

September 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

GCSE Results

Congratulations to all of last year's Year 11 students who produced stunning results in August...the second best set in the school's history! Thirty students achieved at least 8 Grades 7/8/9 – an absolutely outstanding achievement. And all students made fantastic progress.



A Level Results

It was wonderful to share students' success on A level results day and we wish all our students all the best as they head off to University, Apprenticeships and the workplace this month. We are delighted to have 16th students studying courses as varied as American Studies and Pharmacy at campuses across the country from Kings College, London to Aberdeen. Good luck to all our Year 14!

Headteacher of Beverley Grammar School, Mr Chappell, was among lots of very proud parents on results day as his daughter collected her A Level grades from the Beverley Joint Sixth. Congratulations Elspeth!



A Warm Welcome to Year 7

In September we were delighted to welcome our new Year 7 pupils to Beverley High School. Four weeks in, they are confidently navigating the school site, settling into school routines and showing a real enthusiasm for learning. A big well done to all Year 7s who took part in Year 6 Open Evening this week, including Kotomi who spoke brilliantly about her first few weeks at secondary school to a packed sports hall full of parents!

We are also pleased to see Year 7s embracing the many extra-curricular opportunities on offer at lunchtimes and after school. Clubs are a great way to make new friends and have fun. As well as our instrumental ensembles, see below for just some of the clubs on offer this term:

Monday lunchtime: KS3 Choir in the Hall, Maths Support in M3

Tuesday after school: Netball in the Sports Hall, Drama Club in the Drama Room (start date tbc)

Wednesday lunchtime: Maths Support in M3

Thursday after school: KS3 Debate Club in the Drama Room

Friday lunch: Badminton in the Sports Hall

A reminder that the Learning Resource Centre is open from 8am before school and until 4pm after school and supervised by Teaching Assistants, if your child would like support with their homework.

A Warm Welcome to Year 12

We are pleased to welcome the students who have joined us in Year 12 this September. Students from Beverley High School, Beverley Grammar School and other local schools make up the year group; they are studying a range of A level subjects and their teachers are impressed with the great start they have made to their sixth form studies. They have lots to keep them busy with an upcoming super-curricular visit to London as well as the Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award.

A Warm Welcome to New Staff

Two new teachers joined Beverley High School this month: MFL teacher, Miss Anscomb and English teacher, Miss Shinkwin. We were also joined by a new Emotional Health Support Worker, Mrs Edwards, and three new Teaching Assistants, Miss Williamson, Miss Soulsby and Mrs Masters. We hope that they will all enjoy working at our school.

This month we also welcomed two trainee teachers into the History and Biology departments. Ms Curtis and Mr Tees will be with us until February half term. We wish them lots of luck as they start their teaching careers.

Magdalene College, Cambridge Arts and Humanities Essay Competition

Year 13 student and Head Girl, Lucy Smith, was awarded an Honourable Mention in the Magdalene College Arts and Humanities Essay Competition 2023. The judges were very impressed with Lucy's essay and found her thoroughly deserving of the recognition. Lucy was invited to a prize-giving celebration at Magdalene College on Friday 15th September 2023. Well done, Lucy!



Heads of House

This half term Ms Japp and Miss Brownell met with our new Heads of House to outline plans for the year ahead. Hannah, Natalia, Alice, Lily and Grace are fantastic ambassadors for our school, and we look forward to the first House assemblies in October.



Stunning £500,000 Science Refurbishment

Head of Science, Dr Cosquer was delighted to cut the ribbon at the opening of our newly refurbished Science block last week. The new facilities are fantastic. Students moved in on Monday to be taught in these state-of-the-art laboratories which will hopefully help to inspire the next generation of scientists. Thanks go to the Local Authority and to the Wolfson Foundation without whose funding the refurbishment could not have happened.

BEFORE



AFTER



Fantastic New facilities in our Sixth Form Common Room

There has been lots of hard work in our 6th form common room over the holidays and the result is a completely transformed 6th form area with the very popular addition of a coffee machine. Students are making the most of the new facilities and we are excited to introduce more changes in the coming months.

