

2013

The Henrician

Prince Henry's High School



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Welcome

Introduction

I have had a wonderful inaugural year as Headteacher at Prince Henry's and I am privileged and delighted to have the opportunity to contribute, for the first time, to The Henrician. Over the last few decades, this important chronicle has provided readers with an insight into the activities of our students and their many and varied achievements. This year, we have decided to maintain the traditional ethos and nature of



The Henrician, but have added a modern twist; bringing it to life using the up to date technology available to us in 2013. This means that you may either be reading a colourful hard copy version of the publication or, for the first time, reading it on screen and using the full interactivity that is available with our website.

I have been given the most extraordinary welcome to the Prince Henry's community this year. I am also writing this a day after the school received the final report on its recent full Ofsted inspection. Despite the bar being continually raised, Prince Henry's in all areas including the Sixth Form, was once again judged to be emphatically 'Outstanding' (the highest category). This result is an excellent endorsement of all the hard work by students, staff, parents and governors that enables Prince Henry's to be so special.

It is important that Prince Henry's retains its traditional ethos, culture and values, but it is also important that the school embraces the modern era and provides the most up to date education and opportunities available to our youngsters. The Henrician is so important to us that as well as recounting the past year, you will hopefully read (and now see and hear if you are using the interactive version), the sheer enjoyment that students experience in our school.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Davies for the work that has gone in to producing such an excellent chronicle of our school. I am also grateful this year to Mr Dyer and Mrs Bradley for bringing The Henrician to life using the wonderful media technology that is now available.

I am proud to commend the 2013 edition to you.

Dr A Evans, Headteacher
May 2013

Welcome to Staff

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

Most significantly, following his appointment by the Governing Body in March 2012, Dr Evans took up his post as Headteacher in September. Mrs Maxted joined us as a teacher of French on a one year contract, while Miss Heywood, Mr Nightingale and Mr Parker joined our Music, Geography and ICT departments respectively.

In addition, the following teaching staff worked for part of the year covering maternity and other staff absence: Mrs Hearle and Ms Rowthorn (English), Miss Houghton (Art), Mrs Howard (Maths), Mr King (History & Business Studies), Mrs Drake (Italian) and Mrs Thomas (French).

We also welcomed a number of new support staff: Mrs Haskell (Education Welfare Officer), Mr Hulse (School Information Systems & Data Co-ordinator), Mrs Jones (Teaching Assistant), and Mr Ridings (Assistant Sports Hall Manager).

A Farewell to Staff

Some staff will be leaving Prince Henry's this year. After 14 years, our SENCO Mrs Imrie will be leaving to take up a similar post at another school more local to where she lives. Mr Williams (ICT) will also be leaving us, as will Mrs Levell (Cover Supervisor). Earlier in the year, we bid farewell to Mrs Burke (Geography), who had been with us for almost 10 years. We also said goodbye to our Finance Officer Mrs Boone & Mr Brown our Assistant Sports Hall Manager.

On returning to school after the February half-term break we learned the sad news that one of our Science Technicians, Malcolm Farmer had unexpectedly passed away. A quiet, modest and unassuming man, he is missed by colleagues within the Science department.

Gordon Grove 1938 - 2013

I am sorry to have to inform you that Gordon Grove passed away peacefully on Friday 31st May 2013, following a short illness.

Gordon was a true Henrician, having attended Prince Henry's as a pupil from 1949 – 56, returning to the school in 1962 as a teacher. As well as teaching Maths, he taught PE (his love of Prince Henry's rivalled only by his passion for Aston Villa), and was a key figure in the school's CCF corps. He retired as Head of Mathematics in Summer 1994, but remained involved with the school in a variety of roles, not least as a lynchpin of the Old Henricians – the network for our former students, for which he produced regular newsletters and updates.

He was a kind, thoughtful and caring human being, and, "a gentleman of the old school". Many former students and colleagues shared their memories of Gordon with us and we have posted these in a blog on a page on the school website which celebrates his life and achievements.



Dr A Evans, Headteacher

[Memorial Page for Gordon Grove](#)



Message from the Head Girl & Head Boy



With our days at Prince Henry's coming to an end, we would like to take this opportunity to look back on our time at this very special school and all the lasting happy memories we have. It is easy to take for granted just how wonderful it is to be a part of Prince Henry's, and we would like to thank, on behalf of the pupils, all the staff that help to create such a warm and unique environment in which to grow. Looking back to the end of Year 12, the Senior Prefect Weekend

was a perfect way for all those involved in Prefect Teams to get to know each other. We were assured that falling into lakes, climbing worryingly high poles and playing dubious and unusual forms of Pictionary would be character building and good for our self-esteem. Our waterproofs have nearly dried, our characters have nearly been reassembled, and Monopoly is now our first choice for those rainy Sunday afternoons.

Year 13 is always a very hectic time but, despite this, everybody in the Sixth Form has found time to contribute to school life, whether through charity work, organising events, or helping other students. There have been delicious cake sales and other activities to raise money for books and stationery at our partner school in Dumila, Tanzania. Other popular events, such as 'Take me Out', have raised over £500 for Leukaemia and Intensive Chemotherapy, and other blood cancer charities.

This year's musical and dramatic ventures have been as demanding and successful as ever; the talent and dedication from everybody involved, created powerful and memorable performances for both participants and audience. The Christmas Concert sold out in seven minutes, our production of 'The Taming of the Shrew' delivered a strong and thought-provoking message, while there was hot competition to win 'Battle of the Bands'.

We are very lucky to have the wonderful support of our Prince Henry's staff. We know they give so much of their extra time to create these challenging and exciting experiences for us and we would like to thank them for this, and for them to know how grateful we are for all they do; we really are. They are very good at bossing us around when we need to be bossed, caring for us when things aren't going so well and generally making our days cheerful and positive with their humour and energy. The rapport the Sixth Form has with the staff creates a strong and enriching environment in which we have been able to flourish and grow, and it has been a privilege for both of us to have been a part of this outstanding community.

For year 13s and some year 11s, it is now time to say goodbye to our school and we wish everybody good luck for their futures. We are so lucky to have been part of Prince Henry's and feel honoured to have served the school as Head Girl and Boy.

We will always be proud Henricians.

Annabel Blackmore and Ciaran Grant

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September

this month...



Links with Tanzania



World Challenge

Link with Dumila School, Tanzania

It was with great excitement and not a little trepidation that nineteen explorers set out from PHHS to visit for the first time our partner school Dumila High School in the Morogoro region of Tanzania in July 2012. The sixteen students were fantastic ambassadors for our school and after getting past the tricky element of picking up the boarding passes and making it through security at Heathrow, threw themselves into every activity with tremendous gusto and enthusiasm. Even the class sizes of 70 to 100 students at Dumila did not defeat them.



During the trip there were enormous high points; meeting their counterparts in school, the sports day (a truly international affair), snorkelling in the warm waters off the coast of Zanzibar, walking in the Uluguru mountains and going on safari. There were of course low points but our band of explorers stuck together, supported each other with genuine acts of kindness, displayed wonderful fortitude and above all forged unbreakable bonds of friendship.

Our link with Dumila High School gave the PHHS staff and students an insight into how education does really change lives and how their educational experience differs from that experienced in Tanzania, but there was more to this trip. All who travelled gained an insight into African culture, its people and its landscape and learned a bit more about themselves. A fantastic experience for everyone involved.



Mrs J Tozer, Head of Careers

World Challenge



In the previous summer holidays, I missed the Olympics for one of the most memorable experiences of my life. Our team was a collaboration of Prince Henry's students and St John Plessington (situated in Liverpool) 18 of us in total between the ages of 16-18. We were destined for an expedition to Southern Peru with the World Challenge Company. We had just 2 years' notice to raise £3,495 individually. This high price naturally led to innovative fundraising

ideas, including 'Ciaran's Chilli Challenge', a 'Take Me Out' Event and selling 'Krispy Kreme' Donuts, together with more conventional ideas such as a Bingo Night, countless cake sales and regular 'Karma parties'. We managed to raise the majority of the money through fundraising, and the rest was paid by part-time jobs.

The main focus of the trip was to develop invaluable skills for later life, purposefully putting you out of your comfort zone and helping a local community along the way. With lots of trepidation and anticipation the expedition began but this gradually subsided and was replaced with a genuine admiration for the Peruvian people and their culture.

