

March 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.

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International Women's Day 2024 Events

On 8th March Year 8 and 9 recognised International Women's Day by welcoming some former students back to Beverley High School to discuss their life journey and showcase the careers that they have now:

Sallie Altoft, one of only 2 females from 150 recruits to the police in her unit and now Police Sergeant;

Helen Conway, Lecturer in Acute Adult Nursing and Associated Programmes;

Laura Mitcheson, Head of Centre at the National Tactical Response Group, with Grace, Hannah, Jess, Amy and Gemma from the Northern Tactical Response Team and Zelda, Shadow, Tilly and Olaf from their dog unit and, last but not least, Lucy Thompson, Business Owner.

These pioneering women took time out of their day to help students to understand how their jobs work on a daily basis; the challenges they have faced and continue to face; and how they have overcome them. The students had a great afternoon during the interactive presentations which consisted of:



- How to overcome employment barriers by working your way up, learning how to use different tones of voice for different outcomes in situations, trying out various police equipment and uniform, including how heavy armoured plates are!
- The variety of different roles nurses can have and how to push yourself further up and diversify your role. How to perform CPR and save a life.
- Participate in demonstrations of altercations in prison and see how prison dogs work and train! The canine unit even brought female dogs to teach





students how they handle explosives searches and last resort use for prisoners demonstrating challenging behaviour.

- How to set up a business around something that you love, what is available to support you and how to maintain interest in your business, including doggy pool parties and creating a shop on Tik Tok



The students found it extremely valuable, feedback included:

- I really enjoyed the presentation and how she taught us that you don't need to take the usual route to start a business in what you're passionate in. I'm definitely considering starting my own business now.
- I liked the energy she gave and it kind of wanted me to start a business myself, it seems hard but enjoyable
- I would really consider being a nurse/doctor when I'm older so it really helped me.
- Nursing has always had a special place in my heart since some of my family have been nurses and to hear a woman talk about how she worked to the position she is now feels interesting to me
- She was so open to anything and she let us try on all her stuff and answered loads of our questions
- I was impressed on how hard she worked and how she dealt with sexist comments on an everyday basis
- It was interesting to see that she was part of the small minority of female officers.
- It was very good and I really liked the demonstrations and seeing how they would deal with different situations. I also liked how they brought people out to have a go and how they trained the dogs and showed how they work.
- I really loved it, it really made me want to be a part of the prison service. The dogs really helped me get a visual idea of what really happens in the job.
- The demonstrations were informative and gave me more ideas for future jobs and life paths in the prison service.
- I loved it because it was really entertaining and it opened up new opportunities for me because I didn't know what they were until then

Thank you to these wonderful women for giving up your time to inspire the current students of Beverley High School!
And to Ms Atkinson for organising these events.



International Women's Day – Year 7 Enrichment

On Friday 8 March, International Women's Day, Year 7 were treated to a special presentation on the life and music of Nina Simone, given by Music teacher Miss Papanikolaou. The year group gathered in the main hall to enjoy some of her most iconic songs, and to explore the themes, ideas and political activism that drive them. Pupils were asked to make links between Simone's work, her view of the artist's role in society, and the aims of International Women's Day. Pupils also contextualised gender equality as one of the UN's seventeen Sustainable Development Goals. Pupils left energised and motivated to discover more inspirational female voices, as well as develop their own.



International Women's Day –Year 7 Speech Competition

To celebrate International Women's Day, 11 pupils from Year 7 took part in the Grand Final of the International Women's Day –Speech Competition for Year 7.

To get to this point, all pupils had first presented their speech to their form group, and were voted through to the final by their peers.

Pupils gave persuasive speeches to a panel of staff judges on inspirational women who had inspired them. Along with the rest of the year group, they had written these speeches in their English lessons, having first studied the speeches of young female role models, Malala Yousafzai and Greta Thunberg. In this term's Drama unit, all pupils worked on developing their public speaking skills, and the judges were impressed with how the finalists used body language and voice to communicate clearly and confidently. Congratulations to all our finalists who received certificates and prizes for their hard work: the judges were inspired and uplifted.



