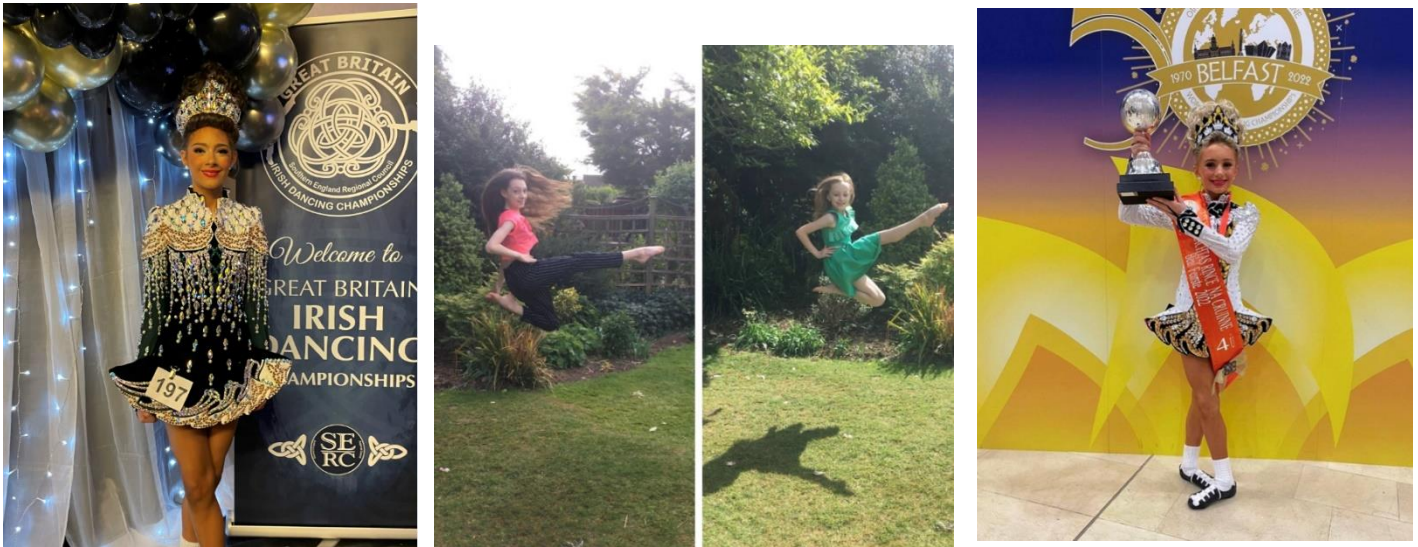


October 2022 Edition

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

## Irish Dance Stars



Beverley High School sisters, Anabelle and Orla Wormald, who have been dancing since they were three years old, this month took part in the Great Britain Irish Dancing Championships in London. As a prestigious international event, competitors come from all over the world including as far afield as Canada, America, China and Australia.

**Orla**, who took part in the under twelve category, placed sixth overall and continues to be **ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in the UK**. She also placed **4<sup>th</sup> in the world** at the World Championships last April in Belfast, an accomplishment she describes as her greatest achievement.

**Anabelle** took part in the under fifteen age group placing forty-second out of two hundred competitors ranking her **19<sup>th</sup> in the UK**.

Both girls train for three nights a week with world champion Nadine Martin at her Academy of Irish Dance in Thorne. Whilst they love competing, they agree that the most rewarding part of their dancing is the fitness they have and the friends they have made. They are now hoping to qualify for the World Championships, which will be held in Montreal, Canada next Easter, and are working hard towards this goal.

Well done Orla and Anabelle, what amazing athletes you are....your school is very proud of you! And thank you to mum who made us aware of your outstanding achievements.

## Happy Halloween!

It probably only happens once in your child's secondary school career that Halloween falls on a school day. In most years it falls in the October half term holiday. In 2016 Mr Colton, as Acting Headteacher, introduced a new tradition to Beverley High School – staff Halloween dress up day!

Welcoming students at the gate this morning was lovely, Monday morning blues were replaced by wide smiles, giggles and lots of replies of "Happy Halloween!" It was a great way to inject some fun into the first day back and start the half term on a high. Thank you to all the staff who invested time, effort and make up skills in surprising our unsuspecting students!



## PSHE morning

October saw the first of our PSHE mornings where the timetable is suspended for the morning and personal, social and health education topics are taught. There were lessons on Multicultural Britain, Staying Safe Online, What makes a Good Friend, Building a Community, Self-esteem, Substance Misuse, Sexual Consent and the Law, Contraception, Online Reputation and Digital Footprints, Mental Health, Women's Rights and Equality, Me too and Times Up Movement, Time Management, Exam Stress and Relaxation.

## Re-start at Heart Day

As part of our PSHE curriculum all of Year 7 and Year 12 participated in Restart a Heart day on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October. The day focussed on all students in those year groups completing CPR training run by paramedics and health professionals. It was a hands-on workshop so that students can put these life-saving skills into practice if ever they need to.



