

July 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

## Queen's Baton Relay

Twenty lucky students from Years 7 to 10 went to watch the Queen's baton relay on North Bar Without as it passed through Beverley on the 13<sup>th</sup> July. The students made some fantastic banners and posters to support the relay and were really enthusiastic, cheering the relay along as it passed. Thank you to the PE department for enabling our students to experience this event.



## Marvellous Mural

Beverley High School was selected from all the surrounding schools of Beverley to paint a large scale mural at Beverley Town Cricket and Recreation Club on Norwood. We opened the competition up to all year groups and the winning entry was designed by Lucy Arundel and Hatty Cobb. Their design depicts Beverley Minster, Saturday Market, The Yorkshire flower, the Beverley shield and Black Mill. Pupils who entered the competition were taken to paint the mural last week and they made a fantastic start. Well done everyone! The mural will be completed by the end of term.



## Recital Evening

It was wonderful for many of our young musicians to be able to perform to a live audience once again. A wide range a quality solo and ensemble performances by players of all instruments delighted a packed school hall. Mr Colton summed up the quality perfectly when he told the students, *'form is temporary, but class is permanent; and what class we have!'* The thoroughly enjoyable evening was made extra special by the cheese and wine supper in the drama room.



## Racers Rewarded

This year's Beverley Jets Racing team whose members are Lucy B, Lilith C, Eadie C, C Smeaton, Zehra C, Charlotte R, Florence H, Poppy K and Holly O took part in the Greenpower electric car races at Blyton Park (Lincolnshire) on July 7<sup>th</sup> and they were amazing. The team entered 2 cars for each race that lasts 90 minutes and the winner is the one who completes the most laps. The students also took their media commitment seriously when they were interviewed by BBC Radio Lincolnshire (see picture from Facebook BBC Radio Lincolnshire).



They all showed leadership, teamwork, resilience, and organisational skills throughout the year during the building of the cars and improving them and on the day were given the **Best Presented Team Award** for brilliant teamwork throughout the day.

The competition was fierce, there were schools and clubs from all over the country, they finished 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> in the first race, 11<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> in the second. The team would like to thank Dr Cosquer, Mr Finer, Mr Powell and Mr Bentley (our volunteers) for helping us throughout the year and on race days.

Next year the team will be renamed The Hilda Lyon racing team, in honour of Hilda Lyon who was in one of the first groups of students to attend Beverley High School in the early twentieth century. Hilda Lyon is also one of the five new names for our school houses. Hilda Lyon became a renowned scientist and mathematician in Engineering and Aeronautics, she helped design the R101 which was the largest flying machine ever built. This specific streamlined shape was then used later by the US navy when they designed their submarines and is to this day known as the 'Lyon shape'.



**Ogden Trust Year 10 Physicists of the Year**

Year 10 students Lilith and Charlotte have shown keen interest and great achievements in their Physics and Astronomy lessons this year. They always ask probing and interesting questions to their Science teachers and are intellectually curious. They were nominated to receive Year 10 Physicist of the Year prizes from the Ogden Trust and attended York University for a conference with other keen young aspiring Physicists.



**J6th Residential to Oxford and Cambridge**

Prospective Year 11 Joint 6<sup>th</sup> students and some of our Year 12 applicants to Oxbridge visited our link colleges in Oxford and Cambridge this month, they had the opportunity to explore both cities and experience what it would be like to live and study there. In Oxford, students had a tour of Mansfield College before visiting Christ Church meadow, the Bodleian Library, Radcliffe Camera and some free time to enjoy the covered market and an ice cream! An evening arrival in Cambridge called for a walk along the backs of the colleges at dusk and a tour including Newton’s apple tree, Byron’s bear and The Eagle pub (where DNA was discovered). The next day gave students the opportunity to meet two former J6th students currently studying Natural Sciences at King’s to hear about their experiences of University whilst having exclusive access to the Fellows’ Garden. Some students used their free time in Cambridge to visit the Hockney exhibition at the Fitzwilliam Museum, whilst others enjoyed visiting colleges and having lunch in the sunshine. The students were a pleasure to take on the trip and we hope it inspired them to think about their future aspirations.



### Debate Club's Summer Competition

In the heat of the final week of the Summer term, our debaters gathered for the closest battle of wits yet! Both teams had worked hard to prepare evidenced arguments and draw on a range of persuasive techniques. Our judging panel agreed they'd had a very difficult decision to make, with only one point deciding the winner.

