

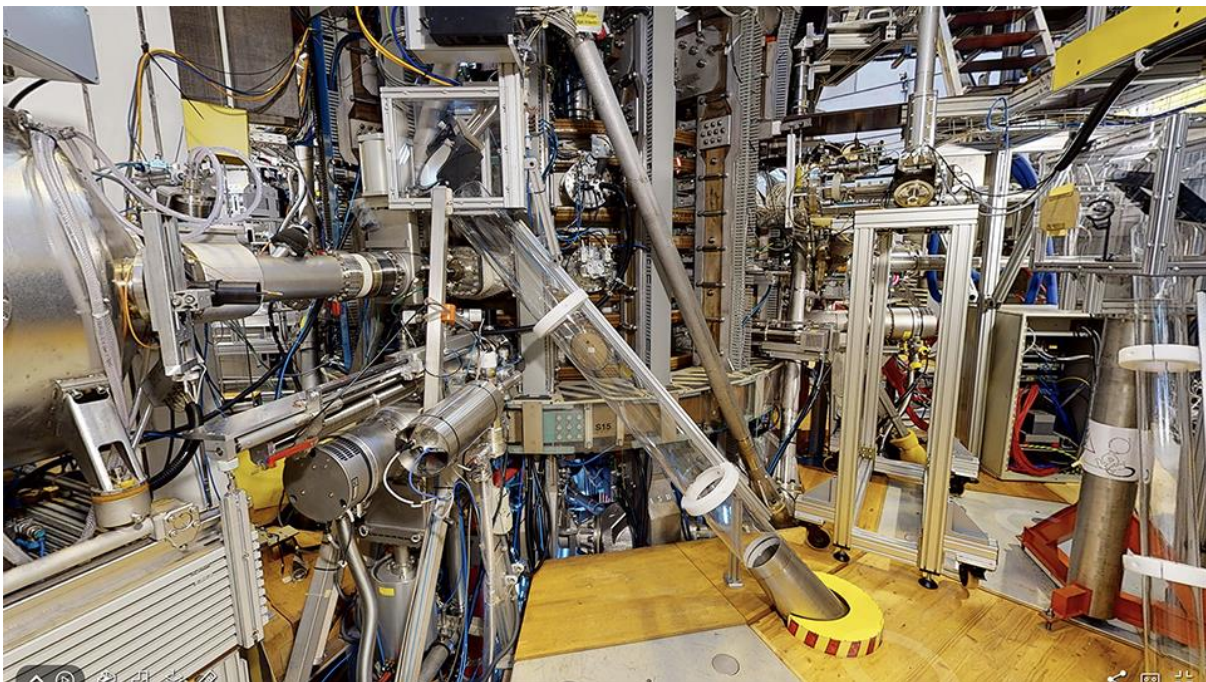
April 2024 Edition

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

CERN Trip

Just before the Easter Holidays, our J6th Science students had the opportunity to visit the French speaking region of Switzerland. On the first day they visited the Plasma Centre at Université de Lausanne where research is conducted on fusion to generate energy - replicating what happens in stars. The visit was guided by PhD students and research fellows, they explained the purpose of their research: it has the potential to provide everyone with an abundant, safe, carbon free and clean source of energy.



On the second day they visited CERN (Centre Européen de recherche Nucléaire) the home of The Large Hadron Collider (LHC) - this is the world's largest and most powerful particle accelerator. The LHC consists of a 27-kilometre ring of superconducting magnets with a number of accelerating structures to boost the energy of the particles along the way. Students visited the visitor centre and learnt about the scientific achievements of the researchers at CERN.



Students spent time by the lake and discovering Geneva. It was not just work however, students and staff went bowling- the students were convincingly beaten by staff, Dr Cosquer coming up with the top score!



The third and final day was an action-packed one, students visited the Musee d'Histoire des Sciences, les Jardins Botaniques but the highlight of the day was the guided visit to the United Nations where students listened to live discussions on Burkina Faso's record on human rights and learnt about how the United Nations functions.

Thank you to the sixth formers and staff who made this such a memorable first trip by Beverley Joint Sixth to CERN.



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French Trip



Thirty Year 9 students who study French in Key Stage 3 visited the lovely city of Lille, in northern France for a three day visit before the Easter holidays. Travelling by coach and ferry, the students arrived in France at tea time and got settled into their rooms in Lille's youth hostel. They had the opportunity to explore the town and enjoyed an evening meal in the hostel. The following day they had a guided tour around Lille centre and the old town then had time at a large French shopping centre, Euralille, for some retail therapy. After lunch they spent the afternoon at the language school in Lille practising their French language skills. The following day we visited Lille Zoo, the natural history museum and the art museum. All staff on the visit were impressed with the students' attitude and conduct, they were such a lovely group to take away. Thank you to the staff who led and accompanied the trip.

Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Practice Expedition

Ten students successfully completed their DofE Gold Practice Expedition in challenging conditions in the Yorkshire Dales this month. Gale force winds called for a change of route at the last minute and then torrential rain made conditions underfoot treacherous. The students walked from Long Preston to Settle via Clapham and Horton in Ribblesdale and showed great resilience, team work and navigational skills throughout the weekend. Another successful step towards their final expedition in July. Well done to them all.



French Exchange Students Visit Beverley

Twenty French students accompanied by three of their teachers spent a week visiting Beverley High School and staying with host families. The students are from our partner school Collège Marcel Aymard in the southern French town of Millau. The students have had a packed schedule and have had the chance to shadow lessons in school; visit the Guildhall in Beverley; spend time in York and Hull; go bowling with their partners; as well as taste fish and chips! Their visit ends with an early departure to Manchester airport but a final farewell afternoon tea with a visit from the Mayor of Beverley is planned to wish them a safe journey home. The host students are looking forward to making a return visit to Millau in June.



Visiting the Guildhall



Exchange partners bowling together

German Exchange Trip

Read all about our recent German Exchange trip to Wuppertal in next month's edition of Beverley Highlife.

Year 7 Theatre Trip

On Tuesday 9th April, Year 7 went to Hull Truck Theatre to watch a production of George Orwell's *Animal Farm*.

In English lessons, Year 7 students have been studying Orwell's famous novella, which retells the events of the Russian Revolution and the subsequent descent of the Soviet Union into totalitarian rule. In Orwell's allegory, historical characters like Vladimir Lenin, Joseph Stalin and Leon Trotsky are reimagined as pigs on a farm who lead a rebellion against their cruel and neglectful farmer. However, the animals' idealistic dream of a fairer society for all are soon shattered when the greedy and selfish pigs start to fight amongst themselves for control of the farm. The story is a timeless warning about the corrupting influence of power, and is an enjoyable, moving and eye-opening introduction to important ideas like politics, oppression and the power of rhetoric.

In this Hull Truck production, directed by the esteemed Iqbal Khan and developed in conjunction with the Derby Theatre and the Octagon in Bolton, the audience were greeted by the unnerving sight of wire animal heads hanging down from the ceiling and menacing red lights over a stage that looked like a prison camp or an abattoir, with corrugated iron walls and surveillance cameras. Despite the small set and small cast of six actors, the play was faithful to the text and convincingly acted, with moments of theatrical inventiveness and humour.



Year 7 conducted themselves impeccably throughout, sharing the auditorium with GCSE classes from other schools and listening with attentiveness. And they were full of perceptive observations and opinions on the bus journey back to school and in follow-up lessons in class. Here's what a few of our students had to say about the production and the trip:

'I thought it was a well-directed, outstanding piece of theatre. They played the characters so well and told Orwell's story perfectly. I couldn't look away from the stage!'

'It was a great experience – the perfect way to end the Animal Farm book.'

'The noises and the flashing lights used to show the dramatic battles and the destruction of the windmill were very effective and scary.'

'I liked that Napoleon and Old Major were played by women.'

'My favourite part was Old Major's speech at the beginning; it was almost word for word and was so realistic. The stage was also amazing!'

'I liked the strange robot person at the end (representing human visitors to the farm) because it makes us look through the animals' eyes and see how weird and scary humans must be for them.'



Year 12 Work Experience

All Year 12 students completed a week of Work Experience from 22nd-26th April. Their placements took place across a wide variety of workplaces with some students travelling as far as Germany to work in a German school. Here are some of the experiences of the students in their own words:

Niall – *“My placement was in Parliament, working alongside Ben Bradshaw MP’s secretary. Apart from the experience inspiring me to secure a career working for Parliament the highlight of the week was when Teresa May held open a door for me! Overall the experience was amazing.”*

Cosima – *“I went to work for a drainage design company in Hull. I really enjoyed the experience and it has definitely inspired me to seek a career in STEM.”*

Abigail – *“I went to work at DexaStrong which is a bone and muscle health clinic in Leeds. The clinic has scans which can detect potential cancers, the cost of which is around £3,500!”*

