academy Trust. Michael, who served for many years as a Governor of the school during Bernard Roberts' Headship, became an independent Member when Prince Henry's became an Academy in 2011.

Thank you too, to Mrs Maureen Spinks and Miss Di Stubbs, two longstanding governors, who have decided to step down at the end of this academic year. Their commitment, support and wisdom over many years have been greatly appreciated.

Finally, during the past 12 months, we have learned the sad news of the deaths of several people who had links to Prince Henry's. Christine Adams, who retired as Head of Food Technology in 2002 after 23 years' service, died during Summer 2017, as did two former exam invigilators, Roger Band and Neil McPherson. In February we learned of the death of Eric Tyler at the age of 90. Eric was a student at Prince Henry's Grammar School from 1938-45, who returned in 1956 as a Teacher of Mathematics, becoming Head of Department (as well as school Timetabler) from 1967 until his retirement in 1979. I must pay special tribute to Michael Blinkhorn who died at the age of 85 in September 2017. Michael was a Governor from 1974 and Chair of Governors from 1987-1996. A passionate supporter of the Arts, he played a significant role in the creation of the Arts Theatre and was a member of the Arts Centre Management Committee for many years. He also established what is now the Chairman of Governor's Prize for Drama.

Our thoughts are with the families and friends of all of these former colleagues.

Staff of Prince Henry's High School 2017-2018

Headteacher:	Dr A A L Evans
Deputy Headteachers:	Mr B J Freeman, Mrs H L Wood
Assistant Headteachers:	Mrs N J Barker, Mr A Duffy, Mrs A C Lungley, Mrs S Thomas

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Mrs J M Aitken	Miss H Clilverd	Miss N Heywood	Mrs K E Mifflin	Mr A T A Samrai
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Mr L Fisher	Mrs A Harris	Mrs K Phillips	Mrs H D De Silva-Morgan	

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Mr A Dingley	Mrs C J Dziczkaniece	Mrs L E Oliver	Mr M Spence

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Mrs J Gardiner	Mr T Ridings	
Mr A N Green	Mr B J Salter	

Trustees of the Prince Henry's High School Academy Trust

Mr M Amies	Mr S Cook	Mr K Watson
Mr S Butcher	Mr J Painter	

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Mr S Butcher (Chairman)	Dr V Hardwick	Miss D Stubbs
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Head Boy & Girl

& Senior Prefects

Head Boy & Head Girl



It is hard to believe that our time at Prince Henry's is coming to an end. We have enjoyed five years of fantastic experiences and opportunities here and will forever keep wonderful memories of our time at school.

Looking back, some of the highlights of our time in Lower School include the musicals, Anything Goes and Les Miserables, Christmas concerts, music tours, foreign exchange visits, fashion shows and sports competitions. Then came the gruelling months of revision and preparation for our GCSE exams. Thank you to all the teachers for their support and guidance at this time.

In the Sixth Form, we have had the opportunity to travel to amazing places, such as Cambodia and Laos, Tanzania, Italy, New York and Washington. Closer to home, the Senior Prefect weekend at the end of Year 12 stands out as a chance for all those involved to strengthen existing friendships and form new ones. From scaling huge climbing walls to building rafts that failed immediately, we undertook activities that were genuinely character building and good for our sense of self-esteem. This year's music and dramatic performances have been as demanding and successful as ever. The production of 'Oklahoma!' for example, featured many Sixth Form members in the pit band and on stage, making the show a great success.

Year 13 brought with it the challenges of juggling university and job interviews, coursework deadlines, exam preparation and the prospect of leaving home. At times it could all seem pretty daunting, but the Sixth Form here is a close-knit community and we have been well supported throughout by staff and the wonderful Sixth Form Team.

On behalf of our year group, we would like to thank the staff for their relentless encouragement and support throughout our years here. Prince Henry's is a lively and successful school because of the strong working relationships that develop between the staff and students. This sense of community is what has made our time here so enjoyable. We would like to say a special thank you to Mrs Webb, Mrs Tozer, and the Sixth Form Team for being so caring and committed to enriching our Sixth Form experience. It has been a real privilege for both of us to have spent five years here at the school.

For Year 13s and some Year 11s, it is now our time to say goodbye. We wish everybody here the best for the future. We are honoured and humbled to have served as Head Girl and Head Boy this year. Prince Henry's will always have a very special place in our hearts.

Izzy Hardwick & Tom Parkin
Head Girl & Head Boy, 2018

Senior Prefects 2017-2018

Isabel Bromfield
Marney Crimmings
Milla Dunkley
Anya Goonewardena
Annie Green
Isobel Hardwick (Head Girl)
Abbie James
Sophie Jowett
Imogen Parkin (Deputy Head Girl)
Rachel Phillips
Eloise Richardson
Gillian Russell
Lucy Smith (Deputy Head Girl)
Molly Tranter
Amelia White
Chloe Yetman

Johan Beavis-Berry
Edward Betteridge
Harry Britten
Oliver Denning
Jake Draper (Deputy Head Boy)
Aric Fowler
Oliver Hall
Adam Haycock
Nathan Lewis
Tom Parkin (Head Boy)
Joshua Pickering
Daniel Smith
Thomas Stephenson
Simon Styan
Joseph Vose (Deputy Head Boy)
Craig Witheford



Art

Year 10 Drawing Workshop (March)



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The Silk Bureau, Evesham, has donated fabric to Prince Henry's High School to support students in the Textiles Department. The donation included a variety of fabrics such as Crepe de Chine, Cotton Half Panama and luxury Satin. The students are delighted to work with these fabrics that would ordinarily be unavailable to them as part of their A Level work. Prince Henry's is very thankful for the kind donation by The Silk Bureau.

Mrs Clover Parker-Winters, Head of Textiles at Prince Henry's, commented,

"We are truly delighted to receive these wonderful donations from The Silk Bureau. It has enabled our students to explore hand dying and sculptural stand work in highly exploratory ways. Working with such a diversity of beautiful fabric is not only incredibly inspiring to our students, but also allows them to explore freely without needing to worry about the practicalities of purchasing their own materials.

It offers us all an amazing opportunity to see students push boundaries and their own potential."

Sharon Reynolds, Marketing Manager of The Silk Bureau, is excited about the students' work and the contribution the fabric is making to their studies.

"We are happy to support our local school with the donation of these materials. It's a good way of encouraging innovative ideas and ensuring a healthy future for the textile design industry. They may just inspire a student to pursue design as a career. As the country's leading digital textile printing company we see artwork from exclusive designers on a daily basis. We know how competitive the market is and we hope that these materials will give the students a helpful start."



Business Studies

Careers Fair

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On the evening of Tuesday 7th November we held a Careers Fair at school. This event, held biennially, is always well attended by our students and their parents and this year was no exception. Local colleges, universities, companies offering apprenticeships and training providers were on hand to offer advice and guidance to our students to help them make their important career decisions. We also had our Sixth Form and Teaching School in attendance.

We are grateful for the support given by all of the exhibitors who gave up their time freely to provide advice to our students and their parents, without whom this event would not be able to take place.





Year 10 Business Christmas Fair



One lunchtime in December the Year 10 Business students ran their own mini Christmas Fair in the concourse of The Abbey. Teams of four or five students joined together to plan their own product or service to sell to the rest of the school. They researched their costs and projected demand in order to perform break-even analysis, which predicted how many they had to sell (and at what price) before they could make a profit. Profits were then “taxed” at 20%, with proceeds going to charity.

Ideas ranged from cakes to “photos with Santa” to a coconut shy, where coconuts were replaced with cans featuring the Business teachers’ photographs. A lot of noise and excitement ensued, but crucially the majority of stalls made a profit. We have an aspiring group of entrepreneurs ready to join the UK economy!