The highlights of the trip are far too numerous to write about without producing an essay! However, I'd say the most fulfilling aspect of this expedition was helping an isolated infant school near the town of La-Plough, where we self-designed and self-built play furniture, including a cooker, fridge and bed. We not only repaired their playground but we completely transformed their plastered walls with murals, helped to educate them in numbers and words and brightened their school in general. The last night of the project phase was one I will never forget, as the local community held a thank you party that really revealed their humble way of life. They were truly the friendliest people I will ever meet.

The hardest part of the expedition was undisputedly the trek across the Andes. We climbed various high passes, the highest being 4,600 metres above sea level, the equivalent height of forty seven Big Bens or just over 4 miles. I must admit I did underestimate altitude sickness. More than anything the inevitable product of this expedition has to be the lifelong friendships and memories that I have gained.

I would strongly recommend to every one how important it is to do something like this, to experience another culture and return a different person.



By Ciaran Grant, Year 13

October

this month...



Y11 Work Experience



New French Assistant



French Exchange



Life on the Ocean Waves

Year 11 Work Experience - A Class Act

At the end of September and the beginning of October 2012 all Year 11 students took part in one week's Work Experience. For many this was their first taster of the 'real world', and it was clear from the amount of letters and cards of appreciation from employers that many excelled in their chosen vocation.

Emily Hall (pictured here) was fortunate to gain a place at the Worcester Evening News, hoping to gain some valuable journalistic skills in her placement. She certainly impressed her work colleagues as she was asked to write an article and now has her own fortnightly column in the paper.



Poetry Corner

Stars

Pure beauty,
Full of life yet so still.
An essence of unity yet so alone.
The colour? - the colour of joy,
Sadness, happiness,
Contentment.

The shape? - one entirely new.
They are out of this world,
They are stars.....
They are more than that,
They are Hope.

By Charlotte Ricketts,
Year 9

Star Poem

When I stare at it,
It stares back at me,
It's always there,
Yet not always noticed,
The dark side hides,
Never seen by the human eye,
It lingers in the shadows,
It is lonely,
It is afraid,
It is the Moon.

By Imogen Shiels,
Year 9

New French Assistant, C'est fantastique ici!



This is my first time in Great Britain and I remember being very excited when I got the job offer from Prince Henry's. My parents live and work on a farm in Burgundy, a region of central France and both of them are Swiss. As a consequence, my brother and I were given two nationalities and we had the chance to grow up bilingually. My Swiss-German mother tongue might be partly responsible for my good disposition and my interest in learning the English language and I remember being captivated from the first lesson. Since then my interest in learning foreign languages has not left

me. I have studied Spanish and Italian at High School and I finally chose to study English at University. I spent three years of my degree in Besançon, which is a city in the East of France, close to the Swiss border. This led me to spend more time away from home and in the summer I found jobs in Switzerland; there are more offers and you get better paid.

It was during the last year of my English degree that I decided to do something different before continuing my studies working towards a Masters. I thought that an assistantship would give me an insight into teaching, as this is the profession that I would like to pursue.

I hope that I will be able to enhance my student's interest of the French language and I would be really glad to see them progressing in their oral performances!

By Sibylle Friedrich, Language Assistant

French Exchange 'Bienvenu'

More on the French Exchange



The French arrived at 7:00pm at Evesham train station. They came home with us and settled in and they found driving on the other side of the road very disorientating! On the first day, they went to the Almonry Museum and met the Mayor. The next day, they enjoyed a detailed tour of Worcester Cathedral and also did some shopping. Later we all met up and went bowling and of course, the French won. As well as eating all the burgers, Alistair 'ripped it up on the dance floor' English style! At the weekend, the French went to various places with their exchange students. Some went laser tagging, and lots of people visited Stratford Upon Avon.



On the Monday, our French friends visited Cadbury World and enjoyed finding out about the history of the factory and they obviously ate lots of chocolate. On the last full day with us they had to spend all day in school. The French found the day very interesting and they enjoyed watching the Science Magician that came to perform.

By Adrian Cook & Matt Browne, Year 11

'A Life on the Ocean Waves'

All the training paid off last year as I gained the title of Junior World Champion and the second best Topper sailor in the world. I started the year off competing at the South West Area Championships at Restrouquet, which I won and I gained the title of South West Topper Champion 2012.



Later on I went on to win my home club's 'Topper Traveller', which consisted of some tough racing! I have also been busy representing Worcestershire for the National Schools Sailing Association. There were two main events, the Inlands and the Outlands Competitions; lake and on sea. I went to Datchet reservoir near London for the Inlands and had a great event finishing 1st overall. Worcestershire also gained the title of 'Best Inland Sailing County'.

In the summer I had three main big events, The (NSSA) National Schools Sailing Association Outland event which was the 50th Jubilee Youth Regatta, the Topper Nationals and the Topper Worlds in Holland.

The NSSA 50th Jubilee Youth Regatta was a weeklong event in school time the week before the Olympics was due to start. It was held at Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy, which was to be the Olympic Sailing venue for 2012. It was a great event and we got a lot of racing in each day. I finished the regatta 1st overall and 1st single hander. The awards were presented by Paul Goodison who gained the Gold medal in Beijing in 2008.



In August I travelled to North Wales for the Topper Nationals where over 300 boats participated. I had a good event but made silly mistakes and finished the event 22nd.

The Topper Worlds was another week long Regatta and only the best sailors went. We sailed every other day due to difficult weather conditions. I finished the event 2nd overall and gained the status of Junior World Champion.

Lately I have been sailing a bigger class of boat, the Laser and have participated in two European and World qualifiers for the Laser 4.7 World's in Hungary. I have qualified for the event coming second overall. In July I will be representing GB in Hungary. I currently have a National Ranking of No. 2 in the UK.

By Edward Higson, Year 11

Edward recently won the Junior Sports Personality of the year at the Hereford and Worcester Sports Awards at Worcester Warriors Rugby Club. Congratulations from everyone at Prince Henry's. We wish Edward every success for the future.

November

this month...



Alex Gregory Returns



Poetry Live Trip



Movie Mania

A Golden Story of a True Henrician

Alex Gregory rowed to glory along with Pete Reed, Andy Triggs Hodge and Tom James to gain Team GB's fourth successive gold in the Men's Four at the summer Olympics in London 2012.

He was singled out at the age of 16, while a member of Evesham Rowing Club and a pupil here at Prince Henry's High School. While at Reading University in 2004, he was selected to represent Britain at the World Under-23 Championships in Poland, where he finished 11th in the quad. Two years later he became a member of the British squad. Gregory's talent might never have been discovered had it not been for British Rowing's Start Programme – a 'talent identification' scheme funded by the Lottery Sports Fund and Siemens, the electrical engineering company. The programme is designed to find potential Olympians by selecting children with the right physical and mental characteristics.

Congratulations from everyone here at Prince Henry's!



Alex Gregory Returns - The Full Report



Alex Gregory Returns



On the 7th November we were delighted to welcome back former Prince Henry's student and Olympic Gold medalist, Alex Gregory. Alex left the Sixth Form in 2002 and was a member of the victorious Men's Four Rowing Team at the London Olympics. Alex took part in Year 10's assembly and met with a number of students as well as several of his former teachers. He shared with them his experiences both at school and as an elite oarsman, and the work and commitment it had taken to become

one of the world's top sportsmen. His presence in the school created a huge buzz amongst students and staff alike.

During his visit, Alex unveiled a plaque to commemorate his achievement and was able to rename the Sports Pavilion in his honour – 'The Alex Gregory Sports Pavilion.' Dr Tony Evans then presented him with specially framed copies of some of the iconic photographs of the Men's Four team which were taken at the time of his Olympic triumph.

Alex was able to talk to students and pose for photographs and of course let us view his fantastic gold medal. He also met two of Prince Henry's current sporting stars: Edward Higson (Year 11) who, during the Summer was crowned World Junior Sailing Champion in the Topper Class, and Victoria Keeble (Year 12), who recently won a bronze medal in the Junior Female Under 55kg Continuous Sparring class at the World Kickboxing Championships in the USA.

Alex then agreed to take up the challenge thrown down by Alex Russell, Matt Newman, James Mackins and Patrick Sullivan to a 100m sprint on the rowing machines in the multi-gym. The champion won with an awe-inspiring time of 15.1 seconds, but Prince Henry's current students were hot on his heels, all achieving personal best times. Everyone agreed this was a wonderful occasion and one that will stay vividly in the memories of everyone involved.

