

February 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.

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## Lille Trip

29 Year 11 students and 3 staff travelled to Lille in Northern France for a two day visit in February. Travelling overnight by coach and ferry, the students arrived in France in time for a morning visit to a waffle factory before arriving at the Youth Hostel in Lille. They had the opportunity to explore Lille town centre and enjoyed a meal in the Youth Hostel. The following day the students took part in a town centre walking tour conducted entirely in French and then had time at a large French shopping centre, Euralille. For many of the students this was their first opportunity to travel to France and the staff leading the visit were very impressed by the students' willingness to have a go at speaking in French. This certainly bodes well for the speaking element of their GCSE exam in May. Well done to all the students involved – they were a pleasure to take away on a school visit. Thank you to Mrs Butler, Ms Gardiner and Miss Clark who made this visit possible.



## Bonjour Paris!

On Friday, 8 of our J6th students took an early Eurostar to the City of Lights, Paris. The long weekend was action-packed and students took every advantage of the clear blue skies to discover this amazing city and its culture. Students covered miles by foot and by métro, stopping off at la Tour Eiffel by night; climbing the steps of l'Arc de Triomphe; shopping on the famous Champs Elysées; discovering the ornate tombs of famous people in the immense Cimetière du Père Lachaise; visiting the beautiful Basilique du Sacré-Cœur; meandering through the narrow streets of the Quartier Latin; and taking a leisurely cruise along the Seine, to name but a few. Students and staff had a wonderful time experiencing the culture, history and food, even getting into the Parisian spirit of wearing colourful berets around the artistic Montmartre! Thank you to Mr Young and Mrs Chastney for enabling this visit to take place.





## Jodrell Bank Trip

The Science department recently took 51 GCSE Astronomy and A level Physics students to Jodrell Bank Observatory in Cheshire. Despite the early start it was an extremely fun and informative day.

Students were able to test their physics skills by determining the mass of a galaxy using data generated by the radio wave telescope at Jodrell Bank.

We then participated in a virtual journey across space learning more about the planets in our solar system, the different types of stars in different constellations and what will happen to various stars (including our Sun) in the future. This left just enough time for lunch and a brief exploration of the other exhibits before the return journey. As ever our students behaved impeccably and were complimented by Jodrell Bank staff. Thank you to the science staff who made this visit possible.



## GCHQ Final

Congratulations to team GALE (Year 8) on their success in the CyberFirst competition. Ava, Gabrielle, Eugiene and Lily made it all the way to the final! This entailed a full day in Sheffield on Saturday 4 February solving puzzles and it required a great deal of perseverance and determination.

We are delighted to report they came second (first if remove selective-schools). Well done to our finalists, your school is very proud of you. Thank you to Miss Brownell and Mr Colton for enabling the students to compete.



### Magistrates' Court Visit

On Tuesday 21 February, the 14 students who are participating in the Magistrates' Court Mock Trial competition went to visit Beverley Magistrates' Court. Whilst there, the students had the opportunity to rehearse their trial in a real courtroom and gained useful tips and feedback from court representatives including magistrates, security guards and a legal adviser. As well as helping them to prepare for the competition, the representatives also discussed how a criminal court works more generally and gave the students a complete tour of the courthouse, including the magistrates' retiring room, the youth court room, and even inside the cells! The students acted with maturity and enthusiasm throughout the trip, and we wish them the best of luck in their competition in Lincoln on 11 March. Thank you to Miss Stamp for enabling the students to compete.



### Year 7 Visit Beverley Library



All Year 7 pupils currently have the opportunity to visit Beverley library as part of their English lessons to support them in broadening their reading choices and exploring new genres for the Year 7 Reading Challenge. Students are awarded a Bronze, Silver or Gold Certificate depending on how many books they read before the end of the school year, in categories ranging from the environment and Climate Change to Dystopian & Science Fiction. Thank you to the English department for making these visits possible.

### Sixth Form Trip to see NT Live's 'Othello'

Year 12 and 13 English Literature students last week attended the streamed National Theatre's production of 'Othello' at Parkway cinema. Directed by Clint Dyer it is a new vision for one of Shakespeare's most enduring tragedies. Othello is a set text at A level, and students enjoyed seeing a new take on the play with stark, minimalist staging and a production that challenges the idea that we're in a post-racist society. Thank you to Miss Butlin and Miss Rogan for making the evening possible.