Design & Technology

Masterchef (June-July 2017)



Last year the Prince Henry's House Masterchef competition attracted more interest than ever before. There was a really competitive buzz during all the cook offs as everyone fought to represent their House. The Year 9 entrants had to prepare a savoury dish and the Year 10s had to make a dessert. After the cook offs, each House had a representative from each year group. The passion and desire to win kicked in and the standard of what was produced just kept on improving. The judges quizzed the students about the skills they had used and where their ideas had come from. Once everything had been tasted, they left the room to deliberate over the results. I think it would be fair to say that the judges found the decision-making a real challenge. The Year 9 winners were Aiden Brown and Isaac Fletcher with their Chicken in Curried Yoghurt Crust with Coconut Rice and Tropical Relish and Passion Fruit Coulis. For Year 10, the judges just could not decide on a winner and, for the first time since we have run the competition, first prize was shared between Louise Badger and Nichole Jessup with their White Chocolate and Raspberry Trio consisting of a Cheesecake, Pavlova Stack and Mousse and Daisy Charles and Saskia Bath with their Summer Fruit Picnic Treats consisting of Victoria Sponge, Cheesecake, Fruit Skewers and Meringue Nests. The competition couldn't have run without the support of the local Rotary Club who provided the prizes. We look forward to seeing what surprises are created in the 2018 competition!





Malvern Festival of Innovation (6th October 2017)

A small number of Sixth Form students, who were interested in careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Design, had the opportunity to attend an afternoon seminar as part of the Malvern Festival of Innovation. This was an opportunity to hear about applying these subjects in the real world to pursue an exciting career in the all-important creative economy. The guest speaker was Dr Bal Choda, who arrived in his Aston Martin to deliver an audio visual presentation about how these iconic sports cars are designed for stunning looks and engineered for high performance. Dr Choda, an engineer and STEM Ambassador with Aston Martin, spent the afternoon describing the design process, systems engineering, and innovation that goes into the creation of an Aston Martin sports car.

Mrs P Kelly



English & Film Studies

Visit to Brontë Country

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The annual English department visit to 'Brontë Country' in West Yorkshire took place on 2nd November; the Year 12 Literature students and three members of the English Department had an early start to travel to Stanbury, West Yorkshire. Our bus driver left us beside the famous Haworth Moor and we set off into the wilderness, walking five miles to visit first the ruined farmhouse, 'Top Withens', believed to have been the inspiration for Wuthering Heights and then back to civilisation via the Brontë waterfall. The weather was glorious and sunny so there was not much 'wuthering' although the moors were muddy and still rather bleak which created a wonderful sense of the natural environment encapsulated in the Brontë novels.

After lunch in Haworth, we had the opportunity to look around the Parsonage and see all the Brontë artefacts including costumes, set designs and props from the recent BBC drama about the lives of the Brontës. The students were given a very informative talk about the background to the Brontës and specifically the context of 'Jane Eyre' by the education team at The Parsonage. There was also an opportunity to visit some of the tourist shops in Haworth where many of the buildings which the Brontës would have visited remain unchanged. A guided tour of the main sites connected with the Brontë family in the town, to gain further insight into the influences on the writing of the sisters, completed a very inspiring and interesting day 'up North' before the journey home to Evesham.

A Christmas Carol Review

'A Christmas Carol' has a special place in our literary history and Dickens' immortalised characters of Scrooge, Tiny Tim and Bob Cratchitt are part of our collective conscience and remind us all of the importance of Christmas. Who hasn't, at least once, used the phrase 'humbug' to describe someone or something during the festive season? Having studied the text as part of the GCSE English Literature course, we were fortunate that the RSC were showing an adaptation during December 2017. Unlike the original text, on stage we saw his characters make the transition from Dickens' creative genius on the page to the stage.

This element added a different perspective and allowed the audience to witness Dickens' intentions behind the play and how he used characters to present and reflect ideas in society and highlight how abhorrent they were. The set was magnificent: transporting us from Scrooge's melancholic home, to the bustling streets of Victorian London, and the actors played their parts with ebullience and dexterity. The text's charm and emotional impact were widely felt and students were able to see the political agenda behind Dickens' masterpiece thus helping them with preparation for their GCSEs but also to feel and experience Dickens' messages which transcend the years.

Visit to Bronte Country



Geography

Sorrento (March 2018, Year 10)



What do ice cream, the Romans and lemons all have in common? They are all found in abundance in Italy! This April, 40 of Prince Henry's Year 10 Geography students travelled to the south of Italy for a five-day visit to explore this unique area. We based ourselves in the town of Sorrento in the Bay of Naples, and the first stop on our trip was a walk up to the summit of Mount Vesuvius, the only volcano to have erupted on mainland Europe in the last 100 years. Students had an opportunity to observe close up how the Italian government monitors and studies the volcano in order to give enough warning time for a future eruption. We also looked for evidence of past eruptions, both in Roman times and in 1944.

Afterwards, we visited the preserved Roman ruins at Pompeii, where the students investigated: How did the people live in Roman times? How did they die? Would they have had time to run?

Sorrento is located close to the famous Amalfi coastline and we took a coach tour to the seaside towns along it. Students also gained a taste for Italy as the trip included a visit to a working organic mozzarella cheese farm, a gelato ice cream class and, on the final day, the students were treated to an evening meal in a traditional local pizzeria.



Cadbury World Trip

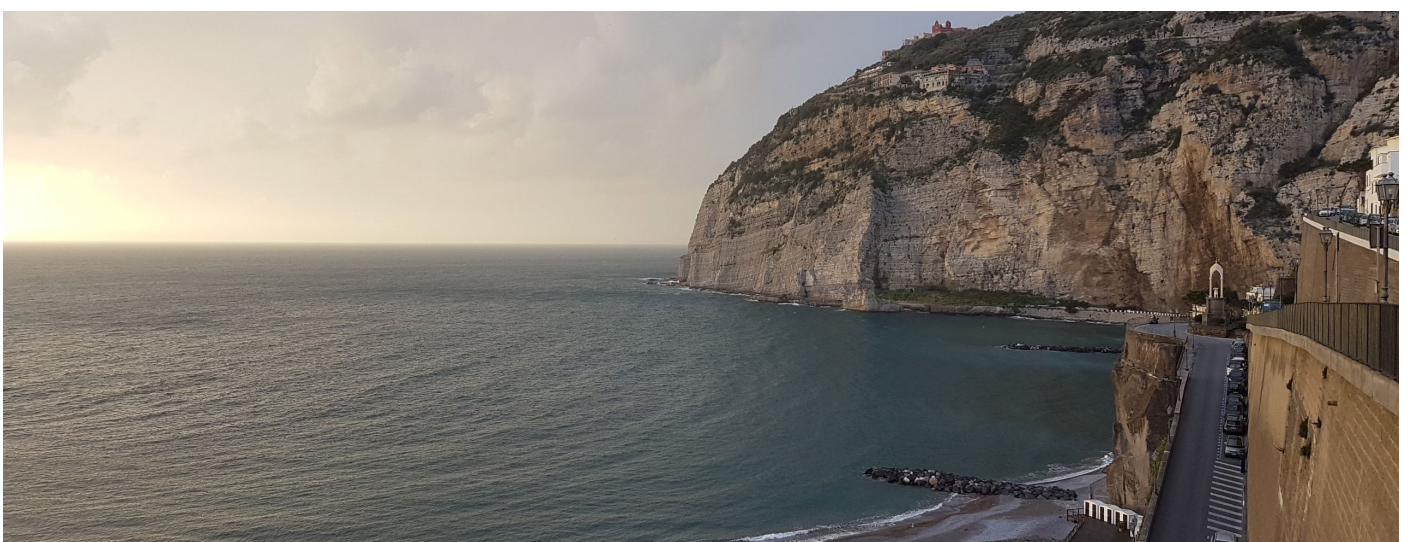
Is there a global shortage of cocoa beans? Will we run out of chocolate? These were some of the questions Year 9 students set out to answer on their Geography trip to Cadbury World in Birmingham in May. The students began their trip by hunting for clues about the geographical factors that affect where cocoa beans can be grown around the world, and how the Cadbury company is trying to ensure they have a sustainable supply for the future.