Thank you to Alex for giving up his time so freely and we look forward to welcoming him back to the school in the future, as well as celebrating his future successes.



Poetry Live Trip



On Friday 30th November the English Department took a merry band of Year 11s to see the popular 'Poetry Live' show at the London Victoria Palace Theatre. This was a great opportunity for GCSE pupils to see and hear live performances from a great selection of the poets that they are studying for their GCSE Literature Poetry exam.

The line-up included Simon Armitage, Gillian Clarke, Carol Ann Duffy, Imtiaz Dharker and the incomparable John Agard. There were also two short examiner sessions with Peter Buckroyd, one of the chief examiners for AQA GCSE English Literature. The day was carefully planned to be fast moving and provide variety. Each key poet read and commented on their poetry and the process of writing creatively. Some of the readings were particularly entertaining and students made lots of extra notes to help them in their revision for the poetry exam in January.

Everyone received a well-produced and informative magazine with articles, interviews, examiner-based exercises, additional poems and advice on writing poetry. We even had some time for some sight seeing on the way out of London. A super day had by all!

Mrs L Davies, Deputy Head of English



As an extra-curricular activity to our AS Film Studies course, the two Year 12 Film Study groups, including myself, have devised an exclusive 'Film Club'. This entails organising trips to view current blockbuster films (some of which we are studying) at our local cinemas.

In November we had our first outing. We attended a screening of the sci-fi thriller *Looper*, which stars Joseph Gordon-Levitt and Bruce Willis, at Worcester's Vue cinema. We chose this film as we are currently looking at it as part of our 'Producers and Audiences' aspect of the course. We each made our own way to the cinema, where we met Mrs Lee and purchased our tickets. As it was a Wednesday, we took advantage of the 2 for 1 Orange Wednesday deal, which left us with extra money for sweets and popcorn!

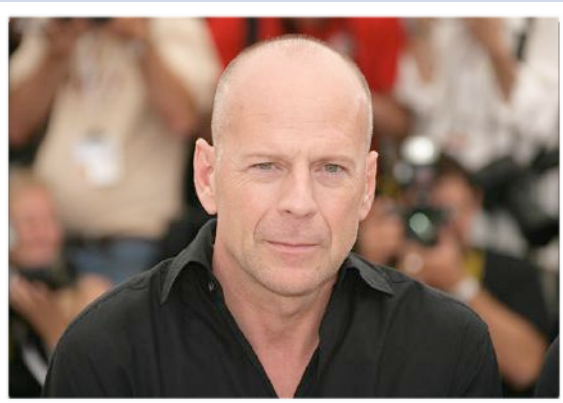


Looper is set in 2044, when time-travel is not yet available. The protagonist, Joe (Joseph Gordon-Levitt) is one of many specialised assassins who has to eliminate the targets who are sent to him from the year 2074, when time-travel has been invented, but only used by major criminal organisations. The film did not disappoint, as we were treated to what has been critically acclaimed as one of the best films of 2012 so far; the best sci-fi film since *Moon*; and the best time-travel escapade since *12 Monkeys*.

Upon exiting the theatre, some of the group immediately had questions surrounding the plot, which focused heavily on the topic of time-travel. Even the next morning, it was clear that some members of the class had been racking their brains overnight as they provided the rest of us with new theories and ideas about the plot. The more we thought about it, the better the film came to be, though the character of Abe is certainly right when he says that the concept of time travel 'fries your brain like an egg'. *Looper* is both thrilling as well as mind-boggling, and I would highly recommend it to anyone who is considering going to see it.

Plans are already being made for the film club to attend a showing of the latest 007 film, *Skyfall*, at the more local venue of Evesham's own independent cinema, 'The Regal'.

By Jack Gardner, Year 12



December

this month...



In the LRC



Christmas Concert



The Man on the Wall

In the LRC



Speakers were installed for the new projector and screen at the beginning of December, and together with a new DVD player, the library staff started a Film Club showing films once a fortnight in the Learning Resource Centre.

After some thought, 'Ice Age 3' was chosen to launch the club on December 7th. The number of students watching and enjoying the film was impressive – over 50, and all year groups were represented! The Film Club will continue on alternate Fridays, with our Board Games Club on the other Fridays.

The Worcestershire Schools Library Service also organised an event called 'Speed Dating with Books' and the Library staff arranged for two different librarians from Evesham Public Library to come in for two top set English lessons in the Learning Resource Centre on 13th November and 30th November. They brought in 35 books which together make up the Worcestershire Teen Book Award long list and the students, in groups of 5 or 6, moved around the room at 5 minute intervals looking at a number of the books each time, and deciding which 6 they thought should go on the shortlist. Students throughout Worcestershire take part in this event, and the results are collated to produce the shortlist. A Reading Group from all schools taking part, then decides which of the six books should win the award.

Mrs R Bennington, Librarian

Christmas Concert

Tuesday 18th December was the date of Prince Henry's annual Christmas Concert. The evening consisted of a wide variety of musical ensembles such as the Chamber Orchestra, String and Clarinet Groups, Show Choirs, Big Band and many more, all of which lived up to the school's outstanding musical reputation.

Bethany Garland opened the concert with a beautiful solo of 'Once in Royal David's City' that was followed by Massed Voices singing the well known 'Hallelujah Chorus' from Handel's 'Messiah'. The Barbershop provided great entertainment with their performance of 'De Animals A-comin' and 'We'll meet again Tonight' and the 'Harmoneeves' equally showcased their talent with delicate harmonies in 'Silent Night' and 'Wonderland'. Not only did the evening showcase the exceptional music groups within the school, it also highlighted some incredibly talented individual singers; Bethany Garland, James Lolley (who also played an impressive trumpet solo with the Chamber Orchestra), Rose Johnson, Sam Payne-Cheney and many others.

The evening was yet another triumph for the music department and left the audience feeling truly Christmassy. The efforts of both staff and students resulted in raising £500 for the Music Tour to Austria and Bavaria that will be added to the £500 that was raised the night before by a choir singing at the Cotswold House Hotel.

Thank you, on behalf of the 110 students involved, to Mr Bullas, Mrs Butler and all of the staff and instrumental teachers within the music department for their tireless work and commitment which made the evening such a success.

By Sarah Taylor, Year 10



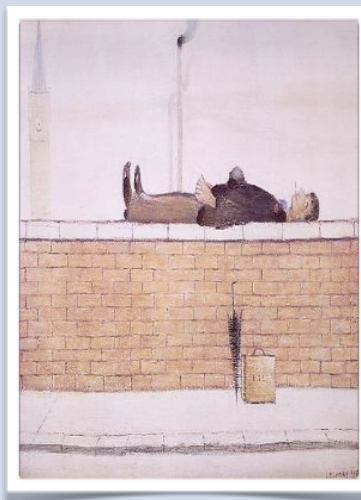
'The Man On The Wall'

A man lay on a wall,
But he wasn't really a man at all,
In a dark black jacket and pinstriped breeches,
And a peaceful look upon his features,
As if asleep on the low brick wall,
But he wasn't really a man at all.
But a thing from away beyond the stars,
A thing without faults or marks or scars,
So unlike the human race
That spoilt the earth at such a pace,
And used up all it had to give,
Before they had a chance to live,
But now they've pushed it round the bend,
And the man has come to cause their end.

But the man just lay upon the wall,
Not speaking or looking or moving at all,
In this dying world with no solution,
Caused by Wars and over pollution,
It was time to end this silly errand,
Of these simple beings having self command,
And attempt to save this dying land,
Before matters got out of hand.

And leaning silently against the wall,
Waiting for its masters call,
A jet black umbrella to fly him away,
Away from this world of death and decay,
And a dull, brown briefcase with great power within,
To punish mankind for all its sin,
To make them pay for what they'd done,
And erase them all.... every last one!

By Matthew Cuff, Year 9

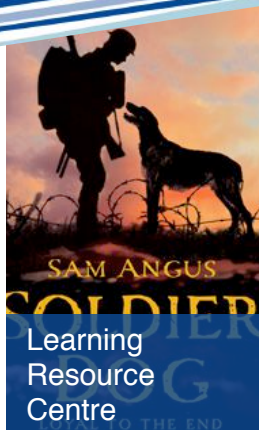


January

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Great
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Great Gymnastics Festival

Prince Henry's High School played host to the 'Bredon Hill Family Gymnastics Festival' run by 'Let's Get Active South Worcester' on 17th January 2013.