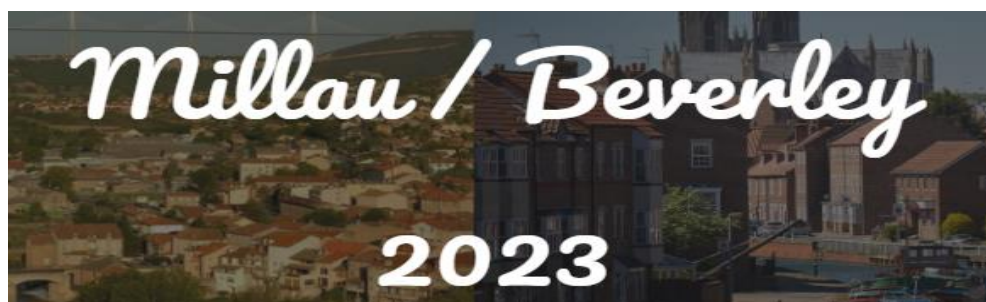


Year 11 German Exchange

This week a group of students are spending a week in Wuppertal on the German Exchange. More about that in the October edition of Highlife.

Year 11 French Exchange

We are so excited to be setting off on Monday 2nd October for a week with our host families and school in Millau. Please follow our trip here: <https://sites.google.com/view/millaubeverley-2023/voyages-trips/trip-to-millau-october>



Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award Success



Well done and congratulations – you’ve achieved your Gold Award!

Following the successful completion of the Year 12 Gold Expedition in the summer we are pleased to be celebrating yet more Gold success this term. Eight students have now completed all five sections of their Gold Award and we are awaiting confirmation of their celebration presentations. Buckingham Palace here we come!

Bronze DofE 2022-23 cohort complete their final expedition

In September, 36 intrepid Year 10s completed their final Bronze expedition. Seven expedition teams journeyed from Bishop Wilton village to Shiptonthorpe (or vice versa), via Allerthorpe Lakeland Park campsite. Supervisors and assessors were very impressed by the teams' determination and teamwork, in sunshine and rain! Students talked about their sense of achievement on completing their expedition having walked so far, navigating their routes and carrying their kit. They have clearly grown in confidence and resilience, as well as developing their practical skills and campcraft.

Students are now focusing on completing the other sections of the Bronze DofE in order to gain the full award: Volunteering, Skills and Physical. We are delighted that many are already setting their sights on the Silver award, which will be undertaken in collaboration with Beverley Grammar School. Interested applicants should contact our Silver Coordinator Miss Clark (s.clark@beverleyhigh.net). Students do not need to have completed the Bronze award in order to undertake the Silver. Recruitment for the 2023-24 Bronze cohort will start soon! Interested Year 9 applicants should contact our Bronze Coordinator Ms Atkinson (l.atkinson@beverleyhigh.net).



Beverley Racecourse Trip

The Maths department took 27 hard working mathematicians from Year 8 to Beverley Race Course earlier this week for the last race day of the season. The charity Racing to School provided a full day of maths related activities, including visiting areas such as the jockey's weighing room that the public can't usually access. The heavy downpour whilst we were on the race track itself did not dampen spirits and the sun came out for the first race of the afternoon which we were able to watch before heading back to school. The day provided a great insight into the racing industry and into a local landmark.



Allerthorpe Lake

Year 12 students spent the first Friday of term at Allerthorpe Lake taking part in team building activities. The sun shone and it was a wonderful opportunity for the students to get to know each other and to learn skills which will help them as they begin their A level studies. Thank you to the staff who supported the event and to the students who took part with such enthusiasm.





Year 6 Open Evening

The Sports Hall was packed, with standing room only on Tuesday evening for our Open Evening for prospective students and their parents. The school was buzzing. Everyone was impressed by the new Science labs and future students enjoyed all of the different activities on offer across the school. The students who spoke at the beginning of the evening to hundreds of future students and their parents were amazing ambassadors for the school, well done to Kotomi, Leonora, Cat, Zadie, Isabelle, Celia and Lucy, your school is very proud of you.