A big well done to all participants; our judges congratulated them for the progress they've made in constructing arguments and developing their rebuttal skills over a year of debating. It has also been a pleasure to see their confidence and teamwork grow.

Motion: This House believes our society values appearance above everything else

Winners: Opposition team

Hatty Henderson, Priya Lad, Clara Snelling (Y8)

Best individual speaker Opposition team: Priya Lad

Best individual speaker Proposition team: Emma Anastasi (Y8)

We look forward to honing our skills further next year and welcoming new members. Debate Club will be held after school once a week and is open to all year groups.

### Gold Duke of Edinburgh Expedition

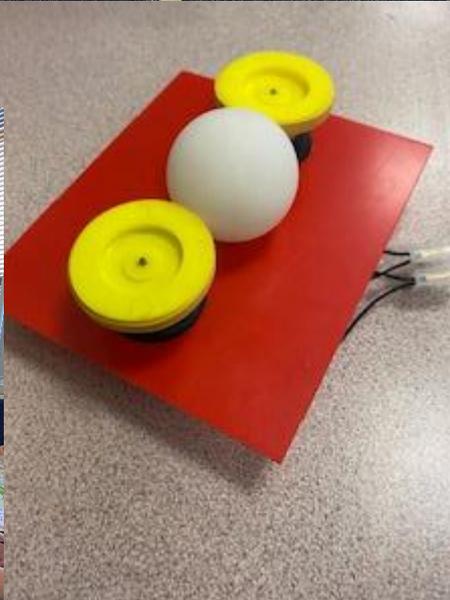
Ten Year 12 students have successfully completed their Final Gold Assessed Duke of Edinburgh Expedition in challenging conditions in the Lake District. The students spent 5 days in the Lake District walking over 60 miles over difficult terrain. They walked from Coniston to Langdale, Wasdale Head to Eskdale and their expedition culminated in a spectacular wild camp at Seathwaite Tarn. The students showed resilience and great team work skills as they walked in warm conditions with some steep ascents. Well done to them all and thank you to the wonderful staff from Beverley High and from the Market Weighton School who volunteered their time and expertise to make the expedition happen.





## Engineering Extravaganza

Fourteen Year 8 possible future engineers enjoyed a full day of technical challenges at Hull University on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July. They took part in five workshops which included plastics sorting and recycling, building a ping pong launcher, constructing a crane and a sky scraper challenge. The pupils really enjoyed all of the workshops run by the Institute of Mechanical Engineers, Hull University and the Institute of Civil Engineers who commented that our pupils did a fantastic job and pushed the limits of what was possible.



## Eurofest

On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July a group of 18 students travelled to Hymers College to take part in a Eurofest competition. Schools from across the region took part and it was a great opportunity to meet other keen linguists. Each group had won the class round of their competition and were tasked with designing a product and selling it to potential buyers. The students all did fantastically well and we were very proud to have two winning groups who were both awarded for their use of the target language.



## Sports Report

### Rounders



Our Year 7 rounders team competed in the East Riding tournament at Cottingham High School on the 30 June. They came up against some tough competition but for their first fixture the students played amazingly well, with some impressive fielding skills. Well done to Abi R for captaining the team and bowling consistently.

### Netball

#### Humberside Championships

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July our Year 7 and 8 netball teams went to Hymers College to compete at the Humberside Championships. We qualified as one of the top two schools from the East Riding to be able to compete. It was such a great day with both teams playing against six of the other top schools from the Humberside region. The students showed great stamina and effort to keep playing at a high level for the whole day.



**Year 8** didn't lose a single match and in fact have not lost a match this year, they played so well together as a team. Both attack and defence worked tirelessly for the whole day, to become **Humberside Champions**, an amazing achievement! Poppy J was named player of the tournament for Beverley High for outstanding shooting.

**Year 7** also did extremely well, narrowly losing just 2 games to place **3<sup>rd</sup> in Humberside**. They are a newly formed team this year, who I am sure will go from strength to strength and we look forward to seeing their progress next year. Hattie B was named player of the tournament for Beverley High for superb attacking skills.

### PE Club Attendance

Thank you to all those students who have attended our extra-curricular clubs this year, it has been lovely to be able to offer a range of clubs again this year and to see students enjoy participating in different activities; making new friendships; and competing together in teams.

The new extra-curricular timetable will be available in the Autumn term. **Clubs will re-start in the second week back.**

### Sports Day

It was amazing to once again have the whole school on the field for Sports Day yesterday. Students competed in many events, excelling themselves. Congratulations to all who participated including the Teaching Assistant team who won the staff race! Thank you to the PE department for all their work in making it happen, despite it having to be postponed twice because of the weather. Until this year we've only ever had to postpone/cancel because of rain, to postpone because of the intense heat was a new experience! Tabitha Ford did an excellent job commentating, thank you and well done Tabs!