Here are some other highlights from our social media feed:



beverleyj6 Some of our students are making some new friends during their work experience week! #ADORABLE @sewerbyhall

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beverleyj6 A stroll through Beverley to visit some of our lovely Year 12 students in their work experience placements. Thank you so much to the many individuals and businesses across the area who are giving our students such fantastic opportunities this week. @oxfamshops @carolbirdinteriors @british_heart_foundation

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Year 11 and 12 Early Entry Evening

We were delighted to welcome back former students Alice (studying Medicine at HYMS), Charlotte (studying Veterinary Medicine at Edinburgh), Archie (studying Maths at Cambridge) and Joe (studying Veterinary Medicine at Cambridge) as well as our current students Mel (holding an offer from Oxford for History) and Isabelle (holding an offer from Oxford for Medicine) to talk to interested Year 11 students about applying to study medicine and medicine related courses as well as to Oxford and Cambridge. The students gave some fantastic insights into both the application process and also into life as a student. We are proud to be able to offer our future and current students the opportunity to meet with our former students – thank you so much to these students for giving up their time to come into school.

Charlotte, Isabelle and Alice



Joe, Archie and Mel



Congratulations Cosima!

The 6th form Team have been congratulating one of their students this week. Cosima was made aware of a competition that the University of Warwick was running by one of her J6th Science teachers. The entry process consisted of researching a scientist of their choosing, about how findings from XMaS can be useful for society and why going on a trip to Grenoble would be a good thing. Only 16 places were available offering an all-expenses paid trip to the European Synchrotron Radiation Facility in Grenoble, France. Congratulations Cosima, we are very proud of you for winning a place! We look forward to seeing photographs from your visit in July.

Amazing Art

The following is a selection of artwork by students in 10A/1. Students have been developing their painting and printing skills, we have a selection of studies in acrylic and some silk screen prints also. Simply stunning.





Fabulous Food

This month the Year 10 GSCE Food groups have been making chocolate souffle. Making a souffle involves a variety of complex cooking skills such as making a crème pâtissière base, whisking the egg white into stiff peaks and gently folding the two together. The groups have proved themselves to be confident in these cooking skills and have produced an array of souffles. Well done to all that were involved! Also a big thank you to any members of staff who kindly donated ramekin dishes to the pupils allowing this dish to go ahead.

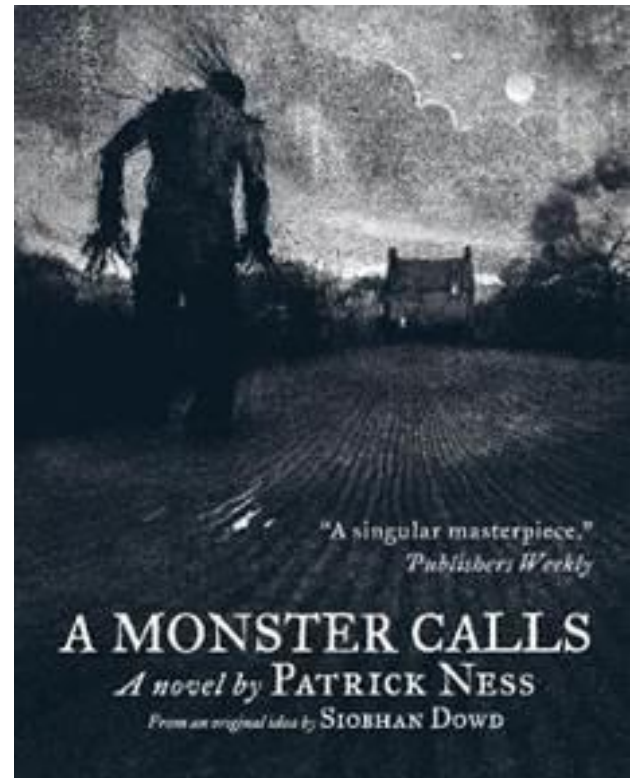


Tutor Reading Book of the Month: *A Monster Calls* by Patrick Ness (read by students in Years 8 and 9)

*The monster showed up just after midnight. As they do...
 "Go away" Conor whispered into the darkness of his bedroom,
 trying to push the nightmare back, not let it follow him into the
 world of waking. "Go away now."*

But Conor is mistaken, it isn't the monster he's been expecting, the one from his nightmare, the one he's had nearly every night since his mother started her treatments, the one with the darkness and the wind and the screaming... This monster is in his back garden, this monster is something different. Something ancient, something wild.

