

July 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

## French Trip to Lille



40 Year 9 French students recently visited the lovely city of Lille, in northern France for a three-day visit. Travelling by coach and ferry, the students arrived in France at tea time and got settled into their rooms in the Youth Hostel in Lille. They had the opportunity to explore the town centre and enjoyed meals in the Youth Hostel. The following day the students visited a traditional waffle factory then had time at a large French shopping centre, Euralille. After lunch we visited the zoo and enjoyed an ice cream in the sunshine. The following day students took part in a town centre walking tour and then spent the afternoon at a language school practising their French speaking skills. For many of the students this was their first opportunity to travel to France and the staff leading the visit were very impressed by the students' willingness to have a go at speaking in French. Well done to all the students involved – they were a pleasure to take away on a school visit.

## Lakeside '23



Eighty (our largest group ever), Year 8 students had an early start on the 28<sup>th</sup> June as we set off for YMCA Lakeside on the edge of Lake Windermere.

The residential was packed with activities and the groups worked incredibly hard pushing themselves to face challenges and go beyond what they thought they were capable of.

We saw superb support for each other and a great time was had by all.



## Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Practice Expedition

In late June on a beautifully hot summer's weekend, our large DofE Bronze cohort of 38 Year 9s had their first go at walking, navigating, cooking and pitching tents in the great outdoors! Seven expedition teams journeyed from Walkington to Welton (or vice versa) via Raywell Park Scouts campsite, which students agreed was a real highlight of the trip. It was lovely to see them chatting and enjoying games in the evening after all their exertions - even playing energetic games of rounders! Our staff volunteers were very proud of how well they did: not only in their determination to succeed, but in the way they supported each other and their high spirits throughout. We look forward to the final Bronze expedition on Friday 22 and Saturday 23 September, in the Allerthorpe area.



## Gold Duke of Edinburgh Expedition

Six Year 12 students have this week successfully completed their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Final expedition. Their four day expedition covered challenging terrain in the Lake District and culminated in a wild camp and an early ascent of the Old Man of Conistone. We are very proud of them all.



## BRIDLINGTON ANIMAL PARK



On Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July the Science department took two coaches of Y7 students to Bridlington Animal Park in Carnaby.

Bridlington Animal Park is a local, award winning, family owned business that had an array of birds and animals for students to observe and interact with. Throughout the day we explored the park, observing animals from savanna ecosystems such as the African plains, South America and the Australian outback to native temperate ecosystems.

This fits perfectly with the current Y7 Biology ecosystem topic and allowed us to discuss concepts such as abiotic and biotic factors and how an organism is adapted to its environment. Additionally, there were several opportunities throughout the day to interact with the animals and birds and have the opportunity to find out more about certain species through informative interactive talks and one to one discussion with park handlers. A thoroughly enjoyable day.



## GCSE Geography Fieldtrip

Year 10 had a good day at Withernsea beach, getting stuck into some geography fieldwork. They started with some nail varnishing of stones to look for evidence of longshore drift (we found them later in the day further along the beach). They collected lucky piddock stones as evidence of biological weathering, and then measured the longshore drift either side of the groynes and through the action of the waves. They celebrated their first school trip since COVID with fish and chips in the sunshine. It was a lovely day. Well done to all involved, both staff and students.

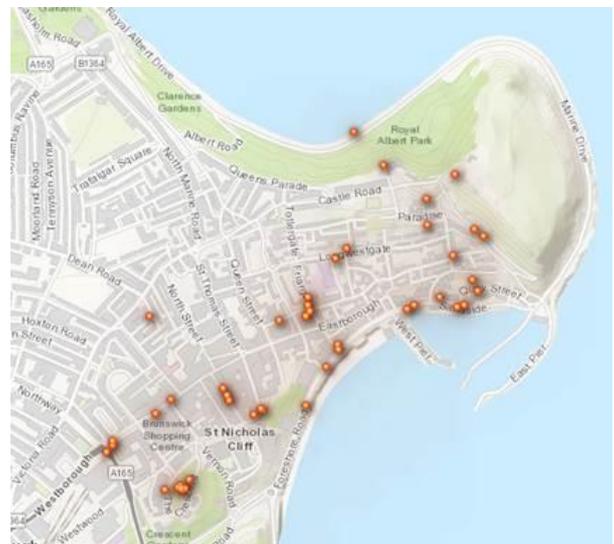


## A Level Geography Fieldtrip

On Friday 14 July Year 12 Geographers dodged the showers to practise a range of fieldwork techniques in Scarborough, including emotional mapping and non-participant observation.