Leaders from Prince Henry's High School coached gymnastics activities to over 50 Year 3 and 4 children from the Bredon Hill Family of Schools. The leaders were trained to deliver the gymnastic activities prior to the festival and did an excellent job of encouraging their groups of pupils and guiding them through to productive, collaborative and creative outcomes. These coaches of the future deserve great praise for the communication, organisation and problem solving skills they showed throughout the event and the responsibilities they took on. Without these leaders, events like this could not happen.

The first school children worked around each of the leaders' six gymnastics stations then they practised what they had learned by putting together a partner or group gymnastics sequence. Some fantastic work was produced by the children, showing this experience had really enhanced their learning and gymnastic creativity.

Miss T Kay, Physical Activity Enrichment Manager

Learning Resource Centre

A group of 17 Year 9 students began meeting on 29th January in the Learning Resource Centre, on Tuesday at lunchtime, to discuss the six books shortlisted for the Worcestershire Teen Book Award.

The books are:

Soldier Dog
Dead Time
The Haunting of Tabitha Grey
Girl, Stolen
Socks are not Enough
The Other Life

Sam Angus
Anne Cassidy
Vanessa Curtis
April Henry
Mark Lowery
Susanne Winnacker

Mrs R Bennington, Librarian

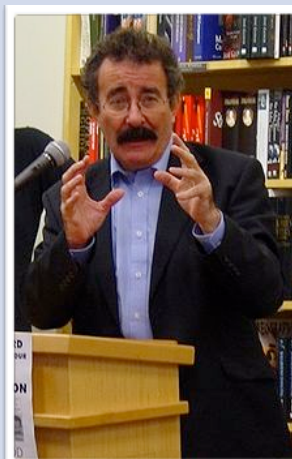


GCSE Science Live Trip in Birmingham

On Monday 28th January, 74 Year 10 pupils journeyed to Birmingham Symphony Hall to watch GCSE Science Live! Students were lucky enough to see many inspirational scientists including the well-known Professor Lord Robert Winston and Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock. They heard many thought provoking lectures which gave students some interesting and useful exam tips.

Professor Lord Robert Winston

Professor Winston is a medical doctor and a distinguished scientist, particularly in the area of human fertility. He is also a well-known television presenter and in addition he is also a politician who sits on the Labour Party benches in the House of Lords.



Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock

Dr Aderin-Pocock currently works as a space scientist where she leads the optical instrumentation group. Here she manages large projects making instruments that monitor the variables of climate change. Maggie conducts "Tours of the Universe", a scheme she set up to engage school children and adults around the world in the wonders of space.



Science Department



February

this month...



Ski Trip



BSKC Report

Ski Trip



All 44 excited students (plus five very nervous looking teachers) departed from Prince Henry's at 12:45 on Saturday 16th February to embark on a 24 hour coach journey across France to Courmayeur in Northern Italy.

We eventually arrived at our hotel: "Residence Universo" in the early afternoon of the Sunday where we were met by our coordinator for the week. After a brief introduction we were given our rooms, unpacked and collapsed on the beds with a great lack of sleep.

Most days were very sunny, which made the trip more enjoyable for everyone. We set out on the first day ready to "attack" the snow. We were all driven to the ski resort and made the most of the gondolas as we went further up the mountain. After going through a small tunnel it opened out on to a busy white slope. We collected our skis and poles (which a couple of us managed to drop on the chair lifts including me!) and met up with our ski instructors.

After the first day, we were introduced to "the bib of shame" which was a fluorescent bib saying something along the lines of "avoid me". I can't remember exactly what it said but it was awarded to the person who did the stupidest thing the day before and they had to wear it for one whole day of skiing. This ran throughout the week. Mrs Thorner wore it the first time, and I was a contender the second time because I dropped my poles on the chairlift on the first day.

There was an experienced, intermediate, beginners/intermediate and a beginners group. Each group managed to achieve something, whether that be bombing down a black slope or mastering the basics. The views were terrific the higher you went up the mountain and there were various places on the mountain where we could have lunch and take photos!

Ski Trip (continued)

The typical day consisted of five hours' skiing in our groups which included lunch, and then we would meet up with everyone to go back to the hotel to shower ready for dinner. At about eight o'clock we would set off on our evening activities which would last around an hour or two and then we would go back to the hotel and go to bed at around ten o'clock.

As well as the skiing, we had evening activities such as ice skating and Pizza night, but the highlight for me and probably many other pupils was seeing Mr Pilling singing on karaoke night! Some of the other teachers also joined in singing and dancing to songs and I can safely say that I am scarred for life!

Despite the pasta overload, I had a very enjoyable time and would certainly go again. The staff were all very relaxed and the skiing was great fun, which was for some people a once in a lifetime opportunity. On behalf of all my peers I want to thank all the staff who gave up their time to take us there, and all the Interski staff for making our week of skiing possible.

By Tom Simpson, Year 10

BSKC Report



A total of 36 students entered this year's British Schools Karting Championship, which meant that 12 teams of three were racing at the local track of AKS Karting in Worcester.

With only the top three teams going through, it was going to be very competitive and there were six or seven teams who had a realistic chance of going through. The racing got underway and everyone was fiercely racing to get

the best results they could to try and get their team through.

The top three teams were Jack Hughes, Jamie Broughton and Alex Calado ending up 1st; Sam Bennett, Tom Brittenden and Rob Latham ending up 2nd and Guy Wenham, Charlie Evans and Will Clark finishing 3rd.

The top three teams then went on to race at the regional final in Milton Keynes at the Daytona track where they were put up against 27 other teams. The teams all did really well and tried their best but unfortunately none of them got through. The top team (Jack Hughes, Jamie Broughton and Alex Calado) managed to finish 7th overall finishing 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 4th and 7th. The other two teams finished 15th and 17th overall.

Well done to everyone who took part in the competition this year, and thank you to all the staff who helped out and came to cheer everyone on.

By Guy Wenham, Year 11

Colossus & The Witch

Although it might sound like the title for a good book, and it probably would be, this was actually a trip to Bletchley Park by the Sixth Form Computing students. We went to put Computing in its correct historical context by seeing and using some of the world's oldest computers.

Bletchley Park is well-known for its role as the cipher breaking centre for the British Secret Service during World War 2. It is maybe less well-known for its modern role as the National Museum of Computing. The museum started from a desire by its founder to ensure that the British heritage in Computing was not forgotten and so that people could see and use computers from all times.

Our tour took us on a journey through time, starting from 1940 at the height of the Second World War. We saw the tools that were used to crack the German Enigma cipher – the Tunny and the Heath Robinson. But the German High Command used a more difficult cipher called the Lorenz cipher, which took some of the best minds weeks or even months to crack. However, due to a mistake by a German operator the mathematicians at Bletchley knew how to crack the cipher although the process was very slow. A telecoms engineer called Tommy Flowers realised that he could make a machine that would be able to perform these algorithms quickly and accurately. This machine was the first programmable computer – known as Colossus. At Bletchley Park they have reconstructed the second generation of Colossus and have it working.



Here we all are standing in front of the rebuilt Colossus Mk II computer at Bletchley Park.

The next computer is a true record breaker – it's in the Guinness Book of Records – and is the oldest working original computer (remember that Colossus is a reconstruction). The WITCH (originally the Harwell Dekatron and now called the Wolverhampton Instrument for Teaching Computing from Harwell). Sam King in Year 12 got to take the controls and made the WITCH perform some calculations.



The WITCH – doesn't she look happy!

Next we moved into a room full of computers from the 60s and 70s, where the ubiquitous beige box started to dominate. But these computers are monsters in scale, if not in computing power. In keeping with the museum's ethos, all the computers work and some had been switched on for us to enjoy. We got to prepare some paper tape with our names on, ably helped by the newly trained chief operator Jemima Barnett, and to see how storage has developed over the years.

Colossus & The Witch (Continued)



Jemima standing with some of the original hard disks – this one could store a massive 4MB per side (you'd get a single photo on this disk!).



Alex Jones programming a BBC micro from the 1980s. (The camera on the desk beside him probably has more computing power than the computer he's using!)