Whole School Photo

Once every five years all students and staff appear in a whole school photograph. This means that every student has the opportunity to appear in a Beverley High whole school photo once during their secondary school career. Tempest, the photographers, arrived very early one mid-September morning and erected the scaffolding on the tennis courts. Then in reverse order the year groups filled up the spaces. It takes skill and precision to get almost 1,000 people, students and staff, in place for the perfect picture. Proofs will be available shortly. Previous whole school photographs will soon move to their new home in Reception so that visitors can spot themselves or their children and grandchildren as well as current and former teachers!

Kindness in Our Community

Our wonderfully generous school community raised £450 in half an hour one Friday morning this month with a bucket collection at the entrance gate for the Morocco Earthquake Appeal. The money will assist on the ground in Morocco and was sent through local Beverley charity Jacob's Well who were very grateful.

The staff also held a coffee morning for Macmillan Cancer Care which raised £70 for this very worthy cause.

Happy 115th Birthday, Beverley High School!

23 September marks the day that Beverley High School first opened, 115 years ago. In September 1908, 20 students were in attendance with 5 staff including the first Headmistress, Miss Rossiter. In 2023 850 students and 100 staff make up our school community. Staff celebrated with birthday cake at lunchtime!



Heritage Open Day 2023



We opened our doors for National Heritage Open Day on Friday, 8 September. It was lovely to welcome back some former students of the school as well as other interested parties who browsed the artefacts on display in the school hall, and toured the admin building. There were many kind words from appreciative visitors about our students and the school. Thank you to our Heads of House, Hannah, Natalia, Lily, Alice and Grace, who were fantastic ambassadors for our school.

Year 7 CATs

All of Year 7 have taken part in the CATs (Cognitive Ability Tests). Students took a range of computerised tests under the headings verbal, spatial, non-verbal and quantitative. The tests are used as a diagnostic tool by staff to identify strengths and weaknesses of individuals in word comprehension, number patterns and spatial patterns. They are also helpful for the school to understand the current ability profile of the whole cohort. Although we do not share the outcomes of these assessments, due to the specialist knowledge required, we do use them to provide pupils with a baseline ability level. This will be displayed on the three annual reports as a comparison to help you make sense of your child's progress. Please remember that this is based on assessments on one day, they do not label your child or prevent them accessing the full range of the curriculum. This level will remain unchanged throughout Key Stage 3. The reports each year have indications of the sort of outcomes expected by a pupil with the same starting point but individuals may be above or below this in one or more areas in a subject or across all their subjects.

Year 7 as a year group handled the assessments extremely well. They were organised, on time and there was minimal fuss. It was a very mature approach: few people relish lengthy assessments. The information that the tests provide are particularly useful for identifying additional need and access arrangements but for the majority of pupils they will be of little personal consequence. Rest assured though that they are very helpful in the background. Well done Year 7!

Music Matters

Ensembles, Choirs and Concerts

Rehearsal of all our instrumental and singing groups are taking place as per the schedule. We encourage all of our young musicians to take part in at least one ensemble or choir and to take part in at least one of the concerts. These groups are open to pupils who learn instruments in school and with privately and pupils are welcome to join at any time.

Instrumental Lessons

Instrumental lessons are going strong with lots of Y7 pupils continuing from primary school and others who have taken up an instrument as a new starter. Our ten visiting instrumental teachers from the East Riding Schools Music Service offer the full range of instruments and there are still a few spaces available, particularly for oboe, bassoon, cello, double bass, trumpet, horn, trombone and tuba. **The letter about starting an instrument can be found on our website in Curriculum – Subjects – Music.** After reading please click the link on the first page and complete the New Starters online sign-up form. Your child will go on the teacher's waiting list and when a space becomes available the teacher will contact them via their school email account.

