

January 2024 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

Christmas Carol Service 2023

Our annual Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, taking place in the historical Beverley Minster, is a defining characteristic of the Beverley High School Christmas spirit. This is a time when the whole school comes together to celebrate music, the nativity story and each other.

Throughout this year's service, students listened to an array of choral music sung by both the Chamber and Lower School Choirs, instrumental music from musicians and lessons read by our Heads of House, Deputy and Head Boys and Girls, Mr Colton and Ms Japp.

Students particularly seemed to enjoy 'O Holy Night!', a Chamber choir item featuring soloist Maddy Bellotti, an alumna of the school. It was a joy to sing in the wonderful acoustic of the Minster and to our fellow peers.

As Chamber Choir members, we always enjoy singing the descants to the various congregational carols. Despite their difficulty, the effect is magical as the high notes accompany the hundreds of congregation members.

The atmosphere was truly inspiring and left the students feeling festive as they left to begin their Christmas holidays.

As always, we are so grateful for all the work and efforts that went into this performance, particularly from the music department, instrumental teachers and other staff members.

What a great way to end the year!

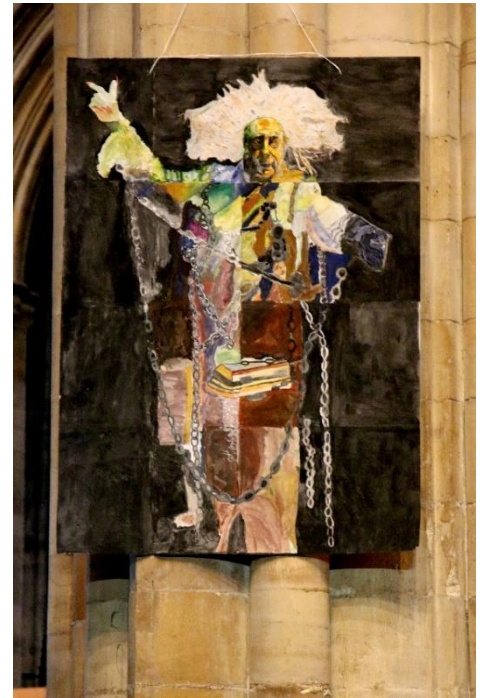
Lily Myers and Grace Hornby (Year 11)





Year 7 Minster Art Day

On Friday 1st December, a select group of twenty-four Year 7 students spent the day completing twenty-five large scale paintings measuring approximately 6ft x 4ft. It was an excellent and very productive day and it couldn't have worked out any better as we had snow to make us all feel festive! The project is a massive undertaking but it is worth it in the end as the finished pieces hung in the Minster during the Christmas Carol Service. The artwork looked fantastic and all of Year 7 should be very proud of their efforts.



Christmas Celebrations

On the last Friday of term, Year 7 enjoyed a festive celebration in the school canteen in their "Wear Something Christmassy" accessories. They sang and danced through the Twelve Days of Christmas, enjoyed the suspense of Santa's lucky dip (everyone gets a prize, but in what order?) and played a nail-biting game of bingo on a grand scale. Form tutors and the Head of Year team congratulated Year 7 for completing their first full term at Beverley High as they have settled in very well.