Using i-pads they were able to use GIS to enter and map their data, which was good experience for completing their data collection for their Independent Investigation in Year 13.

Fish, chips and ice cream helped us to briefly forget the dreadful English summer weather!



## Eurofest at Hymers

A group of 12 Year 8 students spent a day at Hymers School in early July. Eurofest is an annual opportunity for Year 8 students to use their language skills to develop a product and market and sell it in a foreign language. Our 4 teams all competed in German and all did really well with one team being awarded a prize for the best use of spoken German.



## National Spelling Bee Competition



Congratulations to Year 7 students Georgia S, Sophie B and Meryem C who took part in the National Spelling Bee final at the University of Cambridge on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June. Students had to learn 4 stages with 50/100 words at each stage (300 altogether) in either French or German. All three students did an amazing job and managed to get into the top 99 out of 21.000 contestants. What a great achievement!



## National Translation Bee Competition

Last month, three of our Year 8 students went to the Regional Final of the Translation Bee competition at the University of Lancaster.

They had to learn sentences in German in different tenses off by heart and then had to translate them into German.

They were in the final 57 out of 13,730 who started the competition at the beginning of the year. They did an amazing job of representing Beverley High School and a huge thank you to parents for accompanying them on the trip.



## Greenpower Race at Blyton Park

The newly named Hilda Lyon Racing Team took part in the Greenpower event at Blyton Park, Lincolnshire on July 6<sup>th</sup>. They all had a blast! This year's team included Charlotte R, Lucy B, Holly O and Eadie C in Year 11 and new members Izzy D in Year 10, Martha C, Beth F, Elli B in Year 8 and Darcy B, Mya C and Meryem C in Year 7. For each event, the team entered our two electric cars for the two races that lasted 90 minutes each; the winner is the one who completes the most laps. Both cars completed more laps than they did last year and finished 7<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> in the first race, 11<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> in the second due to electrical problems. In the car's best race they completed 37 and 35 laps. This is a great improvement- our previous highest number of completed laps on the Blyton park circuit was 29. The competition was fierce, all opposing teams were really close, 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> place completed 37 laps, just 1 lap less than 3<sup>rd</sup> place!

The new gear ratio coupled with their brilliant driving skills showed that more speed could be achieved without compromising the performance of the electric motor and battery life. Our students all showed great leadership, teamwork, resilience, and organisational skills throughout the year during the building of the cars. The students also took their media commitment seriously when they were interviewed by BBC Look North. Next year, we will welcome new members to move the team forward. We have a few ideas to improve the performance of the cars. We plan a new design for the rear of the cars and a new electronic system to give us a 'soft start' to harvest more from the batteries to get more speed for the motor with an even more ambitious gear ratio.

Beverley High School Hilda Lyon Racing Team would welcome new sponsors for the 2023-24 season, please contact Dr Cosquer at [g.cosquer@beverleyhigh.net](mailto:g.cosquer@beverleyhigh.net) if you can help with funding or with the electronics. The team would like to thank Mr Finer, Mr Colton, David Powell, Rod Bentley (our volunteers) for helping us throughout the year and on race day and Mr Spink for his generous donation which enables us to buy new tyres and batteries.



## Year 7 History Trip

We were delighted to take 133 Year 7 students to see one of the main Tudor houses at Burghley. Students had a guided tour on the life and times of William Cecil and his descendants as well as enjoying time in the adventure play area and garden of surprises! Everyone had a great time and returned full of stories of the day.



## Summer Music Concerts

The music department held a series of three concerts on consecutive evenings in the school hall: Monday 10 July for Percussion & Piano; Tuesday 11 July for Singing & Strings; and Wednesday 12 July for Woodwind & Brass.

This series of concerts was a new venture and it replaced the single Summer Concert that was traditionally held in St Marys' Church. Each concert featured pupils from Years 7 to 13 and included solos, duets, trios and ensembles in a wide range of musical styles. We very much enjoyed welcoming the audience and performers for drinks and nibbles afterwards.

