

April 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

Roxie Twidale to Represent Great Britain

This month Year 9 student Roxie Twidale competed in Cheltenham and has been selected to represent Great Britain at the European Biathlon Championships in Germany at the end of June. This is an amazing achievement! Congratulations Roxie, your school is very proud of you and thank you to Roxie's mum for sharing this news with us. We wish you the best of luck in Bavaria.



Gold DofE Practice Expedition to the Yorkshire Dales

Our Gold Duke of Edinburgh candidates faced challenging conditions during their Gold Practice expedition from 21st-23rd April. Their 3 day route took them from Long Preston to Clapham and over Ingleborough before finishing in Settle. The second morning saw them packing up in torrential rain and tackling the ascent of Ingleborough in poor visibility, but they all rose to the challenge and supported each other and they were rewarded with a clear sky and fantastic views at the summit! It is fantastic to see how much the group are learning as they prepare for their final expedition in the summer in the Lake District. Well done to them all.



Windy conditions on Day 1



High spirits after reaching the top of Ingleborough with views of Pen-y-Ghent in the background



Relaxing at the campsite

GCSE and A Level Exams Already Underway

Year 11 and Year 13 students have already begun to sit their GCSE and A Level examinations. Some Art and Photography practical exams have already taken place and MFL GCSE and A Level speaking examinations begin next week. A Level and GCSE PE and Drama moderation sessions have also taken place. We wish all of our Year 11 and 13 students the best of luck with their forthcoming examinations, we know that hundreds of hours of revision have already been invested. The better prepared you are the better the outcomes. You've got this!

Year 12 visit Cambridge

We were delighted to take a group of 23 students to King's College, Cambridge as part of the HE plus programme at the end of the Spring term. The students enjoyed a tour of the college; two fascinating lectures led by King's tutors; and time to explore Cambridge. Highlights included the chance to eat lunch in King's College Hall and a student run University Challenge quiz in the evening. Year 12 students returned inspired to take the next step in planning their university applications.



Economics Lecture

Year 12 Economics students participated in an online talk on April 27th, in which they discussed the use of Monetary Policy – Interest Rates & Inflation. This session was delivered by Dr James Watson from the University of East Anglia and focused on the reasons for the interest rate increases we have seen over the last 18 months, and when they may stop.

Over the last year or so, inflation has risen dramatically in the UK and other parts of the world. This has led to a response from the Bank of England and other central banks, in the form of a series of interest rate rises to levels not seen since the noughties. However, inflation has come at a time when economies are still recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic and, more recently, we are also facing instability in the global banking sector.

This session gave our Year 12 economists the chance to understand what the goals of monetary policy are and the challenges our central banks face when deciding how high to let interest rates rise. The use of Monetary Policy to control aggregate demand within an economy is a significant part of the macroeconomic syllabus so to have the opportunity to discuss this topic, when it is so widely discussed in the news, was an invaluable experience.

Many thanks to Dr James Watson from the University of East Anglia for providing the opportunity.





Bank of England

Celia Powell talks to Margaret Powell House

This month the five tutor groups that make up Margaret Powell House were treated to a one hour talk by Celia, one of Margaret Powell's daughters. Celia and her husband had flown in from Spain, where she now lives, to deliver the talk and to donate some resources about her mother to Beverley High School.

It was a fascinating hour in which we learned a lot about Margaret's life, she was the great granddaughter of the famous architect Sir George Gilbert Scott who designed the Albert Memorial, St Pancras Hotel and was also "the surveyor of Westminster Abbey". He was the last surveyor to be buried within the Abbey itself. Her Uncle Sir Giles Gilbert Scott designed the red telephone box, Battersea Power Station, Bankside Power Station (now Tate Modern), Liverpool Cathedral and Waterloo Bridge - perhaps the reason for Margaret's great interest in the built environment! Without Margaret's campaigning in the mid-1960s Beverley would likely be without its Friary, North Bar and Hengate.

In summary Celia said, "My Mother Margaret Powell would be amazed, honoured and rather amused that you have voted for her to be the name of one of your school houses. She would be cheering you on with the fact that you have decided to choose women as inspiration for your school houses. She would have been 100 years old this year so it seems a fitting celebration of her life to share her story with you."



Margaret Powell in 1965



Margaret Powell standing outside her home, Trewoofe, at Lamorna, Cornwall

Ferens Young Artist Open Exhibition

If your child is aged 15 and under and they are a budding artist, why not encourage them to enter this year's Young Artist Open Exhibition? The Beverley High School Art Department would like to support the Ferens Art Gallery and think that this is a great opportunity for our amazing students to flex their creative muscles.

Entries for the exhibition must be delivered to Ferens Art Gallery, Queen Victoria Square, Hull, HU1 3RA between Friday 5th and Sunday 14th May 2023.

The competition is free to enter and selected works are displayed at the Ferens Art Gallery from Friday 21st July until Sunday 1st October 2023.

The Ferens has been proud to host the Junior Open since 2004. In its nineteenth year, the exhibition is undergoing a revamp under the new name 'Young Artist Open'.

Prizes have kindly been donated by Friends of the Ferens and the Hull and East Riding branch of The Arts Society and are awarded to the best entries in the following three age categories -

- six and under
- seven to 11
- 12 to 15

Winners will be contacted prior to the opening of the exhibition to inform them of their success and invited to a prize giving event.

You can view the full details and information on how to enter on the Ferens Art Gallery website.

<https://www.hcandl.co.uk/museums-and-galleries/ferens/young-artist-open-exhibition-2023>



Tutor Reading Book of the Month: *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee

A true American classic and a novel whose crusading spirit and memorable characters have passed into literary folklore, *To Kill a Mockingbird* views the brutality of racism in the Deep South through the eyes of the big-hearted child narrator, Scout. Through the young eyes of Scout and Jem Finch, Harper Lee explores with exuberant humour the irrationality of adult attitudes to race and class in the Deep South of the 1930s. The conscience of a town steeped in prejudice, violence and hypocrisy is pricked by the stamina of one man's struggle for justice. A benchmark of classic American literature, *To Kill A Mockingbird* approaches the highly sensitive topic of racism in 1930s America with humour, warmth and compassion, making it widely recognised as one of the best books of the twentieth century and in American literature.

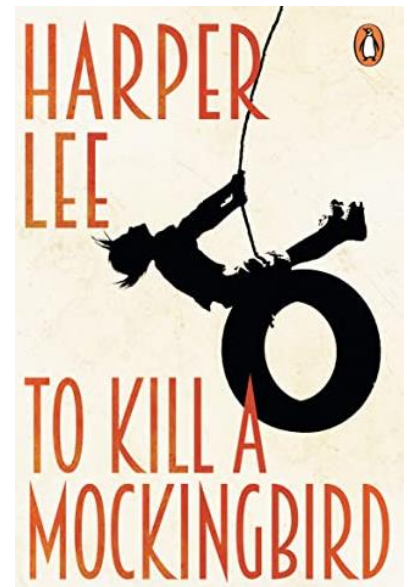
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<https://www.theguardian.com/books/2013/oct/17/review-to-kill-a-mockingbird-harper-lee>

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Year 7 Online Parents' Evening

Thank you to the parents of Year 7 students who logged on for parents' evening this month. Teachers really appreciate these opportunities to feed back to you about your child's academic progress.