

December 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

## Beverley Minster Christmas Tree Festival

This month the school participated in the annual Beverley Minster Christmas Tree Festival, where there are up to 125 Christmas trees on display. Each tree is sponsored by a different local charity, organisation, school or business and decorated as they wish. Once dressed, the trees are then open to the public and a competition takes place to vote for the best tree.

A lunch club took place throughout November which allowed students in all year groups to create a decoration to go on the tree, this year the theme was Christmas Stockings. This resulted in over 90 decorations being hand made in a variety of media such as paper, wood and fabric. Thank you to everyone who came to the Christmas club and made a Christmas decoration, they looked absolutely fantastic! The students who attended the club then had the opportunity to be placed in a random draw to select three students to go and decorate the tree.

On Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November, Darcy from Year 7, Izzy from Year 8 and Jasmine from Year 9 took a trip to Beverley Minster to place the decorations on the Beverley High School tree. It was a chilly day with frost on the ground – very fitting for decorating a Christmas tree! The students had a wonderful morning at the Minster with a chance to get a sneak peak at the other trees on display before the event was opened up to the public. It was a rewarding experience for the students which allowed them to interact with the wider community and support local businesses. It was a pleasure to take the students on the trip – they were a credit to themselves and our school.





## Magical Music Trip

A group of Beverley High School pupils from Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 enjoyed an afternoon of 'music, magic and mystery' at Hull City Hall on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November. Hull Philharmonic Orchestra treated a very excited audience to music from 'Harry Potter', 'The Nutcracker', 'The Snowman' and more. The pupils loved the opportunity to watch and listen to a live performance of well-loved tunes in the beautiful Hull City Hall which also featured a surprise guest-star appearance from an owl on stage! We even got to participate in the performance of 'This Is Halloween' from 'The Nightmare Before Christmas'!

The 'Music, Magic and Mystery' concert was an inspiring experience for our pupils, not only because of the excellent quality of the repertoire and the musicians' performance but because this was the first time, in the orchestra's over 130 years of existence, that the Hull Philharmonic was led by a female conductor! What an empowering moment for all our young musicians at Beverley High School!



## York Geography trip to the flood defences and to look at the impact of tourism on the city.

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December Year 11 Geographers were lucky to visit York whilst the city was at the start of a period of significant flooding. They witnessed first-hand the impacts on the city of both huge amounts of flood water following the recent heavy rains, and huge numbers of visitors in the Shambles and at the Christmas market. Their experience enabled them to ask questions about the pressure the city was under and the long-term sustainability of having so many visitors. Many of them also enjoyed a local delicacy for lunch; the Yorkshire Pudding wrap!

## Year 11 Study Beyond School Visits

On Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November Year 11 students participated in visits to Hull University and Bishop Burton College. The aim of the visits was to allow students to get a flavour of study beyond the school environment. At both campuses students enjoyed a campus tour and the chance to meet staff and students. Staff from both institutions commented on how impressed they were with the students' maturity and the range of questions they posed; well done Year 11.



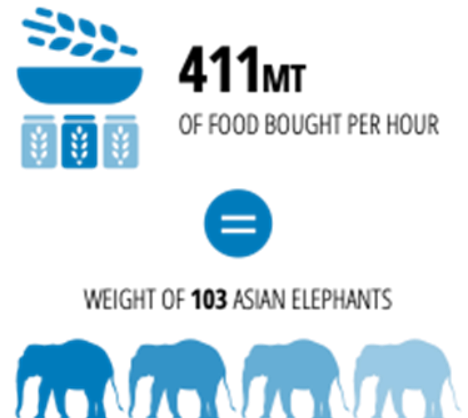
## University of Hull Law Conference

On the 13<sup>th</sup> of December ten J6<sup>th</sup> students who have expressed an interest in a career in Law attended the Annual Sixth Form Law Conference at the University of Hull. His Honour, Judge Bury was the guest speaker, he captured all of our attention when he gave us an insight into prosecution and defence over the years. Judge Bury also talked about the impact of technology on crime, the positives and the negatives, and what the future may bring with the addition of Artificial Intelligence. Dr Caroline Gibby, a Head of the Law School, gave a very informative session in one of the university court rooms on the benefits of doing a Law degree, and how it opens doors into many professions, not just Law. It was a great opportunity for students to experience life on campus and get an insight into the legal profession.