We are extremely proud of all the young musicians who took part and look forward to providing many more pupils with opportunities to perform in the future.



## A Midsummer Night's Dream

On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> and Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July, Beverley High School and Beverley Grammar hosted a joint production of Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. The project was the first collaboration in memory and was the result of months of hard work from students and staff at both schools. All students did themselves extremely proud and put on fantastic performances, as well as helping to support one another throughout the process.

A huge thank you needs to go to our student directors from Year 12 (Milly Coates and Lucy Smith) and Year 10 (Poppy Dixon). It also would not have been possible without backstage help from Hetty Hornby in Year 9 or with costume design from Trudie Snelling Y12. Miss Bevan and Miss Bridgwater would also like to thank parents and carers for being so supportive and encouraging throughout the process. It truly was a collaborative effort, so a big well done to all who were involved.



## Year 6 Transition Day and Parents' Evening

On Tuesday 4 July we were delighted to welcome our soon-to-be Year 7s to Beverley High School. Throughout the day, pupils enjoyed a wide range of activities to help them get excited and ready for secondary school life. Pupils threw themselves into new and fun experiences: from "Getting to Know You Bingo" in their form groups, to Science, Art and Design & Technology taster lessons, to free lunch in the canteen. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with pupils agreeing that they now felt less nervous about starting in September - sentiments echoed by parents and carers in the evening when they had the opportunity to visit their child's form room and meet their form tutor.

We look forward to welcoming the pupils back in September and supporting them to achieve their best start at Beverley High School, working with our new parents/carers. Our £½ million science refurbishment is underway and will be ready for you in September!

## Year 6 Transition Day Artwork

The Year 6 students acquitted themselves very well during their Art lessons on Transition Day. They produced a series of outcomes that required them to take some creative risks and they really rose to the challenge.



## J6 Induction Day

100 students gathered on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July to get a taste of life as a 6<sup>th</sup> form student. Students from both Beverley High and Beverley Grammar as well as from other local schools and from as far afield as Norway and Spain spent the day trying out A level subjects and getting used to the new sites. The day was split across the two school sites and culminated in ice lollies and rounders on the field. We are looking forward to welcoming our new Year 12 students in September.



## Art, Photography, Textiles, Design Technology Exhibition

The Art, Photography, Textiles and Design Technology exhibition was a great success. It was lovely to see the students celebrate their achievements and it is an event that we will run again and build upon for next year.



**Kindness in our Community**

MND Bake Sale

Well done to Freya L, Maisie R, Alyssia H and Delilah G who organised a bake sale which raised £60. This money will go to The MND Association. Thank you in particular to Freya for raising awareness around this important charity.



Food Bank Collection

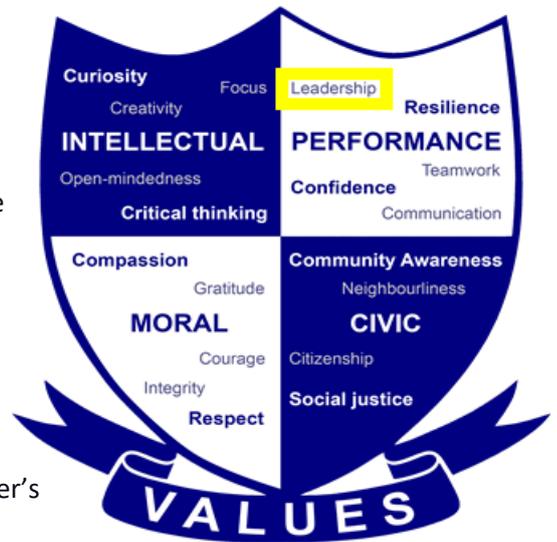
Also, thank you to all students, staff, parents/carers who donated items for our termly food bank collection. We know they will be well received by members of our local community!

**Student Leadership – Heads of House**

This month we expanded our student leadership offering. We have appointed five Year 10 students to the following roles for September:

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| Head of Pat Albeck House –          | Hannah D  |
| Head of Mary Braddon House -        | Natalia I |
| Head of Hilda Lyon House -          | Alice I   |
| Head of Margaret Powell House -     | Lily M    |
| Head of Mary Wollstonecraft House - | Grace H   |

Well done to all applicants! More information to follow in September's edition.

