

May 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

Coronation Picnic

Sadly, the sun failed to shine and it rained on the Friday before the King's Coronation so our Coronation picnics had to take place indoors! Years 7 & 8 however enjoyed setting out their picnic blankets in the Sports Hall and having their photographs taken with the King!



World Championship Dancers

We learned this month that some of our students have qualified for the UDO World Championships dance competition in August.

Maisie F has qualified for solo, duo, trio, team and super crew. Edie O has qualified for Team and Super crew. Harriet C has qualified for duo, team and super crew. Darcie T also qualified for duo with Harriet.

Emily C has qualified for duo, team and super crew. Summer T and Ruthie Mae H also did well in qualifying in the super crew team. This is a fantastic achievement. Well done, your school is very proud of you. We wish you all well in August.



French Exchange Visit to Beverley

We were delighted to welcome 23 students and their two teachers from Millau to Beverley for a fantastic week's stay. The week was packed with visits to York, Bampton and Whitby; time spent in school sampling lessons; and visits to the Treasure House and the Guildhall in Beverley itself. All the French students were hosted with the families of Year 10 students and we are very grateful to all the hosts and their families for the wonderful welcome they received. Here are some comments made by our students after the visit:

"I enjoyed going out with my friends and the French students and playing football after school. I also enjoyed talking to the French students and learning a bit about France. I am excited to see what the French schools are like and eat the French food." Imogen, Year 10

"I really enjoyed the French exchange and the experiences that came with it! I met lots of great people that I will always stay in touch with. It taught me some new and useful French that we would not get taught in the classroom. All the French students were lovely, and I had an amazing time the whole week, but I really enjoyed the last day (Sunday) as many of us went to the Westwood for a game of French vs English football after the afternoon tea with the Mayor! it was a nice activity to finish the week off and say goodbye to everyone!! I'm really excited to visit Millau and see the French students again and see how different or similar their lives are!" Maddie, Year 10

We are looking forward to our return visit to Millau in October. If you are interested in reading more about the visit please visit the blog

<https://sites.google.com/view/millaubeverley-2023/voyages-trips/voyage-%C3%A0-beverley-mai>

and read this article which was published in Millau's local newspaper

<https://www.journaldemillau.fr/2023/05/24/marcel-aymard-reliance-lechange-avec-beverley/>



Matthew Rice talks to Pat Albeck House

This month the five tutor groups that make up Pat Albeck House were treated to a one-hour talk by Matthew, Pat Albeck's son. Matthew travelled from Oxford to deliver the talk and to donate an original piece of Pat's work. It was a fascinating hour in which we learned a lot about Pat's life. She was the child of Jewish immigrants from Russian Poland who moved to London's East End in 1908 before eventually moving to Hull, where Pat was born. She attended Beverley High School in the 1940s and had an excellent art teacher who sparked her interest in pattern-making and calligraphy. Pat worked for Horrockses, Sanderson's and Cavendish Textiles throughout her career. She also took commissions from her son and daughter-in-law, Emma Bridgewater.

Thank you to Matthew for his time, energy and insights. We are proud to have Pat Albeck as the face of one of our Houses.



International Women's Day Speech Competition

In celebration of International Women's Day, Year 7 had a lesson focused on this year's theme of 'Embrace Equity' and explored the history of the day and the changes that are still needed in our society and around the world.

As part of this, students were asked to write a speech exploring their own thoughts about the issue. The strongest speeches from each form were then presented in front of a teacher-led panel on 28 April. The standard was very high and the panel were extremely impressed by the confidence, thoughtfulness and maturity of each of the entries. All students who took part should be very proud of what they achieved, and we would like to say a particular congratulations to this year's winners: Sophie B (1st place); Effie L (2nd place); Clara A and Hannah D (joint 3rd place).



Year 7 Essay Competition: Have Your Say!

More than a third of Year 7 entered our latest Knowledge Hub competition, which gave them the chance to have their say about a problem facing the world today and what they want to do about it. Articulate and well-researched essays covered a diverse range of topics, from climate change to poverty, cyberbullying to LGBTQ+ discrimination. The judges had a difficult task but were inspired by the creative solutions offered and the passion on display.

