

March 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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## Foreign Language Spelling Bee Finalists

Earlier this week, Head of MFL, Mrs Lawrence accompanied three Year 7 students to Leeds University to compete in the Yorkshire and Humber Regional Final of the Year 7 Foreign Language Spelling Bee competition. All three students performed amazingly well. Congratulations to Georgia S who gained a place in the French final and to Sophie B and Meryem C who gained places in the German final.

All three now go through to the National Final to be held in Cambridge in July. Well done! Your school is very proud of you.



## Magistrates' Mock Trial Competition Success

On Saturday 11 March, the students who are involved in the Magistrates' Mock Trial competition won their Local Heat in Lincoln which was fought against three other schools. The team will now go on to compete in the Regional Heat. All of the students performed brilliantly, speaking with clarity, thought and confidence, and their success couldn't have been more deserved. Reflecting on their entry, the organiser of the heat commended their 'excellent performance', commenting on how they are a 'credit to the school'.

We would like to congratulate all of those in the team, and in particular, Gabrielle B and Abigail H who jointly won a prize for the best speaker of the day. Good luck in the next round. Thank you to Miss Stamp who has worked with the team throughout their preparations and to Miss Brownell and Mr McKirdy who also accompanied them to Lincoln.





## Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock Speaks to Year 7

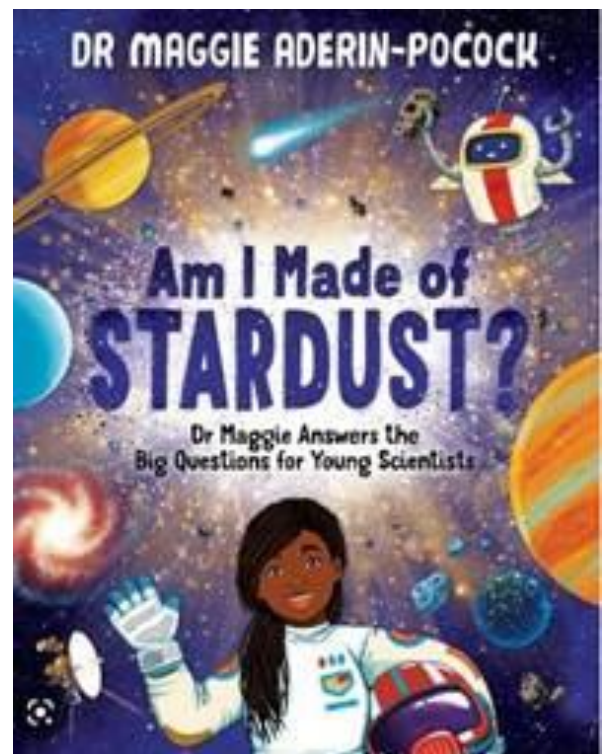
On 17 March Year 7 students were treated to a virtual talk from Space Scientist Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock. In the talk Dr Maggie explored some of the questions from her book 'Am I Made of Stardust?' And yes, we are!

Students learnt about her life and her passion to become a space scientist, being dyslexic and being a person of colour.

Prior to the talk, students also did some preliminary work, and explored some of Dr Maggie's work on the James Webb Space Telescope. They saw new images captured by the telescope and were able to do a bit of space exploration of their own. Students completed a fact file on 'Am I made of Stardust?' with the opportunity to win one of five copies of Dr Maggie's book. The lucky winners were:

- Esmee T(7MB)
- Beatrice S (7PA)
- Emily B (7HL)
- Evie J(7MP)
- Isabel M (7MW)

All of the work received had been completed to a great standard, and students were engaged and inspired by her talk. Hopefully we have the next generation of space scientists in our midst at Beverley High School!





## Year 12 Gold Duke of Edinburgh participants venture into the Yorkshire Wolds for their first expedition

Eight Year 12 students took part in a two-day expedition earlier this month in the Yorkshire Wolds as part of their preparation for their Gold Practice and Final Expeditions which will take place in April and July this year. They coped really well with challenging conditions and learnt many expedition skills along the way including cooking on stoves, campsite management, navigation and team work. Well done to them all and good luck as they continue their preparations for their future expeditions. Thank you to the staff who braved the conditions to enable the expedition to take place.