Music Ensembles & Concerts 2023-24

Being in a music group helps you to:

- make friends & become more confident
- get better at reading music, playing in tune and playing in time
- be part of Beverley High's tradition of musical excellence

INSTRUMENT STORAGE

On the morning of your rehearsal take your instrument to the following room

- ITR (instrumental teaching room in the 6th form block) - woodwind and upper strings
- WMR (white music room at the front of school) - guitars, brass, lower strings

LUNCH

- bring a pack-up or buy a pack-up style lunch in the canteen
- collect a **PRIORITY LUNCH PASS** from your class music teacher

Day	Ensemble/Choir	Pupils	Time	Place	Teacher
MON	Choir (Y7-9)	All Y7-9 pupils	12:25-12:45	Hall	Miss Penny Miss Papanikolaou
	Percussion Ensemble	Percussion pupils	12:40-13:05	ITR	Mr Sykes
TUE	Junior Wind Band	Woodwind <i>beg to gr2</i>	12:45-13:05	Hall	Mrs O'Brien
WED	Advanced Wind	Woodwind <i>gr5+</i>	12:45-13:05	Hall	Mrs Walker
	Guitar Group	Guitar pupils	12:45-13:05	WMR	Mr Draper

THU	Keyboard Ensemble	Keyboard pupils	12:45-13:05	ITR	Mr Hardy
	Junior Brass	Brass <i>beg to gr2</i>	12:25-12:45	Hall	Mr Walker
	Concert Band	Wind & Brass <i>gr3+</i>	12:45-13:05	Hall	Mr Walker
	Senior Brass	Brass <i>gr3+</i>	15:20-15:50	ITR	Mr Walker
	Chamber Choir	Y9-13 <i>by audition</i>	15:15-16:30	M5	Miss Penny Miss Ward
FRI	Senior Strings	Strings <i>gr3+</i>	12:25-12:45	Hall	Mr Ward
	Junior Strings	Strings <i>up to gr2</i>	12:45-13:05	Hall	Mr Ward & Miss Featherston

CONCERTS

Carol Service – Thursday December 21 (afternoon) - choirs
Junior Recital Evening – Monday March 11 (6pm)
Senior Recital Evening – Thursday March 14 (6pm)
Piano & Percussion Summer Concert – Monday July 8 (6pm)
Singing & Strings Summer Concert – Tuesday July 9 (6pm)
Wind & Brass Summer Concert – Wednesday July 10 (6pm)

September Journal

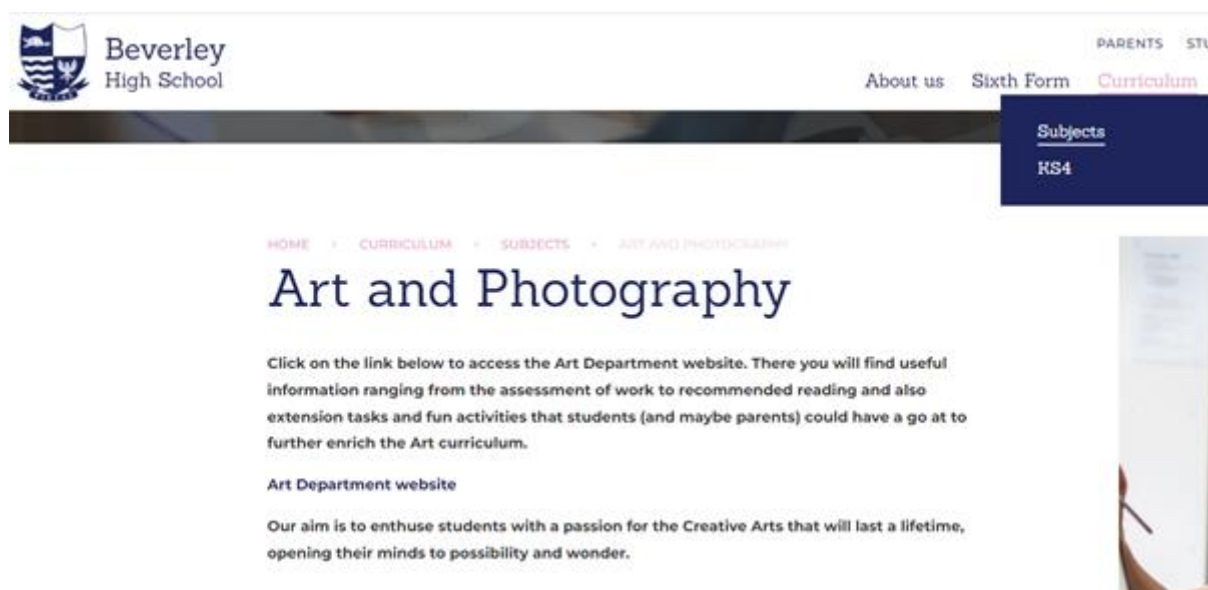
This month's Journal marked International Literacy Day on 8th September. Thank you to all the students who contributed to this fascinating edition.