The students took a tour around the site and traced the route that a chocolate bar takes from the source of its ingredients in West Africa all the way to the shop floor in the UK. Afterwards, they took part in a discussion on how Cadbury has embraced the idea of fair trade products and asked insightful questions about the role that they can play as customers in supporting fair trade.



Sorrento (March 2018, Year 10)



History & Politics

Parliament Trip

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On Tuesday 27th February a group of Year 12 and 13 Politics students visited the Houses of Parliament.

Upon their arrival in London, the group had a walking tour of some of the key sites including Trafalgar Square, The Mall, Buckingham Palace, St James' Park, Horseguards, Downing Street and Parliament Square.

We were welcomed at the Houses of Parliament by Lord Faulkner of Worcester (Deputy Speaker in the House of Lords) who had kindly booked the group into a Lords committee room.

Here Lord Faulkner conducted a Q&A session about the role and functions of the House of Lords.

A tour of the Houses of Parliament followed and the group was able to see debates in both the Lords and Commons.

Following this, the group engaged with an educational workshop provided by the Parliament Education Service about the principles of Representation and Voting. The students then had the opportunity to meet and discuss current issues with their local constituency MP, Mr Nigel Huddleston.

The trip provided a wonderful opportunity for students to see at first hand the institutions which they have spent so long studying.

Mrs Griffiths and Mr Freeman



Battlefields Trip (June 2018)



This year, 35 Year 9 students had the opportunity to discover more about the history of The Great War and the battlefields around the Ypres Salient. We were fortunate enough to visit several Commonwealth War Cemeteries of differing sizes including Essex Farm (where John McCrae composed the famous poem 'In Flanders Fields'), and Tyne Cot – the largest Commonwealth war cemetery in the world with more than 11, 000 burials and a further 33, 000 names inscribed as a memorial to the missing. The scale of such cemeteries is astounding and forces you to appreciate how many lives the war cost. We also visited Langemark: the sombre and more macabre German cemetery.

On the Sunday evening, we were lucky enough to witness The Last Post ceremony at the Menin Gate in Ypres and two of our students, James Cook and Sophie Petit, laid a wreath to commemorate the fallen soldiers – the first time students from Prince Henry's have done so. However, the highlight of the trip was tracking down the location of one of our student's relatives: Eashan Patel's great, great grandfather, Private E. Tustin, who fought and died on the Western Front. Eashan is only the second member of the family to have visited Private Tustin's grave and it was a very emotional and poignant occasion – one that was felt by everyone on the trip and something that will stay with us forever. On the last day, we visited the historic town of Bruges which gave us a last chance to purchase some delicious Belgian chocolates.

Eashan commented "The Belgium trip was a brilliant experience! As well as having an amazing time with my friends, roaming round Belgium, I was lucky enough to discover my great, great grandfather's grave. This was a really emotional experience for me, and when I got home, my whole family was shocked."



Interact

Interact 2017-2018

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PHHS Interact is a youth group with student members from all year groups working together to plan and run community and charity events.

This school year in Interact:

In **September**, Interact held a coffee morning to raise funds for Macmillan. We baked and decorated cakes during the lunchtime of the previous day. We invited a mobile coffee stall to come along and share the proceeds with us. We had made so many cakes that we continued to sell during the lunch hour. Prince Henry's students and staff came to buy cakes and coffee. It was a great start to the year raising £304.75, a truly amazing result.

Chloe Smith, Year 9

In **October**, we were delighted when our Guide Dog puppy Prince visited us with his very helpful trainers. Everyone loved him and he went on a big adventure around the school. He spent most of the lunch hour being stroked and petted by the students, who formed a long queue to meet him. He then found himself at the Sixth Form office, where Mrs. Webb and the Sixth Form team were delighted to see him. The experience showed students and staff from all corners of the school that the endless bake sales were worth it in the end.

Gilly Russell, Year 13

Going into **November** we began our preparations for the annual Shoe Box Appeal, with the whole school coming together to collect gifts and toys that would eventually find their way to children around the world at Christmas. Interact had the task of wrapping, packing and checking the boxes before they were sent off. Overall, we had the best time looking at all the wonderful things that the students had donated. Interact were grateful to Siobhan and Erin who coordinated the Shoe Box Appeal and spent every lunchtime packing boxes. After all the hard work we sent 74 boxes.

Alice Camp, Year 12

We really enjoyed organising the Teams4U Christmas Shoe Box Appeal and were so pleased with the many kind donations. We loved getting involved, and knowing that it would bring a smile to the faces of so many children felt so rewarding. Taking on this task allowed us to develop our organisation skills and confidence, ready to use in the future.

Erin Millar & Siobhan Gyll, Year 13

By **December**, our big charity fundraiser, Drop the Mic, was finally here! Interact had been busy organising this event since the October half term. Interact members designed the tickets and posters, booked the Arts Theatre, set up the programme for the evening and sold refreshments

on the night. Eleven individual artists and bands, spanning all five years at PHHS, competed for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, which went to Stop, Rock and Roll, CHUG and Amy Goodwin respectively. Everyone involved enjoyed a brilliant evening, from the crew in charge of lighting, to volunteers on the door, the artists themselves and of course the audience. The event was so much fun and it was also incredibly successful, raising £403.12 for our chosen charities. Students from across the years all came together to engage in something everybody loved and had a passion for: music.

Olivia Edwards Year 12

Heading into spring, we hosted our annual fashion show, Dress to Impress, in **February**. As usual Interact spent a lot of time styling the donated clothes, all destined for charity shops, to make fabulous runway collections. Families and friends poured in to watch the show. Movies, such as "Grease", provided the inspiration for this year's creations. However we also had to include "Peaky Blinders", as we loved the soundtrack and the 1920's fashion, and we finished with 007, James Bond. Our compères, Ed and Liam, kept us entertained with plenty of jokes; the makeover was fun, and Miss Howe singing "Skyfall" was a fabulous finale. Interact worked so hard to pull this together, raising £463.80 for our worthwhile causes. This was an amazing event. It was such a great night to be part of.

Ellie Jones & Maddy Workman, Year 9

Also in **February**, we decided to sell roses for Valentine's Day. Students pre-ordered the flowers and some included a message to their recipient. Two of our Interactors, Tom Emmet and Gilly Russell stayed at school until 6.30pm the night before to wrap up the roses and add the labels with the purchasers' personal messages for their Valentine. I will never forget Tom turning up to school dressed as Cupid and delivering the roses to Sixth Formers and even teachers! The roses were really popular and a great way to raise £236.75 for charity.

Miss Catchpole

A lunchtime Dodge Ball competition for Sports Relief raised £48.87 in **March**. Students competed in Inter-House games and spectators cheered them on.

In **April** we invited students to join our Tuesday lunchtime meeting to find out more about Interact. They were enticed by the promise of pizza and after they had eaten we discussed the different activities Interact does and the many opportunities they could take advantage by joining. Afterwards many people joined and it really put the word out about the fabulous things that Interact does.

Isabel Sharkey, Year 9

On **May** 2nd we welcomed the local charity, Working World, for an afternoon of creative learning and fun. Interact planned a craft afternoon. We partnered up with a client of Working World to work alongside them. Together we created picture frames, wind chimes and painted letters and cogs. Names and logos were stuck onto notice boards for the Working World café. We made lots of new friends and hope to invite them back. Interact are very grateful to Mrs Kelly and the Technology Department for their help and support with this visit.

We loved taking part in this event!

Lucy Clover & Emma Fenton, Year 9

Saying goodbye to the Committee in Year 13 in **June** has been hard as many of them are founder Interact members from the first year of the club when they were in Year 9. Gilly Russell and Izzy Bromfield have led Interact with fun and enthusiasm and we will miss them in our future Tuesday lunchtime meetings. This has been another really successful year in Interact.