1st place: Ophelia D (7MW) for her speech on Mary Wollstonecraft

2nd place: Lillie B (7PA) for her speech on Amanda Seyfried

3rd place: Aimee B (7MW) for her speech on Courtney Love

The other finalists (alphabetical order):

Libby A 7PA, Charlotte D 7HL, Arabella F 7MW, Eliza M 7MB,

Molly N 7HL, Millie R 7MB, Imogen S 7MP, Grace S 7MP



J6th London Government and Politics Trip

18 Year 12 & 13 A Level Politics students spent a jam-packed day in London on the 11th March. The students travelled by train from Beverley and spent the morning at The Supreme Court then went on to enjoy a boat trip on the Thames. They spent the afternoon taking part in an interactive workshop at the Houses of Parliament and had a tour around the House of Commons and the House of Lords, witnessing democracy in action. Mrs Richardson was very excited to shake hands with Baroness Doreen Lawrence and the students received a wave from The Speaker of the House of Commons, Rt Hon Sir Lindsay Hoyle. The students also had the opportunity to visit Westminster Hall where Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II laid in state. Mrs Richardson and Miss Cooper accompanied the trip.



GCSE Drama News

On Wednesday 13th March, our Year 10 GCSE Drama class attended a performance of John Godber's 'Bouncers' at our local East Riding Theatre. As part of the GCSE Drama course, students learn how to evaluate and analyse the work of theatre makers and also how to perform the work of noted playwrights and practitioners. With John Godber being so well known in the area, this was a fantastic production for the students to be able to see to help with the remainder of the course. The performance was fantastic and the students were an absolute credit to the school for the duration of the trip. We look forward to more theatre trips in the future!



On Wednesday 20th March, the Year 11 GCSE Drama class completed their final scripted performance exam. The exam was assessed by an external examiner and constitutes 20% of the overall GCSE grade. The students performed extracts from various noted plays and were challenged to interpret the script and characters in their own way. After weeks of preparation, both in lesson time and in lunchtime and afterschool rehearsals, the students performed to the best of their ability and should be really proud of the pieces they created. Well done Year 11.



Junior Music Recital Evening

On Monday 11 March we held our annual Junior Recital Evening in the school hall. What an absolute treat it was to hear the wealth of talent shared by the performers. The variety and quality of solo and ensemble performances, both solo and instrumental, delighted the packed school hall.



Senior Music Recital Evening

Later the same week, on Thursday 14 March, we hosted the Senior Recital Evening. It was wonderful to hear a wide range of challenging repertoire performed with maturity and expression. There were many spellbinding moments that left members of the audience genuinely amazed.

