

November 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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J6th Super-curricular London Visit



In front of Buckingham Palace

Seventy students accompanied by six staff spent an action-packed weekend in London at the end of November. Travelling by coach and staying at YHA Thameside the students spent the first day of their visit at different museums across the capital. The Design Museum, the Natural History Museum, the British Museum, the Science Museum and the National Portrait Gallery were all on the agenda and students relished the opportunity to extend their A level studies beyond the classroom. In the afternoon we all met up to enjoy a river cruise, dramatic views of the sunset from the London Eye and some delicious food at the Southbank Food Market. The day finished with a visit to the Theatre Royal Haymarket where we watched a performance of 'Noises Off'. The following day we spent the morning on an open top bus tour before enjoying the festive atmosphere in Covent Garden. It was a pleasure to take the students on the visit – they were a credit to themselves and their sixth form.

'We had a brilliant time in London! For humanities, we visited the British Museum and the National Portrait Gallery which was a great experience especially the Portrait Gallery. These visits were very beneficial to our subjects. We were also able to visit tourist sites as we went on the London Eye river cruise, the London Eye and a London bus tour as well as the theatre and shopping!' (Year 13 student)



On the London Eye



Head student Team in the West End

Youth Parliament Work

Year 10 student Priya recently presented some of the posters she designed for the Humber Youth Action Group (HYAG) as part of her Youth Parliament work. She has worked with the HYAG to create posters which not only de-stigmatise and shine a light on the issue of domestic abuse but are also inclusive of people from a range of minority groups. Priya said, "We believe they need to feel seen and heard in their peril and we are taking action to make this happen." Congratulations Priya your school is very proud of you.



Year 10 Parent Information Evening

Thank you to the parents of Year 10 students who attended our recent parent information evening. Staff enjoyed giving you further information about what Key Stage 4 entails so that you can support your child with their GCSE studies.

MB House Trip to Leeds

Selected students from Mary Braddon House this month had the opportunity to visit Leeds. They enjoyed a tour of The Leeds Library, the UK's oldest subscription library, and took part in a treasure hunt before having lunch at a city centre McDonalds. In the afternoon they toured City Varieties Music Hall and then took part in workshops at The Grand Theatre. In the Library students saw copies of Braddon's works as well as viewing first editions of other literary works and the oldest book in their collection dating from the 1400s! They saw behind the scenes at City Varieties and took part in an acting warm up session on its stage. The whole day had a Victorian focus in keeping with Braddon who was a Victorian actress and novelist. The students were a credit to the school, a point commented upon by the manager of McDonalds!



Government & Politics Trip to Hull University

On the 10th November, 17 J6th Politics students attended the annual Hull Politics 6th Form Conference at the University of Hull. Students had the opportunity to listen to specialist speakers including Lord Norton of Louth and Dame Diana Johnson who made a very profound speech about the current political climate. We had a proud moment when J6th student Freddie won 'There ought to be a law' competition with his proposed housing bill, receiving a £50 Amazon voucher for his efforts. We also ran into the an old J6th Head Boy, Ted Dolman who is a very passionate politics undergraduate and politician, it was great to catch up with all of his news since he left the J6th earlier this year. In addition, it was great to see another ex-J6th student Pippa who welcomed us to the event as an employee of the university. The day allowed students to attend a number of break-out sessions including topics such as 'How broken is Britain?' and 'The EU after Brexit'. It was a thoroughly rewarding day for the students which allowed them to further develop their political knowledge and get a taste of University life.



17th November

Friday was Children in Need day. Thank you for your support. All donations help improve the lives of disadvantaged children and young people around the UK.



Christmas Day, 1927 saw the very first BBC radio broadcast appeal for children raising more than £1,300 (around £70,000 in today's money) for four children's charities in the UK.

On Friday we raised £518.82

Together, we can
MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Thank you to everyone who donated to our bucket appeal for Gaza and Israel last week, we sent a cheque to the Red Cross for their campaign.

Cycle Safety



The Road Safety Team came into school on Wednesday 22nd November to hand bike lights and high visibility vests to students who cycled into school. This coincided with Brake's Road Safety Week. The team handed around 20 sets out so it was a worthwhile visit. They did note that there were some students who did not wear helmets, so they may visit again in the future to encourage the wearing of helmets. They will also be in touch about some cycle events they run, including a free trip to Dalby Forest.

