

September 2022 Edition

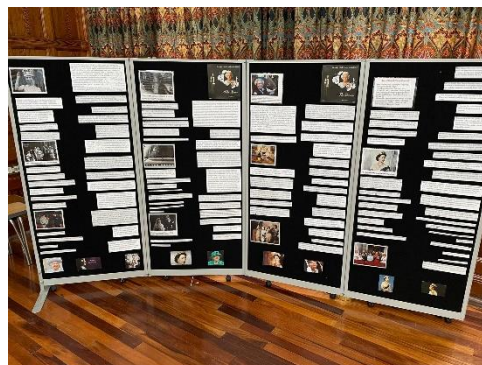
Welcome to this month's edition of **Beverley Highlife**. I hope that you will enjoy reading about what has been happening this month at Beverley High School.

Sharon Japp, Headteacher



The morning after the announcement of the sad death of Queen Elizabeth II all students participated in a virtual assembly followed by a two-minute silence to mark the passing of our monarch. Many staff wore black as a sign of respect. The following week, we asked students and staff to email messages of condolence, the messages have since been on display in the school hall. Many students and staff wrote very personal and moving tributes about what the Queen meant to them. This week our amazingly talented Art Technician, Abbie Holwell, also created a wonderful display at the bottom of the IT stairs (overleaf).

On the day of the State Funeral the school closed for the Bank Holiday and a number of staff and students travelled to London and/or Windsor to be part of this historic occasion. Over the coming months we will be working on further ways to commemorate the Queen's remarkable life and reign.







## GCSE Results

Congratulations to all of last year's Year 11 students who produced stunning results, despite their secondary education having been blighted by the COVID 19 pandemic. An astonishing 9% of all grades were Grade 9! And 26 students achieved at least 8 Grades 7/8/9 – an outstanding achievement.

## A Level Results

Congratulations to all of last year's Year 13 students who performed so well in their A Levels, the first public exams they had sat! We wish them all well as they head off to universities around the country or into gap years and apprenticeships. Keep in touch and let us know what you do in the future.

## Summer Challenge

Congratulations to all the pupils who took part in one or more transition activities during the summer holidays to encourage Year 6 into Year 7 students to 'Be Curious' about the subjects they are now studying at secondary school. It was fantastic to see you taking part in activities such as watching 'The Nutcracker' ballet online and learning how to pronounce words in German. Three students are the lucky winners of a book voucher: Annalise Bailey, Flora Fogarty and Jessica Hart. Well done!

Students in Key Stage 3 and 4 also had the chance to take part in a 'Summer Challenge' linked to the themes they have covered in Big Ideas and Tutor Reading during form time. Congratulations to Ruth Pimblet, Emma Lindley and Naomi Lewis who will also receive a book voucher.



## A Warm Welcome to Year 7

In September we were delighted to welcome our new Year 7 pupils to Beverley High School. The cohort has transitioned to secondary school life calmly and effectively, and four weeks in are confidently navigating the school site, settling into school routines and showing a real enthusiasm for learning.

We are also pleased to see Year 7s embracing the many extra-curricular opportunities on offer at lunchtimes and after school, as a way to pursue their interests and meet like-minded peers across the year group. In addition to our instrumental ensembles, please see below for activities this half term that Year 7 would be particularly interested in. A reminder as well that the Learning Resource Centre is open until 4pm and supervised by Teaching Assistants, should your child like support with their homework.

Well done Year 7, we are very proud of you!



	Activity	Time	Place	Pupils
<b>Monday</b>	Choir	12.25 - 12.45	Hall	Yrs 7–9
	Art Club	12.25 - 1.00	AT6	Yrs 7&8
	Maths Support	From 12.40	M3	All years
	Debate Club	3.20 - 4.00	Drama Room	All years
<b>Tuesday</b>	Art Club	12.25 - 1.00	AT6	Yrs 7&8
	Maths Support	From 3.20	M9	All years
<b>Wednesday</b>	Football Club	12.25 - 1.00	Sports Hall	Y7&8 – alternate weeks Y7 start 14th Sept
	Games Club	12.25 - 1.00	H4	Yrs 7&8
	Maths Support	From 12.40	M3	All years
<b>Thursday</b>	Netball Club	12.25 - 1.00	Sports Hall	Yrs 7–9
	Games Club	12.25 - 1.00	H4	Yrs 7&8
<b>Friday</b>	Dance Club	12.25 - 1.00	Dance Studio	Yrs 7&8
	Games Club	12.25 - 1.00	H4	Yrs 7&8
	Maths Support	From 12.40	M3	All years

### A Warm Welcome to Year 12

Welcome to our new Year 12 students. We are pleased to welcome the 111 students who have joined us in Year 12 this September. Students from Beverley High School, Beverley Grammar School and other local schools make up the year group; they are studying a range of A level subjects and their teachers report that they have made a great start to their sixth form studies. They have lots to keep them busy with an upcoming super-curricular visit to London as well as the Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award and the launch of J6th Discuss for this term which will focus on Ukraine – past and present.