In the final stage of our tour, we saw computers from the 80s and early 90s. Mr Brant felt in his element as these were the computers he cut his teeth on. He went misty eyed over the Commodore PET, the ZX81 and the Oric 1. Everyone else got excited because for once they could play games. Then we got to go right back to basics (or maybe that should be BASIC) and write some code on the old BBC Micro.

The museum has asked us to pass on a plea to anyone who might have some old computer equipment lying around. They're constantly searching for bits and pieces to keep their collection working and growing. If you have anything, please consider donating it.

Overall this was a great day out and the day met its goal of putting computers in a historical context and teaching us all how lucky we are to be alive when we can carry more computing power in our pockets than was available in the whole world only 70 years ago!

See this report on our website!



March

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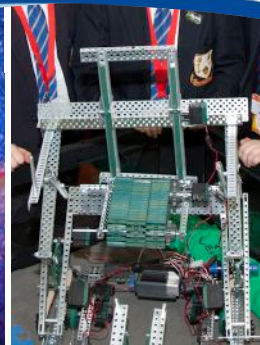
The Taming of the Shrew



Dance Festival



A Winters Tale



VEX Robotics Competition

The Business of ICT



On 20th March, Prince Henry's saw the return of Mr Davies to the ICT Department. Lots of students came to say hello and I think Mr Davies felt very loved and missed. However, he didn't come to school to have his ego massaged; there was a serious reason for his visit.

When Mr Davies left us last year he also left teaching to take up a position as a developer at Capgemini. He was keen to return to school to launch a programme that

he is leading to explain the role of IT in businesses today, and encourage pupils to consider a career in IT and Computing. The focus of the day was very much on our Computing students and Mr Davies and his two colleagues gave presentations to all of the students currently studying Computing in Years 10, 12 and 13. They gave each group tasks to work on to show them that there is more to IT than just computers, and then explained the different routes into a career in IT. For Year 12 in particular, our pupils were given a great chance to partner with a professional developer at Capgemini to be their 'customer' in their Year 13 practical project – this should give students a much better chance of getting higher grades in this particular part of the Computing course.

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Many of our students were impressed by the quality of the presentations and the professionalism of our visitors but, maybe more importantly, they really enjoyed their time and had their eyes opened to the options they have at the end of Year 11, Year 13 or after studying a degree.



'The Taming of the Shrew'

“ *I come to wive it wealthily in Padua;
If wealthily, then happily in Padua.* ”

From the moment I set eyes on the cast list I knew there was no competition. The school production of 'The Taming of the Shrew' was bound to be the highlight of my year.



'The Taming of the Shrew' is a traditional Shakespearean comedy about Petruchio, a young, strongly opinionated, unmarried man who visits Padua in search of wealth when he comes across the rich but extremely cruel Katherina, who he vows to tame and eventually marry. In contrast, her sister Bianca is pursued by several men who wish to marry her for her well-known beauty and modesty. However, like all good stories it has a twist and the characters soon show their true colours.

The play, performed as contemporary Shakespeare, was set in the 80's, (amongst the neon signs, leg warmers and happy groovy beat) and was staged around a giant Rubik's cube which slowly pieced together as the issues in the play were brought solved. Miss Pomeroy and Mrs Cook had managed to bring a whole new meaning to the word innovative!

Rehearsals and preparations for the show were a chance to meet new people, build new friendships and 'find' ourselves as actors, with the performances being a celebration of all our hard work. Whether it was your first or last play with the school, it's fair to say that 'The Taming of the Shrew' was an experience that will stay with us forever.



By Grace Capewell, Year 10

[See the Rehearsal Trailer Here!](#)



Evesham & Pershore Schools Dance Festival



Prince Henry's High School proudly presented the Evesham and Pershore Schools Dance Festival on 25th March 2013 in their prestigious Arts Centre.

Around 200 children from schools across Evesham and Pershore shared their dance compositions with each other over the course of the morning. It was a celebration of the fantastic work schools are doing and one of the first schools has now been chosen to perform at the County School Games Day.

The Arts Centre was alive with excitement and appreciation throughout the event. It was wonderful to give the children and their teachers some recognition for their wonderful work.

'The Winter's Tale' Trip to the RSC

As part of the A2 English literature course, we are studying Shakespeare's 'The Winter's Tale'. To help our understanding of this play, our wonderful teachers organized an incredible day to Shakespeare's very own Stratford. The day was spent with people who helped work on the play, who researched it and acted in it. Afterwards, we saw a performance of the play in the Royal Shakespeare Theatre.



We began our day with a workshop with a voice coach. He ran us through some exercises, using one of Hermione's speeches, to help us really listen to the words and pinpoint exactly why they are so powerful. These were the same exercises that he used with the actors of the evening's performance during the months of rehearsals. Although some of the exercises were a bit bizarre, we all went from reading out the speech in a monotone, to passionately enunciating each word with as much emotion as we could muster. If this is what the actors had been through, we could expect a very passionate performance later that evening.



For our next workshop, a member of the RSC's educational staff got us focusing on the theme of Leontes' jealousy. We looked at all of the possible causes of his jealousy, and even acted out a few scenes. Following lunch, two lecturers gave a presentation on the historical context of the play. The final workshop of the day was definitely the highlight. All of the groups got together, and we went to the theatre to talk with the

director and the actors playing Florizel and Perdita. The actors talked about their characters, and what they were feeling at various points of the play. They talked about them like they were real people, which definitely brought the play to life for us.

After a busy day, we were ready for the play. Safe to say it didn't disappoint! It was really amazing to see the things we had spoken, acted and discussed put into action by the very talented cast of the RSC. It was over all too soon. We would highly recommend that future students who are doing this play take part in 'The Winter's Tale' workshop, if it is available. Even if it isn't, try and attend as many theatre performances of any drama texts of the theme you are studying, because seeing it how the playwright intended it to be seen, really does improve your understanding.

By Eleanor Broome & Alice Morrey, Year 13

Prince Henry's Girls Do Something Different!



The Prince Henry's High School 'Do Something Different Club' project was a six week programme which took place from January to March 2013. The project was aimed at a selection of Year 10 girls, focusing on them becoming more aware of ways to keep fit and have fun in their local area, whilst building their confidence, self-esteem and encouraging their willingness to try new things.

The project kicked off with a couple of sessions in Street Cheer (a combination of street dance moves and cheerleading

lifts), building team awareness and skills in working together and trusting each other. The girls then had experiences in swimming, trampolining and ice-skating.

Probably the most successful evening was the trip to Tamworth Snowdome. This was a big hit with all the girls and all said they would like to go again. It was great to see all the girls really having fun, laughing together and experiencing something that for some, was greatly different to their normal experiences of sport and fitness and very much outside their comfort zone.

The project concluded with a fantastic motivational visit from the amazing Ladies England Rugby 7's star, Heather Fisher. She talked about the project increasing the girls' trust, confidence, problem solving skills and ability to try new things in the future. She discussed with the girls the importance of courage, determination and self-belief in all aspects of their lives as well as the significance of having goals to ensure successful achievement in life. Heather is a truly inspirational person returning to elite sport from fracturing her back in four places; a truly remarkable young woman.

The project has been a great success, not only in encouraging the girls to get involved in more activities and signposting them to venues they can be a part of, but also for the personal change seen in the girls on the whole. Girls from varied friendship groups came together, enjoyed activities and pushed themselves in trying things they may never have tried if it were not for this project.

A big thank you to Wychavon District Council who provided funding for this project through the 'Sportivate' funding grant and also to Sky Sports Living for Sport for supplying a T-shirt for each girl and the visit from Miss Heather Fisher.

The same scheme also enabled another athlete visit to Prince Henry's in June. On this occasion, Judo Champion Tom Davis spent a morning speaking to, and coaching a mixed group of students.



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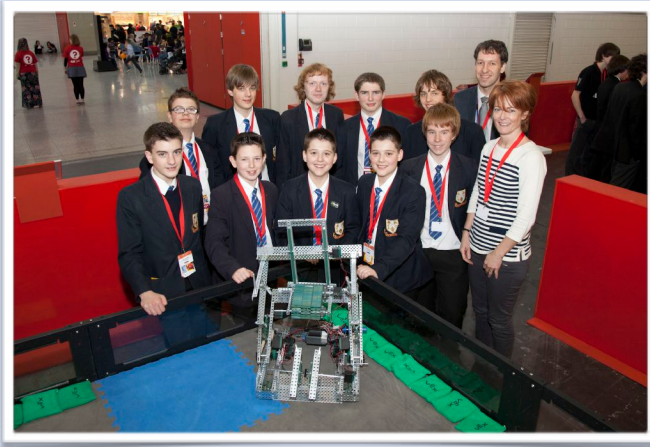


Miss T Kay, Physical Activity Enrichment Manager

VEX Robotics Competition

On Tuesday 5th February 2013, I was privileged to be part of the Year 10 Robotics Team, who went to the VEX robotics regional competition held at the Aston University Engineering Academy. This day included a tournament between teams and a chance to progress to the national finals.