Find out more:

<https://www.theguardian.com/stage/2022/dec/01/othello-review-clint-dyer-national-theatre>

<https://othello.ntlive.com/>





## Hull University Business Trip

Congratulations to Year 12 Business Studies students from the Beverley Joint Sixth Form on their superb performance at the annual Hull University Business School 'Marketing Challenge' on 9 February. A field of over 200 students from across the East Riding competed to create the most innovative marketing campaign and demonstration of team working skills. The students demonstrated real determination and creativity and were rewarded with an excellent second place finish. We look forward to returning in the summer term with our Year 12 Economics students to compete in the 'Economics Challenge' and hope to go one better. Thank you to the staff at Hull University's Business School for organising the event and making the students so welcome and to Mr Gouldthorpe for making the visit possible.

## Cooking up a Treat with Chef Mike

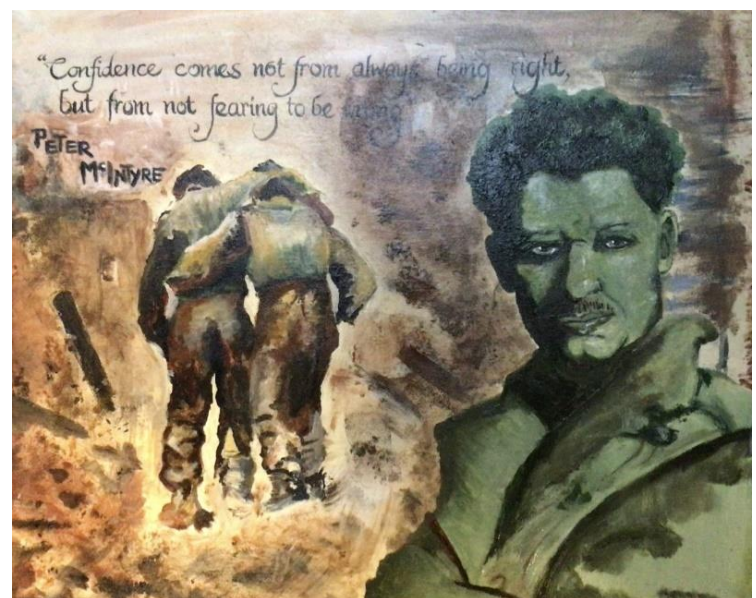
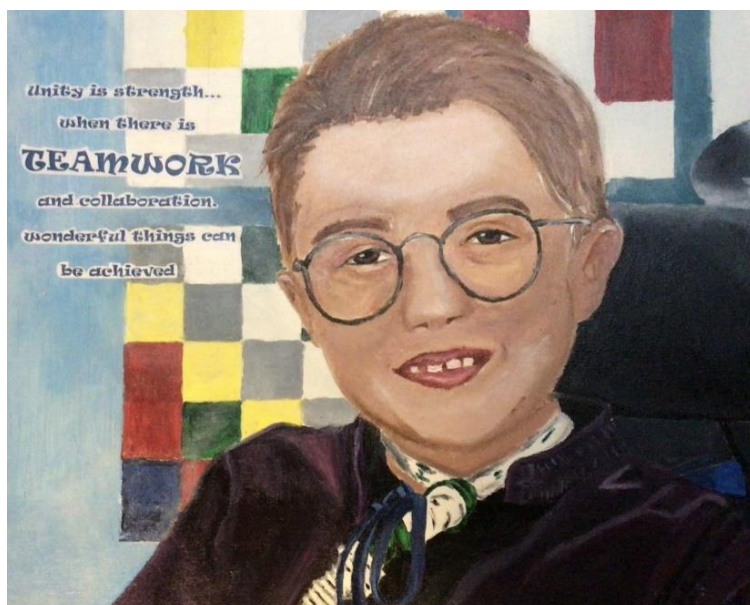
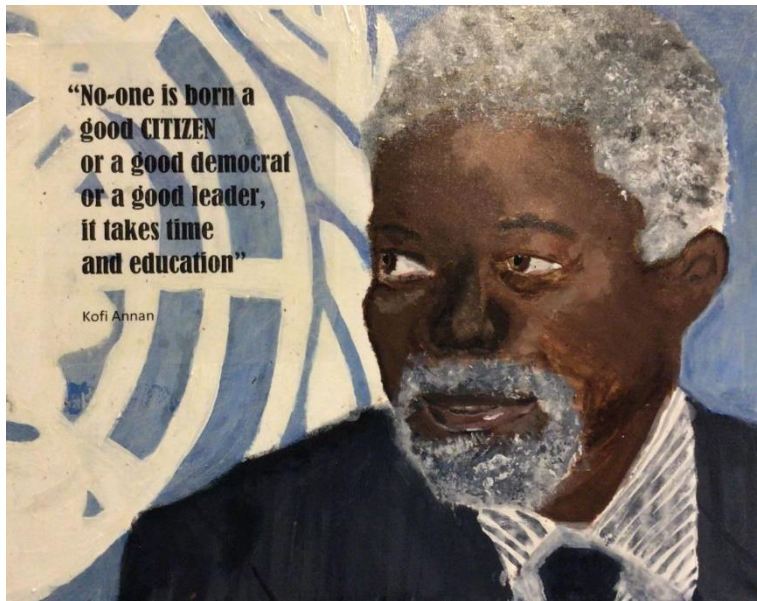
On Monday 20 February we had a visit from the Executive Development Chef Mike Stroud from Mellors Catering Company. Mike delivered a pasta and bread workshop to 50 Year 8 pupils and 18 Year 10 pupils. With a little help from the school canteen, students then had the opportunity to eat the foods they had made. Well done to all the pupils involved, the Design Technology department look forward to working with Mike again in the future.