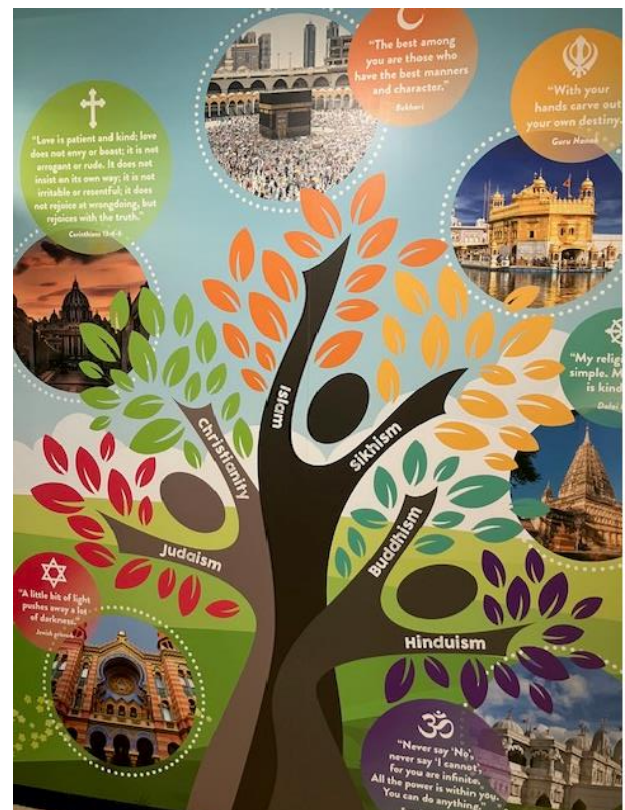
The Christmas activities for Years 8 and 9 gave the students an opportunity to get together and have lots of Christmas fun. The whole year group took part in form games for the hour, doing things such as 'red light, green light', making a Christmas shape as a form using only themselves, and musical statues. The hour was filled with laughter and Christmas music, making it a fantastic way to celebrate the end of term together.

Modernisation Programme

We have recently begun a thorough modernisation of the internal fabric of the school. We pride ourselves on our quality of teaching and learning and our buildings are now beginning to look outstanding too. We started with a vibrant addition to our stairwells celebrating our House heroes and then, just after Christmas, Phase 1 of classrooms was completed. As you can see, the Humanities classrooms are now very vibrant too! Phase 2 will take place around Easter-time, with further efforts to keep the buildings feeling fresh to continue. Feedback from both staff and students has been overwhelmingly positive.







Employment Fair

On the 30 January we hosted our annual Employment Fair. We were delighted that 62 businesses from a range of specialisms agreed to support our event and take time out of their busy schedules. The Employment Fair was visited by students from Beverley High School and Beverley Grammar School giving them an opportunity to speak to professionals. Students gained insights into different industries; asked questions; and found out what prospective businesses expect from job applications. It was fantastic to see our students engaging with employers in such a professional manner. Later in the day we welcomed 124 parents enabling them to ask questions from a parental perspective and further understand ways to support their child to achieve their career ambitions. Thank you to all employers, parents and students for making the day such a success.



UCAS Applications

The deadline for applications for university study next academic year is fast approaching and we would like to congratulate the many students who have received fantastic offers from higher education institutions across the country. Students have received offers for courses as wide ranging as Paramedic Science, Architecture and Politics from institutions as far apart as Queen's College, Belfast, London School of Economics and Glasgow. We wish all Year 13 the best of luck as they complete their mock exams and work hard to achieve the grades needed to go to their first choice destinations.

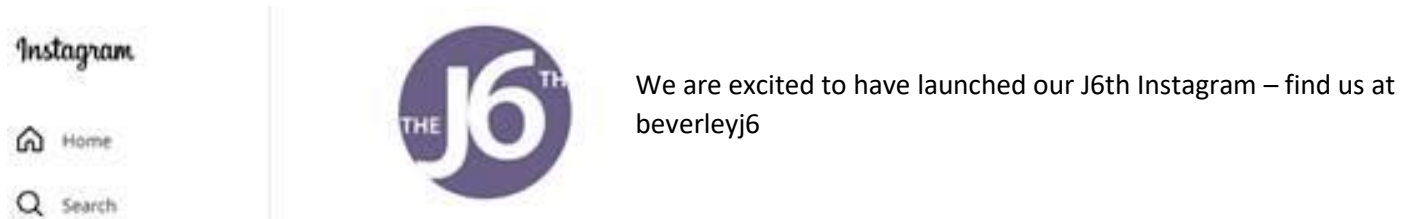
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J6th Instagram



J6th Reunion

The annual reunion for Year 14 students took place on Wednesday 20th December. Students returned from university and employment across the country and joined us to celebrate their achievements and collect their examination certificates. It was wonderful to hear about how they are getting on.