We faced many opponents of which six came from Nottingham High School. Thanks to our programming team, we were the only entrants to have an autonomous mode programmed into the robot, which gave us a slight advantage.



During the course of the competition we faced many problems, such as our batteries failing. This caused us to change the design of the robot multiple times and create many temporary repairs. However all was not lost, the build team were quick to react; completely rebuilding the robot in eight minutes and putting us back on track on more than one occasion. Altogether we came in third place, received the Judges Award for our efforts and a place in the national finals.

The national finals were hosted at the Excel in London, on the 15th and 16th of March 2013, this was one of the many attractions at the 'Big Bang' fair. This was not like the regional finals, as it was on a much larger scale with 39 teams participating and a chance to go to California, to the international competition.

On the first day we were allocated our area to prepare the robot and make any final adjustments. We were then shown the two arenas in which we would be participating, shortly before the tournament began. By the end of the day our team was at mid-table in the position ranking and we had adapted our robot to prepare for the upcoming matches.

The next day we awoke with high hopes and determination, eager to get back into the action. With our robot modified we began the tournament once more, and played out the last few matches. By the end of the tournament we had finished in 26th place and gained much experience for next year's project. We felt this was a great achievement as it was our first time competing for Prince Henry's High School and many of the entrants had previous experience or were older than us, some coming from engineering colleges.

We would like to thank Mr Parker and Ms Martin for supporting us throughout this competition and Miss Park for helping us during school time. We are now waiting for the guidelines to be given out for next year's competition so we can compete with a better understanding of what is to come.

By Connor Deacon, Year 10

April

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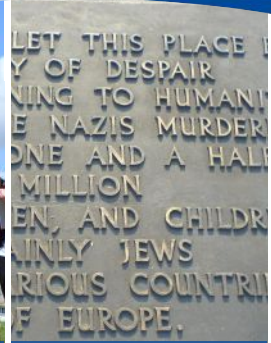
Biology Trip to Bristol Zoo



'The Empress'



Geography Field Trip



Trip to Auschwitz-Birkenau

Biology Trip to Bristol Zoo



On April 17th, a group of Year 12 and 13 students went on a trip to Bristol Zoo in order to further our knowledge of biology. Organised by the Biology department, it included lectures specifically tailored to our summer exams and of course a chance to wander round the zoo!

We arrived early enough to see the baby lion cubs playing in the sunshine, and many of the other animals enjoying a rare spell of sunshine. After a couple of hours of looking at all the animals, it was time for the lectures. The Year 12 lecture was about conservation, and the Year 13, about animal behaviour - both of which are studied during the A level course. We would like to thank Mrs Raven and Mrs Fisher for organising and taking us, we all had a lovely time.

By Alice Morrey, Year 13

'The Empress'

In April, a group of English Literature students saw an excellent production of the 'Empress' at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre. This new play explores Queen Victoria's surprisingly close relationship with her Indian servant or 'Munshi', Abdul Karim, as counterpointed by the experiences of young Ayar, Rani Das, in less prosperous regions of society.

Vibrant, engaging and honest, the play was enjoyed by all. Particular highlights included the interplay of comedy and emotional subtlety in Beatie Edney's performance as Queen Victoria, the dexterous treatment of Rani Das' changing circumstances and the involving, atmospheric staging, which included live Sitar playing. The trip was particularly useful to enrich and inform Year 12's exploration of Imperialism and Class as part of their studies of Victorian Literature. Many thanks to the English department for offering such a stimulating programme of theatre visits.

By Shanti Daffern, Year 13





On the first weekend back after Easter, the Geography department and 28 studious Year 12 students made their annual pilgrimage down to the Dorset coast, to see at first hand the landscape which has provided the key source material for textbooks on coastal landforms.

Eventually, after everyone, together with what seemed to be an excessive amount of luggage, was squeezed in to the coach, we were off. We

stopped at Old Harry Rocks after lunch and were greeted with warm sunshine where students had a good time seeing the reality of all the theory they had learned in the classroom. Year 12 were very pleased upon their arrival at PGL by the beautiful views across the sea, and even more so with the free time after dinner down on the private shingle beach.

Saturday morning was another beautiful day, not a cloud in sight and a cool sea breeze. First stop was Durdle Door and Lulworth Cove, where students were separated into small groups and taught the details by experienced PGL staff. There were some moans and groans at the trek uphill over to Lulworth from Durdle Door, but less when noticing the view from the top, and none at all when realising the potential for local ice cream in Lulworth village. After ice cream, and fish and chips for some, we made the winding journey down to Studland Bay, lined with sand dunes and the place for our most important fieldwork. In groups, the students used ranging poles and took the PH, infiltration rates and noted the species in transects, from the beach to the end of the sand dunes. On return to our accommodation, students did yet more work bringing their information together in the IT rooms, to complete a truly hard day's work.

Finally, on Sunday, after some free time on the giant swing and some archery, we visited Lyme Regis. A wonderful little coastal town, Lyme Regis has had so much coastal management going on it's hard to see what was there before. But the PGL staff did a great job explaining the story and the students' last educational visit for the weekend was done. A fantastic weekend.



Miss J Coxon, Head of Geography

Day Trip to Auschwitz-Birkenau



Zoë and I, accompanied by Mrs Walker, were lucky enough to be given the opportunity by the Holocaust Educational Trust, to go on a day trip to Poland to visit the notorious concentration camp: Auschwitz-Birkenau. Before the visit we attended an orientation seminar where we learned about pre-war Jewish life and the background behind the Holocaust; we also had the honour of a firsthand personal account from a survivor of Auschwitz-Birkenau who gave us invaluable insight into the conditions of the camp, the day to day struggle to survive and the prisoner's state of mind.

On Tuesday the 23rd April; after leaving the house at the unearthly hour of 4:00am we met the other 200 students from other schools & members of the Holocaust Educational trust at Birmingham airport for our flight to Poland.

Auschwitz-Birkenau was a collaboration of camps; the initial Auschwitz served as a work camp for political prisoners. However after Hitler's 'final solution', a camp 3km away was built solely for the purpose of killing innocent people, it was the largest death camp ever made and facilitated the mechanistic and evil act of murdering 1.2 million people; this was situated beside a forest of birch trees which is where it gets its name: "Birkenau" is the Polish word for "birch trees". Birkenau itself was silent; it is true that no birds sing there and there is little that remains of the camp because the Nazis, before leaving, attempted to burn everything down in order to hide the evidence of the atrocities which had occurred. However, they did not succeed in burning everything and the rooms full of human hair and spectacles were horrific and unforgettable.

Our visit to Birkenau was something altogether different. It was still moving, but not in what you could see, like in Auschwitz I, but what you couldn't see. We were taken up the tower, a narrow staircase, and on the first floor, you could see the whole camp. Now a few rebuilt wooden barracks on one side and lots of brick chimneys remain and this is mirrored on the other side with the original brick barracks that housed the women. It was never ending, and as we looked out, you saw the extent of the inhumanity that happened here. You could not see the end of the rails, the run into the distance towards the forest. It is the same from the watchtower. After having a talk at the top from what we could, or couldn't see, we walked back down the same staircase and headed through the main gate. After walking for a short distance, we stopped and looked around, taking the same look around as millions of others have before us. It is eerily quiet, bar the footsteps on the gravel as people walk round. You get the feeling that you are being observed from the watchtower, which now loomed over us. It was not a pleasant feeling.



Auschwitz-Birkenau was one of the most sobering and powerful experiences we will ever have; it truly opened our eyes to see behind the statistics and realize that everyone involved: the prisoners, victims and guards, were each an individual, with a unique life.

It should remind us all to make sure that history does not repeat itself - a recurring theme throughout the visit was "The one that does not learn history, is bound to live through it again." (George Santayana).

