

October 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

German Exchange Trip to Gymnasium am Kothen, Wuppertal



Our exchange trip to Wuppertal, Germany was a week to remember! From the first day when we got to reunite with our beloved exchange partners, to the final day of the week when we had to say 'goodbye', we had an amazing time. It was a great experience to see what school was like in Germany, especially not having to wear a uniform. We also enjoyed a wonderful afternoon visiting the infamous Wuppertal Zoo, as we indulged in its fascinating history, admired the many animals on exhibit and were immersed in its wonderful enclosures. Throughout many of the days we were there, we got the chance to ride on Wuppertal's iconic suspended train! On one of the days, we got to meet Wuppertal's mayor and learnt about some of Wuppertal's history and its culture. Near the end of the week, we spent a day in the city Düsseldorf. We visited a museum, full of fascinating culture and history, and then made our way to Düsseldorf's fabulous TV tower as we pillared over the city immersed in its architectural brilliance! To end the week off, we enjoyed some traditional German soup and waffles! Sehr lecker! And finally, we had to unfortunately say goodbye to our new life-long friends after a brilliant, entertaining and memorable week. (Ami F)

Der deutsche Austausch war eine fantastische Erfahrung. Es hat so viel Spaß gemacht und wir haben viele neue Freunde gefunden. Wuppertal war eine schöne Stadt und die Schwebbahn war so aufregend! Wir werden die Deutschen bestimmt in Zukunft besuchen. Vielen Dank, Lehrerinnen und Schülerinnen! (Lily M)



Unser Austauschlebnis war unglaublich! Wir haben uns alle sehr gefreut, unsere Austauschpartnerinnen wieder zu sehen. Am ersten Tag haben wir in der Schule gefrühstückt. Da haben wir leckere Brötchen mit Salami bekommen. Wir verbrachten einen Tag im Wuppertal Zoo und lernten etwas über alle faszinierenden Tiere, die es in Wuppertal gibt. Wir durften mehrmals in der Schwebbahn fahren und wir haben sogar den Bürgermeister besucht. Wir haben einen ganzen Tag in Düsseldorf verbracht, wo wir einkaufen gegangen sind. Wir durften einen Tag in der Schule verbringen und mussten keine Uniform anziehen! Zum Schluss haben wir alle traditionelle Kürbis suppe und Waffeln mit Sahne gegessen. Die waren sehr lecker! Es hat sehr viel Spaß gemacht. Ich habe eine tolle Freundin gefunden und kann es kaum erwarten, sie und ihre Familie in den Ferien zu besuchen. (Georgina C)



Une visite à Millau

Twenty four students from both Beverley High and Grammar Schools took part in a week-long French Exchange visit to Millau in October. Accompanied by Dr Cosquer, Mrs Gardiner and Mrs Robertson they spent a week in the southern French town. The weather was glorious for the entire week and students spent time in lessons, on visits to the local area and with their host families. Please read on for the students' perspectives on the visit:

The French exchange is an exciting opportunity which helps to enhance your French learning skills. This trip increases your confidence and independence. Another good thing about the French exchange is how many new friends you can make - we found out that we have so much more in common with the French students than we were expecting which meant we very quickly made very good friends with them. I found that it was very easy to make friends with the French students, as we were actually very similar. I loved how much time we spent all together after the school days - we had pool parties and played French vs English football. However, the French exchange isn't just a 'nice holiday to France'. I found that, as I was constantly having to concentrate to speak a different language, I got very tired. But the French family that I stayed with were so lovely and helped me to learn new French vocabulary and gave me enough time to relax and sleep when I needed to. In my opinion, the first night wasn't as hard as I thought it was going to be. This was because I was already good friends with my French exchange student from when he came to England, and I made sure to try all the new things they gave me, and include myself in the board games that they were playing.

Two pieces of advice that I would give to people who want to go on the French exchange are:

- Even if you feel really tired/ homesick and you don't want to join in with what your French family are doing, try to say yes to as many things they suggest as possible because there might be things that you wouldn't usually do/ eat and then you find out you actually did enjoy doing/ eating it.*
- Learn some simple French phrases such as, 'please could I have a shower' and, 'please could I have a drink'. This will really help when communicating with your family, especially if they don't speak much English, you won't have to use google translate.*

I would definitely recommend the French exchange to people as it is a brilliant opportunity to increase your confidence and independence, and it could prepare you for later life experiences. Poppy B

Ma correspondante française, Inaya, habite au centre-ville et elle habite avec sa mère dans un appartement. Il y a deux chambres, un grand salon et une cuisine moderne; je crois que c'est très joli. La vue sur les montagnes est magnifique et selon moi Millau est plus belle que Beverley. Il y a beaucoup de magasins et de restaurants à proximité et il y a toujours du monde. J'adore Millau!