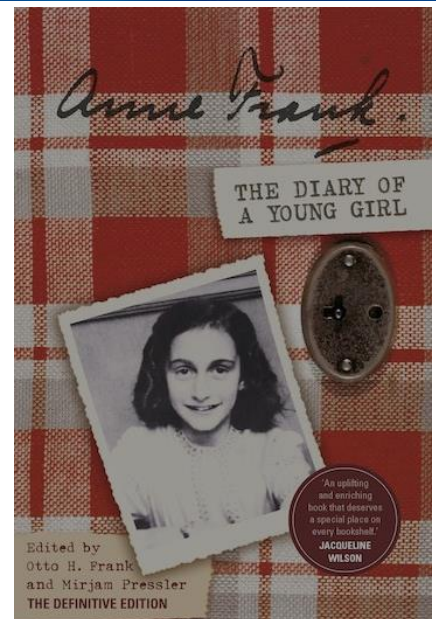
Tutor Reading Book of the Month: The Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank

Students in Years 9 and 10 have the opportunity to read The Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank as part of the tutor reading programme. We have chosen this book for this issue of Beverley Highlife to commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day.

One of the most famous accounts of living under the Nazi regime of World War II comes from the diary of a thirteen-year-old Jewish girl, Anne Frank. Today, The Diary of a Young Girl has sold over 25 million copies world-wide.

“12 June 1942: I hope I will be able to confide everything to you, as I have never been able to confide in anyone, and I hope you will be a great source of comfort and support.”

The Diary of a Young Girl is one of the most celebrated and enduring books of the last century. Tens of millions have read it since it was first published in 1947 and it remains a deeply admired testament to the indestructible nature of the human spirit.



Anne Frank and her family fled the horrors of Nazi occupation by hiding in the back of a warehouse in Amsterdam for two years with another family and a German dentist. Aged thirteen when she went into the secret annexe, Anne kept a diary. She movingly revealed how the eight people living under these extraordinary conditions coped with hunger, the daily threat of discovery and death and being cut off from the outside world, as well as petty misunderstandings and the unbearable strain of living like prisoners.

The Diary of a Young Girl is a timeless true story to be rediscovered by each new generation. For young readers and adults, it continues to bring to life Anne's extraordinary courage and struggle throughout her ordeal.

<https://www.waterstones.com/book/the-diary-of-a-young-girl/anne-frank/mirjam-pressler/9780241952443>

Find out more: <https://www.annefrank.org/en/anne-frank/diary/complete-works-anne-frank/>

<https://www.historyextra.com/period/20th-century/anne-frank-diary-how-edited-hidden-pages-father-otto-what-she-really-wrote/>

SCHOOL VALUE: resilience

Big Ideas

January marks the start of our next Big Ideas series for all year groups. This month students are focussing on the following:



More information about Tutor Reading and Big Ideas will be shared at our virtual Personal Development Information Evening on the 5th February.

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Celebration

In the last week of term, Year 10 pupils who had completed their full DofE Bronze Award met to celebrate their achievements and pass on their advice to the new cohort in Year 9. One thing that many Year 10s said they had found particularly rewarding about their Bronze experience was making new friends, and bonding in their expedition teams through mutual support and problem solving.

Below are the pupils who at the time of writing have successfully completed their full Bronze Award. As well as completing their final expedition in September, these pupils have independently organised and completed commitments in three other areas: Volunteering, Physical and Skill sections. We are very proud of them.

Emily A, Poppie A, Florence C, Millie D, Chloe E, Tamsin E, Charlotte G, Roxy H, Abigail M, Penny M, Kihara M, Rose M, Chloe O, Sam P, Isabelle S, Clara S, Gabby W, Charlotte W, Ella Y and Sophia Z.

Inter-School Debating Competition (KS3)

On Monday 29 January, Beverley High School were proud to present the first-ever Inter-School debating competition for Key Stage 3 with Beverley Grammar School. Two debates played out in front of an audience of pupils from both schools, and the staff judging panel was very impressed by the quality of the arguments presented. All pupils involved received a Certificate of Participation, winning teams were awarded chocolate prizes and the best individual speakers were presented with £10 book vouchers.

Motion 1: This House believes that social media makes young people more confident and connected.