Ciaran Grant and Zoë Butler, Year 13

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May

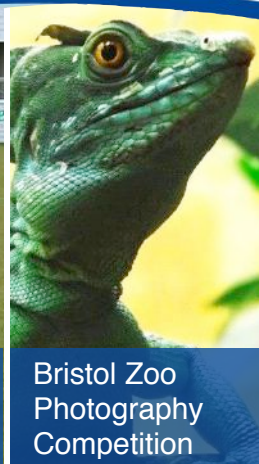
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OFSTED



County Football Champions



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OFSTED

Prince Henry's received a general inspection from Ofsted on 30th April and May 1st and I am delighted to confirm we received the following judgements:

Achievement	Outstanding
Teaching	Outstanding
Behaviour and safety	Outstanding
Leadership and Management	Outstanding
Overall Effectiveness	Outstanding

The full inspection can be seen
on our website - [Click Here](#)



Ofsted have raised the bar considerably since Prince Henry's was last inspected in 2010. This judgement recognises the wonderful school that Prince Henry's is, and is a testament to the hard work and efforts of the students, staff, parents, governors and everyone associated with the school. The inspectors spoke to a number of pupils during the course of the inspection. As ever, all our pupils behaved in their usual impeccable way, acting as excellent ambassadors for us and I am very proud of them. A copy of the full report can be viewed on the school's website.

Dr A Evans, Headteacher, 17th May 2013





Prince Henry's Under 15s Boys Footballers became Worcestershire Champions by defeating South Bromsgrove 2 - 1 on a beautiful early summer's evening at Evesham United on Wednesday 1st May.

Prince Henry's started the better of the two teams, dominating the early possession, but after 25 minutes South Bromsgrove took the lead after an unfortunate error.

Shortly afterwards, Prince Henry's keeper Freddie Downes made a sharp save to his left to prevent the visitors going further ahead. It was then the turn of the South Bromsgrove keeper to make a sharp save from a Dan Evans six yard box flick. The keeper also blocked a Joe Sandham cross with his feet. Just before half-time Prince Henry's made one of their dangerous set pieces count, with a great delivery from Evans whipping in a near post corner for Nathan Bolland to flick on for Tom Leonard to head into the net. So the first half drew to a close with the score at 1-1.

The second half started nervily with both sides knowing the importance of the next goal. South Bromsgrove tried a direct approach as Prince Henry's centre halves, Lewis Drew and Eliot Enoch, stood firm. Prince Henry's continued to look a huge threat when going forward. With 16 minutes to go Prince Henry's took the lead with a near carbon copy of their first goal but this time it was Charlie Banning's delivery from the left, and once again Tom Leonard put the ball in the net. Substitute Toby Walker then had a goal disallowed. South Bromsgrove piled on the pressure in the last 5 minutes with one 30 second period where Prince Henry's could not get the ball out of their six yard box; but despite this scare, the side hung on to be crowned Worcestershire under 15's champions 2013. The game was played in fantastic spirit and with much credit going to South Bromsgrove who were gallant losers on the day.



Man of the Match was skipper Lewis Drew who organised the back four superbly when under pressure in the second half. A big thanks to all the staff, parents and pupils who came to support the team. They were a real twelfth player.

This victory has been so deserved from a squad with no superstars, but players who work hard for each other, have a strong team spirit and are organised and play to a plan. We look forward to another crack at the Nationals next year and attempting to retain our County crown.

Mr S Price, Team Coach



Bristol Zoo Photography Competition

On Thursday 2nd May, the Year 10 Creative Media Production pupils travelled to Bristol Zoo to take portrait photographs of animals for a photography competition. The winning pictures can be seen below:

Jessica Matthews – 1st Prize
Cameron Fletcher – 2nd Prize
Emily Crompton – 3rd Prize



Jessica Matthews 10O



Cameron Fletcher 10M



Emily Crompton 10B

Fond Memories

Since joining Prince Henry's in 2010, I have been lucky enough to be part of a huge variety of different projects and activities. I feel I have grown in confidence and ability and I have made many good friends in my year group who have shared in special moments with me.

During the past three years, our year group has been able to compete in numerous competitions, (in which we were often triumphant!) theatre trips and many other extra-curricular activities. Personally, I have been part of two school productions, music concerts and am currently participating in the Duke of Edinburgh's scheme at silver level.

During my time at Prince Henry's I have felt challenged, but also supported by the conscientious teachers and the great tutor team led by Mrs Biggs. As the GCSE exams approach, it will be sad to say goodbye to Year 11, however I will remember many moments from the last three years and look forward to returning to the Sixth Form in September.

By Holly Sagar, Year 11

Speech Day

Prize Winners 2011 / 12

Each summer we hold our annual Speech Day and Prize Giving ceremony in the Evesham Arts Centre. As the event is traditionally held on the first Friday in July, it means that The Henrician has already gone to press and we are not able to include details of the event for the current year within its pages. However, as this is such a key event in the school calendar, and represents so much of what makes Prince Henry's High School special, it is important that Speech Day is not overlooked within this magazine, and that the achievements of the students who were awarded prizes are recorded. The following is therefore a report on the 2012 ceremony.



The Speech Day ceremony held on Friday 6th July 2012 was memorable for a number of reasons. As readers will almost certainly remember, last summer was one of the wettest in recent memory, and with the school fields under several inches of water in places, there were serious concerns about the risk of guests using the overflow parking becoming bogged down in mud. Fortunately, this did not happen, but another torrential downpour in the hour or so prior to the event meant that many parents and guests struggled to make it through the flash flooding and ensuing gridlock in Evesham and the surrounding area. After a slight delay however, the event went ahead as planned and followed the well-established format.



Chairman of Governors, Mr Butcher opened proceedings, and this was then followed by the Headteacher's report. As this was Bernard Roberts' final Speech Day before his retirement, his report not only encompassed the key events during the academic year, but also included some personal reflections on his 19 year tenure as Head of Prince Henry's. Following a musical interlude with vocal performances by members of the Barbershop and Barbieshop choirs, the stage was handed over to our Guest Speaker, Mrs Miranda Ballard, the co-founder of Muddy Boots

Real Food Ltd. Mrs Ballard spoke with passion and enthusiasm, directly addressing the prize winners. She shared with them some of the experiences she and her husband had in setting up their own business (preparing high quality handmade burgers and other meat products) initially from her own home; to developing commercial premises and supplying their products to Waitrose and other food outlets. She then presented prizes to the winners and, following the vote of thanks by Head Boy, Tom Stanley, and Head Girl, Emily Crisp, and the singing of the National Anthem, audience, guests and prize winners adjourned to the PRH for the superb tea which had been prepared by Mrs Cox and her team.

Year 9 Merit Prizes: Nicole Beard, Harry Bermingham, Atlanta Clear, Liam Deacon, Daniel Evans, Madeline Goodlad, Hannah Grinnall, Alice Hall, Amber Harris, Harry Howells, Jemima Hutchinson, Freya Jowett, Joseph Sandham, Anna Swainson, Chelsie Wicks, Georgia Wilcox

Year 10 Merit Prizes: Harriet Arnold, Emmy Badham, Philippa Bayliss, James Beaumont, Jack Brown, Max Ellis
Lauren Green, Emily Hall, Matthew Manns, Emilia Sharples, James Sheppy, Millie-Anne Smith, Robert Wakerley, Rebecca White, Paige Woodward

Year 11 Merit Prizes: Jemima Barnett, Amelia Broome, Jamie Bryson, Eleanor Burrows, Emma Davies, Louisa Davis, Matthew Dixon, Thomas Elliott, Bethany Garland, Elizabeth Giles, Elis Jones, Samuel Laight, Harry Phipps, Charlotte Somers, Albert Wall, Joshua Wheeler, Joseph Wheldon, Nicole Wilkins

Year 12 Merit Prizes: Ella Andac, Luke Argyle, Charlotte Arthur, Eleanor Broome, Lucy Button, Alexander Calado, Savannah Harris, Kim Hill, Nicholas Martin, Benjamin Scarrott, Harriet Turner, Hannah Walker

Headteacher's Special Prizes for Exemplary Approach to School Life: Charlotte Abdy, Charlotte Brown, Simon Cox, Alexander Hakesley, Joseph Robinson, Annabelle White