### A Warm Welcome to New Staff

Two new teachers joined Beverley High School this month, Mrs Ayling, Head of Geography and Mr Capper, Head of Art. We were also joined by three new Teaching Assistants, Mrs Branton, Mrs Daniels and Mr Dyer. We hope that they will all enjoy working at our school.

## Heritage Open Day

We opened our doors once again for National Heritage Open Day on Friday 9 September, this had not been possible in the previous two years during the COVID 19 pandemic. It was lovely to welcome back some former students of the school as well as other interested parties who browsed the artefacts on display in the school hall, toured the admin building with four Year 11 student guides and chatted. There were many very kind words about our students and the school from appreciative visitors. Thank you to Miss Brownell who organised our heritage open day and to Elsie, Matilda, Gracie and Lucy who were fantastic ambassadors for our school and received lots of compliments.



## Happy Birthday Beverley High School!



23 September marks the day that Beverley High School first opened, 114 years ago. In September 1908, 20 students were in attendance with 5 staff including the first Headmistress, Miss Rossiter. In 2022 850 students and 100 staff make up our school community. We all received a school birthday greeting by email on the day which is a new development this year and staff also tucked into birthday cake at lunchtime!

## Bee Rowlatt Talks to Mary Wollstonecraft House

Writer and journalist Bee Rowlatt who wrote *In Search of Mary*, inspired by Mary Wollstonecraft; who won the Society of Authors' K Blundell Trust award; who chaired the Mary on the Green campaign to memorialise Mary Wollstonecraft; who is a founding Trustee of the human rights education charity, the Wollstonecraft Society, visited Beverley High School this morning!

Bee who worked for two decades at BBC World Service has written for BBC Online, The Telegraph, Grazia, Die Welt, The Times, The Guardian and the Daily Mail also appears regularly on tv and radio. She has spoken at the Jaipur Literature Festivals in India, London and Belfast, 5x15, Hay Festivals in Cartagena and Xalapa, Southbank WOW festival, and British Council literary events in Iraq, Norway, Palestine and Russia. She has been on the judging panel for the Stanford Dolman Travel Book of the Year and judged The Poetry Society Young Writers' Challenge 2019. She is currently programming events for the British Library.

Bee spoke so knowledgeably with passion and charisma for an hour to students from Years 7-11 who are in Mary Wollstonecraft House about the amazing life of her heroine who, for a time in her youth, lived on Highgate, Beverley. Bee was very impressed by our students' curiosity in asking some fantastic questions. Thank you to Bee (and her mum) for visiting; to Miss Brownell for inviting Bee into school; and to the students of Mary Wollstonecraft House who listened attentively and with interest.





## The Great International Bake-Off 2022

To celebrate European Day of Languages on Monday 26 September, students in Key Stage 3 were invited to take part in The Great International Bake-Off Competition. As part of the competition, students were tasked with creating a bake, sweet or savoury, that celebrated languages or that had an international theme. We were thrilled to see our office quickly fill with a range of wonderful and creative bakes representing all corners of the world, the beautiful smells of cake filled the department.

We too challenged our staff to take part in the competition later in the week, some departments went all out, with one teacher spending four days to complete their bake. She said, "It may not look the best, but I have enjoyed every part of making it, it has been so much fun".

On Tuesday, students were able to offer their cake to a bake sale. Lunchtime saw some of our Year 9 students selling the cakes in support of MacMillan Cancer Coffee Morning. Needless to say, all of the bakes were extremely popular with all in the school. Our students raised around £150!

Judging was tough but we finally came to a decision that the following students had shown something extra, something professional, something truly international:

Isabella Barker – Year 7

Martha Charlton – Year 8

Chloe East – Year 9

Well done to everyone who baked and thank you to the MFL department for organising such a scrumptious competition!