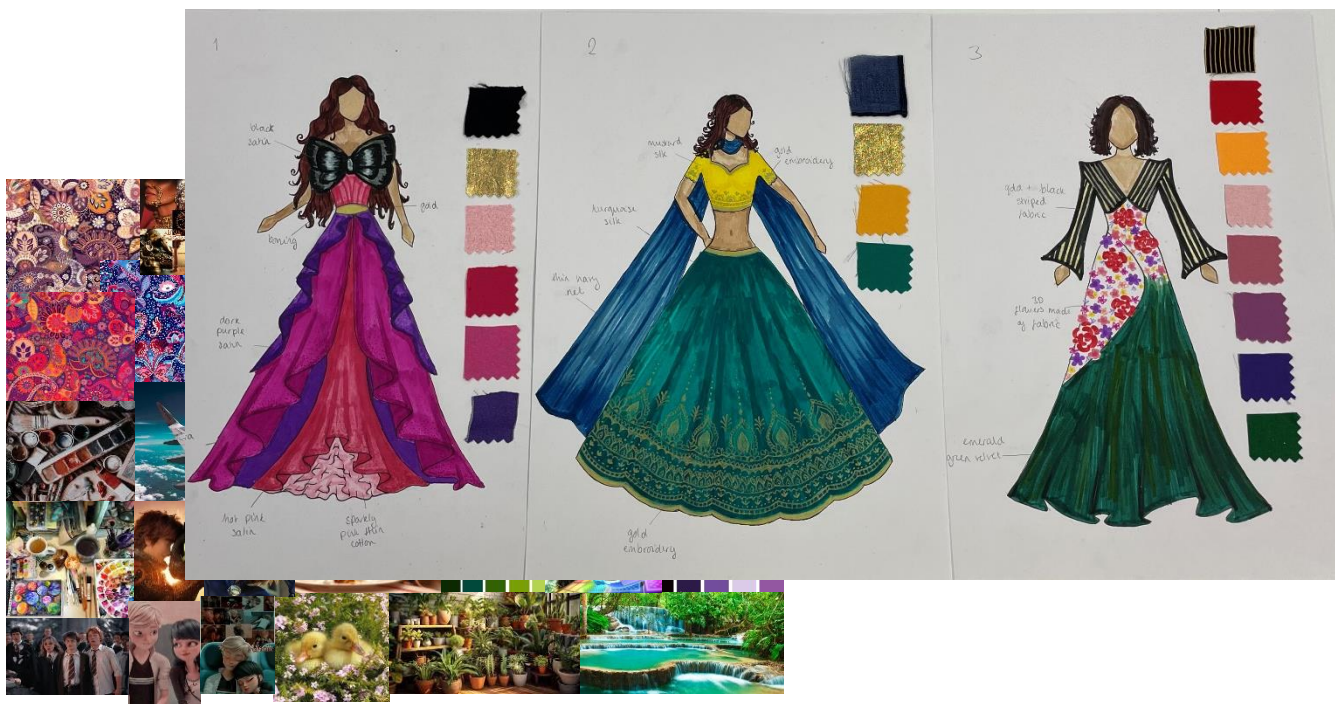
Both evenings were rounded off with lively social gatherings involving drinks and nibbles for all in the drama room.



The Young Talent of Tomorrow Fashion Design Competition

A huge congratulations to the students who have joined the after-school Fashion Club with Miss Hurst and entered The Young Talent Fashion Design Competition 2024 for a chance to attend Graduate Fashion Week 2024. The Beverley High students all designed an outfit that celebrates their identity. They explored their heritage, religion, nationality and expressed their identity through choice of materials, colours, prints, shapes and textures. Please wish them all luck!

KASHISH P (Year 10)



AVA D (Year 10)



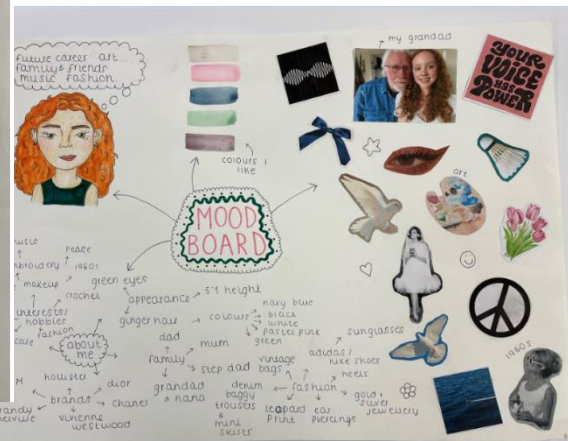
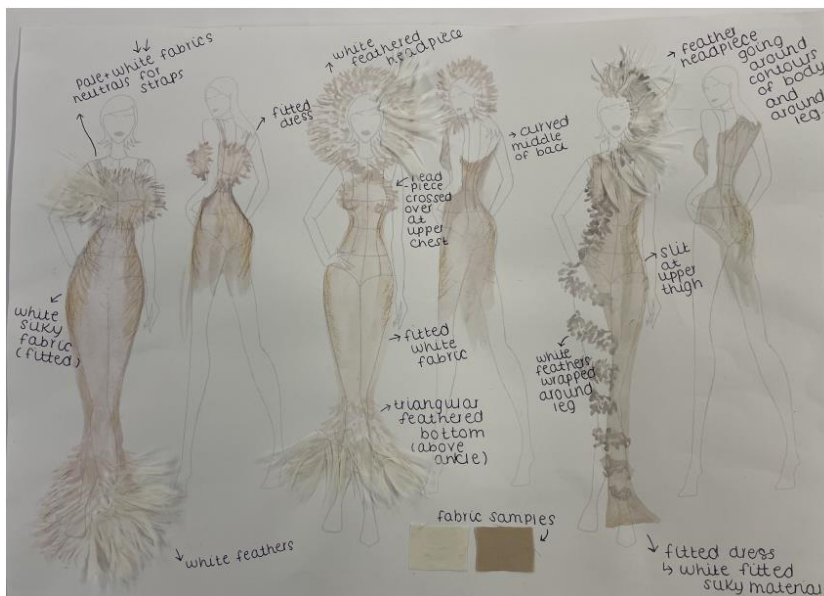
CHARLOTTE G

