

January 2023 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



Spectacular Christmas Carol Service

The Autumn term ended in traditional fashion with the whole school Carol Service at Beverley Minster. After missing 2020 and 2021 because of the COVID-19 pandemic it was fabulous to be back. Head of Music, Miss Ward, once again delighted the congregation with the quality of music making and singing. Congratulations to all students involved in choirs and instrumental performances, to the Year 7 soloist, to the readers and to all those involved behind the scenes in staging such a large event. It was particularly lovely this year for the service to be performed for the first time by a female, the Reverend Wendy Wale, Associate Vicar of Beverley Minster.

Year 7 Artwork in the Minster

The whole of Year 7 should be incredibly proud of themselves for producing fantastic, large scale pieces of art that adorned the Minster during the Christmas Carol Service. The paintings took several weeks of hard work and determination as well as commendable team spirit and comradery. The work looked amazing and was highly praised on the day. Well done Year 7!



Letters from Japan

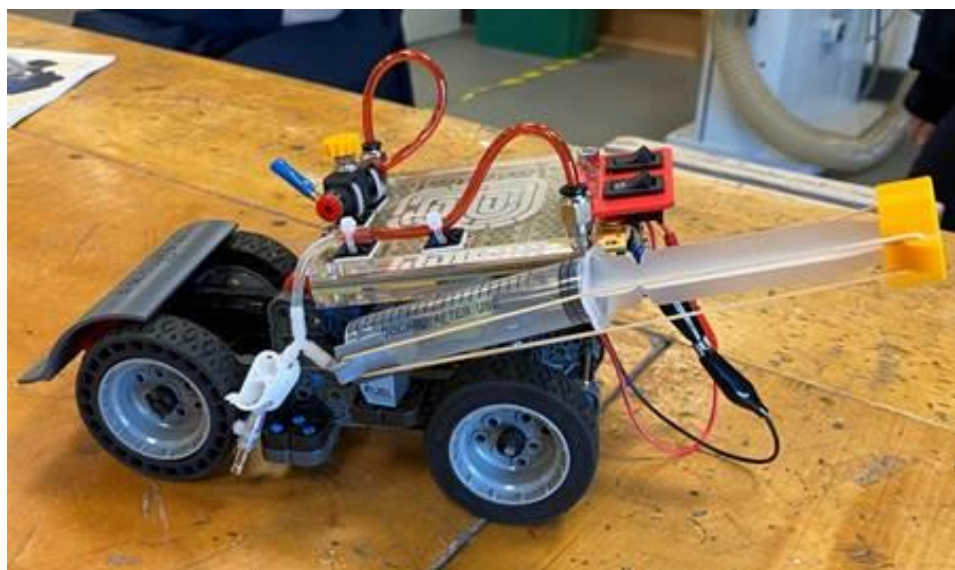
Before Christmas, pupils in the International Affairs Committee were very pleased to receive letters from students of Keiai Gakuen Senior High School in Chiba, Japan. This is a school that Beverley High School has had strong connections with for over 20 years. The letters were thoughtful and interesting, enabling students to explore cultural similarities and differences, as well as fostering new friendships. Our students are now busy writing their replies.



Year 8 Hydrogen Fuel Cell Workshop

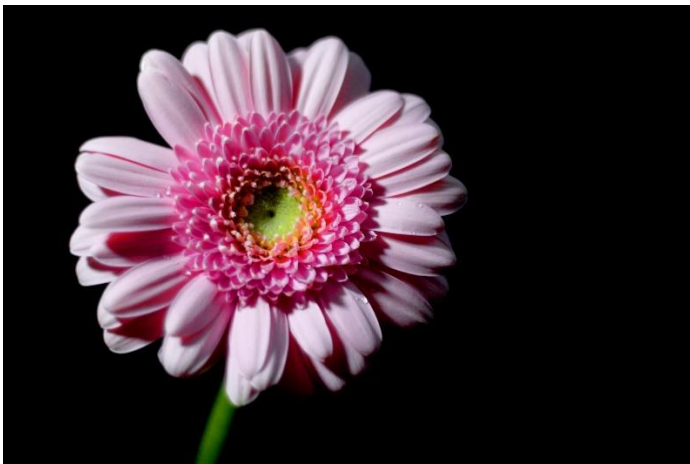
Last week, the Design and Technology Department hosted a Hydrogen Fuel Cell Workshop offered by STEM UK and the Yorkshire Energy Park with observers from East Riding Council Business and Workforce Skill section. Twenty three Year 8 students enjoyed building and racing buggies powered by hydrogen and learnt about the future potential of this fuel in road and air transport. We were very lucky to get a chance to use these very expensive pieces of equipment.