We encourage our shortlisted and winning entrants to send their essays to the national competition, hosted by Exeter College, University of Oxford, by the deadline of 10th July. More information can be found on their website: www.exeter.ox.ac.uk/ks3-essay-comp. Our three winners will each receive a voucher for the Beverley Bookshop, presented in the final assembly of term.

Shortlisted entrants:

Darcy B
Harriet C
Darcey E

Iris G

Lexi G

Erica W

Winners:

Lois S-C - Stereotyping in Clothes

Clara H-C - Refugee Rights, Housing and Charities

Millie C - Mental Health

And for those pupils who've caught the writing bug, the new competition from the Knowledge Hub is now up and running! Simply log in using your school login details to find out more.

Year 7 Welcome our New Pupils

It's that time of year when the transition team meet with our feeder primary schools, and who better to give words of advice and encouragement to Year 6 than our current Year 7s? Each form group cast their minds back to September last year and used their empathy skills to write warm, reassuring and enthusiastic cards to the new entrants. Popular themes ranged from the new and varied subjects waiting for pupils, to the friendliness and approachability of staff - and of course the delicious canteen food! It has been a pleasure for staff to see how our Year 7s have embraced this leadership activity and made great progress in their academic and personal development this year.

This year's cards designed by (from left): Maya C & Lydia W 7HL, Annalise B 7MW and Evie C 7HL.



Sports Report

We have had a busy start to the summer term and it's been great to get back to playing summer sports again! Here is a reminder of the extra-curricular clubs that are running this term – as always, everyone is welcome 😊

	LUNCHTIME		AFTER SCHOOL (FINISH 4.15PM)	
	Bring a pack-up & trainers.		Bring full PE kit.	
Monday	Yr7 Tennis Tennis Courts Mrs Owen			Fixtures
Tuesday	Yr9 Tennis Tennis Courts Mr Harriott	Yr7 & 8 Rounders Field Mrs Callan		Fixtures
Wednesday	Yr10 Tennis Tennis Courts Mr Harriott			Fixtures
Thursday	Yr9 & 10 Rounders Field Miss Easter	Year 8 Tennis Tennis Courts Mrs Owen	Athletics Club (All Years) Mrs Owen, Miss Easter & Mrs Callan	Fixtures
Friday				

Netball Success – Humber finals for three of our teams!

Congratulations to our Year 7, 8 and 9 Netball teams who have qualified for the Humber finals in June. Year 7 & 8 came 2nd and Year 9 came 1st in the East Riding Schools' End of Season tournaments, this means they go through to play the top two schools in the Humber area. This is the first time three of our teams have qualified together, we are looking forward to what should be a great day of competing!



Ten Pin Bowling Panathlon Competition



On the 26 April we took a group of Year 9 & 10 students to the Panathlon bowling competition, organised by the School Sports Partnerships. The students enjoyed an afternoon of bowling and competed against other schools in the East Riding. They were runners - up overall with some individuals achieving some amazing individual scores! It was such a fantastic event; really well organised and something the students thoroughly enjoyed, we will definitely go again next year! Here are some of the comments from the students we took on the day: "It was really fun and different - my first school trip"; "It was only my second time bowling, I enjoyed it; it was fun and all the people there were very nice."

Rounders

The Year 9 & 10 rounders teams have had fixtures against Cottingham and South Hunsley schools this half term. Year 9 won both their games, showing impressive fielding skills - consistent bowling by Penny and well led by the captain, Rose!

Our Year 10 team beat Cottingham but lost to a very strong South Hunsley team, they showed great support and team spirit!

Year 9 Rounders Team





Year 10 Rounders Team

Tennis

It has been great to see so many students coming along to tennis club at lunchtimes, the courts have been full, with students enjoying playing in the warmer weather. Our first match was against Tranby School on Tuesday 16th May. For most of these students this was the first tennis match they had ever played, they did really well, not only improving on their skills but also getting to grips with the scoring! Well done to Isabel and Lois in Year 7 for winning all their matches and only dropping 4 games out of the 3 sets played!