## Year 10 Geographers attend World Food Programme Talk

Year 10 Geographers enjoyed an online talk on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December from Margaret Beatham about her work procuring food for the World Food Programme. Just back from emergency work in Gaza she gave students an insight into the scale of the work that the WFP undertakes (helping over 193 million people suffering from acute hunger) and the difficulties of getting food into some of the world's most challenging locations. It gave students and staff a huge amount to think about, and Margaret was also kind enough to talk about future career opportunities with the WFP.



## Thank You, Tesco

Thank you to David Ryley, Community Champion at Tesco Beverley, for presenting us with our blue token cheque. David visited Beverley High School recently to award us with a cheque for £1,500. This will be used to develop our reading resources and facilities. Thank you to all who supported our successes by selecting our cause when shopping at Tesco.



## J6th Quiz

The Year 13 Student Leader Team ably supported by the Year 12 Tutor Reps organised a fantastic quiz on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December. The quiz was a great success with over 60 staff and students in attendance.

Well done to the worthy winners Daisy, Theo, Jack, Cosima, Hallie, Tom and Lilith. Over £80 was raised which is being split between the prom fund and the two J6th charities, Macmillan and Disaster Emergencies Committee. The evening was a lovely start to our Christmas festivities in school.



## GCSE Maths Evening

On 13<sup>th</sup> December the maths department held a GCSE Parents' Meeting. During the meeting a variety of revision resources and activities were shared. These were designed to help parents support their child's revision and promote good study skills. There was a good turn out and we followed this up with a video presentation ([Video Link](#)) of the information for parents who were unable to attend. We hope you have found the information useful and if there is any other support we can offer please do not hesitate to contact your child's maths teacher or Head of Department, Mrs Brooke.

## Year 12 Online Parents' Evening

Thank you to the parents of Year 12 students from the J6<sup>th</sup> who logged on this month for appointments with your child's A Level subject teachers. They appreciated the opportunity to feedback to you.



## Kindness in our Community



# CHRISTMAS JUMPER/ WEAR SOMETHING CHRISTMASSY DAY

15th December is Christmas Jumper Day.

It is Save the Children's annual event which raises money for the children who need it most. It started in 2012. Last year Over 2 million school children and 24,000 workplaces took part in Christmas Jumper Day.

Donations for the Food bank - all items gratefully received.

They are particularly looking for -

any tinned items, tinned tomatoes, tinned fish, marmalade, soup, rice, sanitary products, Christmas pudding



Our very generous students and families donated this month to the East Yorkshire Foodbank who were incredibly grateful for the generosity of our school community, commenting that we are making Christmas just a little bit easier for many local families. Well done, Beverley High School.

We have also chosen The Trussell Trust as the nominated charity for our Christmas Carol Service collection.



## Inter-house Drama Competition

The first Inter-House Drama competition was held this month with pupils from across year groups working together with members of their Houses to create inspiring drama pieces. The brief was: Create a piece of theatre based on the inspirational woman that your House represents. Students were told they could do this however they wished. They conducted their own research and planning and then used fantastic team work to create and rehearse their performances. In the afternoon, the teams performed for a staff panel of judges to decide the winners. The students worked incredibly hard all day and created some fantastic and moving pieces. A huge congratulations must go to MP House who won the overall team prize, as well as to individual winners for best performer in each year group.