Mrs Taylor

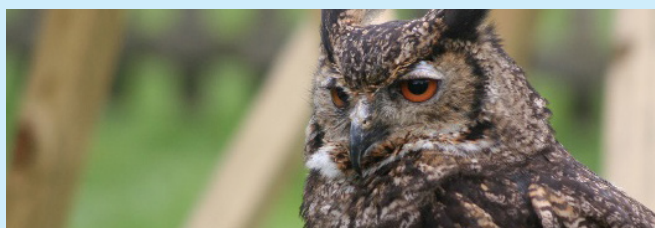
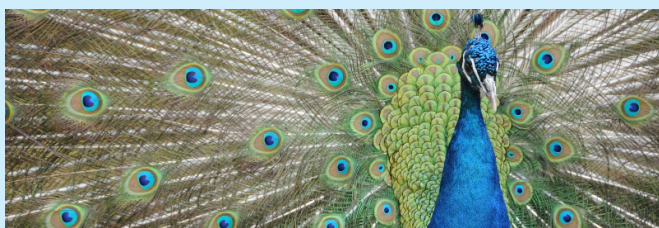
ICT, Computing & Media

Dudley Zoo Photography Trip

After Easter, 52 Year 10 iMedia students joined the animals for a rather damp day in Dudley.

With the aim to take photographs under the theme 'shape, light, angle, colour & texture', the winning image of the day was taken by Tom Gough with his photograph of a peacock displaying its tail.

Peacock Head – Abigail Gisbourne
Giraffe – Archie Starkey



Retro Computing Museum

March saw Mr Brant and Miss Giordano take the Year 10 Computer Scientists to the Retro Computing Museum in Leicester. The museum houses most of the home computers and game consoles that were available from the late 1970s to the present day. It was interesting to see how the advances in technology made for better and better computers and what effect these improvements had on the complexity of the

games and the graphics. It was also interesting to see how such fascinating programs could be written on the ZX81 with only 1Kb of RAM and no hard disk. Oh yes, Mr Brant reached the highest score on Pac Man and James Saunders beat the all-time record for Drop.

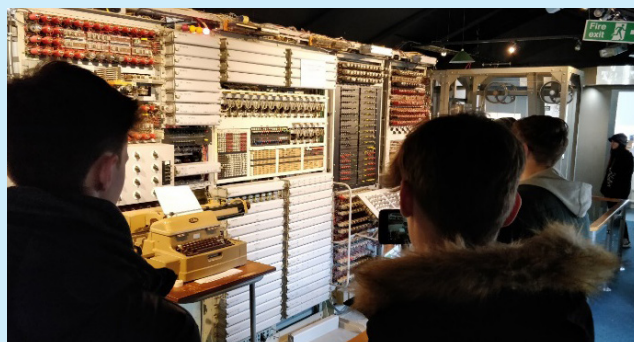


Bletchley Park

In February Mr Brant and Miss Giordano took Year 12 Computer Science students to the birthplace of modern computing, Bletchley Park. We were given a talk about the role of Bletchley at the end of the Second World War before a tour of the site. We started in the Tunny Galleries where we had a real feel for the difficult challenge that the staff at Bletchley faced and worked out through time.

Most of the computers were working and we were allowed to use many of them.

We finished with a workshop in the 1980s classroom where we wrote code on vintage BBC Model B computers and managed to get the high score on Snake. It was also great fun to play games on the computers and consoles from the 1980s and 1990s.



Thorpe Park

Our annual GCSE Computer Science trip to Thorpe Park took place in October and was a chance for students to investigate how technology is used in a context beyond their everyday experience. Students are given the chance to go on as many rides as they can in order to investigate the use of computers on the rides and in the park.

The highlight of this year's trip was when Mr Samrai and Mr Brant decided to try and squeeze one more ride on Saw before heading back to the bus and the ride broke down with them on it!

Everyone had a great day out and learned lots about how computers have so many uses beyond laptops and games consoles.



Oklahoma!

Oklahoma!

Watch the show online...



What a joy “Oklahoma!” was to rehearse with such a wonderful script and such memorable tunes. The cast and orchestra really enjoyed bringing popular classic to life and of course, this is a legendary Rodgers and Hammerstein favourite.

Once again we had the pleasure of working with such super students from all year groups. The principals, chorus and dancers were incredibly hardworking. It was also lovely to have our ex-student, Katy Haffner, working on the ballet / dance sequences and the dancers enjoyed being taught by such a brilliant and talented young lady.

Special thanks must be given to Miss Heywood, Mr Fisher, Mrs Parkin and Mrs Harper who all gave their time and musical expertise to bring the orchestral score to life and Mr Painter and Mr Watkins, who worked with the soloists and chorus. The musical score of “Oklahoma!” is so iconic with so many famous songs accompanied by superb orchestral writing. The orchestra, chorus and soloists really relished the opportunity to perform the music and over four performances the packed audiences really enjoyed each and every song.

Thanks also to the great technical team and back stage crew who worked behind the scenes to help bring the show to life.

Finally, Dave Minton, Maurice Sherwood and Stephen Cook were all fantastic in helping to construct the set and worked tirelessly. We can’t thank them enough for their expertise and hard work.

Our thanks to the Cast, Crew and Band for all their hard work on this wonderful production.

Mrs Maxine Cook & Mr Phill Bullas



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Worcestershire Schools' Library Service Gold Award



Prince Henry's has become the first Worcestershire school to gain the Gold School Library Award from the Schools' Library Service-UK. We completed our submission in January and were all thrilled to achieve such high recognition for the comprehensive aspects of the Learning Resource Centre covered by the Award.

Our submission needed to cover a wide range of areas including whole school support, the

Learning Resource Centre itself, its staff, stock, ICT, the reading culture of the school and the many initiatives, competitions and events we run. We had to reach a very high standard of criteria to gain the Award, and were delighted that Dawn Woods, Manager of the Worcestershire Schools' Library Service, and her team, decided we had achieved the Gold standard.

Mrs R Bennington
Librarian

Worcestershire Teen Book Award (January - March 2018)



Matt Dickinson Author Visit (National Book Day, February 2018)



Maths

Intermediate Mathematics Challenge 2018

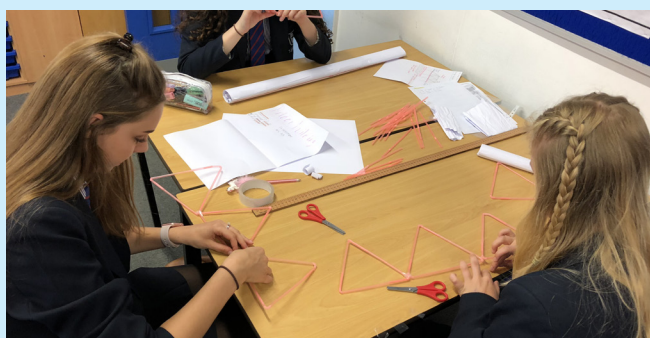
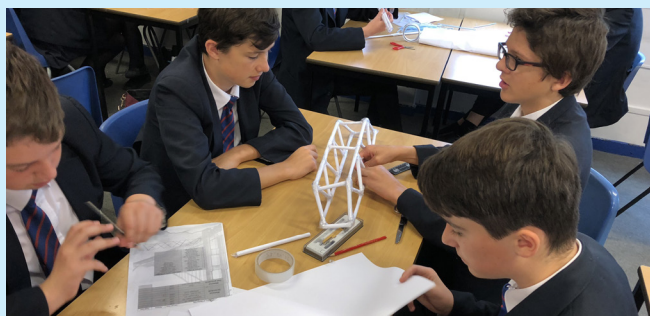
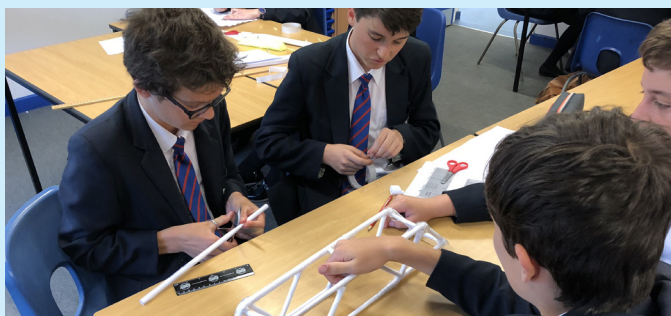
On Thursday 1st February, ten Year 11 students took part in the United Kingdom Intermediate Mathematics Challenge 2018. The students were solving problems from all areas of the subject without a calculator and took on some of the top young mathematicians in the country. All ten performed strongly and many students won awards for their submissions, with three qualifying for the next round – Anders Beavis-Berry, William Cope and Jacob Gibbons. These three students tackled the Kangaroo on Thursday 15th March and none of them took a backwards step despite the level of challenge presented in the questions.