Inter-house Bake Off

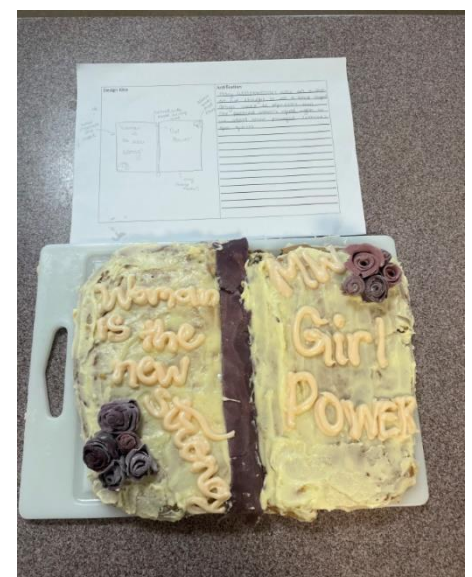
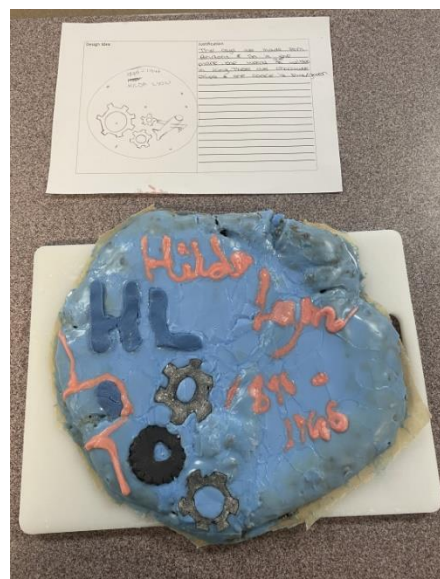
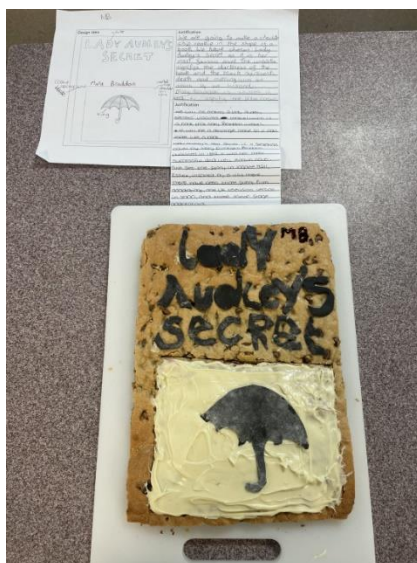
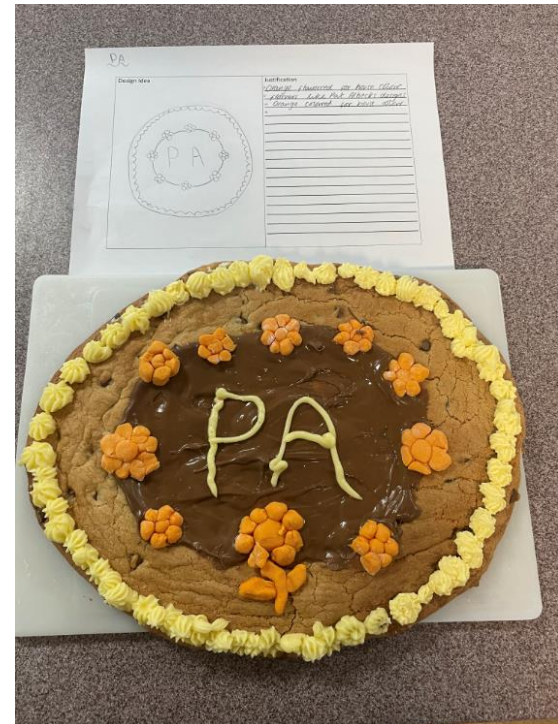
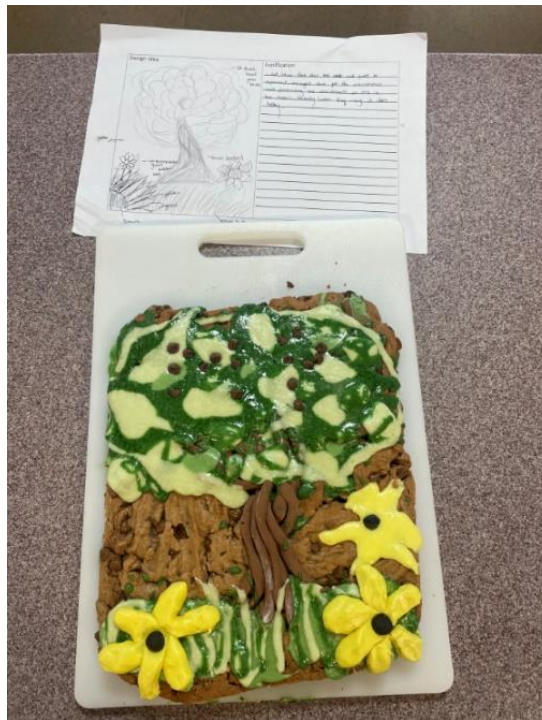
On Monday 27th November we held the second Inter-house Bake Off Competition which saw one student from each form group work alongside others in their House to produce a giant cookie inspired by the person who their house represents. It was an exciting morning which saw a lot of icing sugar and buttercream being put to the test.! The final designs included a book written by Mary Braddon, Hilda Lyon's infamous airship and Pat Albeck's beautiful flowers. The cookies were judged by senior members of staff and MP House was crowned the overall winner for best taste and appearance. Well done to Esme, Effie, Lettie and Izzy who represented MP; but also a big well done to all the other students who took part. We look forward to hosting another competition in the summer term.