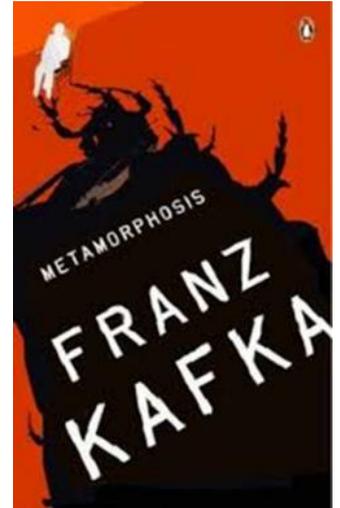


## Tutor Reading Book of the Month: *The Metamorphosis* by Franz Kafka

Students in Year 9 and 10 have the opportunity to read *The Metamorphosis* by Franz Kafka as part of the Tutor Reading programme. *The Metamorphosis* is a symbolic story by Austrian writer Franz Kafka, published in German as *Die Verwandlung* in 1915.

The opening sentence of *The Metamorphosis* has become one of the most famous in Western literature: 'As Gregor Samsa awoke one morning from uneasy dreams, he found himself transformed in his bed into a gigantic insect.' (Although Samsa has sometimes been described as a cockroach, the German word Ungeziefer does not refer to a particular bug). His tyrannical father forces him to hide in his bedroom, and Gregor slowly dies from both his family's neglect and his own guilty despair.

Kafka's masterpiece of unease and black humour is one of the twentieth century's most influential works of fiction.



<https://www.britannica.com/topic/The-Metamorphosis>

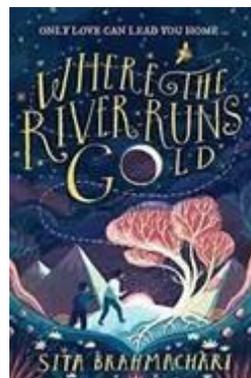
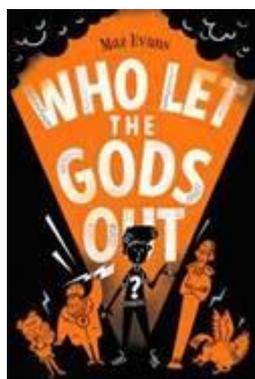
### Find out more:

<https://www.theguardian.com/books/2015/jul/18/franz-kafka-metamorphosis-100-thoughts-100-years>

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## Year 7 Reading Challenge

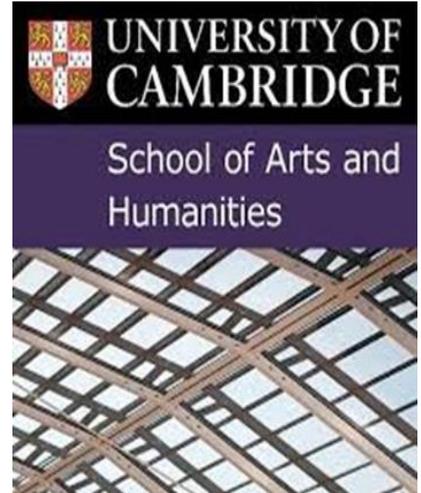
After visiting the library as part of their English lessons, Year 7 students were set a challenge to read a book a month from a variety of genres they might not usually read, from books about the environment to Magic Realism. They kept a digital reading journal and recorded every book they read. Congratulations to Lois S-C who was awarded a silver certificate and to Isabel M, Anna I and Meryem C who were awarded gold – a phenomenal effort and we hope you continue to read over the summer.



Here is some inspiration for holiday reading for all students: <https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/resources/summer-reading-challenge/>

## KS3 Arts and Humanities Focus Group with Cambridge University

The School of Arts and Humanities at the University of Cambridge is running a project focused on developing their Undergraduate curriculum to make it as engaging and relevant as possible for current and future students. The University conducted focus groups with a wide range of stakeholders, including five Beverley High School students from Years 8 and 9, to gather their views on topics including the study of arts and humanities subjects in schools and universities, perceptions of Cambridge, barriers to study, and graduate employability.