Maisie L

Ma maison française est très grande et belle. Elle est située juste à l'extérieur du centre-ville. Il y a un parc qui est derrière la maison et il est merveilleux. En plus, ce qui m'intéresse, c'est que pour entrer dans la maison principale, il faut monter des escaliers, ce que l'on n'a presque jamais en Angleterre. L'intérieur de la maison est vaste et en bas c'est tout à fait normal car il y a un salon, une cuisine, une toilette et une salle à manger. La chambre des parents est en bas mais à l'étage se trouvent également les chambres des garçons avec une salle de bain. À mon avis, la maison est parfaite. - William H

'this week has been an amazing experience and opportunity for me and I feel like even in just a week my French has improved so so much and my confidence has improved massively and I feel like I can do anything now!'

Please visit the blog <https://sites.google.com/view/millaubeverley-2023/voyages-trips/trip-to-millau-october> for more information and photos and <https://www.journaldemillau.fr/2023/10/17/les-eleves-anglais-de-beverley-recusen-mairie-11511425.php> for our moment of fame in the local newspaper!



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Les élèves anglais de Beverley reçus en mairie



Les jeunes anglais et français sur le perron de la mairie. / Journal de Millau - Chloé Azaïs

French Exchange Parent Feedback

“A massive thanks from us for everything the teachers have done prior to/during the week to create such a fabulous trip for the children. Our son has absolutely loved both parts of the exchange and will have lots of brilliant memories to treasure always. It’s been such an immersive experience; something we could never really have given him ourselves. We really appreciate the huge amount of time and effort that has been given by you all to make this happen.”

“Just wanted to say thank you to all of the language teachers at the High School for arranging two fantastic exchanges. My daughter has had a fantastic time and the best experience and I know how much hard work organising trips away is. Please could you pass on my thanks to all of the staff who have given up their time over the last two weeks to give the girls this chance. My daughter has loved every minute and her passion for languages continues!”

The group's arrival at the airport



Visiting L'aven Armand



Trying out food in the canteen



Pat Albeck House Trip - Emma Bridgewater Factory, Stoke on Trent



Twenty five students from Pat Albeck House, five from each year group, headed to the Emma Bridgewater Factory in Stoke on Trent this month on the first of our new House trips. Students were selected because they had the highest achievement points and fewest behaviour points in their year groups. They enjoyed a very informative tour of the factory, which is owned by Pat's son Matthew Rice and former daughter-in-law Emma Bridgewater and decorated their own plates, which, after firing, will be sent to school. Students saw an original Pat Albeck hanging in the café and

took home goodies from the gift shop in Pat Albeck designed gift bags! They then headed to Trentham Gardens for a Pat Albeck themed Treasure Hunt: the gardens were a favourite destination of hers.

The students were a joy to be with and a credit to the school and their families. We look forward to devising further trips for the other four Houses which will take place throughout the year.



House Assemblies

Students from all five school Houses attended House assemblies this month to learn more about the women after whom their Houses are named and to find out a little more about how we will be using the new Houses in school, for charity fund-raising and more inter-house competitions. Congratulations to the Year 11 Heads of House, Hannah, Natalia, Alice, Lily and Grace, who spoke with great confidence to the 150 students in their Houses: they planned, prepared and delivered the assemblies themselves and showed great leadership in so doing.



Live Stream Macbeth

All of Year 11 watched a live stream performance of Macbeth by the Royal Shakespeare Company this month to aid with their GCSE English preparation.



Kindness in our Community: J6th Halloween Bake Off and Bake Sale

Year 12 and 13 held a very successful Bake Off and Bake Sale on the last day before the half term break. Competition was tough and we were very impressed by the baking talent on display. Mr Colton acted as judge and after much deliberation the winners were announced. Congratulations to the following students:

1st place – Tabs F; 2nd place – Theo S; 3rd place – Hallie T

Students were raising funds for the Disasters Emergency Committee and Macmillan Cancer Support - thank you to everyone for their generous donations. The 6th form Student Team's next event will be a charity Christmas Quiz for staff and students.