Art Department Website

The Art Department has launched its own website which is aimed at giving parents/carers and students a greater insight into our Art and Photography courses. On the website you will find, amongst other things, course outlines, guides to how report grades are formulated and optional extension tasks (that do not necessarily have to be done by the students).

You can access the Art Department website via the main school website (beverleyhigh.net) and by then navigating to the curriculum section, subjects and then selecting Art and Photography. Click on the link to visit the site.



GCSE Art

Last year's GCSE Art students produced a wide range of fantastic artworks. The external moderator praised the course and the students for their endeavours.

"This is an excellent course which supports all students of all abilities through a range of creative opportunities to develop and demonstrate their knowledge, skills and understanding. Differentiated activities ensured that all sampled students were given the opportunity for personal expression resulting in a myriad of creative outcomes both 2D and 3D." External moderator

The images below represent a small sample of the fantastic work that was produced.







Sports Report

Netball

We have been really pleased with the number of students attending Netball Club across all year groups. The PE department has organised some friendly fixtures against local schools in a league this year, as well as competing in the Top Schools competition and East Riding tournaments. On Wednesday 27th September we had our first fixture against South Hunsley School. Both the Year 7 & 8 teams had very close matches and both came away with a win – a great start to the term! For Year 7 it was their first time playing together as a team, they worked well together and showed some fabulous passing and movement into space.



Individual success:

Well done to Hattie (Year 9) & Annie (Year 7) who have been selected to train with Rhinos (regional team) this year!

We look forward to competing in the first round of the National School's Netball competition for the U14 and U16 teams in the next couple of weeks.

Football

We have had an increasing number of students attending Football Club, hopefully inspired by the success of the Lionesses! Students have enjoyed making use of the new football goals we have on our pitches. We are looking forward to a friendly fixture coming up with local rivals Longcroft School and hope to enter some teams again to compete in the Humberside Schools league this year.



Individual success: Congratulations to Florence (Year 9) who was selected for the East Riding Girls' team!

Cross Country

The Autumn term also brings the start of the cross country season, and we will be doing cross country in lessons and the annual inter-form competition in the next couple of weeks. At the end of October, we will also be taking teams from Years 7-13 to the East Riding Schools' competition.



PE in Lessons

Here is what we are studying up to the October half term with all our year groups.

Year 7	Hockey & Netball
Year 8	Hockey & Netball
Year 9	Hockey & Netball
Year 10	Netball & Sports Leaders
Year 11	Volleyball & Badminton

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Students have been enjoying the range of clubs on offer this half term. Here is a reminder of what's on offer up until the October half term.