All of the students really enjoyed the experience with many taking problems home in order to try and find solutions. If any budding mathematicians want to get ahead of the game for next year, they can search for the United Kingdom Mathematics Trust online and find more information on their website.

Bridge Building

The Summer Term once again saw the Year 10 Maths Bridge Building Competition. Top set Year 10 students were given the task of building a bridge that was cheap to build, stretched over 50cm, was well-designed and was as strong as possible.

The students enjoyed the challenge and some excellent bridges were built from paper, plastic straws and sticky tape. In the final judging, one criteria was that the bridges had to support the weight of Mr Collings. After a closely contested event, Jamie Saunders, Tom Carlton and Harry Walkeden were declared the winners.

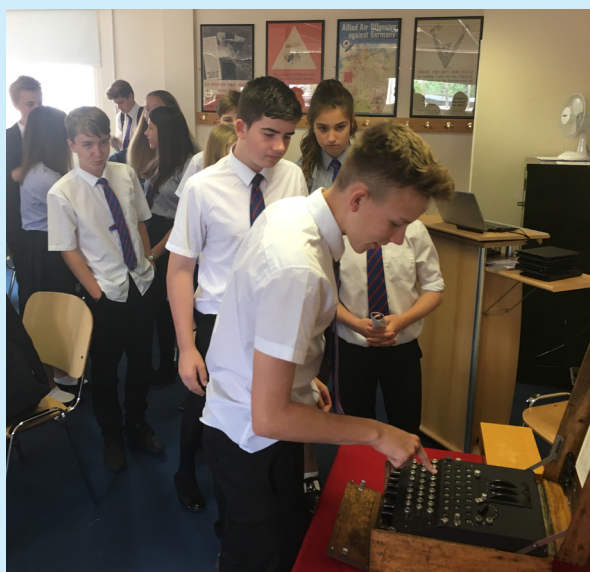


Bletchley Park Trip

On 10th July 2017, approximately 15 Year 9 students went on a trip to Bletchley Park. Our primary interests were to visit the mansion, where commander Alastair Denniston and Sir Edward Travis managed the goings-on of the park; Hut 8, where Alan Turing did the majority of his work and to learn how to do some codebreaking. We were given a very informative guided tour around the park, enjoyed the opportunity to explore the mansion, including Denniston and Travis' offices, some free time where we could see the Bombe and more huts. We were even allowed to see and use an Enigma machine!

Leading up to the visit, we had a few lunchtime sessions on codebreaking, on Alan Turing and general knowledge on Bletchley Park, and I have to admit, from my experience I can say that they really helped me get the most out of our visit and the codebreaking session we had in Bletchley itself. Mr Cooper, Miss Catchpole and Miss Clilverd accompanied us on the trip and I think I can safely say that we all had a really enjoyable day.

Charlotte Taylor, Year 10



Modern Foreign Languages

Trip to Barcelona (March 2018)



Travelling to Barcelona was by far the most interesting trip I've ever been on. Each day was packed with fun activities such as theme parks, museums and monuments. My personal favourite was visiting La Sagrada Familia due to the picturesque scenery inside and the phenomenal architecture around it. Not only was the visit both beautiful and cultural but it helped to improve my spoken Spanish as the locals were very friendly.

Each aspect of the trip brought a new outlook for me, whether it involved the new foods or the sunset on the beach. Barcelona is an idyllic and stunning city and I'm looking forward to taking my friends there next year. An amazing trip that I would recommend to anyone.

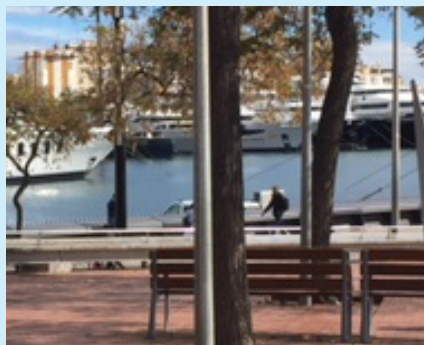
Liv Clayton

At the beginning of March we went to Barcelona on the Spanish trip and it was honestly amazing. I made a lot of new friends and the places we went to visit were beautiful, historical and interesting.

My favourite place that we visited was definitely La Sagrada Familia because it was huge and so stunning.

I also thought the views from Mont Serrat were breathtaking. We managed to visit a lot of places in a very short space of time which really made the trip worthwhile - especially as I had the chance to speak quite a bit of Spanish and, even if you didn't have the opportunity to speak it, you were still surrounded by Spanish speakers which improved my ability to pick up the language. The trip was definitely educational and we saw lots of stunning places".

Evie Annis



Year 9 Cultural Day (September 2017)



French Exchange (June 2018)



Performing Arts

Matilda The Musical Trip

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7.30am, 10th January 2018. The Arts Centre foyer contained a small number of yawning, heavy-eyed teenagers, barely awake, yet enthused by the prospect of the day that lay ahead. The buzz of chatter and excitement in the air grew as more drama students entered the foyer, finding their friends.

A music-filled bus ride to London later and we strolled into Covent Garden which was still beautifully decorated for the festive season. After lunch, and some time watching the street theatre on offer, we headed off to the Cambridge Theatre, the home of "Matilda the Musical". Every single person in the auditorium was eager and filled to the brim with anticipation at the first sign of the rising curtain. Those of us who had been before were speculating on our favourite parts, others sat stunned by the magic and beauty of the bright, bold set before us. Then the moment we had all been waiting for arrived: the lights dimmed, the audience fell silent, the show began.

As we streamed out of the theatre into the cold January air, all that was discussed was the awesome show we had just seen. From the stunning talent of the young actors and actresses to the hilarity of Miss Trunchbull and Rudolpho, there was something for everyone to fall in love with in this wonderful musical. We headed back to the bus after our exciting afternoon, sad to be leaving the sensational city in which we had spent the day. Even more laughs were shared on the way back to school, songs were sung and games played – as is traditional on all drama trips.

Overall, the trip was a spectacular array of colour, sound and talent, which none of us will be forgetting any time soon. Just as every other show we see, this one had a lasting effect. The theatre will continue to move, encourage and inspire us, not only as students, but as people.

Lucy Trevorrow & Elise Lucia, Year 12

Music Events



In September, the PHHS Singers participated in "The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace" at Worcester Cathedral.

Our annual Christmas Celebration concert provided a highlight for the end of term, whilst December also saw the PHHS Singers performing at the Tree of Light ceremony at Workman Gardens and the Carol Service at All Saints church. Some singers and members of the Brass Group also performed carols at Yates Court.

March witnessed the school's production of "Oklahoma!" (see page 24).

In April, our barbershop group, The Decorators, sang at the First Schools Cluster Music Festival in the Arts Theatre.



June saw our Summer Concert, with final performances from the Year 11 and 13 students who will be leaving us. Year 9 & 10 GCSE Music students performed the Cantata "Ahoy!" at Evesham Arts Centre.

Finally, the PHHS Big Band headlined on the Best of Young Jazz stage at the Upton Jazz Festival and in July will be performing at the Eckstock music festival in Eckington.



PE & Sports

Prince Henry's Wins Prestigious National School Sport Accolade



Prince Henry's has become one of the first schools in England to win a new national award for making a commitment to develop its students to be the best they can be in competitive school sport.

Prince Henry's was one of only 104 schools in the country to receive the special School Games Platinum Award. The Award is part of the School Games Mark, a government-led awards scheme launched in 2012 and administered by national charity the Youth Sport Trust, which had close to 9,000 applicants this year. Its aim is to reward schools for a commitment to the development of competition across schools and into the community.