Gabby (Year 9 winner), Lucy (Year 10 winner), Darcey (Year 8 winner) and Amelie (Year 7 winner)



MP House Winners- Zara, Imogen, Sam and Leonora



### Tutor Reading Book of the Month: *The Woman in Black* by Susan Hill

Students in Years 9 and 10 have the opportunity to read *The Woman in Black* by Susan Hill as part of the tutor reading programme.

Arthur Kipps, a junior solicitor, is summoned to attend the funeral of Mrs Alice Drablow, the house's sole inhabitant of Eel Marsh House, unaware of the tragic secrets which lie hidden behind the shuttered windows.

The house stands at the end of a causeway, wreathed in fog and mystery, but it is not until he glimpses a wasted young woman, dressed all in black, at the funeral, that a creeping sense of unease begins to take hold, a feeling deepened by the reluctance of the locals to talk of the woman in black - and her terrible purpose.

Yorkshire-born writer Susan Hill's writing career has been as wide-ranging as it has been phenomenally successful, encompassing literary fiction, crime novels, plays, ghost stories, children's books and memoirs.

As well as being one of the world's bestselling novelists, her work has attracted extensive critical acclaim having won the Whitbread, Somerset Maugham and John Llewelyn Rhys awards, as well as having been shortlisted for the Booker Prize.

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Here is an excerpt from the first chapter, 'Christmas Eve:'

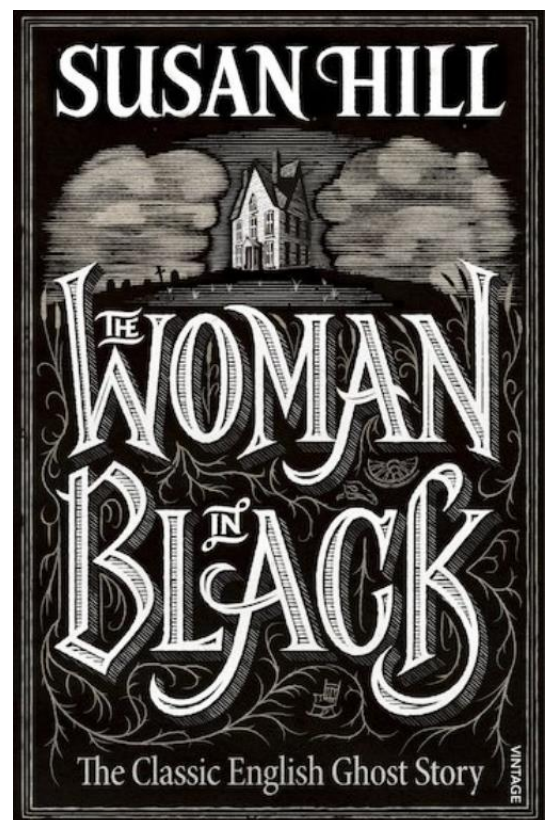
It was nine-thirty on Christmas Eve. As I crossed the long entrance hall of Monk's Piece on my way from the dining room, where we had just enjoyed the first of the happy, festive meals, toward the drawing room and the fire around which my family were now assembled, I paused and then, as I often do in the course of an evening, went to the front door, opened it and stepped outside.

I have always liked to take a breath of the evening, to smell the air, whether it is sweetly scented and balmy with the flowers of midsummer, pungent with the bonfires and leaf-mould of autumn, or crackling cold from frost and snow. I like to look about me at the sky above my head, whether there are moon and stars or utter blackness, and into the darkness ahead of me; I like to listen for the cries of nocturnal creatures and the moaning rise and fall of the wind, or the pattering of rain in the orchard trees, I enjoy the rush of air toward me up the hill from the flat pastures of the river valley. Tonight, I smelled at once, and with a lightening heart, that there had been a change in the weather. All the previous week, we had had rain, chilling rain and a mist that lay low about the house and over the countryside.