J6th Open Evening

We were delighted to welcome over 200 students and their parents and carers for the J6th Open Evening on Thursday 19th October. After hearing from the Head Boy and Girl team about life as a sixth former potential students then had a chance to tour the site and talk to subject teachers. Applications for 6th form are now open and further information can be found here www.beverleyj6.co.uk

Year 11 Visit the J6th Common Room

Over the course of a week all Year 11 students, in their tutor groups, spent a morning registration in the 6th form common room. They were able to enjoy a hot chocolate, supplied by our caterers Aspens, and had the opportunity to talk to 6th form staff and students about their plans for study next year.

Year 7 Transition Feedback

Thank you to the many Year 7 parents who took part in our Transition Survey this month. We were so happy to read that your children have settled so well into Beverley High School and that they are enjoying all the opportunities on offer here. Staff were delighted to read all the lovely supportive messages of thanks for all that they do to help new starters quickly feel part of our school community.

Year 11 Parent/Carer Information Evening

Thank you to all the Year 11 parents/carers who attended our Information Evening this month to find out more about what happens in Year 11. Your support for your child at this crucial stage in their education is essential. Revision, sitting public examinations and making decisions about next steps are really important, with support in school and at home, your child will navigate it successfully.

Year 13 Parents' Evening

Thank you to the parents/carers of Year 13 students who logged in for their last parents' evening this month! Our staff appreciated the opportunity to update you about your child's academic progress. We wish Year 13 well as they make plans for their futures beyond the Beverley Joint Sixth!

Tutor Reading Book of the Month: The Girl of Ink & Stars by Kiran Millwood Hargrave

Students in Years 8 and 9 have the opportunity to read 'The Girl of Ink & Stars' by Kiran Millwood Hargrave as part of the tutor reading programme. Isabella Riosse is the daughter of a cartographer who lives on the island of Joya; an isle both steeped in mythology and shrouded in mystery. For the last thirty years, a strict Governor has forbidden the island inhabitants from venturing beyond their small township. Isabella is fascinated with the ancient myths of Joya, which is said to have once floated freely over the seas. Preoccupied with ideas of exploration and inspired by the far-flung places her father once documented, she yearns for adventure. When her best friend Lupe runs away, disappearing into the forbidden forest, Isabella volunteers to bring her back. With only her knowledge of ancient myths and one of her father's maps to guide her, Isabella ventures into the perilous world beyond, where monsters lurk and magical rivers run. Expertly crafted with a loveable lead, this modern tale weaves myth, magic and even a thread of political intrigue into its expansive fantasy world. Beautifully presented, the book not only contains a wonderfully detailed map of the island, each page is also decorated with charming drawings in the margins.



<https://www.waterstones.com/book/the-girl-of-ink-and-stars/kiran-millwood-hargrave/9781910002742>

LINK TO SCHOOL VALUE: Curiosity

Find out more:

<https://www.theguardian.com/books/2017/mar/30/waterstones-childrens-book-prize-kiran-millwood-hargraves-the-girl-of-ink-and-stars>

<https://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk/author/4364/Kiran-Millwood-Hargrave.html>

Year 7 ‘Be Curious’ and Year 10 ‘Get Focused’ academic enrichment – promoting wider reading and thinking at KS3 and KS4

Year 7 and Year 10 recently attended assemblies to encourage them to think about their school subjects beyond the curriculum, for instance listening to a podcast, watching a documentary or reading a book. Super-curricular activities are about academic interests and are different to extra-curricular clubs students may take part in e.g. sports, drama, music. Students will have access to the Knowledge Hub after half term to support them with choosing super-curricular activities. We will recognise students’ achievements during the year by asking for teacher nominations and in the Celebration Assembly at the end of the school year.



Year 12 HE Plus



We are pleased to see so many Year 12 students sign up for the ‘HE Plus’ programme run by Cambridge University. Students select one of their A level subjects and have the opportunity to attend online lectures and seminars to develop their academic interest and receive guidance on applying to Oxbridge. The website also contains resources such as challenging activities, engaging videos and reflective questions to help students ‘go beyond’ the school curriculum and discover their passion for a subject. You can read more about the programme here: <https://myheplus.com/>

KS3 Reading Programme: Inspiring a love of reading

We are really pleased with the positive start we have had from students and parents/carers taking part in the first cohort of the Reading Programme this year. 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 ten 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 success later in life.