Our Year 7-9 students also played Wolfreton School on Monday 22 May. We took twelve students altogether who competed in some enjoyable games of doubles on a warm sunny evening. All students from both schools really progressed as the games went on and showed fair play and respect for others. **Beverley High won** overall, with our two Year 7 pairs winning all five matches!



Year 7 -10 tennis v Tranby



Year 7-9 Tennis v Wolfreton

Quad Athletics

We took two teams to compete in the Quad Athletics competition at South Hunsley School on Thursday 18 May. This is a mixed event, so we joined with the Grammar School boys to compete. The students took part in four events: Long Jump, 100m, 800m and the Vortex throw. We are pleased to say that out of the nine schools entered from the East Riding, both our teams came in second place, this means they are through to the Humber Final at the Costello Stadium in June. Well done to students who took part and good luck next month.



Year 8 Quad Athletics Team

Coming up in June -

Humber Athletics Competition (Years 7-9)
Quad Athletics Humber Finals (Years 7-10)
Netball Humber Finals (Years 7-9)
Rounders and Tennis fixtures (Years 7-10)
End of Season Rounders Tournaments (Years 7-10)

PE Kit in June

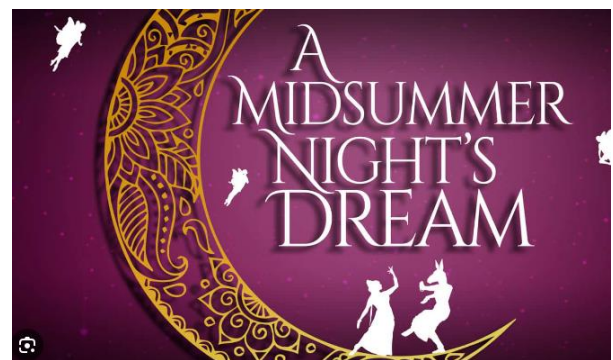
You will be aware that we are about to have an exciting major refurbishment of the Science block. Work on this project is due to begin straight after the half-term holiday. As a result of the likely disruption from noise we are going to move our exams for Year 11 GCSEs and Year 12 Mocks to the Sports Hall. The Sports Hall will therefore be out of bounds for Years 7-10 students for a period of four weeks from Monday 5 June to Friday 30 June. This makes changing for PE lessons more difficult. We have therefore decided to allow students to wear their PE kit to school on their designated PE lesson days should they so wish. If they do not wish to wear their PE kit then we will of course provide changing facilities within the gym as normal. PE lessons will return to normal in the w/c 3 July.

School Drama Production

Rehearsals are well underway for our Key Stage 3 Production of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' which is a co-production with the students at Beverley Grammar School.

The students have been working extremely hard, committing to weekly rehearsals as well as learning lines and starting to prepare ideas for costumes and props.

A huge thank you to two of our Year 12s (Lucy S and Milly C) and Year 10 pupil Poppy D who have been helping to direct the production.



The piece is to be performed using a promenade style of theatre and tickets will be available very soon!

Visit by Former Student

It was fantastic to welcome back Ellie P, an ex-Beverley High School and Beverley J6th student. Ellie is currently working as a trainee Cardiac Physiologist at St George's Hospital in London and is completing a Masters' degree in Cardiac Clinical Sciences through the National School of Healthcare's Scientist Training Programme.

Ellie was excited to be back at BHS, she said she has many happy memories, "There is no doubt in my mind that I would not be here if it were not for the incredible foundation of education I received by being at Beverley High School and the J6th Form. I am a STEM ambassador and would love to extend any help I could through raising awareness around the possibility of science careers for young women".

Ellie has recently shared her higher education experience with a current Year 13 student who has aspirations to go into the field of medicine, Ellie explained how she got on to the Scientist Training Programme and offered words of wisdom.

We are so proud of Ellie and what she has achieved – well done Ellie!