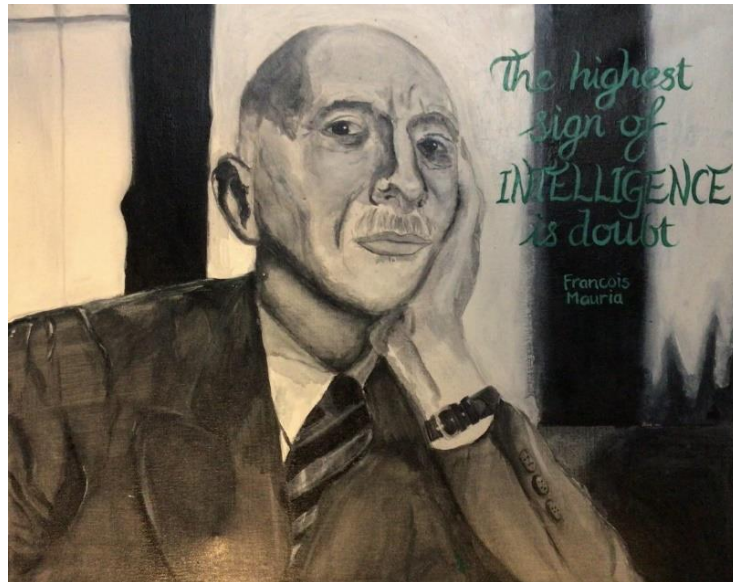
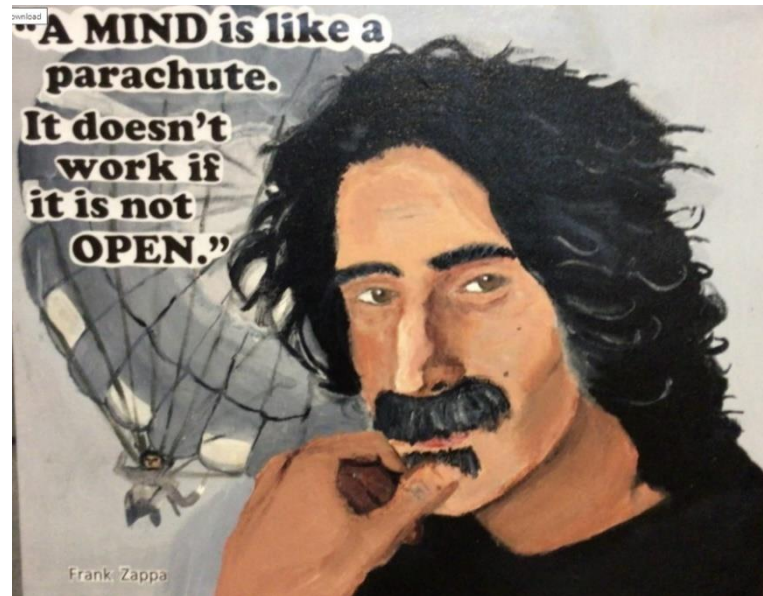


## Year 9 Values Artwork

Congratulations to the Year 9 students who were involved in creating canvases depicting the school's values. The quotations are thought-provoking and the images just stunning. The canvases will be displayed in school for all to appreciate. Thank you to the Art department for all their support in helping to devise the works.