## Lessons from Auschwitz

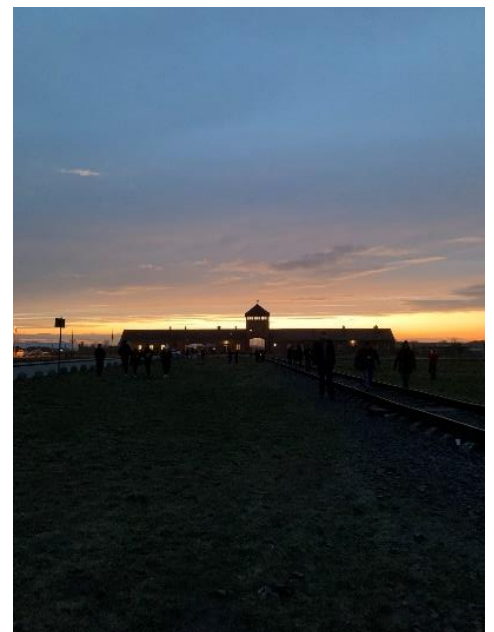
On 15 March four Year 12 students from the J6th travelled with the Holocaust Education Trust to Krakow, Poland for the day to visit the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp. Here is their account:

We started the day at an early 1am, after having around 3 hours sleep, which was to last us the next 24 hours, we then travelled together from Beverley to Leeds Bradford airport. From here we met up with the other approx. 180 Yorkshire and Humberside ambassadors and awaited our flight to Krakow. We set off at 06:14 and then landed at 09:00. We split off into 4 coaches, each allocated by the group educators that we had been assigned during a 2.5 hour Zoom meeting only days prior. We took an hour long coach ride to the town of Oświęcim, just 2 kilometres outside of Auschwitz 1, where we looked around Rynek the main market square and spoke about the importance of appreciating that before the Holocaust there were thriving communities of Jewish civilians: trying to make real the statistics and numbers of those who passed, relating them to us. We then drove quite literally 3 minutes and arrived at the Auschwitz-Birkenau memorial museum (Auschwitz 1).

Once receiving a set of headphones to listen to our 'tour guide' as she spoke, we all walked around the site following and listening to what she had to say. It really was horrifying seeing the collections of shoes, suitcases, prosthetic limbs and, what struck me the most, the hair. It felt like I had entered uncharted territory seeing these atrocities just feet away from us. We then were transported to the famous train station front where the sheer volume of people who were murdered there really became clear. Each side situated what seemed like endless rows, just beyond the entrance, of no more than wooden sheds that were lined up where the victims were housed long ago. Saying these 'huts' really went on for miles doesn't begin to describe the amount of people held at a time on the camp, it was both shocking and disturbing. We listened to recounts about what many inmates had to endure during their time in Auschwitz, but something that struck many of us was the ever-dropping temperature as the sun began to set. This was striking as we had previously seen the uniform attire the people were required to wear and in comparison to our thick coats and scarfs, which still allowed the bitter cold to seep in, was nothing. Finally we went into the ruins of Crematoria 2 where we had a memorial service delivered to us and a Jewish pastor sang El Malei Rachamim, the Jewish hymn written to the victims of Auschwitz, to conclude the trip. On the way out we each left a candle and said a prayer to show our respect towards those who were tortured and suffered under the Nazi regime of organised murder during the Holocaust.

On the way home the atmosphere on the plane was strange, we had all just been through, first hand, one of the darkest chapters in history and yet we were now supposed to resume our modern lives as normal, shifting from one reality to another. Now reflecting on my time in Auschwitz, it really makes me realise how differently I see the world around me, and I now, more than ever try to adopt the advice given to us by Holocaust survivor Janine, who is an astonishing 93 years old, to be kind and that forgiveness is always possible."

Thank you to Tabitha for this account and to History teacher, Mrs Appleyard who made the visit possible.





### **'Market Town Beverley' Geography Fieldwork**

On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March Year 11 Geographers braved the rain to complete their second day of fieldwork, investigating the success and sustainability of Beverley as a market town. Students completed primary data collection including land use surveys, environmental quality surveys and braved a brief questionnaire with members of the Beverley public. Despite the weather students managed to collect a full range of data, even with their workbooks and clipboards inside emergency plastic bags! Students and staff enjoyed their day and feel ready to answer fieldwork questions in their June exams.



### **Year 9 Options Evening**

We were delighted to welcome Y9 students and their families to our annual options event. Over 120 students took the opportunity to talk to a range of teachers and older students about the GCSE courses and discover what the curriculum is about and how each subject is assessed. Thanks to all that came for a successful evening.