Participating in this process allows schools to evaluate their PE provision, grading them either Bronze, Silver, Gold or Platinum and assists schools in developing an action plan for future progress. The Platinum Award is the new fourth level of the award scheme, introduced earlier this year to celebrate schools who had shown consistently high levels of enthusiasm and commitment to school sport. Applications are only open to those schools who achieved five successive Gold awards.

To achieve the Gold award a school must meet a certain set of criteria, which includes engaging a high percentage of young people in both curricular and extra-curricular activities, participating in a minimum number of competitions across different sports, and reaching out to target groups including young leaders, volunteers, and those previously identified as the school's least-active students.

Dr Evans, Headteacher, said: "It is wonderful to hear that the commitment to sport by Prince Henry's students across all year groups and a broad range of activities has been recognised by this prestigious award. I would like to thank the school's PE staff – particularly Mrs Sophie Thorner, who co-ordinates our Sports Mark programme – for their hard work and dedication, particularly in support of our wide-ranging extra-curricular sporting programme. Congratulations to the students and staff who have made this remarkable achievement possible."

Ali Oliver, Chief Executive of the Youth Sport Trust, said: "We are pleased to introduce the new Platinum Award this year to give these exemplary schools the recognition which they deserve. We are extremely proud of all our award winners for the passion which they have shown towards the School Games and their dedication to providing opportunities for all young people to take part in competitive school sport.

"At a time when young people are becoming less healthy and less active, the School Games provides opportunities for millions across the country to participate in sport and reap the benefits of an active lifestyle both on and off the field. Schools like Prince Henry's are really leading the way."

All Platinum Awards will be valid for two years and successful applicants will not be required to apply again in 2018. The school will have the opportunity to maintain their Platinum Award when next applying in Summer 2019.



Hockey: U14 and U18 County 'B' winners.

Rugby: U14 Cheltenham District Champions, Worcester City & District Champions and Worcester RFC invitational champions. U15 Worcester City & District Champions and Cheltenham District joint winners.

Football: U14 'B' team won the Cheltenham District tournament, U15 Cheltenham District runners up and the 1st XI were County runners up.

Cross Country: Intermediate Girls' team were County champions and qualified to run at the National Finals. Charlotte Roberts and Eleanor Tarring both won the County finals and five individual athletes qualified to run at the English Schools' National Finals (Charlotte Roberts, Susie Hoare, Eleanor Tarring, Lewis Osborne & Will Jones).

Table Tennis: U16 Boys were County Champions and Zonal semi-finalists. U18 Boys were County runners up. PHHS won the Bromsgrove Cup and were on the shortlist for the World Schools' Finals in Malta. Craig Witheford was County U19 champion and qualified to compete in the English Schools National Finals.

Badminton: KS4 Boys' team were District Champions and the KS3 Girls' team won Bronze in the County Plate competition.

Tennis: Having won the County Championship at the end of the last academic year the Boys' U16 team won through two rounds of the regional finals before losing to Rugby School in a tie break and narrowly missed out on the National Finals.

Athletics: Junior Boys and Girls and Intermediate Boys and Girls all won their District events, retaining the Priest Cup with 25 individuals qualifying to compete at the County Finals. Flo Ikpeme (100m), Millie Clemson (100m & 200m) and Charlotte Roberts (1500m) all qualified to represent Hereford & Worcestershire at the Regional Finals. Intermediate Girls and Boys both finished as runners up in the County Finals in the team Track & Field Cup, qualifying for the Regional Finals where they finished 3rd and 4th respectively.

Cricket: U15 Girls were crowned County indoor Champions and finished 5th in the Regional Finals. U16 Boys' indoor team were runners up in the local adult league. U14 Boys were County runners up. U15 Boys' and Girls' 8-a-side teams are both Regional Finalists which will be played later in the summer term.

Rounders: U14 District Champions

Equestrian: The PHHS Equestrian team qualified for the National Schools' Dressage finals and the Royal Windsor Horse Show in the inter-schools show jumping final. Bernie Brotherton qualified for the National Final in one day equestrian and Lucy Boorman also qualified to compete in the National Dressage Finals.

Young Leaders: Our team of Young Leaders have had lots of opportunities this year including helping to run the following events: Dance Festival, Inclusion Festival, District Cross Country, District Orienteering, Tennis Festival and the Winter School Games.

Science

A Level Physics – Live

A buzz of excitement coursed through the Physics Department on 16th January as 14 students found themselves heading for Birmingham University. The reason for the excitement was that we were going to hear lectures on such diverse topics as:-

Time – Dr Michael Brooks

Acoustic Engineering – Professor Trevor Cox

Particle Accelerators – Dr Suzy Sheely

Dark Matter – Dr Andrew Pontzen and

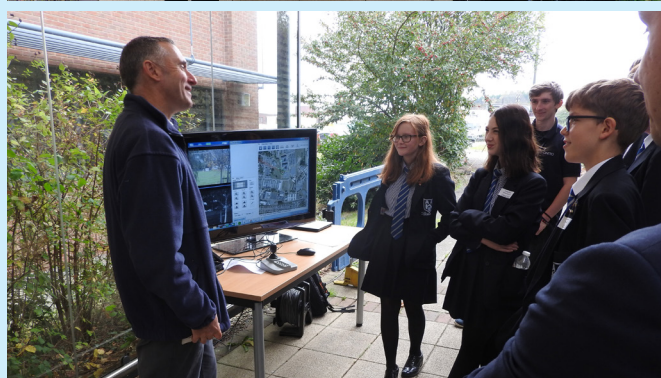
Quantum Mechanics – Professor Jim Al-Khalili

Sometimes confusing, always interesting we were royally entertained by the knowledge and enthusiasm of those giving the lectures.

An added bonus was a series of presentations by an examiner giving advice on revision, exam technique and how to answer questions. This was probably the most useful part of the day for the students as it confirmed what we teachers had been saying for a long time.

Mr Billington & Mrs Taylor

QinetiQ STEM Day (November 2017, Year 9)



Girls Get Set with GE (26th April 2018)



Today we went to the second GGS event run by GE Aviation at Cheltenham just for girls to encourage us to look at engineering as a career. We learned about the aerodynamics of a plane, the basis of binary, the principles of code and

understanding the strength of a structure. This was done through multiple different activities like pencil stacking, making clocks and binary.

As a group, our favourite activity was stacking and building towers out of pencils. This activity helped us to develop our team work and communication skills.

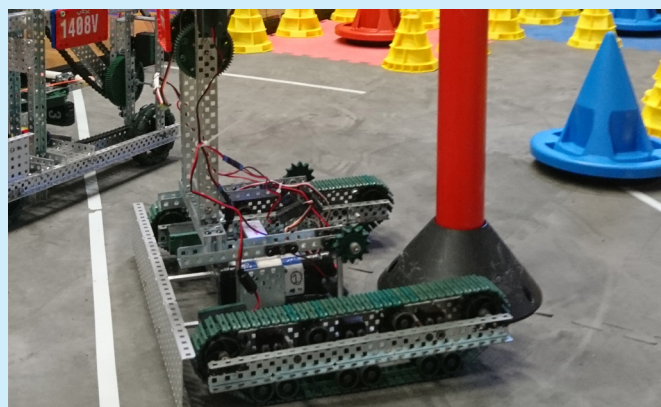
All of us enjoyed the day and learned something new. Many thanks to GE Aviation for organising the day.

Chloe Smith & Megan Heesom, Year 9

VEX Robotics Regional Competition

On Saturday 25th November the Year 10, 11 and 13 Vex Robotics teams competed in the Worcestershire Regional Competition. All the teams had a good day with Year 13 placed in the top five ranked teams during the first phase of the competition. The alliance matches were held in the second part of the day and both Year 13 and 11 teams reached the semi-finals.

Miss C Park



I'm a Scientist Get Me Out of Here!