## Kindness in Our Community: Turkey-Syria Earthquake

In the early hours of the morning on Monday 6 February, a 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck south-eastern Turkey close to the Syrian border. This was followed hours later by a second 7.5 magnitude earthquake and over 100 aftershocks. The images of the widespread devastation have been heart-breaking to see, and a number of our students have been personally affected. On Friday 10 February between 8:15 and 8:45am our school community raised

**£1,235** in support. This money was sent to The Red Cross who are using funds raised to provide food and blankets. Thank you. We are very proud of our very generous staff, students and their parents/carers.





## Key Stage 3 Reading Programme Parent Information Evening: Inspiring a Love of Reading

We welcomed parents and carers to an information evening to introduce the Reading Programme to the next cohort of students starting this half term. The programme is designed to boost students' confidence with reading for pleasure and progress and we are grateful to parents and carers who are engaging in the two fifteen-minute reading sessions per week with their child. The programme lasts for twelve weeks and is designed to focus on building vocabulary as well as comprehension, reading fluency and inference. We are proud of the fact that we have a bespoke, in-house Reading Programme as reading is at the centre of how our students access the curriculum, as well as their successes later in life.



## Tutor Reading Book of the Month: Rooftoppers by Katherine Rundell

Students in Year 7 and 8 have the opportunity to read this book as part of the tutor reading programme. Found floating in a cello case in the middle of the English Channel after a shipwreck on her first birthday, by eccentric young scholar Charles, Sophie seems to be marked out for an unconventional existence. Growing up in Charles's shabby home in England, she learns to love music and to read Shakespeare, but very little about how to be ladylike. On her twelfth birthday, the disapproving authorities intervene, but before they can take her away to an orphanage, the discovery of a chance clue in her cello case makes Charles and Sophie decide to ignore their decrees, and instead run away to Paris in search of Sophie's long lost-mother, whatever the consequences may be.

Paris presents them with its own difficulties to overcome, but Sophie soon discovers new allies on the rooftops who can help her with her quest. First, there's Matteo, a boy who walks tightropes and sleeps under a blanket made of pigeon feathers at night, and then there are his friends Anastasia and Safi, two wild girls who live in the top of Paris's tallest trees. Racing across the rooftops of the city with only an elusive cello melody to follow, and her new friends to help her, Sophie is determined to find her mother before it is too late.

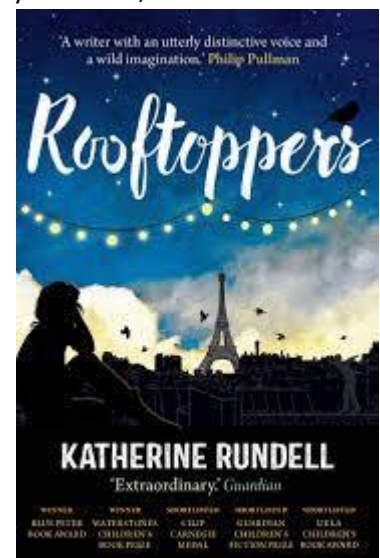
There is a wistful, old-fashioned charm to Katherine Rundell's second book: her poetic language and imaginative approach set this book apart from many other adventure stories for this age group. Whimsical, beautifully-written and as carefully balanced as the tightrope Sophie learns to walk, *Rooftoppers* is a sensitive and emotionally-resonant novel with an uplifting message about the power of hope.

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/book/r/rooftoppers/>

Find out more:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ou85rDgQ4e0>

<https://www.theguardian.com/books/2013/may/18/rooftoppers-katherine-rundell-review>



LINK TO SCHOOL VALUE: Curiosity



### Parent Information Evening

Thank you to all Key Stage 3 parents who attended the parent information evening with Ms Brownell and Ms Butlin recently. The focus was on tutor time and how parents can support their child(ren) at home. The evening provided parents and carers with further information about Tutor Reading and Big Ideas in particular, as well as introducing the Knowledge Hub (an online platform that showcases our programme).

### The Journal

This month's Journal marks Interfaith Harmony week. This annual event first started in 2010, after King Abdullah II of Jordan called for "mutual understanding and interreligious dialogue".