1st prize MP

2nd PA

3rd MB

Joint 4th MW and HL



Former Year 11 Presentation Evening

It was wonderful to welcome back to school on Monday evening last year's Year 11 students for an event to celebrate their GCSE achievements. All students were presented with their GCSE certificates and many also won subject awards. Our guest speaker Bee Rowlatt gave an inspiring speech reflecting on the mistakes she has made in her life! But for those present the most poignant moment was when the Time and Motion Award was presented and one of our current Year 12 students Zehra translated into Turkish a speech written by Miss Brownell about its recipient – there was not a dry eye in the room!



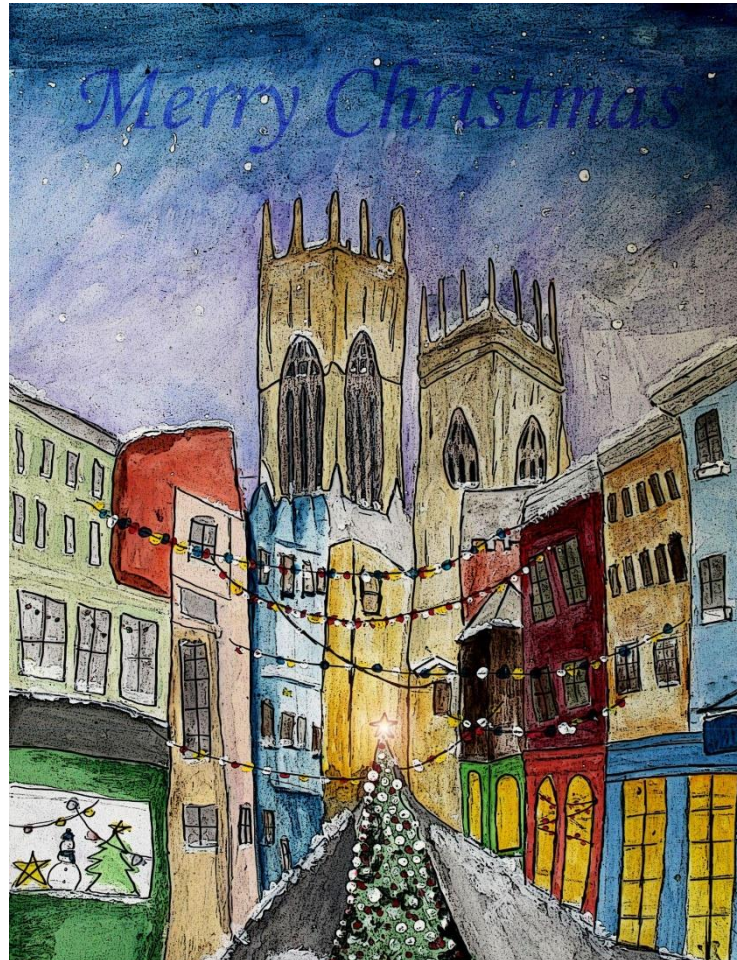
Year 11 Mock Examinations

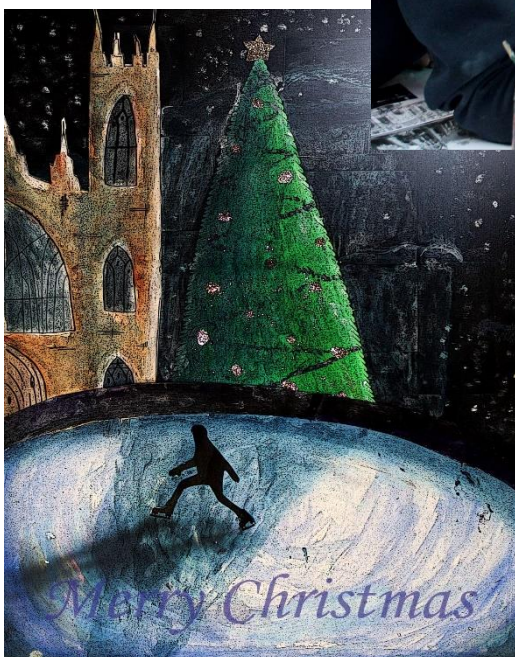
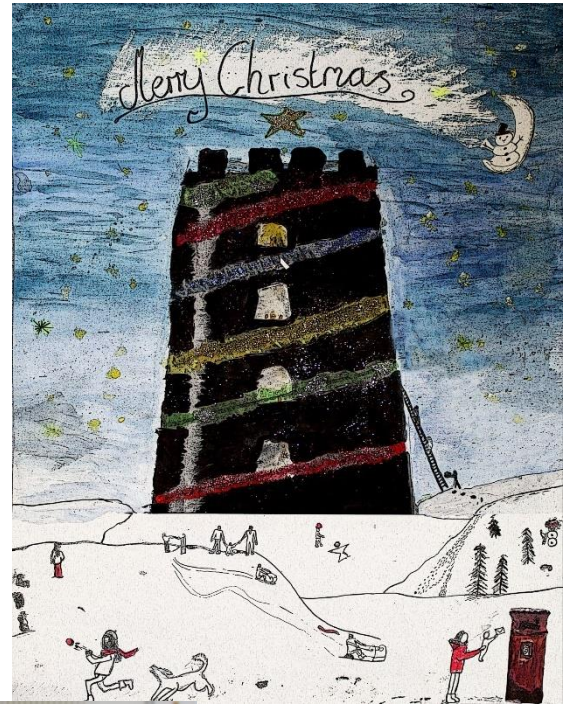
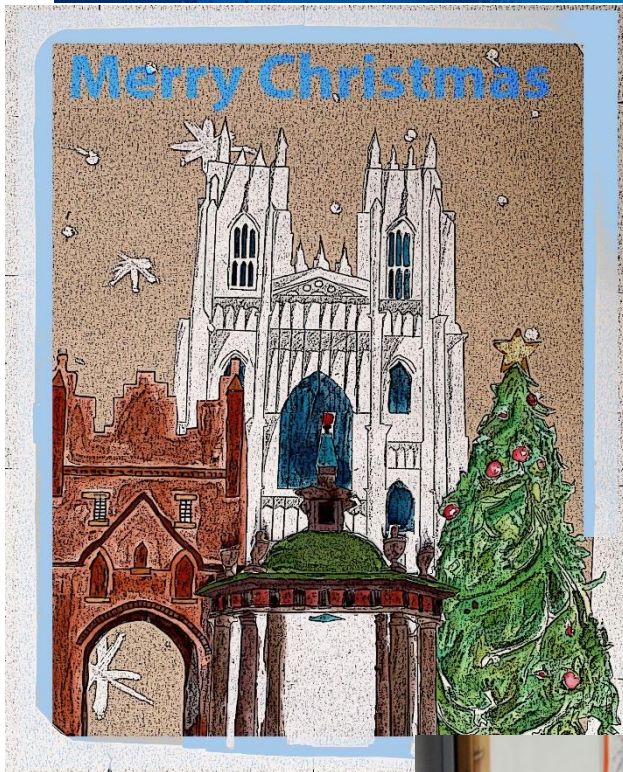
Well done to Year 11 for the way they approached their mock examinations this month. The invigilation team were impressed by your maturity and the sensible way you conducted yourselves.