Year 9 and 10 Students have been taking part in this year's I'm a Scientist competition supported by the Wellcome Trust. Students have had the opportunity to ask a range of scientists questions about their research and career paths to find out more about a life in science.

'The scientists were really kind and helpful. They all are conducting interesting research to help our planet in some way, so we all had fun asking questions.' - Ruth

'The scientists really were helpful and opened my eyes to different fields of science that I could be interested in!' - Juliette

'I found this experience really helpful and useful and it was interesting talking to the scientists. It also opened my eyes to all the different careers available with science.' - Hamish

'It was really good to get advice from the scientists on how to get into a certain course. They were really helpful with revision techniques and GCSE options.' - Madeline

Sixth Form

Upton Warren (June 2017)



The newly elected Senior Prefects enjoyed the traditional team-building visit to Upton Warren outdoor centre with Mrs Webb, Mr Martin and Mrs Tozer.

The students have faced many personal challenges, whether this was conquering their fears through various outdoor activities or cooking for the first time on a gas stove. The prefects' teamwork amongst the group was exceptional – they all supported and helped each other even in opposing teams.

Sixth Form Visit to New York and Washington DC

In February 30 Sixth Formers and 3 staff visited New York and Washington DC. We arrived in New York to minus temperatures and snow falling, and immediately ventured out to the Rockefeller Centre, or Top of the Rock, as it is better known and we began to get a flavour of the 'city that never sleeps' before returning to our hotel in Time Square.

The next morning saw bright sunshine and we took the subway train to the Staten Island ferry. We had breath-taking views both of the iconic New York skyline on our trip to Lady Liberty on Liberty Island. We then went to Ellis Island, the gateway to America for 12 million immigrants and enjoyed the fascinating Museum.

Returning to our hotel we visited Ground Zero which was incredibly moving. NY is 'all hustle and bustle' but Ground Zero is a very peaceful memorial site. We finished the evening with the musical, 'Chicago', which we all thought was fantastic.

Day 3 comprised a visit to the Metropolitan Museum of Art and a guided walking tour through Central Park and midtown Manhattan, seeing iconic places such as the John Lennon memorial, Trump Tower and Grand Central Station.

We then made our way to Washington DC by coach, making a stop in Philadelphia to see the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall.

Washington DC was experiencing the hottest February temperatures on record and we had guided tours of the Capitol Building, Capitol Hill, and the Library of Congress feeling the weighty hand of history on our shoulders. On our last day we walked to the Washington Monument and the Lincoln Memorial and stood on the steps where Martin Luther King gave his famous speech. Free time followed for visiting The Smithsonian Museums, the White House and the Vietnam Memorial.

We also attended an ice hockey game which was truly amazing, witnessing all the show business razzmatazz of the game.

It was amazing to visit America, I loved the bustle of NYC and the history of Washington.

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Sixth Form Visits

The Year 12 students once again went to London for Activities Day last year. This was a great way for them to relax and to have some time to enjoy a day out with friends. Some chose to explore the sights of London, visit a few museums and galleries, do the tourist sites, visit the zoo – and some used the day as a chance to get some summer shopping done!

Just before breaking up for the Christmas holidays each year, the Sixth Form team organise an annual trip to the German Christmas Markets in Birmingham. Here students all got into the festive spirit and finished up any frantic last minute Christmas shopping. Those who were ahead of the game with their present buying could take advantage of all the amazing food at the market or risk public humiliation on the ice rink.

Some more practical trips included the Nottingham University Open Day visit, where students had a little taster of what the next few years of their lives could be like. They each attended talks to learn about the structure of the different courses and enjoyed wandering the sun-

soaked campus, while making sure they took advantage of all the freebies! Students also visited the UCAS exhibition at Worcester University where there were exhibitors from the majority of the Higher Education providers; they were able to collect prospectuses and ask questions about institutions and courses. In addition we also visited the 'Oxbridge Roadshow' at Edgbaston, where the emphasis was on information about applying to Oxford and Cambridge.

Going further afield, Sixth Formers participated in the World Challenge visit to Cambodia and Laos, the visit to Tanzania, school Language exchanges, Duke of Edinburgh Gold expeditions, a range of department-based visits and of course the visit to New York and Washington DC in February half term.

The trips available for Prince Henry's Sixth Formers are a great way to ensure students make time for friends among revision, as well as helping them to prepare for life after High School.



Duke of Edinburgh

Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award

The Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award includes five sections:

Volunteering, Skills, Physical, Residential and Expedition. At Prince Henry's the Expedition Section involves completion of two four-day 80km treks in Snowdonia. The following students and former students have completed their full award this year:

James Blackler
William Brookman
Heather Court
Alex Deakin
Dan Evans
James Howe
Emma Jennings
Finlay Keyte
Joshua Lowe
Joseph Sandham
Alex Shattock
Imogen Shiels
Anna Stephens
Heather Swindlehurst
Matthew Wheeler



Duke of Edinburgh Bronze & Silver Awards



Speech Day 2017

Speech Day 2017

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Prince Henry's annual Speech Day ceremony was held on a warm and sunny afternoon on Friday 7th July, after the 2017 edition of The Henrician had gone to print.

We were delighted to welcome Lord Faulkner of Worcester to act as Guest Speaker at this year's event.

Speech Day is always a time to celebrate the many successes and highlights of the school year for the whole Prince Henry's community in the presence of family, friends, dignitaries, staff and representatives of organisations within the Evesham area who do so much to support the school and our students. This year was no exception. However it was also important to acknowledge some of the change and uncertainty that had been taking place in the wider world: Brexit and election results in the UK and elsewhere; not to mention a number of tragic events including the terrorist attacks in London and Manchester, as well as the appalling fire at Grenfell Tower. Therefore, the tone of the opening remarks from Chairman of Governors, Mr Butcher, and from Dr Evans was sombre and reflective.

Dr Evans' speech reviewing the year was interspersed with a reading of Paula Fox's poem 'Courage Never Roars' by Head Boy, Jonathan Deakin and performances of two powerful and moving songs: Billy Joel's 'Goodnight My Angel', by eight members of the Prince Henry's Singers and Laura Tisdall's 'Someone You'd Be Proud Of', sung by Jessica Thompson, all accompanied by superb videos compiled by our audio-visual wizard, Mr Dyer.

Mr Butcher then invited Lord Faulkner to address the audience and 100 prize winners who were present.

Lord Faulkner spoke about his involvement in a programme run by the House of Lords, in which working peers visit schools around the country to talk about their role in the parliamentary process and the work undertaken in the House of Lords. Having visited Prince Henry's for the first time in January as a part of this programme (during which time, he also officially opened The Grove building), he spoke in glowing terms about his impressions of the school and its students. In particular, he said how impressed he was by the level of engagement from the students he spoke with and the perceptive questions they posed. This impression was further reinforced when, a couple of months later, along with our local MP, Nigel Huddleston, he jointly hosted a visit to Parliament by a group of Sixth Form Politics students only days after the Westminster terrorist atrocity.

A warm and engaging speaker, Lord Faulkner addressed the students directly and urged them to take with them two thoughts. Firstly, that learning doesn't end at the same time as full-time education; it is a life-long process and, in a rapidly changing world, a skill that is more necessary than ever. He also observed – in a non-political way - that one of the most positive outcomes from the recent general election had been the increase in engagement in the political process by the 18-24 age group. He urged the young people present to maintain this engagement.

At the end of his speech, Lord Faulkner presented the prizes, before being offered a vote of thanks by Head Girl, Sophie Metcalfe. The afternoon then ended with the traditional informal tea in the PRH, prepared by Mrs Cox and colleagues from the DT Department.