## J6th Open Evening

Earlier this month Beverley High School hosted the Beverley Joint Sixth Open Evening. Over 350 people listened to Ms Japp and Mr Chappel, Ms Gardiner and Mrs Field speak in the Sports Hall and over 160 students from Beverley High School, Beverley Grammar School and surrounding schools attended. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive. Thank you to the students who came back to school to speak to prospective students and to the Head Girl/Boy team for addressing such a sizeable audience. There was a fantastic buzz around school. We hope that Year 11 had all their questions answered but if not please contact Ms Gardiner [c.gardiner@beverleyhigh.net](mailto:c.gardiner@beverleyhigh.net) or [c.gardiner@beverleyj6.co.uk](mailto:c.gardiner@beverleyj6.co.uk)

## Year 7 Transition Survey and Evening

Thank you to all the parents of Year 7 students who took the time to complete our Transition Survey recently. These were some of our favourite messages:

"S's confidence is definitely coming on nicely since starting the school."

"I've found the reception staff particularly helpful when I have contacted the office and would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to them."

"D seems really happy at school and is enjoying her lessons and has even started some of the extra-curricular clubs. Communication is very good via the app and follow up emails. Thank you."

"A seems very happy. Enjoying all lessons, as well as netball and running."

"The lunchtime clubs are very beneficial to the students and are really good at helping them make friends."

"I have had great feedback and contact with the school on how C is settling into Year 7 from her year head and English teacher.....I feel the school have gone above and beyond in supporting C and as her mum I'm extremely grateful and proud that C is attending Beverley High. I also feel the school is easy to approach and everyone I have spoken to is extremely helpful, friendly and professional. C is in good hands."

"L has had the most amazing start to her educational journey at Beverley High.....Wow!! ..... L is so happy and is absolutely revelling in the routines and school life. We couldn't be happier and more proud.....Thank you for all that you have done and are doing. We know there will be bumps in the road but we can't thank you enough for helping her to settle in and for offering the right amount of both independence and nurture. Thank you. Happy, happy parents."

"We are very pleased with how M has transitioned to secondary school life. We couldn't be happier with the way she has taken to the change. Thank you."

"We are delighted with how the transition to Beverley High School has gone for J. She seems to be really happy and has a very positive attitude towards the school. We would like to thank all the staff for all they have done to help settle her in. Thank you."

Thank you also to the Year 7 form tutors, Wellbeing and SEN teams for contacting and /or meeting with any parents who requested further contact as part of our Transition Evening.



**Sports Report**

The Autumn term has begun with the cross-country season. On Thursday 29 September sixty students in Years 7-9 competed in the inter-house cross country competition. It was brilliant to see so many students showing perseverance and determination to complete the run. Everyone who competed gave their very best effort, which was lovely to see.



Here are the results from the competition.

Place	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
1 <sup>st</sup>	MW	MP	PA
2 <sup>nd</sup>	PA	PA	MB
3 <sup>rd</sup>	MB	MB	MP
4 <sup>th</sup>	MP	HL	HL
5 <sup>th</sup>	HL	MW	MW

We then took a Junior and Intermediate team to compete at the first round of the English Schools Cross Country competition at Pocklington school on October 10<sup>th</sup>.

It really was an amazing team effort, with both the Junior team (Year 7 & 8) and the Intermediate team (Year 9 & 10) coming second overall, beating eight other schools in the area, only to be beaten by a school from Sheffield. All six runners in our Junior team managed to come in the top twenty, which again is a fantastic achievement. This now means that both teams have qualified for the regional round in Leeds.

Junior Team



Senior Students



**The East Riding Schools Competition** took place at Cottingham school on 18 October in warm sunshine. We took twenty-six students in total from all age groups, who were a pleasure to take. All students worked hard to achieve their best position and did so with a really positive attitude. We look forward to hearing what the team results were. It was nice to see our two senior students, Isabelle and Tabby competing and gaining first and third position in their competition.

## Netball



We have been so pleased with the number of students coming down to play Netball at lunch and after school. We are now looking into putting on a separate club for some year groups because the numbers attending are so high. We have organised some friendly fixtures against local schools in a league this year, as well as competing in the Top Schools competition and East Riding tournaments. It is also great to hear that so many students are playing in clubs outside of school and for their county both through training and matches.

## A round-up of the fixtures played so far:

Our Year 7 & 8 teams played against South Hunsley, both came away with a win. The Year 7 team showed great potential and thoroughly enjoyed their first match. The Year 8 team are really starting to work together well and are going from strength to strength with each game they play.

The U16 team played against some tough competition at the Top Schools tournament at Wolfreton, winning against Tranby, drawing against Wolfreton but then losing to Hornsea and South Hunsley. Unfortunately, this means they won't go through to the next round, but the students enjoyed the competition and showed great team spirit throughout.

Our Year 9 & 10 teams played a home match against Cottingham High School, it was nice to be able to have the chance for lots of students to play. Both Beverley teams managed to secure a win.

The U14 Top Schools' tournament was between South Hunsley and Beverley High. Our U14 team played amazingly well, again working well as a team, and managing to win the match, this means they go through to the next stage in the competition against schools in Hull. This team is still undefeated in their area since last year – what an achievement!