Winners: Beverley High School (Opposition)

BHS team members: Daisy B Year 9 (awarded best individual speaker of the debate), Arabella F Year 7, Isabel P Year 7

Motion 2: This House believes that exams and assessments should be abolished in schools.

Winners: Beverley Grammar School (Opposition)

BHS team members: Arabella F Year 7, Molly N Year 7, Millie R Year 7

Sports Report

Netball



In the second week back after Christmas we played Cottingham High School's Year 9 & 10/11 teams at home. Both teams played amazingly well and we came away with two wins! It will be one of the last school matches that our Year 11 students will play, they have been great at attending club regularly and it has been lovely to see the progress they have made since Year 7, into some very accomplished and skilful players.

U14 Regional Finals

We are really looking forward to the Yorkshire Regional Schools' finals on Saturday 3rd February at the English Institute of Sport in Sheffield. Our U14 team have qualified as one of two Humberside schools to go through and compete against the other two top schools from the Yorkshire regions. All the students have been training hard and we hope they enjoy the experience.



Cross Country

The Humber Schools' Cross Country Finals took place in Scunthorpe on Tuesday 30th January. All of our teams qualified through to the Humber finals this year from Years 7 -11 as well as two of our sixth form students.



Well done to all our students who ran! Although it was a dry day the course was still very muddy and the students did well to cope with the conditions and stay on their feet!

With over one hundred students running in the races we also had some great individual results, five students came in the top eight, securing a place at the English Schools Cross Country Championships in March; huge congratulations to Roxie T, Meisha L, Tabitha F, Isabelle W and Tamsin E. This is an amazing achievement and we wish them the best of luck in March! We wait to hear how we did overall with the team results.

This was the last school competition that Isabelle and Tabs, our two sixth formers will compete in, they have been representing the school Cross Country Team for seven years since they started in Year 7, they have also competed at Regional and English schools – we will really miss them in our team but wish them good luck for their future competitions.

Year 13





Years 10 & 11

Years 8 & 9



Year 7



Year 7 Online Parents' Evening

Thank you to the parents of Year 7 students who logged on this month for appointments with your child's subject teachers. They appreciated the opportunity to feedback to you.

Zurich University Student Teachers

This month we welcomed into school two student teachers from Zurich University. Ms Fuelleman and Ms Rueegg will be in school until February half term across multiple departments. Beverley High School has a longstanding relationship with Zurich University of Teacher Education and we enjoy hosting the teachers each year.

Beverley Highlife likes to introduce you to an alumna of the school who will tell us about their life since leaving Beverley High School.



Name: Sophie Upson

When did you leave Beverley High School?
BHS 2011, Beverley J6th 2013

What did you study? GCSE – Triple Science, PE, Geography, Food Tech plus the standard GCSEs; AS Level – Maths, A Level – Biology, Chemistry, Geography; University – BSc(Hons) Human Biology and MSc(Res) Biomedical Science



A few details about your profession/daily work

I currently work at Reckitt in Hull, which is well known for its brands such as Dettol, Gaviscon, Veet, Finish and so many more. I first started at Reckitt working in the R&D Microbiology labs ensuring that products both consumed orally and applied topically to the skin did not contain any harmful bacteria and were unable to provide a perfect home for bacteria to grow, during this time I supported numerous global brands including E45, Scholl, Dettol, Lemsip, Veet, Gaviscon etc.

After 18 months in the labs I moved over to the Global Medical Affairs team, specifically our Germ Protection & Healthy Skin team. Our team looks after all the human related safety and efficacy data for Dettol and Veet globally, this involves working collaboratively with numerous teams including Consumer Safety, R&D, Legal and Regulatory in order to deliver brand new products to shelves around the world that both work as they say they do but are also fit for purpose in terms of their safety profile. A large part of the Medical input into these projects is the designing of clinical studies and the subsequent analysis of the data that comes back. I'm into my 3rd year in Global Medical Affairs and I still absolutely LOVE IT!

What message would you give your younger self?

Take every single opportunity given to you whether than be trips away with friends, a new job venture, a new sports club; you never know unless you try!