## Two Competitions and Six Winners

The English department has had a wonderful year teaching Year 10. As a group, they have a pleasant attitude to work, maturity in lessons and with staff, and an all-round engagement with school life which has culminated in the winners of the Year 10 writing competitions being announced in assembly. The full year group took part, and we were deluged with fantastic entries for both the non-fiction competition and the fiction competition. The fiction competition covered great love affairs, tragedy, nerve-tingling horror as well as moral dilemmas and current affairs - but written with a twist. After great deliberation, contemplation and consideration, we managed to emerge with three winners.

The non-fiction piece was for pupils to write a letter to the school newspaper putting forward their views on the question 'Should mobile phones be banned in school?' As you can imagine, this task fully engaged Year 10 into creating well-crafted and well-thought through arguments with research to support their views. Again, we managed to choose three winners after long deliberation.

A very big 'thank you' to Year 10 for working so hard on your pieces and engaging in writing with such enthusiasm. There was an abundance of high-quality entries to choose from, and we thoroughly enjoyed reading them all.

Winners of the fiction competition were: 1<sup>st</sup> place Mary O'Laughlin-Gardner, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Thea Clark and 3<sup>rd</sup> place was Cosima Smeaton.

A very special mention for the fiction shortlist: Hannah Greaves, Florence Yardley, Charlotte Rivett, Angelina Huang and Eva Scaife

Winners of the non-fiction competition were: 1<sup>st</sup> place Florence Yardley, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Emma Dent and 3<sup>rd</sup> place was Holly Oldroyd

A very special mention for the non-fiction shortlist: Gemma Levesley, Abigail Marbrow-Berry, Tilly Smith, Emily Nunns, Alice Doyle, Nico Ratheram, Harriett Laycock and Isobel Wort.

The winners each received a personal message from Ms Japp and a book voucher to use at The Beverley Bookstore. The staff there are waiting with tote bags and a warm welcome for the six winners to really enjoy the experience of choosing a book to read.



## Project Sunflower

Students in the International Committee have led a project involving growing sunflowers out of plastic bottles in order to build awareness of reusable plastics and the importance of respecting and nurturing our environment. This ties in with the Big Ideas focus of Climate Change which many of our students feel extremely strongly about.

The project involved collecting and cutting down used plastic bottles from the canteen, then cutting the sides into strips and curling them to make decorative pots. Two sunflower seeds were then planted into each pot before one was assigned to each form group in Years 7-10 for them to take responsibility for. A number of students from across the school helped to make the pots and plant the seeds. Students from the International Committee then put together a presentation that was shared with all form groups. It has been lovely to see how enthusiastic form groups have been about taking care of their sunflower and, as you can see from the picture, the flowers are blooming!



Eventually, when they grow tall enough, the sunflowers will be planted around the school so they continue to spread joy. The International Committee have been keen to share the quotation, "When a flower does not bloom, you fix the environment in which it grows, not the flower". As they advocate, it's important that we respect our social environment to make sure that plants and nature can thrive, and that we respect each other to make sure that we all thrive too.

## Drama Stars

Over the past couple of months, the Year 10 GCSE Drama students have been working on their NEA devised pieces. These pieces constitute as 20% of the final GCSE grade. The class were given a range of stimuli to explore such as: Extremism, learning from History and the dangers of technology. The whole class has worked extremely hard on these performances. They have given up time after school and at lunchtime to develop and rehearse ready for their final graded performances which took place this week. Pictured are Mary O'Loughlin-Gardner, Sophie McAuley, Hallie Twidale and Ellie Hilmi- who have created a fantastic and moving piece about the treatment of Jews in Nazi Germany. Well done Year 10 on demonstrating excellent creativity and skill. You should be really proud of yourselves.