(Year 10)



IVY C

(Year 10)



LIBBY A

(Year 7)

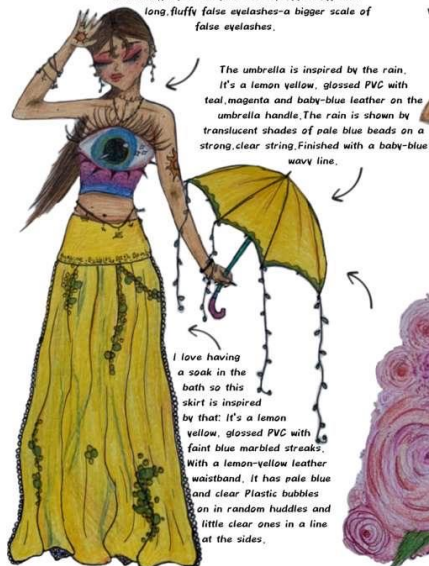




KATIE B (Year 7)



This top is a resin replica of my own eye and is also a reminder of the sites eyes I used to draw. The fabric is a blue, purple and pink velvet. Topped off with long, fluffy false eyelashes-a bigger scale of false eyelashes.

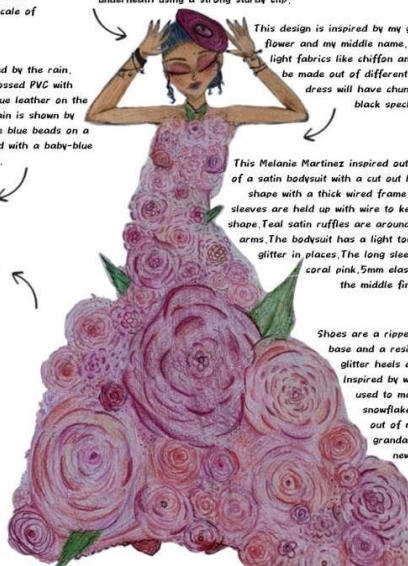


The umbrella is inspired by the rain. It's a lemon yellow, glossed PVC with teal, magenta and baby-blue leather on the umbrella handle. The rain is shown by translucent shades of pale blue beads on a strong, clear string. Finished with a baby-blue wavy line.

I love having a soak in the bath so this skirt is inspired by that. It's a lemon yellow, glossed PVC with faint blue marbled streaks. With a lemon-yellow leather waistband. It has pale blue and clear plastic bubbles on in random huddles and little clear ones in a line at the sides.

The shoes are a pale blue-purple colour, with classic baby-pink flowers with a yellow middle. Made out of memory-foam, saushies are made out of memory-foam and this is what my childhood memories are made of. Me destroying them!

The bedazzled record fascinator is a diamond covered record. Fastened on the underneath using a strong sturdy clip.