This region is due to further benefit from huge investment in green fuels on the back of the large emerging wind industry. It looks like an exciting time for engineering in this locality. Our pupils learnt about the plans to develop the site on the Humber and future job opportunities. The Energy Park is aiming for 80% local employment. Thank you to Head of D&T Mrs Colley for organising the workshop.



Art & Photography Exams

The Year 11 Art and Photography students have started the Externally Set Assignment (commonly referred to as their exam). This takes the form of a ten-week project that students work on independently. The Externally Set Assignment culminates in a ten-hour block of time in which the students refine and present their final submissions. The attached images are examples of the work that has been produced in the first two weeks of the project by some of the GCSE Photography candidates. They illustrate the talent and diversity of ideas that are already being showcased. Good luck to all the students entering the exam.



Exams

Congratulations to Year 13 students who this month sat mock exams in preparation for the actual exam season in the summer, we hope you learned a lot from the experience that you can apply later in the year.

Well done to Year 11 Child Development students who sat a real Key Stage 4 public examination this month.

Careers Talks

This month students listened to careers talks by Adrian Adamson, Humberside Police and Helen Gibson, Managing Director of Agencia. Both talks were well attended by students in Years 7-13. Both professionals were very generous with their time, sharing insights into the highs and lows of their work as well as routes into the profession. Thank you to Adrian and Helen for such fantastic presentations.

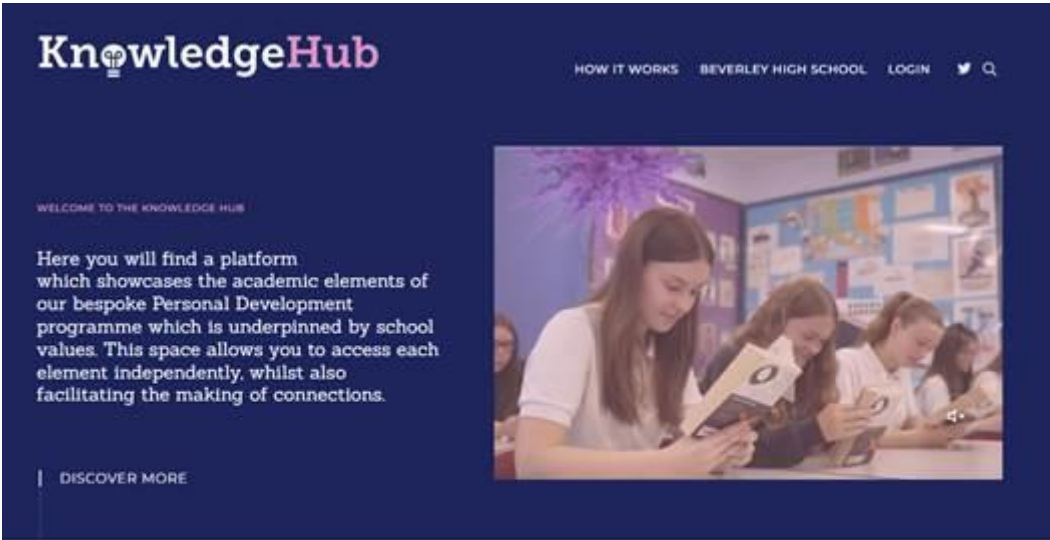
Employment Fair

On the 30 January we hosted our annual Employment Fair. We were delighted that 60 businesses from a range of specialisms agreed to support our event and take time out of their busy schedules. The Employment Fair was visited by students from Beverley High School and Beverley Grammar School giving them an opportunity to speak to professionals. Students gained insights into different industries; asked questions and found out what prospective businesses expect from job applications. It was fantastic to see our students engaging with employers in such a professional manner. Later in the day we welcomed over 100 parents enabling them to ask questions from a parental perspective and further understand ways to support their child to achieve their career ambitions. Thank you to all employers, parents and students for making the day such a success and to Miss Brownell for organising it all.

If you would be interested as an employer in supporting future events please email s.brownell@beverleyhigh.net

Knowledge Hub

This month Year 7 have been in computer rooms during form time, familiarising themselves with the newest element of our Personal Development programme, The Knowledge Hub. Students learnt how to access resources connected to Tutor Reading, Big Ideas, 'Be Curious', the Journal and upcoming competitions.