Agate Prize for Commitment and Loyalty to School Music

Alderman Byrd Memorial Prize for English

Andrew Thomas Prize for Computing

Bailey Cup and Prize for Singing

Bent Prize for Modern Languages

Bond Prize for Perseverance

Burlingham Prize for Science

Campden BRI Prize for Biological Science

Chairman of Governors Prize for Drama

Denne Gilkes Cup and Prize for Musicianship

Denne Gilkes Prize for Poetry

Department Prize for Contribution to Science

Elliott Prize for Chemistry

English Department Prize

Feek Barnard Prize

Felton Prize for Maths and Science

Fowler Prize for Mathematics

Gill Smith Prize for Spoken German

Gordon Grove Prize for the Best

Year 11 Mathematics Qualifying Examination

Griffith-Jones Prize for Drama

Griffith-Jones Prize for English

Guy Spencer Prize for Art

Halse Memorial Prize

Hancock Prize for Endeavour and Perseverance

Hartwell Prize for Design Technology

Headteacher's Special Prize for Modern Languages

Heathcote German Scholarship

Heathcote Memorial Prize

Heathcote Memorial Prize & Wychavon Shield for

Proficiency in Modern European Languages

Heathcote Prize for Modern Languages

Hutchinson Prize for History

Keyte General Paper Prize

Knapp Prize for Promise in Humanities

Martin Prize for Promise in Science

Masters Prize for Geography

Miller Prize for Creative Art

N.F. Davies Prize for English

Newbury Prize for Effort

Peter Spencer Prize for Geography

Philip Martin Memorial Prize for ICT

Piper Prize for Maths and Physics

Politics Department Prize

Powell Prize for ICT

Prince Henry's Prize for All Round Achievement

Joshua Appleton

Paul Retallick

Ryan Smith

Bethan Jones

Charlotte Kirk

Charlotte Hargreaves

Megan Brown

Annabel Jones

Leanne Stenson

James Lolley

James Schembri

Harry Bulow

Elizabeth Sandham

Alice Duke

Elizabeth Thomas

Liddy Ellis

Lauren Harris

Francis Syvret

Robert Maher

Natalie Rose

Shanti Daffern

Ellie Laight

Danielle New

Joseph Ball

Emma Phillips-Lamb

Magali Raybaud

Robert Maher

David Trevorrow, Holly Sagar

Alison Ratcliffe

Jack Padfield

Emily Crisp

Louisa Dickinson

Charlotte Harrison

Hannah Pape

Thomas Stanley

Zoe Pillar

Caitlin Kelly

Jamie-Louise Dobbins

Caitlin Kelly

Georgina Campbell

Nicholas Waller

Scott Grainger

Lily Bermingham

Alexander Hammerton

Prize Winners 2011 / 12 (continued)

Principal of The University of Worcester
 Prize for All Round Educational Achievement
 in the Lower VIth
 Religious Studies Department Prize
 Ross Prize for Statistics
 Rotary Club Prize for Economics
 Shaw Prize for Science
 Special Prize for Health and Social Care
 Stacey Prize for Religious Education
 Textiles Prize
 The Barnard Prize for Poetry
 The Business Studies Prize
 The David Stokes Prize for Maths and Science
 The Dixon Prize for Year 9 History
 The Donald Davies Prize for the Most Promising Rugby Player
 The Enterprise Prize
 The Evesham Journal Prize
 The Evesham Vale Lions Club Good Citizenship Award and Shield
 The History Department Prize
 The ICT Department Prize for Creative Media
 The Mary-Ann Oakley Prize for Services to Instrumental Music
 The Mrs. H.M.A. Dean Prize for Effort and Progress in Mathematics
 The O'Sullivan Prize for Psychology
 'The Peter and Robert Yates' Memorial Prize for Endeavour
 The Probus Club of Evesham Cecil Slocombe Memorial Prize for
 Modern Languages
 Thomson & Bancks Prize for Best Qualifying Examination
 Tomkins Prize for English and History
 VIth Form Design and Technology Prize
 VIth Form Tutors' Prize

Rory Sinclair

Shawnee Futers
 Bethan Jones
 Alexander Childs
 Alice Duke
 Kiri Gallagher
 Megan Baynes
 Zoe Cox
 Alice Morrey
 Jack Padfield
 Peter McKeand
 Molly Hardwick
 Adrian Cook
 Adriano Ritchie
 Shanti Daffern
 Beatrix Dooey
 Ellis Whitehouse
 Bethany Thomson
 Annabel Blackmore
 Lauren Scrase
 Charlotte Cooley
 Kirsty Stephen
 Harry Poole

Joseph Gisbourne
 Shawnee Futers
 Benjamin Scarrott
 Matthew Humphriss

Prizes for Service:

Armstrong Prize for Endeavour
 Cox Prize for Service to the School
 Daphne English Prize for Service to the Community
 Lamb Prize for Service to School Sport
 Leedham Prize for Services to School Sport
 Old Henricians' Prize
 Rotary Club Prize for Service to the School
 Royal British Legion Prize
 Sharp Prize for Service to School
 Special Prize for Food Technology
 Special Prize for Service to School Dance
 Special Prize for Service to School Dance
 Special Prize for Service to School Hockey
 Special Prize for Service to School Netball
 Stanley English Prize for Effort and Achievement
 The Carr Family Prize for Service to the School
 'The Jodie Gisbourne' Memorial Prize for Service to School Sport
 The Tim Stean' Memorial Prize for Services to School Sport
 Headteacher's Prize for Head Girl
 'The Giles Hudson' Memorial Prize for Head Boy

William Russell
 Catherine Simcox-Bird
 George Shorthouse
 Alexander Drew
 Alastair Horne
 David Stringer
 Christie Langmead
 Holly Longley
 Ella Heeks
 Lauren Tucker
 Georgia Brown
 Georgia Fletcher
 Liddy Ellis
 Zoe Wenham
 Adam Stockford
 Adam Oakley
 Rosanna Millichap
 Max Barber
 Emily Crisp
 Tom Stanley

Workman Foundation Prizes to 2011 Year 13 Leavers:

Hazelhurst Prize	Harry Organ
Penney Prize	Matthew Deakin
Prince Henry's Exhibition Prizes	Francesca Crew, Jasper Heeks, Christopher Saxby
Workman Exhibition Prize	Laura Oakley

Prince Henry's Headteachers

Headteachers 1986 - Present

As mentioned at the start of this edition of The Henrician, Prince Henry's recently lost a highly regarded and fondly remembered former student and Head of Maths, Gordon Grove. His thanksgiving service held on Tuesday 11th June at Evesham Methodist Church brought together family, friends and colleagues past and present, who all wanted to pay their respects and remember this bastion of the school community.

Among those present were the three most recent (and only surviving) Headteachers of Prince Henry's High School: Mr A G Stafford (1986-1993), Mr B S Roberts (1993-2012), and Dr A Evans (2012-), and this unique event was captured on camera.



Left to Right: Mr B S Roberts, Dr A Evans and Mr A G Stafford,

Finally...

A Day in the Life

The Henrician celebrates the wide range of activities which take place within Prince Henry's High School throughout the year. However, what we mustn't lose sight of is that these activities are set against a backdrop of a regular timetable and the normal everyday rhythm of school life. This is what the Ofsted inspection team observed in action when they visited the school during the Spring Term and this page, illustrated by photos taken around the school site and quotations from the official Ofsted Report of May 2013, seeks to capture a small part of that life.

"The school provides an exceptionally high quality of education for its students. They make outstanding progress in their academic and personal development."

"Teachers have very high expectations of students and develop excellent working relationships in the classroom."



"Students take great pride in the school, have highly positive attitudes to learning and are very keen to do their best in class. Their behaviour in lessons and around the school is exemplary. The vast majority of parents and carers agree that their children are safe and happy in school and are very positive about behaviour in the school."



"The Sixth Form is outstanding and students make excellent progress on their AS-level and A-level courses. Sixth Form students receive outstanding information, support and guidance. They make an excellent contribution to the life of the school, for example on the School Council, as prefects, or as mentors to younger students."



"The headteacher and senior leaders provide excellent leadership. Governors and staff are very proud of the school and are fully committed to its success. There is an obvious determination to ensure that all students achieve the highest standards they can."



"School leaders are relentless in their drive for improvement in all parts of the school's work. The very experienced governing body is exceptionally effective. Governors provide both support and challenge for the school and are committed to its continued improvement."

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