This design is inspired by my great grandma, my favourite flower and my middle name. It will be a combination of light fabrics like chiffon and meshes. The leaves will be made out of different shades of velvet. The dress will have chunky glitter were the black speckles are.

This Melanie Martinez inspired outfit's made up of a satin bodysuit with a cut out heart, held in shape with a thick wired frame, the satin sleeves are held up with wire to keep it's puffed shape. Teal satin ruffles are around the neck and arms. The bodysuit has a light touch of coral glitter in places. The long sleeves are on a coral pink, 5mm elastic strap around the middle finger.

Shoes are a ripped newspaper base and a resin and silver glitter heels and sole. Inspired by when I used to make snowflakes out of my grandad's used newspapers.

The skirt is hanging by the teal satin ribbon from around the waist, the ribbon is weaved and hidden from behind the glossed, lilac, plastic leather, going through the silver eyes. As you can see, the skirt is hung in rings with a wired frame. The rings of fabric get bigger slightly as they go from top to bottom. There are also ruffles with a panel. The adjustable straps at the top are a silver heart.

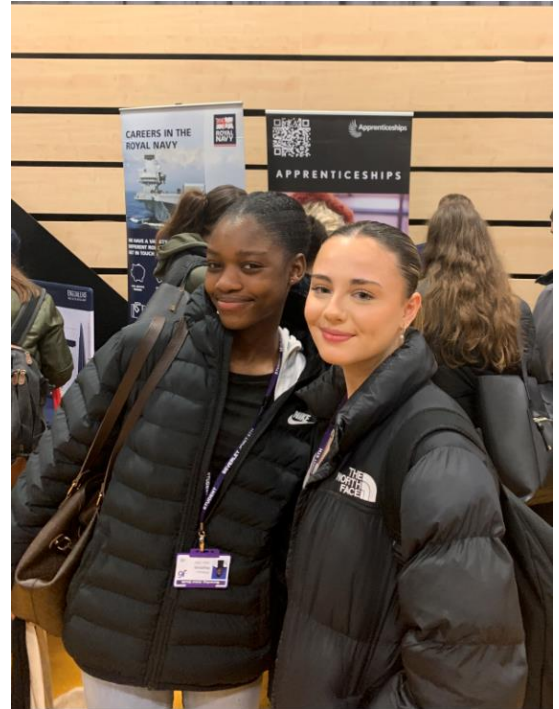
The shoes will be high heels and will be covered in red glitter. The heads will be replaced with a glass-like rose. The stem connected to the heel base and the rose head on the floor.

DARCEY L (Year 7)



Year 12 Visit Sheffield University

90 students from Year 12 enjoyed a day visit to Sheffield University to visit the UK Universities and Apprenticeship Fair. For most of the students it was their first experience of life on a university campus and students enjoyed the opportunity to explore the campus, attend talks and find out more about their options once they leave 6th form.



Year 12 Oxford and Cambridge Application Conference

The J6th had the pleasure of hosting a conference for local colleges and sixth forms across the region on applying to Oxford and Cambridge. Students enjoyed sessions on the admissions process, developing super-curricular interests, writing personal statements, and what to expect from the aptitude tests and interviews. There was also an additional session for parents and carers to ask questions and hear an introductory talk. This session was just part of the bespoke support we offer to all students in the 6th form to help them explore their aspirations and next steps.



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Gold Duke of Edinburgh Update

We are delighted that the expedition season is underway and that our 10 Year 12 Gold participants have successfully completed their first training expedition. The students walked for two days and camped overnight in wet conditions in the Yorkshire Wolds. For some, this was their first taste of a DofE Expedition and they coped admirably with the cold weather and the muddy terrain. They are now looking forward to further adventures on the practice expedition in April and their final expedition in July. Well done to them all.

We are very proud that our first cohort of Gold participants have now completed their awards and have been invited to their celebration events at Buckingham Palace. Well done to them all.





