



# BEVERLEY HIGH SCHOOL



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## GENERAL INFORMATION

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### Location

Beverley High School is pleasantly situated in the centre of the attractive market town of Beverley in the East Riding of Yorkshire. The catchment area is socially mixed and provides a full range of ability, taking students from Beverley and the surrounding villages of Bishop Burton, Tickton, Walkington, Wawne and Woodmansey.



The Westwood, Beverley

### The School

Beverley High School is a Group 6, five-form entry girls' comprehensive within the East Riding of Yorkshire. 846 students are currently on roll including 99 girls in the Sixth Form. The School, founded in 1908, has developed since 1973 from a grammar school into a fully comprehensive 11-18 establishment. The school celebrated its 115th anniversary in September 2023 when it was marked with a whole-school photograph.

We were delighted that in our most recent inspection we were recognised as "Outstanding" in every category. The full report can be read here....[Ofsted 2021 - Outstanding](#)

We are obviously delighted that Ofsted has seen what we see every day, fabulous young people working very effectively with our hugely dedicated and highly skilled and knowledgeable staff team. We are proud that the regulator recognised the very many achievements of our staff and pupils and particularly their acknowledgement that Beverley High School always puts the interests of pupils first, inspires a love of learning, has a culture of high ambition and enables pupils to reach their full potential.

Beverley High School is long established with an excellent record and considerable achievements in academic work, music, drama, art and sport. We are particularly concerned to develop each pupil's good qualities to the full. The school has a long tradition of successful education and enjoys a high reputation within the community, both at local and county level. The school features in the "Good Schools' Guide" and annually receives awards from the SSAT for exceptional results.

Subject departments are housed in purpose-built rooms set amidst fine grounds. We have a dedicated Learning Support Centre and Sixth Form Block, a large Sports Hall with Dance Studio and an impressive Art/Technology Centre.



### **International Dimension**

Beverley High School holds the YHGSA's Global Schools Award which recognises the international dimension in the school. All departments in the school are encouraged to incorporate international/global elements into their Schemes of Work. Opportunity for curriculum development exists, most notably with our link schools and colleges, Keiai Gakuen Senior High School in Chiba, Japan; Sujatha Vidyalaya College, Matara, Sri Lanka; Marcel Aymard College, Millau, France; and Gymnasium Am Kothen, Wuppertal, Germany. Student and teacher visits to Japan, Sri Lanka, France and Germany are a part of school life and we are looking forward to visiting and hosting our French and German link schools again this year.



20 Year 11 students and 3 staff travelled to Gymnasium Am Kothen, Wuppertal, Germany for a five-day exchange visit in September 2023

## Pupil Support

Every pupil is assigned on entry to one of five mixed ability tutor groups which are also house groups. Most of the social life of the school takes place within these Houses, for example there are regular inter-house competitions in most curriculum areas and for overall progress in academic work.

A pupil usually remains with a tutor group for five years and, where possible, has the same form tutor from Years 7 to 11. Year Leaders are responsible for pupils within a particular year group and an Assistant Headteacher has responsibility for the Sixth Form.

## Houses



Pat Albeck (PA)



Hilda Lyon (HL)



Mary Wollstonecraft  
(MW)



Mary Braddon (MB)



Margaret Powell (MP)

In 2022, following consultation, we launched Beverley High School's five new Houses, named after five women who are strong female role models chosen to inspire our students.

In making the change, we promised to honour our school's history and our local community. Each woman has a strong connection to Beverley: women who came from or lived in the town or its environs, and in the case of two, actually attended the school itself. All had an influence and reach far beyond Beverley— a national and in some cases international impact. The new Houses celebrate the ordinary and the extraordinary and convey a strong and powerful message that you might attend a school in a small East Yorkshire market town but you can go anywhere, be anything, achieve your dreams and have a lasting impact locally, nationally and even globally.

The Houses of Beverley High School are unique: no other school in the world could have the same collection of Houses.

The new Houses have brought cohesion and consistency and re-energised our House system. Since launching, we have elected student Heads of House; delivered House assemblies; selected House charities; organised House trips; brought in House speaker; added further House competitions; and adorned the corridors with images of our House heroes.