### **Year 11 visit BGS**

On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March a group of Year 11 Beverley High students who are planning to join the Joint 6<sup>th</sup> in September enjoyed a tour of the Beverley Grammar School site conducted by Rosie Field, the Director of 6<sup>th</sup> Form.



## Kindness in Our Community: Red Nose Day

As a school we raised £643.57 for Red Nose Day from our non-uniform day. Thank you to all who contributed generous donations. The PE department also organised staff vs students badminton. Thank you to all the teachers who came down to play badminton against the students to raise money for a worthy cause. There were queues of students lining up to compete against the teachers! It was a lot of fun and a great atmosphere!



## MFL Debating

On the 1<sup>st</sup> March, 4 of our French A Level students travelled to St. Peter's school in York to take part in an A Level MFL debating competition.

The students got to meet people from a range of schools across the country and share their love of languages.

We teamed up with Hymers College and had a hybrid team which went through to the semi-final – the students debating skills and linguistic skills were amazing and they really enjoyed the day! Well done for taking part!





## GCSE Drama Exam

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March, the Year 11 GCSE Drama students completed their practical performance exam. The exam entailed performing extracts from a range of well-known plays for an external examiner. The students have worked tirelessly over the past few months in order to prepare for this exam. On the day there were performances of *The Crucible*, *4.48 Psychosis*, *The Grimm Tales* and *Blue Remembered Hills*. The performances were fantastic and showcased a range of fantastic talent. Well done to the whole class for their commitment, enthusiasm and professionalism throughout the unit of work!



## Support for Oxbridge and Medical Applications

We were delighted to host an Application Conference for all East Riding schools on behalf of Mansfield College, Oxford on 21<sup>st</sup> March. The conference, led by Mansfield College, was attended by Year 12 students who are interested in applying for either Oxford or Cambridge. In the same week we also hosted an event for Year 11 and 12 students who are considering applying for either Medicine, Veterinary Medicine, Dentistry or Oxford or Cambridge. All these courses or institutions require an early entry to the university admissions system and the event was designed to allow our current students to learn from the experiences of former J6th students who are now studying at Oxford, Hull York Medical School, Edinburgh and Nottingham. It was a pleasure to welcome back these students and we are very grateful to them for giving up their time.





## Tutor Reading Book of the Month:

### The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time by Mark Haddon

Students in Years 9 and 10 have the opportunity to read this book as part of the tutor reading programme. *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* is a murder mystery novel like no other.

The detective, and narrator, is Christopher Boone. Christopher is fifteen and has Asperger's Syndrome. He knows a very great deal about maths and very little about human beings. He loves lists, patterns and the truth. He hates the colours yellow and brown and being touched. He has never gone further than the end of the road on his own, but when he finds a neighbour's dog murdered he sets out on a terrifying journey which will turn his whole world upside down.

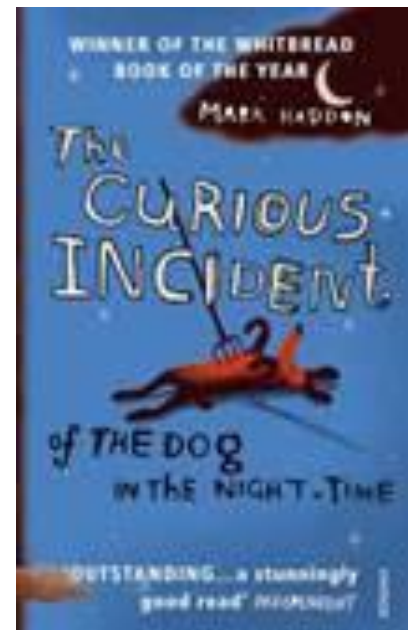
The book that sparked the literary phenomenon of the generational crossover novel, Haddon's unique mystery novel utilises the tropes of the whodunit to explore mental health and psychological disorders in an accessible and immediately relatable way. Beloved by both children and adults alike, *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time* has entered the fabric of British cultural life.

<https://www.waterstones.com/book/the-curious-incident-of-the-dog-in-the-night-time/mark-haddon/9780099450252>

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<https://www.curiousonstage.com/learning/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zyrjfrd/revision/1>



## LINK TO SCHOOL VALUE: Respect

### Wellbeing Morning

This week students in Years 7-11 learned about a variety of PSE topics during Wellbeing Morning: from Sleep and Relaxation to Financial Management; from Online Safety to Fairtrade; from Britishness to Self-Esteem. Years 9, 11 and 13 also had school photographs taken.