Tutor Reading Book of the Month

The electrifying first novel in Philip Reeve's electrifying series, *Mortal Engines* is a modern steam-punk masterpiece, blending science fiction, adventure and wonderful strangeness. Built on the genius central conceit of motorised, airborne cities pursuing each other across a post-apocalyptic wasteland, this is a dazzling work of imagination and storytelling. It is the first book in the award-winning *Mortal Engines* quartet.

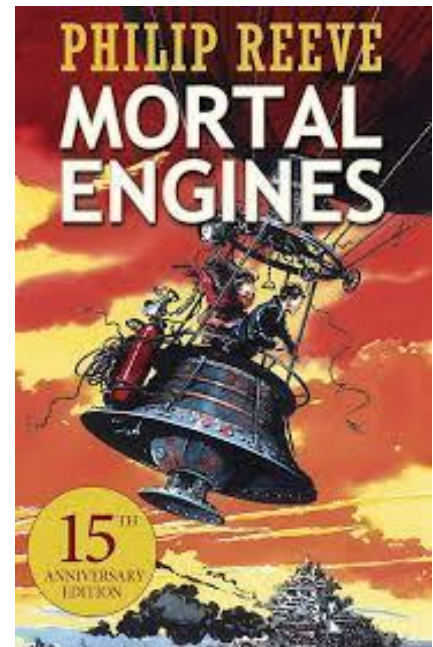
In a dangerous future, huge motorized cities hunt, attack and fight each other for survival. As London pursues a small town, young apprentice Tom is flung out into the wastelands, where a terrifying cyborg begins to hunt him down. *Mortal Engines* launched Philip Reeve's brilliantly-imagined creation, the world of the Traction Era, where mobile cities fight for survival in a post-apocalyptic future.

<https://www.waterstones.com/book/mortal-engines/philip-reeve/9781407189147>

Find out more:

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/book/m/mortal-engines/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/entertainment-arts-46379743>



Inter-House Debating competition

Recently, pupils from across the school came together to take part in the school's first inter-house debating competition. Their challenge? To select and champion an inspirational woman to be the name of a sixth (fictional) house at BHS. Teams were directed to explore the achievements of women in a specialist area aligned with their house: art and design (Pat Albeck), literature and theatre (Mary Braddon), STEM (Hilda Lyon), conservation and environmental campaigning (Margaret Powell) and human rights and politics (Mary Wollstonecraft).

During the day, the teams got to know each other and worked impressively well together. In particular, it was wonderful to see older pupils stepping into leadership roles and being inspired in turn by sixth form mentors during the morning's research activities.

During the elimination rounds and three-way final in the afternoon, the panel of staff judges were impressed by the quality of all teams' research and arguments, and their confident delivery. Teams were also praised for championing women whose achievements had perhaps gone unrecognised in wider popular culture. Congratulations to all our participants who received certificates and prizes for their hard work: the judges felt they learned a lot from listening to your debates.

1st place: Hilda Lyon House with Japanese geochemist Katsuko Saruhashi

Molly N 7HL, Darcy B 8HL, Jamie L 9HL, Abi H 10HL

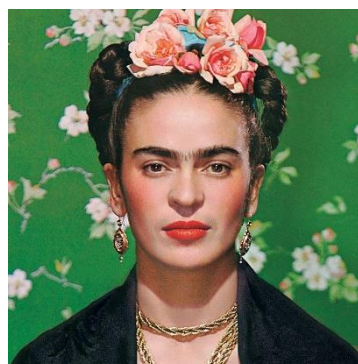
Individual speaker award: Abi H



2nd place: Margaret Powell House with Kenyan environmental activist, Wangari Maathai

Grace S 7MP, Anna I 8MP, Lettie S 9MP, Casey C 10MP

Individual speaker award: Casey C



3rd place: Pat Albeck House with Mexican artist Frida Kahlo

Darcey L 7PA, Bella M 8PA, Daisy B 9PA, Summer M 10PA

Individual speaker award: Daisy B

Mary Braddon house team (Emma Watson):