## Year 10 Writing Competition

We are pleased to announce the winners of the Year 10 writing competition are: 1<sup>st</sup> place Alice I, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Meisha L and 3<sup>rd</sup> place Lily M. All of Year 10 took part. The English department thoroughly enjoyed the reading all entries and the standard was so high we needed to give special mentions to: Natalia I, Chloe L, Mya A, Erin R, Darcie-Mae W, Maddie J, Grace M, Nadine B, Catrin W, Poppy B, Georgina H, Imogen Q.

## PSHE Morning

Students in Years 7-10 took part in the last of their PSHE mornings earlier this week. Topics including Combating Stereotypes, Stress Management, Child Exploitation and Online Protection, Prejudice and Discrimination, Media and Airbrushing, Honour-based Violence, What is a Community? and Proud to be British were covered.



## Photography Project

Over the past year former Head of Art Ms Evans has been working with a small group of students on a photography project inspired by American photographer Nancy Honey. She took photos of pupils between the ages of 11 and 14 and discussed their life in school, their self-image and their aspirations.

Through the project, it became more and more clear that the final photos as an outcome, was not what the project was fundamentally about. Pupils spoke openly about school, their fears, their passions and their aspirations. They worked as a team to arrange photo shoots and communicated well with adults. Some photos were taken by the pupils themselves and some by Ms Evans. The photos are currently on display in the school hall. The pupils involved should be so proud of their involvement in the project.

## Sports Report

### Humber Netball Finals

### **Years 7, 8 and 9 are Humber Champions!**

What an amazing day we had at the Humber Netball finals on the 13<sup>th</sup> of July. We took three teams to compete, Year 7, 8 and 9 - all of which had qualified in the top two schools in the area in the East Riding Schools' round.

On the day we played the other qualifying schools from Hull, Lincolnshire and the East Riding. All the students played with determination and great team spirit and after playing five matches managed to remain unbeaten, resulting in every year group coming first!

We are so proud of them all, they have trained hard inside and outside of school this year and the progress they have made was clear to see on the day.



## Sports Day



Due to the typical British summer weather Sports Day was split into two days this year, fields events in the morning last week and track events this week in the afternoon. Both events were outstanding, so many great athletes achieving fantastic results like 30m in the Year 7 vortex throw, 1m 33cm in high jump and 13.55 seconds in the 100m.

The running of both days would not have been as successful without the help of the Year 10 GCSE PE students; Year 11 students who gave up their free time to come in; and Tabitha in Year 12 who was the most fantastic commentator throughout the afternoon.

Every year one of the highlights of the day is the staff relay event, we had all lanes full with teams from the Senior Leadership Team, Science, Maths, Teaching Assistants and PE. Well done to all those staff that took part and congratulations to the Maths department for winning!

We also saw the best banners we have ever seen in the crowds and the support all afternoon was exceptional, it motivated those students who took part and provided such a wonderful atmosphere.

Well done to everyone who took part and for the support of the whole school.



## Rounders

Our teams have been playing in the end of season rounders tournaments against other East Riding schools this month and really enjoyed the competitions. Unfortunately, the Year 7 tournament had to be cancelled due to bad weather, the results of the other teams are below:

Year 8 – 3rd

Year 9 – 4th

Year 10 – 3rd



## Tennis Inter-house Competition

Well done to those students who represented their form in the tennis competition that took place during lunchtimes over the last few weeks. The results were as follows:



	Year 7	Year 9
1 <sup>st</sup>	MP	MP
2 <sup>nd</sup>	MB	PA
3 <sup>rd</sup>	MW	HL
4 <sup>th</sup>	PA	MB
5 <sup>th</sup>	HL	MW

Unfortunately, Year 8 did not have enough time to complete their competition due to school trips. Year 10 are still to complete their competition before the end of term.