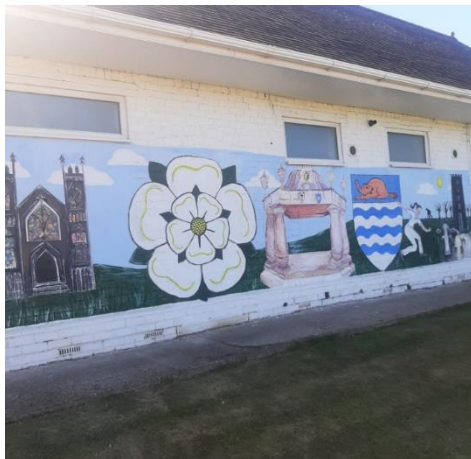
## Kindness in Our Community

This week not only have the students been creative and indulged in cake to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support, the staff had their own internationally themed baking competition (organised by the MFL department) and coffee morning and raised money for the same cause. Thank you to all staff who baked or bought cakes to donate and to those who came along and donated cash. There were some amazing creations – the Canadian Beaver, made by our amazing art technician Abbie, the English department masterpiece, but the winner was the Tour de France creation made by the PE Department – well done!



## Completed Cricket Club Mural

You may remember that in July I wrote about Beverley High School being selected from all the surrounding schools of Beverley to paint a large-scale mural at Beverley Town Cricket and Recreation Club on Norwood. Lucy Arundel and Hatty Cobb's winning design, depicting Beverley Minster, Saturday Market, the Yorkshire Rose, the Arms of Beverley and Black Mill was completed at the end of the summer term. It looks stunning as you can see from the photographs. Club members were very appreciative. Thank you to the staff and students who made it happen.







### Car Club Compete in Liverpool

Set up to raise aspiration towards becoming the next generation of engineers, Car Club is a part of the Greenpower electric car building scheme where it aims to inspire young people to excel in STEM-based fields with the excitement of motor sport. Through this project, young people can design, build, and compete in either kit or self-made cars (all are scrutinised

before racing), which helps develop the ability of problem solving and encourages the development of sustainability for the future of motorsport. Beverley High School established its Greenpower club, in 2016, with the car, BHS Jets 1, which then expanded to its second car, BHS Jets 2, later due to the positive outcome of its first year.

Since then, Car Club has been going strong. On July 7, at Blyton Park, the club's first race since Covid-19 displayed this especially, which led to them winning an award for being the Best Presented Team there. This led to the advocacy from the team and its leaders to try and carry on this success from July and convinced Dr Cosquer to compete at the next event on September 14<sup>th</sup> at Aintree near Liverpool. To do so, the team worked together over the summer to gather donations and sponsorships to fund another trip. This further displayed their teamwork, and the team managed to raise over £1000 in support of their race. We thank 'Daco solutions Ltd' and 'Blooming Garden.com' our two local sponsors for their generous donations.

At Aintree, the cars passed scrutineering with flying colours, but after practice, they discovered that both cars had worn tyres and were risking punctures. As the first race was coming in to start, they succeeded to get them on the track in time by correcting the wheel alignment. The cars had to join the race from the back of the grid. However, despite this setback, the two cars managed to come 8<sup>th</sup> (BHS Jets 1 – 999) and 9<sup>th</sup> (BHS Jets 2 – 998) against our competitors. This was testament to the determination and hard work of the team.

The second race followed after lunch, in which went all to plan, where Jets 1 maintained its position at 8<sup>th</sup> and Jets 2 fell to 11<sup>th</sup>. Both cars recorded their longest distance covered in 90 minutes, this shows that the club is making progress.

Special thanks to Dr Cosquer, Mr Colton, Mr Powell, Mr Bentley, and Mr Finer for running and maintaining the club and its cars, so its students can continue working on and racing them.

Holly Oldroyd (Year 11)





## Year 7 CATs

On Friday 16 September, all of Year 7 took part in the CATs (Cognitive Ability Tests). Students took a range of computerised tests under the headings verbal, spatial, non-verbal and quantitative. The tests are used as a diagnostic tool by staff to identify strengths and weaknesses of individuals in word comprehension, number patterns and spatial patterns. They are also helpful for the school to understand the current ability profile of the whole cohort. Although we do not share the outcomes of these assessments, due to the specialist knowledge required, we do use them to provide pupils with a baseline ability level. This will be displayed on the three annual reports as a comparison to help you make sense of your child's progress. Please remember that this is based on assessments on one day, they do not label your child or prevent them accessing the full range of the curriculum. This level will remain unchanged throughout Key Stage 3. The reports each year have indications of the sort of outcomes expected by a pupil with the same starting point but individuals may be above or below this in one or more areas in a subject or across all their subjects.