Molly B 7MB, Emily G 8MB, Charlotte N 9MB, Tara T 10MB

Mary Wollstonecraft house team (Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez):

Darcey B 7MW, Isabel M 8MW, Lily W 9MW, Priya L 10MW

Key Stage 3 Debate Club Easter Competition

In the last week of term, our KS3 Debate Club had their Easter competition, competing over two very different motions that they had voted for in previous weeks. After being assigned randomly to teams the week before the competition, the pressure was on to work together and think fast to come up with arguments and rebut those of the other team.

The panel of staff judges found it difficult to decide on the winning teams, which is a testament to how well Debate Club members are developing their skills. Congratulations to all our participants who received certificates and prizes for their hard work: the judges look forward to seeing more of your debates next term!

Motion 1: This House believes that 16-year olds should be allowed to vote

Winning team: Proposition (Gabby B 9HL, Eliza M 7MB)

Individual speaker award: Gabby B

Opposition team: Aimee B 7MW, Jamie L 9HL, Millie R 7MB

Motion 2: This House believes that animals should not be kept as pets

Winning team: Opposition (Daisy B 9PA, Molly N 7HL, Isabel P 7HL)

Individual speaker award: Isabel P

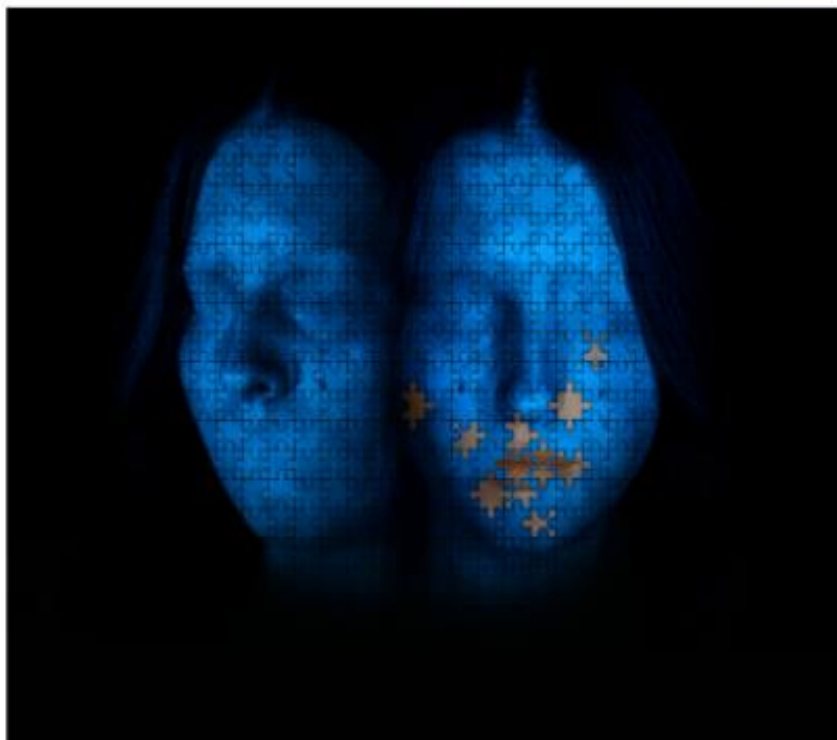
Proposition team: Agatha B 8HL, Arabella F 7MW



If you are in Years 7 - 9 and would like to join Debate Club, please come along to our meetings on Mondays 3.15-4.00pm in the Drama Room.

A Level Photography

Year 12 A Level Photography students are growing in confidence and producing a range of excellent images on themes of their choosing. The A Level course allows students to learn the skills necessary to succeed through a series of workshop style tasks of escalating complexity. Not all of the students did GCSE Photography or GCSE Art and so it is great to see them flourish and enjoy being creative.