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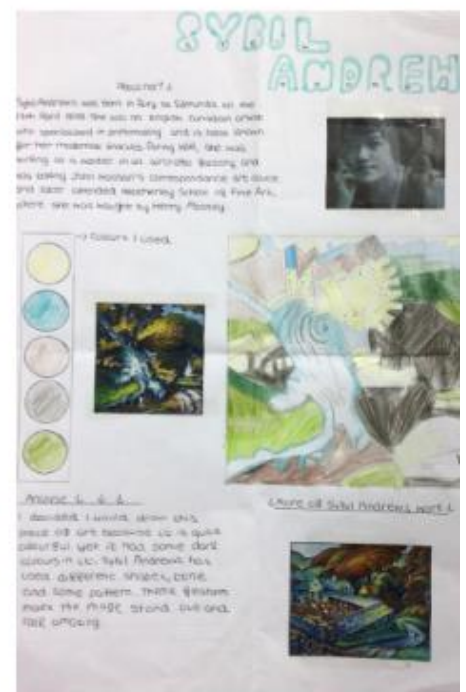
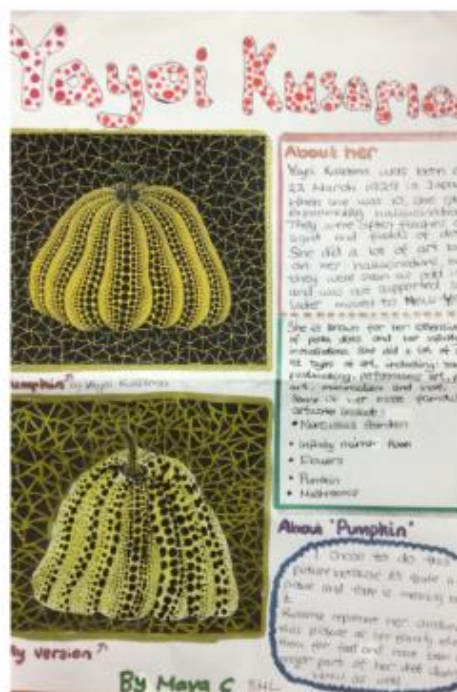
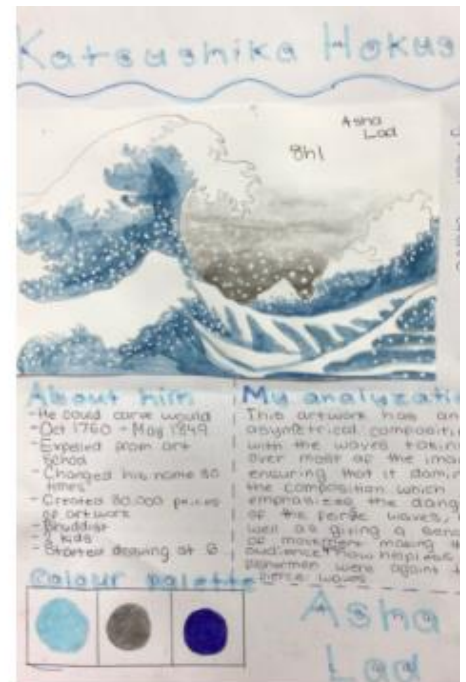
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## Amazing Art

Below is a selection of Independent Learning projects from Year 8. Students were asked to analyse the work of a print maker and put together an artist page, making a transcription in media of their choice. Well done Year 8!









## Creative Cubes

7PA and 7MW were asked to make a 7x7x7cm cube for their Independent Learning project this term using whatever materials they thought possible. They have been extremely creative this year and had some fantastic ideas, from food stuffs, such as cake, pasta and toast to wax, resin and even fresh flowers! Well done, Year 7!



*Pic Stitch*



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## Sports Report

### Sports Hall Athletics

The School Sports Partnership organised the Year 7 & 8 Sports Hall Athletics Competition for local schools in the area in early December, with the event being held at Longcroft School. The competition is a team event consisting of a variety of indoor jumps, throws and running races.