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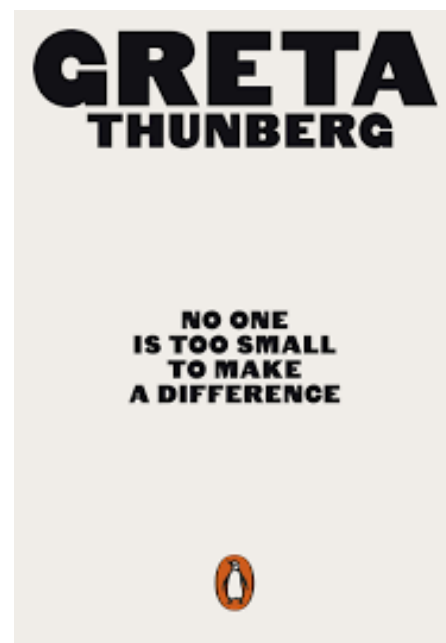
Tutor Reading Book of the Month: **No-one is Too Small to Make a Difference** by Greta Thunberg

Students in Year 11 have the opportunity to read this book as part of the tutor reading programme. Collecting Greta Thunberg's speeches together in one volume, this timely book lays bare the eloquence and fury that drive a global environmental movement.

'Everything needs to change. And it has to start today'

In August 2018 a fifteen-year-old Swedish girl, Greta Thunberg, decided not to go to school one day. Her actions ended up sparking a global movement for action against the climate crisis, inspiring millions of pupils to go on strike for our planet, forcing governments to listen, and earning her a Nobel Peace Prize nomination.

This book brings you Greta in her own words, for the first time. Collecting her speeches that have made history across Europe, from the UN to mass street protests, *No One Is Too Small to Make A Difference* is a rallying cry for why we must all wake up and fight to protect the living planet, no matter how powerless we feel. Our future depends upon it.



<https://www.waterstones.com/book/no-one-is-too-small-to-make-a-difference/greta-thunberg/9780141992716>






Find out more: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-49918719>

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SCHOOL VALUE: Integrity

Big Ideas

January marks the start of our next Big Ideas series for all year groups. This month students are focussing on the following:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
				
LGBTQ+	Refugees	Black History	Feminism	Influential Individuals

Sports Report

Netball



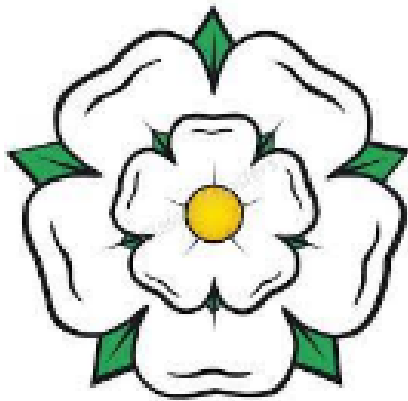
Our teams in Years 7-10 have all enjoyed playing a fixture against local rivals, Longcroft School this month. Overall, we had two wins, a draw and one loss. The games were played in good spirit with amazing effort from all the students, it was nice to see some new students playing in the school team for the first time this year.

It's great to still see so many students attending our netball clubs, with over eighty students attending from all year groups. We are now training and preparing all our teams for the East Riding end of season tournaments which will happen after half term.

U14 Team success:

Last year our U14 team became the Humberside School Champions and secured a place at the England Netball Schools' Regional Competition. This took place at the English Institute of Sport in Sheffield last Saturday. The team were amazing, showing a high level of ability, effort and determination to compete against the top schools from all across Yorkshire. There were some tough games and very close matches but unfortunately, we didn't make it through to the national finals this time. Overall our team were 8th in Yorkshire, which is a fantastic achievement. Well done to coach's Player of the Tournament, Tara, who was a real team player, encouraging and supporting her team-mates throughout the day and doing a sterling job as Goal Defence.

Hopefully we will get the chance to compete at Regionals again next year and come back even stronger and better! Congratulations to the entire team and to Mrs Owen and Miss Easter for coaching and accompanying you.



U14 Team –
8th in Yorkshire



Football



The schools' Humberside league fixtures have started this year and our U15s had a very close game against Bridlington School recently. We lost narrowly by three goals to four but, given that this was the first time that our Year 9 & 10 students have played together in a team, they did really well. Well done to Molly, Lily and Anneka for scoring some great goals and thanks to science teacher, Mr Harriott for coaching the team. We are looking forward to our first Humberside league match for the U13 team later this week.

It has been great to see numbers of students attending our football clubs at school growing, with students from all the year groups and we are looking forward to some friendly games, plus a Year 8 & 9 tournament this term.