Thank you to Caitlin, Emily, Meryem, Lucy, Hattie, Mel, Lily, Cassidy, Daisy, Lucie and Sophie for their brilliant contributions.

### Year 11 1:1 Futures Interviews

Staff have very much enjoyed having the opportunity to talk to all Year 11 students one-to-one about their future plans after their time in Year 11 comes to an end. We are pleased to be welcoming many students back to the Joint 6<sup>th</sup> whilst other students will be moving on to other destinations. All the students impressed us with their maturity and commitment to their studies – well done.

### Year 13 destinations

It is a busy time of the year for our Year 13 students as they receive their final offers from universities, applying for apprenticeships as well as settling down to revision in preparation for their final A Level exams. We are proud of all our students who have received offers from across a wide range of subjects including fashion marketing, politics, economics, primary education and computer science. We also were delighted that 3 students received offers from Cambridge University and that 3 have had offers to study Veterinary Science. We anticipate more exciting offers from a range of universities coming in in the next few weeks.

### Careers Talk

Thank you to former student Ellie Keightly who gave up her evening to give a virtual talk to students in Years 7 - 12 about life as a Vet. Her talk was interesting, informative and eye-opening. Students thoroughly enjoyed the depth of detail. Please check your emails for future careers talks.

### Minute's Silence for the Anniversary of the Invasion of Ukraine

Last Friday the school joined the rest of the country in marking the anniversary of the Russian invasion of Ukraine by holding a minute's silence. The national moment of reflection offered the chance for us to pay tribute to the courage of the Ukrainian people and demonstrate our solidarity with the country.





## Maths Revision

The maths department are running the following GCSE revision sessions for Year 11 students this half term from 3.30 - 4.30pm.

To ensure there are enough resources and staff available, pupils need to sign up for the revision sessions using the link below.

<https://forms.office.com/e/ufLW7sjsB4>

### Foundation Tier

Date	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March
Topic	Angles part 1	Angles part 2	Averages and Range	Sequences	Algebraic Expressions Simplifying and expanding brackets	Factorising expressions and Solving Quadratic Equations
Room	M9	M10	M9	M9	M9	M9

### Higher Tier

Date	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March
Topic	Trigonometry	Circle Theorems	Simultaneous Equations	Vectors	Factorising, Completing the Square and Link to Graphs	Nth term including quadratics
Room	M9	M8	M3	M9	M3	M9



## Sports Report

### Cross Country



Well done to all our students who ran at the Humberside Schools' Cross-Country Championships in January! Although it was a dry sunny day it was tricky running against the strong wind, but our students did amazingly well! All of our teams did well to qualify through to the Humberside Championships from the East Riding round and here were the results from the Humberside Schools' round:

Team results:

Year 7 – 3<sup>rd</sup> place

Years 8 & 9 – 5<sup>th</sup> place

### **Years 10 & 11 – 1<sup>st</sup> place**

With over one hundred students running in the races we also had some great individual results: **four students came in the top eight, securing a place at the English Schools' Cross-Country Championships in March.** Huge congratulations to Roxie T, Meisha L, Tabitha F and Isabelle W. Also, well done to Tamsin E and Annabelle W for qualifying as reserves for the Championships. We are very proud of them all and wish them the best of luck in March!

### Football

Our U13 Football team had a great match against Holderness Academy in the first round of the Humberside Girls' School Cup at the start of the month, after full time the scores were level and so it went down to penalties. We managed to secure the win on sudden death penalties in the end and the team are now through to the next round!



## U13 Football Team



### Football Tournament at The Market Weighton School

On Wednesday 22 February, we were invited along with 5 other schools from the East Riding to a 5 aside tournament at The Market Weighton School, to play on their fabulous new 3G pitches.

We took a Year 8 and Year 9 team along. All students played brilliantly and really enjoyed the competition. **Our Year 8 team (including three Year 7 players) beat every team to become overall winners of the tournament!** Well done, your school is very proud of you.

### Coming up in March

Year 7 inter-house football tournament.

The KS3 East Riding Schools' swim gala, held at Beverley Leisure Centre.

Year 7-10 Inter-house netball competition.

East Riding Schools' Netball end of season tournaments.

### PE in Lessons for this half term

Year 7	Football & Netball
Year 8	Gymnastics & Netball
Year 9	Volleyball, Basketball, Fitness, Netball & Football
Year 10	Badminton & Basketball
Year 11	A rotation of varied activities.