It is always an exciting event, as we don't know the scores until the very end when they announce the results. Our students showed great enthusiasm and determination in all the events, it was lovely to see how supportive they were of each other and other local schools, cheering on all the competitors – they really showed great team spirit!

We were pleased to hear at the end of the competition that our **Year 7 team were overall winners** & the **Year 8 team came second** out of six schools competing! Well done to all competitors!





## Netball

On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December our Year 7 & Year 8 Netball teams played against Wolfreton at Beverley High School. **Both teams came away with a win** and played some excellent netball with great passing through the court.



Year 7 Team



Year 8 Team



It has been fantastic to see so many students attending our netball clubs in Years 7 & 8 this term, with many students now playing at clubs outside of school. We were happy to host some friendly games for Year 7 against South Hunsley on 11<sup>th</sup> December and Year 8 against Drifffield School on the 12<sup>th</sup> December, it gave lots of students the opportunity to play and for some students it was the first time they had competed in a netball match.

On Monday, the Year 7 teams lost by 1 goal overall to South Hunsley and on Tuesday the Year 8 teams beat Drifffield 10-7 overall.

A big thanks goes to our two Year 11 students; Isabelle H and Poppy B who regularly umpire for our school netball games – they are both now qualified umpires and do a fantastic job!

Also, thanks to the Year 10 students who come down every Wednesday lunchtime and help out at the Year 7 netball club – they are great role models for the younger students.

Year 7



Year 8



## Bowling Competition

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December we took two teams to the SSP Bowling Competition at Hollywood Bowl, it was such a fantastic event, all the students really enjoyed it. It was lovely to see great team spirit from all the students as they encouraged each other to do their best – there were plenty of High 5s and cheering!

One of our teams managed to gain the most points overall out of all the schools competing that afternoon which means they are through to the Humber final next year! Chloe S also received a special award for the student who scored the most points out of all the schools that competed that day, a massive 138 points!! Well done Chloe!







## Badminton

After qualifying to the East Riding round of the Schools Badminton Competition, the KS3 and 4 badminton teams competed against the other top two schools from the area. The KS3 team had some very close competitive games but unfortunately didn't make it through to the Humber finals, however they were **third overall in the East Riding**, which is a great achievement!



The KS4 team were **East Riding winners** and have made it through to the Humber final in February next year, they managed to get through by winning their last game by one point!

A fantastic effort by both teams!

### KS4 Team



## Inter-House Badminton

This term we also ran an Inter-House badminton competition for Years 8 & 9 on Friday lunchtimes! It was great to see each House being represented and with other House members coming down to support and score the games.

The results are below:

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5 <sup>th</sup>
Badminton Year 9	PA	MW	MP	HL	MB
Badminton Year 10	PA	MP	MW	MB	HL

## PE activities for the Spring Term

Year 7	Gymnastics and Short tennis
Year 8	Dance, Fitness & Badminton
Year 9	Badminton, Volleyball Fitness & Basketball
Year 10	Table tennis & Basketball
Year 11	Team Challenge & Basketball



## Farewells

After over 13 years of loyal service to Beverley High School, Wellbeing Manager Mrs Mayfield, retired this week. We thank her on behalf of all the students and families past and present that she has supported. We will miss you Kim, but hope that you enjoy a very long, healthy and happy retirement.

Teaching Assistant, Miss Sysum also leaves us today to take up a post at another school. Thank you for your work with our children over the last year and very best wishes for your future career.

May I take this opportunity to wish you a peaceful Christmas-time



We have been asked to mention:

## CHRISTMAS OPEN KITCHEN

25 December 2023  
12.00 to 14.00

**Beverley Masonic Hall, Trinity Lane, Beverley**

No questions, no eligibility requirements; if you want to join us for Christmas Lunch with all the trimmings, mince pies, a cup of something warm please come and see us.

Games, movies and activities.

A cuppa and a conversation.

Gifts for all of the children.

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