The Journal

The latest edition of The Journal marks International Artist Day on the 25 October.

The Art department has used this 40 page edition to develop our understanding of their subject and showcase students' work.

It has been uploaded onto the Knowledge Hub for students and parents/carers to access.



Sports Report



On Tuesday 10th October we held our inter-house cross country competition and the weather was unusually warm and sunny for this time of year!

We were so impressed with the attitude and determination that all runners showed and the support from students watching was lovely to see. Below are the results:

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

All the teams we took to the East Riding Schools' Cross-Country at Cottingham High School on 24 October qualified through to the Humber Schools' round, which will be in January next year:

Year 7 came 3rd

Years 8 & 9 came 2nd

Years 10 & 11 came 1st

Sixth Form (Individual runners):

Tab F came 1st and Isabelle W came 3rd. Congratulations to all the students who represented our school and performed so well, your school is very proud of you!

Football

We took three teams to Longcroft School on the 12th October for some 7 aside matches. The Year 7 team played well together in their first match and showed great team spirit and amazing effort. Unfortunately, they lost but really enjoyed the game.

Our Year 8 & 9 combined team showed some skilful play both in defence and attack and came away with a win.

The Year 10 team had tough competition against a very strong Longcroft side but showed amazing determination and effort throughout the whole game, well done to Maisie our GK for saving several goals!

We have entered an U13 team into the first round of the Utilita Girls Cup to be held at Hull University after half term. Last year our team were runners up, so we are hoping we can go one better this year and progress further in the competition!



Year 8 & 9 Team



Netball

We are really pleased that both our U14 and U16 netball teams have made it through to the next round of the national school's netball competition. Both teams were placed second in the East Riding round and they will now compete against other schools in the Humber region at Hull University after half term. Last year our U14 team made it through to the Yorkshire competition in Sheffield, we really hope we can do the same this year but with both teams!

This month our Year 9 & 10 teams also enjoyed a friendly fixture against Wolfreton School. It was nice to take some extra students along who hadn't competed in a school match before. Both teams won and enjoyed the games, even if it was a little cold that day!

Year 10 Team



Year 9 Team



PE in Lessons

Here is what we will be studying over the next half term in our lessons

Year 7	Multi-skills, Fitness & Dance
Year 8	Football & Fitness
Year 9	Badminton & Fitness
Year 10	Sports leaders, Badminton & Volleyball
Year 11	Team Challenge

Extra-curricular timetable

We have made some changes/additions to our Extra-curricular timetable beginning the first week back after half term. All students are welcome to attend these clubs!

	LUNCHTIME		AFTER SCHOOL (FINISH 4.15PM)	
	Bring a pack-up & trainers.		Bring full PE kit.	
Monday		Netball Year 8 Sports hall Mrs Owen & Mrs Callan	Football Yr8 & 9 Field Mr Harriott	Fixtures
Tuesday	Yr10 & 11 GCSE Dance Dance Studio	Football Yr10 & 11 Sports hall Mr Harriott	Netball Yr7 & 8 Sports Hall Mrs Owen Only on - Nov 7th, 14th & 12th Dec	Fixtures
Wednesday	Netball Yr7 Sports hall Mrs Owen & Mrs Callan		Netball Yr9,10 & 11 Sports hall. Mrs Owen & Miss Easter & Fixtures	Dance Club Yr7 & 8 Dance studio Miss Soulsby (Students must sign up for this club)
Thursday	Football Yr7 Miss Easter Sports hall			Fixtures
Friday	Badminton Yr7-10 Mrs Owen			

Masters Congratulations!



Congratulations to Deputy Head of Science, Miss Lewis on her recent Masters in Education (MEd) graduation. Miss Lewis received a distinction for her MEd in School based Leadership & Management from the University of Buckingham by completing her Level 7 Apprenticeship in Leadership & Management. Her studies included the writing of a dissertation on how an iterative programme of Continuing Professional Development embedding reading within the curriculum, impacts upon the classroom practice of teachers and the reading ages and outcomes of students. The whole team and especially the Science department is so proud of Miss Lewis as she achieved this great task while juggling the demands of her family and her teaching responsibilities.