## Year 6 Transition Day and Parents' Information Evening

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July we were delighted to welcome our soon-to-be Year 7s to Beverley High School. Throughout the day, pupils enjoyed a wide range of activities to help them get them excited and ready for secondary school life. From "Getting to Know You Bingo" in their form groups, to puzzles and news reporting in Maths and English taster lessons, to free lunch in the canteen, pupils threw themselves into new and fun experiences. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with pupils agreeing that they now felt less nervous about starting in September - sentiments echoed by parents and carers in the evening when they had the opportunity to meet their child's form tutor. We look forward to welcoming the pupils back in September and supporting them to achieve their best start at BHS, working with our new parents/carers. For more information on Year 6 Transition including the parents' evening presentation, please see [www.beverleyhigh.net/transition/welcome-letters-info](http://www.beverleyhigh.net/transition/welcome-letters-info)

**PSE morning**

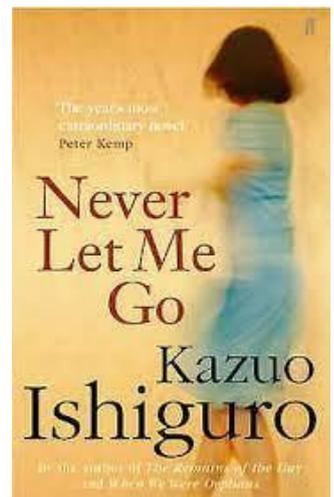
The month of July marked our last PSHE drop down morning of the school year. As you can see from the timetable, the morning was extremely varied across year groups and the lessons built on previous lessons taught throughout the year. Pupils contributed maturely and sensibly and had many thought provoking, essential discussions throughout the morning. Next year’s plans for the PSHE curriculum are already well under way, where we will reintroduce guest speakers into our school from many charities and organisation who are specialists in their field. Watch this space!

	P1	P2	P3
Year 8	Celebrating Diversity (combating stereotypes)	Staying safe (child exploitation and online protection)	Health and Wellbeing (Stress Management)
Year 9	Health and wellbeing (media and airbrushing)	Rights and responsibilities (Proud to be British)	Relationships and Sex Ed (condoms)
Year 10	Relationships and sex ed (porn and sexualisation of the media)	Life Beyond School (rights and responsibilities)	Staying safe (honour-based violence)

**Tutor Reading Book of the Month: *Never Let Me Go* by Kazuo Ishiguro**

Students in Year 10 have the opportunity to read *Never Let Me Go* by Kazuo Ishiguro as part of the tutor reading programme.

Both an utterly unique exercise in dystopian fiction and a powerful portrayal of friendship at its most intimate, *Never Let Me Go* follows three students at the wozzily pleasant Hailsham School as their preordained futures begin to unfold. In one of the most memorable novels of recent years, Kazuo Ishiguro imagines the lives of a group of students growing up in a darkly skewered version of contemporary England. Narrated by Kathy, now 31, *Never Let Me Go* hauntingly dramatises her attempts to come to terms with her childhood at the seemingly idyllic Hailsham School, and with the fate that has always awaited her and her closest friends in the wider world. A story of love, friendship and memory, *Never Let Me Go* is charged throughout with a sense of the fragility of life.



<https://www.waterstones.com/book/never-let-me-go/kazuo-ishiguro/9780571258093>

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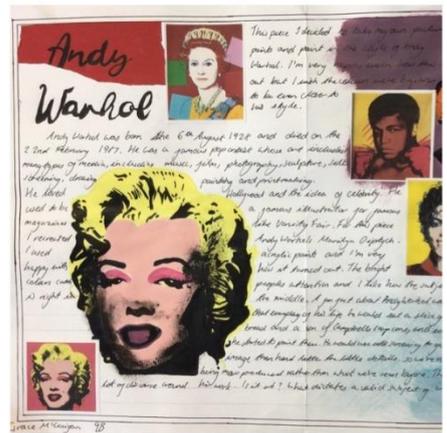
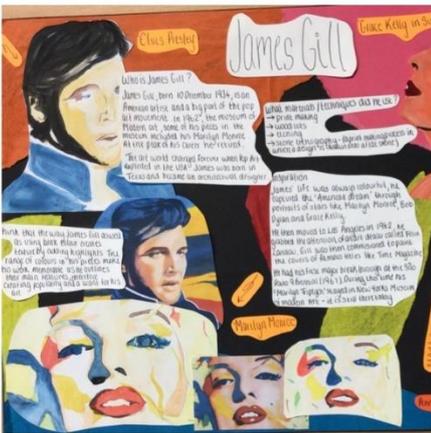
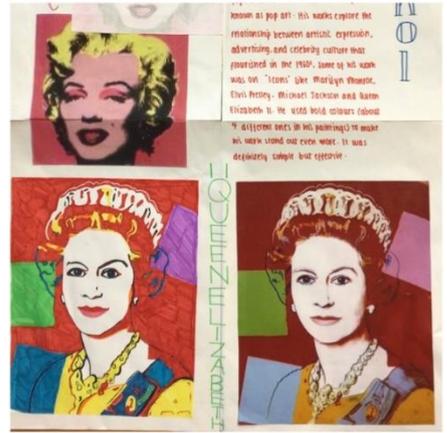
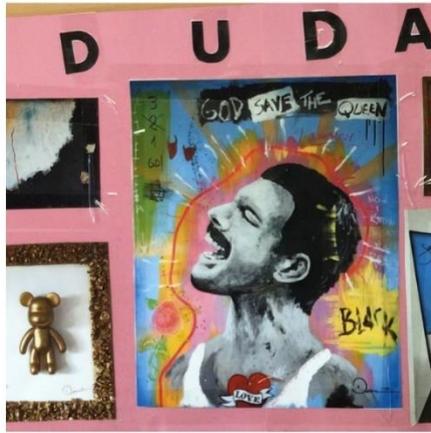
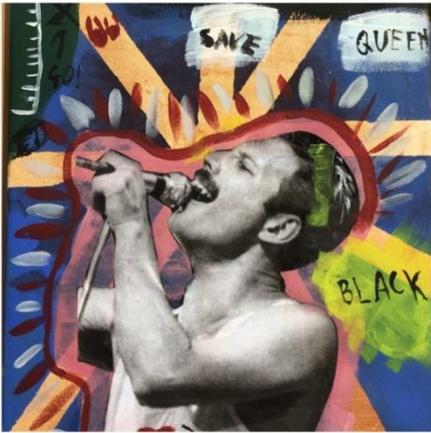
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Link to School Value: Critical Thinking