### Junior & Senior Recital evenings

On two evenings this week the Music Department staged two fantastic Recital Evenings....more to come about this in the next edition of the Beverley Highlife.



Our two German exchange students have been hard at work in the Art Department and have been amongst the first students to try our brand-new potter's wheel. The potter's wheel will be a great asset to the Art Department going forward.

## TIMSS Tests

On March 27<sup>th</sup> form 9MB represented the school as part of the TIMSS (Trends in International Maths and Science Study) programme. The Department for Education selected Beverley High School to take part in the international study and narrowed down the selection to 9MB. An external examiner visited the school and guided the students through a morning of on-line assessments to test their knowledge and understanding of maths and science. The data will be used by the government to assess their approach to education and help comparisons with other countries. TIMSS measures trends in student achievement in mathematics and science and studies differences in national education systems in more than 60 countries in order to help improve teaching and learning worldwide.

The pupils were a credit to the school and showed great maturity and patience with the process. Having additional assessments is seldom on pupils' wish lists but they handled themselves extremely well. Thank you very much guys!



## Sports Report

### U13 Schools Humberside football

Well done to our U13 team who had a fantastic match against South Hunsley in the quarter finals of the Girls U13 Humberside cup. Unfortunately, we lost by two goals, but Beverley High put up a good fight in what was a close game. Coaches' player of the match goes to both Olivia and Helena who demonstrated excellent skills and determination.



U13 Football Team



### Year 7 Inter-house Football

Well done to all the students who competed in the inter-house football competition and for giving up their lunchtimes to come and compete for their form. It was a great competition run by Miss Easter and our Year 9 coaches. Everyone who played showed great team spirit and enthusiasm. The overall winners were PA, joint second place were MP & MW.



### East Riding End of Season Netball Tournaments

Our netballers have been training hard in and out of school over the last few months and have made great progress! We have had some fantastic results in the East Riding Schools End of season tournaments:

**Year 7- 2<sup>nd</sup> place**

**Year 9 – Winners!**

**Year 11 – 2<sup>nd</sup> place**

Unfortunately the Year 10 and Year 8 tournaments had to be postponed due to bad weather.



Year 9 Netball Team



Year 11 Netball Team



### Inter-house Netball

The inter-house netball is a competition that many students look forward to every year. It involves over eighteen students from each form competing against other forms in their year group to earn points for their house.

It was lovely to see the rest of the year group and teachers come out to cheer and support their form. It was a great atmosphere and the weather was kind to us, meaning most of the matches were played in the sunshine.

Thanks to Isabelle and Poppy, our amazing Year 10 netball umpires, for helping with the younger year's competitions.



## MP - Year 7 Winners!



## MB - Year 9 Winners!





### Inter-house netball results

Year	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
7	MP	MB	PA	HL	MW
8	MP	PA	MB	MW	HL
9	MB	PA	HL	MP	MW
10	PA	MW	HL	MB	MP

### English Schools' Cross Country

What an amazing venue it was this year for the English Schools' Cross Country Competition at Wollaton Park Nottingham. We were so proud to have three of our students qualify to compete there. It was a real sight to see, with over three hundred of the best athletes in the country line up on the start line and battle through the mud and rain to complete the course. Roxie, Meisha and Tabby all ran extremely well, representing the Humberside Schools' team. Tabby came 23<sup>rd</sup> in the senior race, out of all the athletes in England this is a huge achievement!

Well done to all the athletes who competed from the Humberside schools in our area.





## School Sports Partnership Swim Gala

We were so glad this year when we heard the East Riding Swim Gala was back again at Beverley Leisure Centre. Mrs Callan took a team of students from Years 7, 8 and 9 who combined with a team of students from Beverley Grammar. The students competed in a range of swim races, including a mixed medley and managed to come out on top beating eight other schools from the East Riding. Well done to the High School and Grammar School students who were part of the team.



Key Stage 3 Swim Team



## **Welcome Back**

This month we welcomed back from maternity leave Healthcare Advisor, Mrs Grewar. It is lovely to have her happy smiley face back in the school office.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a Happy Easter-time.