## East Riding Schools Athletics Championships

We were so pleased that the East Riding Schools' Championships was back this year after four years without! On the day, nineteen schools in the East Riding area came to compete in various track and field events at the Costello Stadium in Hull. The weather was fairly mixed with some rain showers, thunder and bright sunshine but we managed to complete all the events. Many of our students had some fantastic results, they all competed so well and gave 100%, not only that, it was lovely to see them encouraging and supporting their team mates along the way. Here are a few of the results from the day:



Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
1 <sup>st</sup> Shot – Emily B	2 <sup>nd</sup> Javelin – Hattie B	2 <sup>nd</sup> Long Jump – Roxie T	1 <sup>st</sup> High Jump – Georgi H
3 <sup>rd</sup> Discus – Maddie W	2 <sup>nd</sup> High Jump – Helena S	2 <sup>nd</sup> Shot – Rose M	2 <sup>nd</sup> Long Jump Ellie M
2 <sup>nd</sup> High Jump – Esme T	3 <sup>rd</sup> 1500m – Hattie B	1 <sup>st</sup> High Jump – Roxie T	3 <sup>rd</sup> Javelin – Anneka J
		3 <sup>rd</sup> Discus – Gabby W	1 <sup>st</sup> 800m – Meisha L
		2 <sup>nd</sup> 800m - Tamsin	2 <sup>nd</sup> 1500m – Ellie M
		1 <sup>st</sup> 1500m – Roxie T	2 <sup>nd</sup> 200m – Anneka J

## Tickton Comets



After a tough and competitive season in the U12's East Riding Girls Football League, I am pleased to say that Tickton Comets became league champions. Not only did they win the league, but they also came runners up in the Cup final. The girls finally received their trophies and cup at the beginning of July. The girls fought hard and found themselves against tough opposition at times, including a derby with their local rivals Beverley Town. Seven of the young ladies attend Beverley High School. Well done, Erin, Daisy, Robyn, Olivia, Poppy, Lexi and Molly, your school is very proud of you!

## CLASS of 1973



On Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July the class of 1973 enjoyed a tour of our school and shared their memories of the happy times they spent here as part of the 50 year reunion.

They thanked staff for the opportunity and said, 'It was a real pleasure to see the areas we remember and also to view the new buildings, subject blocks and activities going on in the school now. We were very impressed by the facilities on offer for the students today and can see the school truly deserves its outstanding status.'

Our Head Girl Lucy joined the group, for the tour and they were very grateful to have the chance to meet one of the current generation of students going through the school.

## Year 12 Work Experience

All 120 Year 12 students spent a productive week completing their work experience placements in locations as varied as local primary schools, MPs offices and architect firms. It was great to hear of their experiences and the challenges they faced. All the students felt the experience had been a very useful one and one which will help as they continue to make plans for life beyond the 6<sup>th</sup> form.

## Year 12 Awards ceremony

On the last morning of term we were delighted to present Year 12 with a wide range of awards to recognise their achievement over the last year. These ranged from celebrating sporting achievements to acknowledging the hard work of students in their academic studies. Well done to all our students.

## Final Assembly

It was lovely this afternoon to continue a Beverley High School tradition by gathering approximately 700 people in the Sports Hall to celebrate the end of another fantastic school year. We recounted many of the wonderful activities that students have had the opportunity to take part in this year; we handed out hundreds of certificates and a few trophies; and said goodbye to the students who are moving away and the staff who are leaving. It was fabulous to applaud and celebrate the end of the summer term as a whole school community. At the end of the final assembly I was able to present two members of staff with significant awards.

## Teacher of the Year

Head of Science, **Dr Cosquer** had been nominated for a National Teaching Award and was recognised with The Award of 'Teacher of the Year in a Secondary School'. The National Teaching Awards are designed to celebrate the outstanding work that takes place in education in the UK. Dr Cosquer was extremely pleased to have been recognised in this way. Well done, Sir, your school is very proud of you!



## Long Service Award

Deputy Headteacher, Mr Colton was surprised to receive his Long Service Award from the East Riding of Yorkshire Council. Mr Colton has worked for 25 years in East Riding schools, first at Bridlington School and for the last 8 years at Beverley High School. Well done, Sir, your commitment and loyalty to educating the children of the East Riding is recognised through this award. Both schools and the council are very proud of you!



## **Farewells**

We bid farewell today to MFL teacher and Year Leader Mr Young who has taught at Beverley High School for 7 years and to Emotional Health Support Worker Miss Bird who has worked at Beverley High School for 2 years. We wish them both well in their promoted posts in their new schools and thank them for all their work at Beverley High School. In September's Highlife, I will introduce you to the new staff who will be joining us after the summer.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a good summer