## Football

We have entered the Humberside schools league again this year and look forward to these matches starting after half term. We are hoping to have some other friendly fixtures against local schools, as well as the Year 7 & 8 tournaments coming up.



Later in the year we will be running an inter house football competition in school, which I am sure all our budding footballers will enjoy.

Thank you to the older students who have been helping out at the younger years football club, it's great to have role models for the sport.


## PE in Lessons

The weather has been kind to us over the last seven weeks and we have been able to get outside and enjoy the autumn sunshine. Here is what we have been studying with our year groups. Activities will change for the next half term.

Year 7	Hockey & Netball
Year 8	Hockey & Netball
Year 9	Volleyball, Hockey & Netball
Year 10	Netball & Sports Leaders
Year 11	Basketball & Badminton

## Extra-curricular Sports Timetable

All students are welcome to attend these clubs!

	LUNCHTIME		AFTER SCHOOL (FINISH 4.15PM) Bring full PE kit.	
	Bring a pack-up & trainers.			
<b>Monday</b>	<b>YR11 GCSE Dance</b> Dance Studio Mrs Owen			
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Gymnastics Yr7 &amp; 8 – Starts January</b> Mrs Callan	<b>Football Yr9 &amp; 10</b> Sports Hall Mrs Owen		<b>Fixtures</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Football Club Yr7 &amp; 8</b> Sports Hall Miss Easter		<b>Netball Club Yr10, 11 &amp; Sixth Form</b> Mrs Owen & Miss Easter	<b>Fixtures</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Netball Club Yr7, 8 &amp; 9</b> Sports Hall Miss Easter & Mrs Callan			<b>Fixtures</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Badminton Club Yr8-10</b> Sports Hall Miss Owen	<b>Dance Club Yr7 &amp; 8</b> Dance Studio Ms OT		

### Wear it Pink Day

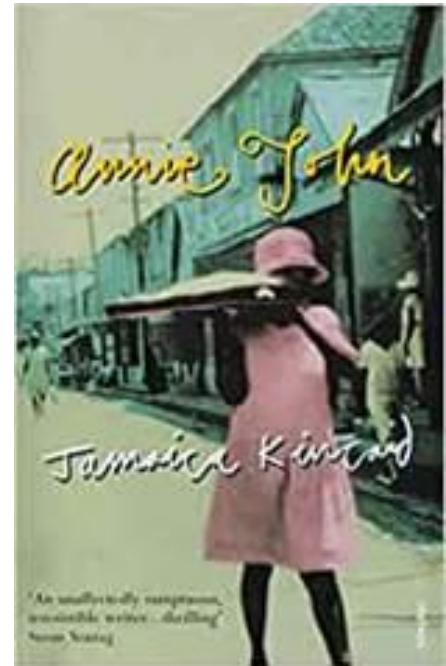
On the last day of term students were able to wear non-uniform and donations to charity were requested. We raised over £600 which will be divided between the three worthy causes below. Thank you to all those who were able to contribute.



## Tutor Reading Book of the Month: *Annie John* by Jamaica Kincaid

To mark Black History Month, this half-term's tutor reading book is *Annie John* by Jamaica Kincaid. Students in Year 10 have the opportunity to read this book as part of the tutor reading programme. The bookshop Waterstones has compiled a list of books to celebrate classic works and contemporary triumphs from the best Black authors and commentators: <https://www.waterstones.com/black-history-month> Booktrust has also devised a list of historical stories from Black History around the world: <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/booklists/b/black-history-month/>

*Annie John*, the headstrong, brilliant heroine of Jamaica Kincaid's bestseller, is a child of Antigua but an adolescent of the whole world. Her passage into young adulthood—the tumultuous love of her mother and their gradual separation—is a story that will speak to listeners of all ages. Internationally acclaimed author Jamaica Kincaid has written a true contemporary classic, this generation's *Catcher in the Rye*.



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## Year 13 Online Parents' Evening

Thank you to parents of Year 13 who logged on for parents' evening recently, teachers really appreciated the opportunity to feed back to you about your child's academic progress in such a crucial year for their education and planning for the future.

## Sad news

This month we learned of the sad death of former caretaker and Site Manager, Peter Myers. In his time at Beverley High School Peter ran the London Marathon for charity and attended a reception for school support staff at No. 10 Downing Street with the then Prime Minister, Tony Blair. Peter is remembered fondly by all those who worked with him. A number of past and present staff attended his funeral. The Norway Spruce which he presented to the school in 2012 stands in the entrance garden and is thriving – we decorate it with Christmas lights every December – the switch on this year will be a little more special.

## Wedding Congratulations!

Congratulations to Science teacher, Miss Reid who was married in the October half term holidays. From now on in school she will be known as Mrs Reid.



**Name** Gaynor Dindorf (Dettman when I was at school)

**When did you leave Beverley High School?** 1975

**A few details about your profession/daily work** I left Beverley High School and became a secondary school English teacher. After a couple of years in England, I moved into the international school system and have taught in Austria, USA, Africa, and I am currently in Germany.

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

I would tell my younger self to try to have more confidence and that whatever problems arise, relax, 'this too will pass'.