## Inspired by Icons

Here are some fantastic examples of artist pages, produced by Year 9, as part of our Icons project this term.



## Y14/15 Reunion Evening

It was a pleasure to welcome back students to our Reunion Event for Year 14 and 15 this month. These students had missed out on our traditional Christmas Reunions which have not been able to take place in recent years due to COVID. We were able to chat to students who have just finished their first year of studies and some who are now entering their final year. We were so pleased they took the time to come to say hello and to update us on their many achievements since leaving the Joint 6<sup>th</sup>.



## Director's Visit



This week, on the hottest day of the year, the school hosted a visit by Eoin Rush, Director of Children, Families and Schools for the East Riding of Yorkshire Council. It was the first time that the Director had visited the school - for much of his tenure schools have been closed to visitors because of the COVID-19 pandemic. He was interested in discussing vulnerable students and met with our SENCO, Mrs Calcutt, to discuss SEN provision.

## Final Assembly

After two years of being unable to celebrate the end of the school year with all students and staff present, as is the Beverley High School tradition, it was lovely this afternoon to be able to gather approximately 700 people in the Sports Hall to celebrate the end of the extraordinary year we have had. We recapped all of the wonderful activities that students have had the opportunity to take part in; we handed out hundreds of certificates and a few trophies; and said goodbye to the students who are moving away and to the staff who are leaving. It was fabulous to once again be able to applaud and cheer as a whole school community. And the assembly ended with a Year 12 boy band entertaining us with a fabulous set – thank you well done boys, you stole the show!

## New Arrivals



Congratulations to Deputy Head of Science, Miss Lewis on the birth of her baby daughter and congratulations to Healthcare Advisor, Mrs Grewar on the birth of her baby son.



**Wedding Congratulations**

Congratulations to Ms Calcutt and Miss Brocklesby who got married this month. Both will continue to be known in school by their current names.



**Farewells**

We bid farewell to Head of Art Ms Evans, who has taught at Beverley High School for 14 years and to Head of Geography Mrs Hancock who has taught at Beverley High School for 7 years. We wish them both well with their new ventures outside the classroom. Ms Evans will continue to organise the school's PSHCE provision, so she won't be a stranger next year. Also leaving is Teaching Assistant, Mr Wright who has worked at Beverley High School during this academic year. We wish him well as he embarks on teacher training in September. Reading Tutor, Mrs Davison also leaves us to work full-time as an English teacher in Hull, we thank her for all her work.

Each month **Beverley Highlife** introduces you to an alumna of the school who will tell us about their life since leaving Beverley High School.



**Name** Julia Dalton

**When did you leave Beverley High School?** 1981

**A few details about your profession/daily work** I am a qualified social worker and am now the manager of a social work team in the East Riding.

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

I was the first physically disabled student in the school and can say that my school career was positive. However, it was difficult as times were very different and understanding and acceptance of difference and disability was poor. This said, the school staff supported me well and positively with everything I wanted to try. To my younger self I would say, "It's ok and you're ok - embrace the challenges and be the best you can be."

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a good summer