Year 7 as a year group handled the assessments extremely well. They were organised, on time and there was minimal fuss. It was a very mature approach: few people relish lengthy assessments. The information that the tests provide are particularly useful for identifying additional need and access arrangements but for the majority of pupils they will be of little personal consequence. Rest assured though that they are very helpful in the background. Well done Year 7!

## Year 6 Open Evening

Earlier this week we welcomed hundreds of prospective students and parents to school for the first proper Year 6 Open Evening since 2019. It was wonderful once again to speak to a crowded Sports Hall. The students from Years 7 – 13 who spoke: Bethany Smith, Daisy Walker, Emma Anastasi, Alice Inpraserth, Charlotte Macfarlane, Poppy Etherton and Julia Sharp were fantastic ambassadors for the school.

The entire school site was open with staff from all subject areas answering questions and current students showcasing their work in the different subject disciplines.



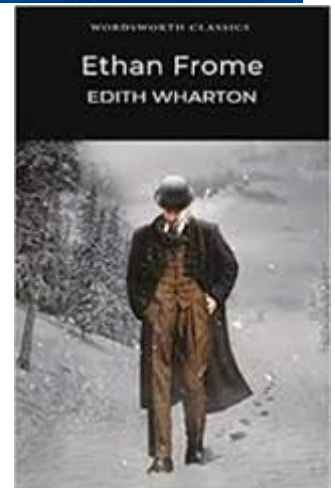
## Toilet Refurbishment

The site staff were very busy over the summer improving our school. The Year 11 toilets in the Technology block were refurbished and given a great new up-to-date look. Thank you to Year 11 for treating them with the respect they deserve.

## Tutor Reading Book of the Month: *Ethan Frome* by Edith Wharton

Students in Year 10 have the opportunity to read *Ethan Frome* by Edith Wharton as part of the tutor reading programme.

Set against the frozen waste of a harsh New England winter, Edith Wharton's *Ethan Frome* is a tale of despair and forbidden emotions. Ethan Frome works his unproductive farm and struggles to maintain a bearable existence with his difficult, suspicious, and hypochondriac wife, Zeenie. But when Zeenie's vivacious cousin enters their household as a 'hired girl', Ethan finds himself obsessed with her and with the possibilities for happiness she comes to represent. In one of American fiction's finest and most intense narratives, Edith Wharton moves this ill-starred trio toward their tragic destinies. Different in both tone and theme from Wharton's other works, *Ethan Frome* has become perhaps her most enduring and most widely read novel.



Edith Wharton (1862-1937), born Edith Newbold Jones, was a member of a distinguished New York family said to be the basis for the idiom 'keeping up with the Joneses'. During her life she published more than forty volumes, including novels, stories, verse, essays, travel books and memoirs; for years she published poetry and short stories in magazines, but the book that made Wharton famous was *The House of Mirth* (1905), which established her both as a writer of distinction and popular appeal. In 1920, Wharton became the first woman to win the Pulitzer Prize for literature with her novel *The Age of Innocence*.

Link to school value: Curiosity

<https://www.waterstones.com/book/ethan-frome/edith-wharton/elizabeth-ammons/9780142437803>

Find out more:

<https://www.theguardian.com/books/2008/jun/10/edithwharton>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m0000ml8>



**Name** Elliot Green

**When did you leave Beverley High School?**

I left Beverley Joint Sixth in 2014.



### A few details about your profession/daily work

Leaving University with a Masters in Psychology obviously means I went into sales! I work at an IT reseller just outside of Pocklington, specifically in the Further & Higher Education sector (colleges and universities). I'm the newbie so day in the life often involves a lot of cold calling, dealing with enquiries about anything from software to entire network refreshes, and plenty of emails. Can be a bit of a drag if nobody answers the phone, but I'm building up a solid customer base where people actually want to talk to me so it's not all bad!

### What message would you give your younger self?

Don't be so bothered if it looks like everybody else has everything figured out, because nobody has everything figured out. Run your own race and don't panic if you don't have a straightforward career path - I still don't know what I want to do when I'm older!