## Curriculum Organisation

The tutor groups are, in the main, used as teaching groups in Key Stage 3. In Years 7, 8 and 9 all students follow courses in:

Art  
Computing  
English  
Geography

History  
Mathematics  
Modern Language  
Music

Physical Education  
Religious Studies  
Science  
Technology

Teaching takes place in mixed ability groups, apart from Modern Languages and Mathematics where ability groupings are used from Year 8. In the latter half of Year 9, parents, pupils and subject teachers are involved in decisions regarding examination courses for Years 10 and 11.



Various Art and DT Projects

Pupils in Years 10 and 11 follow a broad range of courses which currently are:-

Examined by GCSE	Mathematics		
	English	-	all follow Language & Literature courses
	Science	-	3 separate sciences (Biology, Chemistry and Physics)
	Foreign Language	-	French or German
	RE	-	Short or full course
Not Examined	Physical Education		
	Wellbeing – including Careers Education and Guidance		

Pupils are also able to choose three options from a range of courses which include:-

GCSE	Art and Design	Drama	Music
	Astronomy	Economics	Photography
	Business Studies	Food	Physical Education
	Child Development	Geography	Product Design
	Computing	History	Textiles
		Media	A second Foreign Language

The majority of students follow 10 GCSE courses or their equivalent



There is a planned programme of Personal, Social and Health Education (Wellbeing) which is taught on specialist days in each half term. The Wellbeing programme covers a different range of personal and social skills, as well as further developing those already acquired, with increasing emphasis on careers guidance. We are very proud of our Personal Development curriculum, which involves Assemblies, BIG IDEAS and Tutor Reading, facilitated by form tutors.

### **Sixth Form (Years 12 and 13)**

In September 1978 the Sixth Form was linked with our neighbouring boys' comprehensive, Beverley Grammar School. The teaching in most advanced level subjects is equally shared between the staffs of both schools. The structure carries the advantages of widening the range of courses, provides larger numbers in teaching groups and a livelier academic and social life. Both schools have a lengthy and successful experience of sixth form work and students have benefited from this pooling of resources. Many students continue to Higher Education, including Oxbridge.



Allerthorpe Trip (September 2023)



J6th Super-curricular London Visit (November 2023)



Gold Duke of Edinburgh (July 2023)

## Special Needs

The Learning Support Department has a whole-school role based on limited withdrawal and support strategies in curriculum areas.

## Work Experience

All year 12 students have the opportunity to undertake work experience.

## Extra-Curricular Activities

Choirs, orchestras, drama clubs and games teams practise on a regular basis at lunchtime and after school. Lunchtime clubs include the gym club, wind band, hockey, netball, tennis, trampolining and athletics clubs. We take part in the Green Car Project which sees us building our own electric cars to race against other schools.



Year 8 Netball Team



Cast Members ready for  
A Midsummer Night's Dream

## Trips/Visits

As well as international visits, the school's committed staff organise a myriad of trips and visits. Recently we have visited the YMCA Lakeside Activity Centre, Hollywood Bowl for the SSP Bowling Competition, a visit to the theatre to watch SIX the Musical and a House trip to the Emma Bridgwater factory in Stoke-on-Trent. Please visit our website and read our Beverley Highlife newsletters for a fuller flavour of school life here.

### Year 10 Geography Field Trip



### Year 8 at the YMCA Lakeside Activity Centre



## Management and Development Issues

There is a pre-planned programme of meetings which encompasses departments, Middle Leaders, Wellbeing Team, the Senior Leadership Team and tutor teams. In addition task groups are used to address specific issues when a need is identified e.g. Assessment, Curriculum Models. The School Improvement Plan is a 1-year plan. Each department or team has its own plan.

## CPD and Appraisal

The school has very effective appraisal systems for teaching staff and support staff. The school's CPD programme is led by two Research Leads who are Evidence Leads in Education and work closely with Huntington Research School. We are committed to evidence-informed practices. All teachers undertake Deliberate Practice.

## Staff

The school has approximately 100 committed staff, of which 57 are teachers (full and part-time).

**Sharon Japp**  
Headteacher

**Spring 2024**

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Inter-house Art Competition



Beverley Minster  
Christmas Tree Festival



Heads of Houses