Prize Winners 2017

Year 9: Martha Bradley, Daisy Braithwaite, Alexander Gough, Thomas Gough, Lily James, Archie Organ, Kate Sanderson, James Saunders, Truly Setahul, Jack Shurmer, Charlotte Taylor, James Willis

Year 10: Anders Beavis-Berry, David Burgess, Ceara Campbell, Yasmin Carpmael, Liam Clear, Monika Domachowska, Robert Hardwick, Alice Nishigaki, Cameron Smith, Rose Whitfield, Alistair Witheford, Katherine Womersley

Year 11: Constance Dudfield, Aidan Dyde, Georgia Dyde, Joseph Golding, Benjamin Hughes, Evan Jones, Francesca Neal, William Pearce, Megan Puttergill, Lawrence Ryan, Poppy Sugden, Zoe Taite

Year 12: Tom Broome, Isabella Chandler, Isobel Dennis, Callan Given, Molly Harrison, Brandon Hughes, Leah Jennings, Lauren King, Erin Millar, Jonathan Peebles, Andrew Wagstaff, Josie Walliman



Speech Day 2017

Agate Prize for Commitment & Loyalty to School Music	Jonathan Deakin
Alderman Byrd Memorial Prize for English	Claudia Trotman
Andrew Thomas Prize for Computing	Benjamin Mulligan
Bailey Cup & Prize for Singing	Isaac Pillar
Bent Prize for Modern Languages	Phoebe Jefferies
Bond Prize for Perseverance	Faith Williamson
Burlingham Prize for Science	James Davis
Campden BRI Prize for Biological Science	Alexandra Shattock
Chairman of Governors' Prize for Drama	Jessica Thompson
Denne Gilkes Cup & Prize for Musicianship	Ella Marshall-Shepherd
Denne Gilkes Prize for Poetry	Harriet Gilks
Elliott Prize for Chemistry	Yva Petit
English Department Prize	Lauren King
Feek Barnard Prize	Ethan Edwards
Felton Prize for Maths & Science	Sophie Metcalfe
Fowler Prize for Mathematics	Isaac Pillar
Gordon Grove Prize for the Best Year 11 Mathematics Qualifying Examination	Madeleine Sullivan
Griffith-Jones Prize for Drama	Archie Biltcliffe
Griffith-Jones Prize for English	Katherine Bertram
Guy Spencer Prize for Art and Design	Eloise Hamer
Halse Memorial Prize	Abigail Walker
Hancock Prize for Endeavour & Perseverance	Heather Court
Hartwell Prize for Design Technology	Joseph Mitchell
Heathcote Memorial Prize	Talia Webby
Heathcote Memorial Prize	Adam Haycock
Heathcote Memorial Prize & Wychavon Shield for Proficiency in Modern European Languages	Thomas Albertini
Heathcote Prize for Modern Languages	Isabel Bromfield
Hutchinson Prize for History	Laura Woodman
Keyte General Paper Prize	Alasdair Jones
Knapp Prize for Promise in Humanities	Ella Marshall-Shepherd
Martin Prize for Promise in Science	Zoe Insley
Masters Prize for Geography	Sophie Metcalfe
Miller Prize for Creative Art and Design	Katie Wood
N F Davies Prize for English	Kia Mackenzie
Newbury Prize for Effort	Amy Granger
PE Department Prize for the Most Promising Netball Player	Rebecca Hickey
Peter Spencer Prize for Geography	Katie Brown
Philip Martin Memorial Prize for ICT	Ellie Fiander
Piper Prize for Maths & Physics	Hugo Burston
Politics Department Prize	James Weston
Powell Prize for ICT	Jay Harris
Prince Henry's Prize for All Round Achievement	Samuel Rooney
Prince Henry's Prize for Science	Jessica James
Religious Studies Department Prize	Imogen Burke
Ross Prize for Statistics	Martin Alldrick
Rotary Club Prize for Economics	Chloe Witheford
Shaw Prize for Science	Jodie Bryan
Special Prize for Film Studies	Peter Brookman
Special Prize for Food Technology	Chloe Yetman
Special Prize for Health & Social Care	Amelia Teehan

Stacey Prize for Religious Education	Emily Ikpeme
The Barnard Prize for Poetry	Isabel Bromfield
The Business Prize	Harry Smith
The David Stokes Prize for Maths & Science	James Blackler
The Dixon Prize for Year 9 History	Lily Marsh
The Donald Davies Prize for the Most Promising Rugby Player	Rio Bryan
The Enterprise Prize	Gillian Russell
The Evesham Observer Prize	Claudia Trotman
The Evesham Observer Prize	Emily Livingstone
The History Department Prize	Tom Parkin
The ICT Department Prize for Computer Science	Isabelle Wood
The ICT Department Prize for Creative Media	India Feeney
The Mary-Ann Oakley Prize for Services to Instrumental Music	Yva Petit
The Mrs H M A Dean Prize for Effort & Progress in Mathematics	Mei Spice
The O'Sullivan Prize for Psychology	Emma Jennings
The Peter & Robert Yates Memorial Prize for Endeavour	Courtney Greenhill
The Philosophy Prize	Ciara Layton
The Probus Club of Evesham Cecil Slocombe Memorial Prize for Modern Languages	Martin Alldrick
The Psychology Department Prize	Jodie Bryan
The Thomson & Bancks Solicitors Prize for Best Year 11 Mock Results	Claudia Agrusa
Tomkins Prize for English & History	Ross Woodgate
VIth Form Design & Technology Prize	Verity Knight
VIth Form Tutors' Prize	Katherine Beirns
Armstrong Prize for Endeavour	Imogen Shiels
Cox Prize for Service to the School	Emily Moss
Stanley & Daphne English Prize for Service to the Community	James Bubb
Gordon Grove Memorial Prize for Service to the School	Joshua Hartland
Lamb Prize for Service to School Sport	Melissa Humphrey
Leedham Prize for Services to School Sport	James Noble
Old Henricians' Prize	Joseph Green
Rotary Club Prize for Service to the School	Megan Larkin
Royal British Legion Prize	Katherine Kyberd
Sharp Prize for Service to the School	Matthew Cuff
The Carr Family Prize for Service to the School	Niamh Smit
The Jodie Gisbourne Memorial Prize for Service to School Sport	Molly Harrison
The Ridley Family Prize & Trophy for Service to Performing Arts	Peter Brookman
The Tim Stean Memorial Prize for Services to School Sport	Archie Biltcliffe
The Giles Hudson Memorial Prize for Head Boy	Jonathan Deakin
Headteacher's Prize for Head Girl	Sophie Metcalfe
Hazelhurst Prize	Molly Hardwick
Penney Prize	Jemima Hutchison
Prince Henry's Exhibition Prize	Benjamin Coley
Prince Henry's Exhibition Prize	Benjamin Heslop
Prince Henry's Exhibition Prize	Sophie Sentance
Prince Henry's Exhibition Prize	Katherine Wright
Workman Exhibition Prize	Joseph Sandham
The Headteacher's Special Prize for Exemplary Approach to School Life	Charlotte Barr
The Headteacher's Special Prize for Exemplary Approach to School Life	Jehann Importante
The Headteacher's Special Prize for Exemplary Approach to School Life	Elizabeth Phillips
The Headteacher's Special Prize for Exemplary Approach to School Life	Stewart Russell-Moya
The Headteacher's Special Prize for Exemplary Approach to School Life	Arthur Simpson
The Headteacher's Special Prize for Exemplary Approach to School Life	Joe Witts

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Prince Henry's has a very long and proud history and it is clear that many former staff and students feel a huge affection for the school.

On 11th May, six Old Henricians returned to the school and had the opportunity to meet with Dr Evans and other members of the current Leadership Team, as well as Head Girl, Isobel Hardwick, and Head Boy, Tom Parkin. Our visitors had the opportunity to look around the school and as well as seeing the many recent improvements to facilities, they saw many parts of The School building which were still familiar, even if the function of the rooms had changed. Many of them remembered the LRC as the school's main hall, where assemblies and Speech Day were held; whilst the current staff room had, in its time, served as the Art room, and then as the Sixth Form common room.

The school is fortunate to possess an extensive archive of old photographs, documents and a full set of Henrician magazines (which date back to the first edition published in 1924), and our guests were able to put names to many of the faces (including their own) in those photographs, as well as taking great delight in finding references to their own school achievements in The Henrician.





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