Extra-Curricular clubs:

All students are welcome to join our clubs, which will be running up to the Easter holidays.

	LUNCHTIME Bring a pack-up & trainers.		AFTER SCHOOL (FINISH 4.15PM) Bring full PE kit.	
Monday	YR11 GCSE Theory Club Mrs Owen			
Tuesday	Gymnastics Yr7 & 8 Gym Mrs Callan	Football Club Yr9 & 10 Sports Hall Mr Harriott	Fixtures	
Wednesday	Football Club Yr7 & 8 Sports Hall Miss Easter		Fixtures	
Thursday	Netball Club Yr7 & 8 Alternate weeks. Yr8 Start 12th Jan Sports Hall Miss Easter & Mrs Callan	Volleyball Club Yr9,10 & 11 Gym Mrs Owen	Netball Club Yr9,10 & 11 Sports Hall Mrs Owen & Miss Easter	Fixtures
Friday	Badminton Club Yr7-9 Sports Hall Mrs Owen			

Year 11 Core PE lessons



Tristessa, our fabulous yoga teacher has been in school again to deliver sessions to our Year 11 students. They have really enjoyed learning lots about yoga and having the opportunity to try something new. Students found it very relaxing and learnt some useful methods of relieving stress and stretching out their muscles and ligaments in what will be a busy few months preparing for their GCSE exams.

Magistrates' Court Mock Trial Competition

Over the past weeks, 14 students from Years 8 and 9 have been busy preparing to take part in the Magistrates' Mock Trial competition which will take place in March. This will involve fighting a hypothetical criminal case against other schools, and taking on the roles of key figures in court, such as solicitors and witnesses. To help with their preparation, a local magistrate came into school last Tuesday to work with the group and share her expertise. As well as providing useful advice, the magistrate spoke in depth about her own professional experiences, giving the students a valuable window into the court system and the workings of criminal law.



As always, the students involved were a credit to the school, showing enthusiasm and asking mature and thoughtful questions.

GCSE Maths Parent Event

Earlier this month, the maths department held a GCSE Parents' Meeting. During the session a variety of revision resources and activities were shared. These were designed to help parents support their child's revision and promote good study skills. There was a good turn out and we followed this up with a video presentation ([Video Link](#)) of the information for parents who were unable to attend. We hope you have found the information useful and if there is any other support we can offer please do not hesitate to contact your child's maths teacher or Head of Department, Mrs C. Brooke.

Year 8 and 11 Online Parents' Evenings

Thank you to the parents of Year 8 and Year 11 students who logged on for parents' evenings this month. Teachers really appreciate these opportunities to feed back to you about your child's academic progress and, in some cases, discuss plans for next year.

Swiss Student Teachers

This month we welcomed into school two student teachers from Zurich University. Ms Hofstetter and Ms Pelli will be in school until February half term. Beverley High School has a longstanding relationship with Zurich University of Teacher Education and it has been great to welcome their students back into our school after a break caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

ITT Students in School

Recently we welcomed the first Initial Teacher Training students from Hull University to Beverley High School since before the pandemic. Ms Beadle will be working with the science department until her placement ends in June and Ms Manchie will be working with the maths department. We hope that they will both enjoy their time at Beverley High School and will go on to enjoy successful careers in secondary school teaching.

Master's Congratulations!

Congratulations to maths teacher, Mrs Dawson, on her recent graduation with MSc in Artificial Intelligence and Data Science. Some of you may remember that Mrs Dawson worked part-time last year whilst studying for her master's degree.

To achieve her qualification she completed various assignments and wrote a dissertation on Finding Errors and Connecting Royal Family Trees. She found her dissertation extremely interesting, learning not just about Data Science but also the importance of the connections between different Royal Families.

Mrs Dawson completed her Master's degree because as a teacher she understands the need to keep challenging herself and that you never stop learning. Her favourite part of the course was working with data from historic events and learning new facts of which she wasn't aware. Congratulations Mrs Dawson on your achievement and thank you for being such a great role model for our students.

NB. A master's degree (from Latin *magister*, "master" or "teacher") is an advanced degree awarded by a university after the completion of a curriculum and demonstrates expertise or mastery in a specific field or profession.



Sad News

Last week we learned that our Senior Science Technician, Tracey Rose had passed away. Mrs Rose had worked at Beverley High School for 15 years and was a valued colleague. She will be best remembered for her generosity and for being a fantastic mum. Mrs Rose had been off work for some time but her death came as a huge shock to our school community. Our collective thoughts are with her family at this most difficult of times.