Sports Report

Year 7 & 9 Football Match

Students who have been attending our Football Clubs this term played a fixture against Driffield School on Wednesday 20th March. Both teams came away with a win: Year 7 won 2-1 and Year 9 won 3-0! Both teams played amazingly well and worked well as a team: well played to Grace who scored a hat trick for Year 9 and Charlotte and Agatha who were the top scorers for Year 7.



Year 9



Year 7



End of Season Netball Tournaments



Our netballers have been training hard in and out of school over the last few months and making great progress! We have had some fantastic results in the East Riding Schools End of season tournaments:

Year 7 - 2nd

Year 8 - 3rd

Year 9 - 1st

The Year 7 and Year 9 teams will go through to the Humber Finals in the summer.



Interhouse Netball

Inter-house netball is a competition that many students look forward to every year. It involves over three hundred students in Years 7-10 competing against other forms to earn points for their House.

We were unlucky with the weather to start and had to hold the Year 8 & 9 competitions indoors, however the sun came out for Year 7, allowing us to play outside, it was great to see the rest of the year group and teachers come out to cheer their House along.

Thanks to Penny, Tara, Kaitlin, Tamsin, Daisy, Hattie and Iris for helping to score and run the competitions, they were excellent student leaders and great role models for the younger students.

The results are below:

Year	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
7	MW	MB	PA	MP	HL
8	MB	MP	PA	MW	HL
9	MW	MB	MP	PA	HL
10	PA	MW	MB	HL & MP	

School Sports’ Partnership Swim Gala

This month, Mrs Callan took a team of students from Years 7, 8 and 9 combined with a team of students from Beverley Grammar School to compete in the East Riding Schools’ Swim Gala. The students competed in a range of swim races, including a mixed medley and managed to come third out of ten schools from the East Riding. Well done to the High School and Grammar School students who were part of the team (pictured right).



English Schools' Cross Country – Sat 16th March

Pontefract Racecourse was the venue for the English Schools' Cross Country this year. We were so proud to have five of our students qualify to compete there. It was a real sight to see, with over three hundred of the best athletes in the country line up on the start line and battle through the mud to get to the end of the course. At first sight the course looked flat, but all the athletes found it a tricky course to complete, with a steady climb uphill to the finish line. Roxie, Meisha, Tamsin, Tabby and Isabelle all ran extremely well, representing the Humberside Schools' team, they all really enjoyed the experience!

Well done to all the athletes who competed from the Humberside schools in our area.



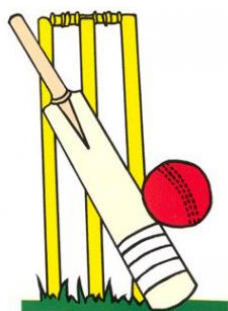
Extra-Curricular Clubs for the Summer

Clubs start first week back after Easter - all students are welcome!



	LUNCHTIME Bring a pack-up & trainers.		AFTER SCHOOL (FINISH 4.15PM) Bring full PE kit.	
Monday	Yr7 Rounders Field			Fixtures
Tuesday	Yr9 & 10 Rounders Field			Fixtures
Wednesday	Yr11 Tennis Tennis Courts			Yr7-11 Athletics Club
Thursday	Yr7 & 8 Tennis Tennis Courts			Fixtures
Friday	Yr9 & 10 Tennis Tennis Courts	Yr8 Rounders Field		

Lesson activities for next half term



Year	Activity
7, 8, 9 & 10	Athletics & Rounders
11	Rounders, Tennis & Cricket



Things we have been asked to mention:

A local GP surgery has requested that parents do not contact them to provide medical evidence in support of toilet passes. We have been informed that requests will be refused as this is not part of their NHS contractual work. Any parent/carer who feels that their child is in need of a toilet pass, please contact Mrs Grewar or Mrs Chastney, the school's Healthcare Advisors.

International Trips in March:

Two fabulous international trips, one to France and one to Switzerland departed just before Easter, read all about them in the April edition of Beverley Highlife!