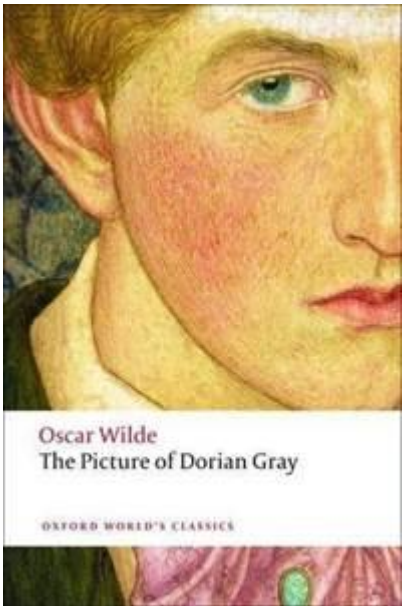


Tutor Reading Book of the Month: The Picture of Dorian Gray by Oscar Wilde

Students in Years 9 and 10 have the opportunity to read *The Picture of Dorian Gray* by Oscar Wilde as part of the tutor reading programme.

'The only way to get rid of a temptation is to yield to it.'

When Dorian Gray has his portrait painted, he is captivated by his own beauty. Tempted by his world-weary, decadent friend Lord Henry Wotton, he wishes to stay forever young, and pledges his very soul to keep his good looks. Set in fin-de-siecle (end of century) London, the novel traces a path from the studio of painter Basil Hallward to the opium dens of the East End. As Dorian's slide into crime and cruelty progresses he stays magically youthful, while his beautiful portrait changes, revealing the hideous corruption of moral decay. Ever since its first publication in 1890 Wilde's only novel has remained the subject of critical controversy. Acclaimed by some as an instructive moral tale, it has been denounced by others for its implicit immorality. Combining elements of the supernatural, aestheticism, and the Gothic, *The Picture of Dorian Gray* is an unclassifiable and uniquely unsettling work of fiction.



<https://www.waterstones.com/book/the-picture-of-dorian-gray/oscar-wilde/joseph-bristow/9780199535989>

Find out more:

<https://www.theguardian.com/books/2014/mar/24/100-best-novels-picture-dorian-gray-oscar-wilde>

<https://www.theguardian.com/childrens-books-site/2014/feb/13/review-picture-of-dorian-gray-oscar-wilde>

BIG IDEAS

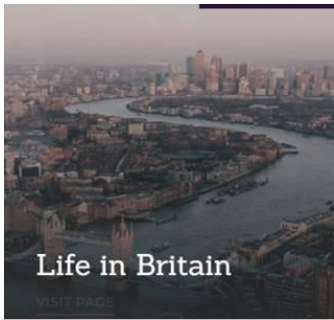
This half term, as part of our Big Ideas series, students have been focussing on the following:

Year 7

Year 8

Year 9

Year 10



Arty Year 8

Over the last term the fantastically talented Year 8s have produced some outstanding works of Art. They were challenged to use oil pastel (not the easiest medium to work with) whilst also placing carefully observed animals into dynamic compositions. You can see some examples of their hard work below.

Well done Year 8!







School Trips

We have two amazing school trips out of school today... the Year 9 trip to Cologne in Germany with the MFL department which left very late on Tuesday and a (very long!) day trip to Hay-on-Wye in Wales for the Literary Festival, again for Year 9. And the History department gave Year 8 the opportunity to see the West End Musical SIX in Hull last night. You'll hear more about these amazing trips in June's Highlife.



Year 13's Last Day

Year 13's last day of lessons was marked with a farewell study breakfast for some, a game of rounders and ice lollies. We wish them all the best as they complete their A Level examinations and we look forward to welcoming them back to their Final Assembly and to celebrating with them at the Year 13 Prom at the end of June.

Year 11 Leavers' Afternoon

Year 11 enjoyed an afternoon without exams today, so we were able to fit in their final assembly and hand out the Yearbooks that we gift to Year 11 each year. They also had time to do the customary shirt signing and take photographs to mark the day. Incredibly, many Year 11s are now half way through their GCSE exams. We wish them well with the remainder after half term. Remember that revision during half term is important but you also need to take some time for yourself to relax and spend time with your loved ones. It shouldn't be all work and no play! And after GCSEs you will be rewarded with the longest holiday of your lives!

Wishing you a good May half term. The sun promises to shine!