A book about stories and myths, about courage and loss and the fear of loss, *A Monster Calls* is storytelling at its richest, most essential and best. Twice Carnegie Medal-winning Patrick Ness spins a tale from the final idea of much-loved Carnegie Medal winner Siobhan Dowd, whose premature death from cancer prevented her from writing it herself, beautifully illustrated by Jim Kay. Darkly mischievous and painfully funny, *A Monster Calls* is an extraordinarily moving novel of coming to terms with loss from two of our finest writers for young adults, and the only book to win both the Carnegie and Kate Greenaway Medal.



Taking his characters – and readers – everywhere from the depths of consciousness to other worlds and further, to worlds beyond death, Patrick Ness is one of the most startlingly original and thought-provoking contemporary writers. His masterpiece must already be groaning under the weight of his many awards; accolades that include the Carnegie Medal (which he's won twice), the Costa Children's Book Award, the Guardian Children's Fiction Prize, the Red House Book Award and the Booktrust Teenage Prize. His novels include the bestselling trilogy *Chaos Walking*, *More Than This*, *The Rest of Us Just Live Here* and *The Crane Wife*.

<https://www.waterstones.com/book/a-monster-calls/patrick-ness/siobhan-dowd/9781406339345>

Find out more: <https://www.theguardian.com/books/patrick-ness>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/events/erpg9r>

KS4 Aspiration Programme with King's College, Cambridge

We are fortunate to have secured a number of places for students in Years 10 and 11 on Cambridge University's series of online webinars. They are designed to introduce students to what life at university is about, to give a taste of some of the subjects students could study (including an introduction to studying Sciences and Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences), and to provide an opportunity to get advice from current students at King's through a Q&A session.



Sports Report

Sports Leaders Event

On the 25th April our Year 10 & 11 Sports Leaders had the opportunity to help tennis coaches lead some Year 3 & 4 primary school students at a mini-tennis festival hosted at Beverley High School. We were very lucky with the weather, as the sun came out for the afternoon, making it an enjoyable event for everyone!

Our students were each set a task of delivering a fun tennis activity for a small group of students to join in with. They did an amazing job of leading, encouraging and delivering safe and engaging activities to younger students. The primary school students really enjoyed the event and were very enthusiastic, we hope that they will be inspired to take up the sport of tennis and look forward to hosting the event again next year.



GCSE PE Moderation Day

A huge well done to the GCSE PE Year 11 students who were selected for the recent moderation day at Driffield School. All students performed brilliantly in their assessed activities in front of teachers and the examiner. We were very proud of the way they performed and their positive attitude on the day. They have all worked hard over the last two years to improve their skills in their chosen activities and we hope they gain the marks they deserve in summer when they receive their results.

Upcoming Fixtures

We have lots of fixtures planned in for the summer term that students can get involved in including; Rounders, Tennis and Athletics. As well as this we will be entering SSP competitions in Quad Athletics, Humber Athletics team events and the fantastic East Riding Schools’ Athletics at Costello in the last week of term.

In lessons, our Key Stage 3 classes have already started building up House points on their Athletics Award schemes, these points will go towards the students’ House on Sports Day in July!

Summer Term Clubs

Just a reminder of the clubs that are on offer this term – as always, everyone is welcome.



	LUNCHTIME		AFTER SCHOOL (FINISH 4.15PM)	
	Bring a pack-up & trainers		Bring full PE kit	
Monday	Year 7 Rounders Field			Fixtures
Tuesday	Years 9 & 10 Rounders Field			Fixtures
Wednesday	Year 11 Tennis Tennis Courts			Yr7-11 Athletics Club
Thursday	Years 7 & 8 Tennis Tennis Courts			Fixtures
Friday	Years 9 & 10 Tennis Tennis Courts	Year 8 Rounders Field		

Bike Library

On a rainy Tuesday in April, R-Evolution, the Hull-based bike charity, came into school to give away a van full of refurbished bikes. 26 bikes were given new homes that afternoon with recipients receiving a free helmet, lock and lights too. We are hoping this will become an annual event and we are really grateful to the charity and to the East Riding Council Sustainable Travel Department for providing this excellent opportunity.



Year 8 and 10 Parents' Evenings

Thank you to the parents of Year 8 and Year 10 who logged on this month for parents' evenings. Subject teachers appreciated the opportunities to update you about your child's progress. We hope you found the evenings informative.

Welcome

This month we welcomed Mrs Burniston as a new member of the Wellbeing Team, following Mrs Mayfield's retirement at Christmas. We hope that Mrs Burniston will enjoy working with our wonderful students at Beverley High School.