Inter-House Art Competition

On Friday 24th November the Art Department ran an Inter-House Art Competition. The brief was for four students, one from each of Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 to work together to design a Christmas card. The students had three hours from start to finish. The students did amazingly well and were a credit to themselves and the school.

The winner has now been chosen and I am very pleased to announce that Margaret Powell (MP) House won. Their Christmas card design will now be printed and sent to the residents of Lindum House Care Home in Beverley. You can see the entries and some photographs of the students working below.





Amazing Art

Pippa in Year 9 submitted this exceptional piece of Art work as part of her studies into Franz Xaver Messerschmidt. Franz Xaver Messerschmidt was a German-Austrian sculptor most famous for his "character heads", a collection of faces in contorted in extreme facial expressions sculpted in marble and bronze. Pippa has created her own replica by moulding clay. Well done for creating an outstanding piece of work!



Sports Report

Football

On Thursday 9th November we took an U13 team to compete in the EFL girls cup at Hull University. The competition is run by Tigers Trust who organised a fantastic day of matches, including a cross bar challenge at lunchtime. The students also got to meet some of the Hull women's team. The students really enjoyed the day, playing lots of matches against schools in the East Riding and Hull. Unfortunately, we didn't make it through to the next round but the team played really well and we were very proud of their attitude and effort across the day. Player of the tournament goes to Robyn who showed determination and enthusiasm in every game.



5 aside Tournament

On Thursday 29th Nov our Year 9 team went to play at The Market Weighton School against other schools in a 5 aside football tournament. They started off strong with a win against Driffield School but then lost narrowly to the next two schools. Well done to the whole team and to Laura M for stepping in at late notice to play. Coach's player of the tournament was Olivia S.

Badminton

KS3 & 4 winners!

Well done to our KS3 & 4 badminton teams who won all their matches at the first round of the school's competition hosted by Longcroft School, they are now through to the second round in December, against the top East Riding schools.

It is nice to see there are still lots of students (Year7-10) attending badminton club on Friday lunchtimes and this Friday (1st December) we are holding the Year 10 inter-house competition. Year 9 will be the following week with Years 7 & 8 competitions after Christmas.



Children in Need – Staff v Sixth form Volleyball



Thank you to all the staff and sixth formers for coming down to play volleyball for Children in Need. The staff were overall winners but the sixth form definitely gave it their all and didn't lose by many points! It was great to see so many students coming down to support and donate money to a worthy cause.



Netball News



On Friday 10th November our U14 and U16 netball teams competed in the Humberside round of the national school's netball competition. Our U16 team came **third** place overall just missing out on a place through to the Yorkshire regional final – they all played amazingly though and for a team mostly made up of U15 students they competed well.

The U14 team came **first** winning all their matches against St Marys, Hymers and Hornsea. They will now compete in February at the Yorkshire finals – what a great achievement. All their hard work and enthusiasm for the sport has led to great progress and improvement since Year 7, we are looking forward to taking the team to the next competition.

U16 Team



U14 Team



Years 7 & 8 Match v Cottingham

Well done to our year 7 team who had a fantastic win against Cottingham High School recently 10-1 and to our Year 8 team who lost 10-12, both teams showed some skilful netball and enjoyed the games.

Year 8 Team



Year 7 Team



Years 9 & 10

On Tuesday 28th Nov our Year 9 & 10 teams played against South Hunsley, the matches were of a very high quality, with both schools showing excellent skills! Year 10 came away with a convincing win. Year 9 also played well but missed out on a win this time. Coach's players of the match were: Kaitlin H (Year 10) and Hattie B (Year 9)

Year 10 Sports Leaders

On Tuesday 21st of November we hosted the Primary School Sports Hall Athletics competition for this area. It was lovely to have our local primary schools in again and have the opportunity to run this event for them. Fifteen of our Year 10 students did an amazing job as leaders and role models for the younger students. They got to experience organising and officiating a competition while also encouraging and supporting primary school students to achieve their best.