	LUNCHTIME Bring a pack-up & trainers.		AFTER SCHOOL (FINISH 4.15PM) Bring full PE kit.	
Monday			Football Yr8 & 9 Field Mr Harriott (Starts 18 th Sept)	Fixtures
Tuesday	Yr10 & 11 GCSE Dance Dance Studio	Football Yr10 & 11 Sports Hall Mr Harriott	Netball Yr7 & 8 Sports Hall Every other week Mrs Owen (Starts 19 th Sept Sept)	Fixtures
Wednesday	Netball Yr7 & 8 Outdoor Courts/Sports Hall Mrs Owen & Mrs Callan		Netball Yr9,10 & 11 Outdoor Courts/Sports hall. Mrs Owen & Miss Easter	Fixtures
Thursday	Football Yr7 Miss Easter Sports hall			Fixtures
Friday	Badminton Yr7-10 Mrs Owen			

Tutor Time – Big Ideas

This half term students are focussing on the following Big Ideas:

Year 7 – Art History



Year 8 – The Olympic Games



Year 9 – Astronomy



Year 10 – Cultures & Traditions



Year 11 – Landmarks around the World

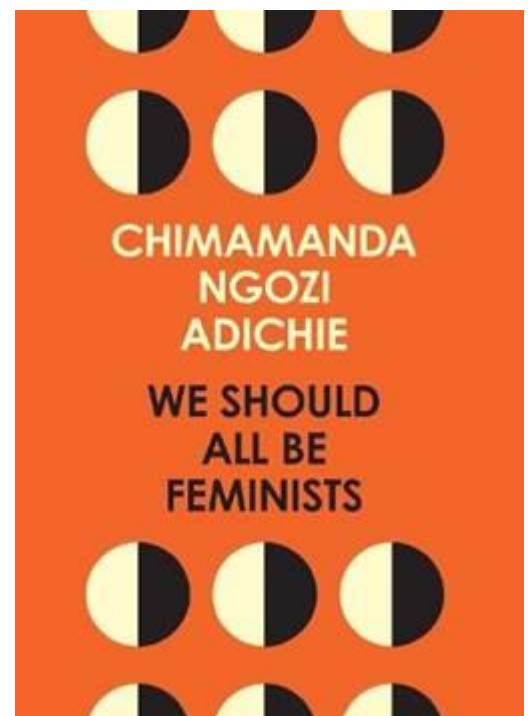


Tutor Reading Book of the Month: *We Should All Be Feminists* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

Students in Year 11 have the opportunity to read *We Should All Be Feminists* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie as part of the tutor reading programme. Taken from her globally influential TED talk, this is Ngozi Adichie's feminist manifesto. A powerful, personal essay of hope and ambition for a better, fairer world. This is a personal and powerful essay from Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, the bestselling author of *Americanah* and *Half of a Yellow Sun*.

'I would like to ask that we begin to dream about and plan for a different world. A fairer world. A world of happier men and happier women who are truer to themselves. And this is how to start: we must raise our daughters differently. We must also raise our sons differently...'

She asks, what does 'Feminism' mean today?



In this personal, eloquently argued essay, adapted from her much-admired TEDx talk of the same name, - Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie offers readers a unique definition of Feminism for the twenty-first century, one rooted in inclusion and awareness.

Drawing extensively on her own experiences and her deep understanding of the often masked realities of sexual politics, here is one remarkable author's exploration of what it means to be a woman now - an of-the-moment rallying cry for why we should all be feminists.

<https://www.waterstones.com/book/we-should-all-be-feminists/chimamanda-ngozi-adichie/9780008115272>

Find out more:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hg3umXU_qWc

<https://www.theguardian.com/books/chimamanda-ngozi-adichie>

NCS

A group of Year 11 students recently enjoyed time away with NCS where their time was filled with activities and opportunities to meet new people. The overnight stay included time at the lake; archery; axe throwing; toasting marshmallows around a bonfire; as well as other activities and a night in a tepee! They returned home tired but happy the next day. NCS schemes are free for all students and we promote them in school to Year 11 and 12 students.



— WEEKEND WITH NCS —

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YEAR 11 &
YEAR 12'S



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AND ACTIVITIES!



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- MEET NEW FRIENDS
- HAVE AN ADVENTURE
- OPEN UP THE DOOR TO
NEW OPPORTUNITIES

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- 16-17 SEPT
- 23-24 SEPT
- 30 SEPT- 1 OCT
- 7-8 OCT



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