

September 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

GCSE Results Day

There were many smiley happy faces in the school hall on GCSE results day in August. Students (and parents/carers) arrived nervously but, as the photographs show, they needn't have worried. Congratulations to all of last year's Year 11 on their own individual results. 15 students achieved 8 or more Grades 7/8/9...a phenomenal achievement. The year group will be invited back into school in late November to receive their examination certificates and any prizes they have been awarded.



A Level Results Day



We were very proud of our Year 13 students in August when they collected their A Level results. There were some amazing individual performances, with students achieving 3 and phenomenally 4 A* grades! The vast majority got into their first choice universities and there were lots of happy tears from students and their very nervous parents!



British Irish Dancing Champion

After months of training, in July, current Year 9 student, Orla W won the under-14 category at the Irish Dancing British Nationals which was held in Bolton Stadium, against competitors from all over the world. Following this, she attended the Riverdance summer school in Dublin, Ireland for which she had to audition. At the end of the week, she was one of the few dancers to be selected by the director of Riverdance to be in the matinee show, at the Gaiety Theatre in Dublin to a sell-out audience, which was thrilling for her. Orla is excited about her future in Irish dance and has already applied for the River Dance summer school 2025. Congratulations Orla, what a phenomenal achievement, your school is very proud of you.



Ice Hockey Star

New Year 7 student, Esmé G had a very exciting September – she is one of the country’s top ice hockey players and this month received her first call up to the England National Team. She went to London recently for a trial with England’s Under-13 Team. Congratulations Esmé, your school is very proud of you. We will follow your ice hockey career with interest over the coming months and years.



A warm welcome to Year 7

This month we were delighted to welcome our new Year 7 pupils to Beverley High School. Four weeks into term, they are confidently navigating the school site, settling into school routines and showing a real enthusiasm for learning.

A big well done and thank you to pupils who volunteered at Year 6 Open Evening last Tuesday. The different school departments, and the parents who attended the event, were delighted at how helpful and enthusiastic you were.

We are also pleased to see Year 7s embracing extra-curricular opportunities as clubs are a great way to make new friends and have fun. As well as our instrumental ensembles, please see the timetable for more activities open to Year 7s - we want everyone to get involved!

☺ Get involved in one or more clubs this week! ☺

	Lunchtime	After school
Monday	Badminton in Sports Hall Choir in Main Hall Maths Support in M3	
Tuesday	Netball in Sports Hall	
Wednesday		Debate Club in Drama Room Fashion Club in T1 Maths Support in M3
Thursday	Football in Sports Hall Active Travel Ambassadors M3 International Committee in SF2 BEAMS in AT2	Dance Club in Dance Studio (must sign up first)
Friday		<div style="border: 2px solid orange; border-radius: 15px; padding: 10px; display: inline-block;"> Instrumental ensembles count! </div>
Online 24/7	Photography Club	

Finally, a reminder that the Learning Resource Centre is open from 8.00am until 4.00pm supervised by Teaching Assistants. The LRC is ideal if your child would like to use the school computers, have support with their homework, or would just like a space to relax.

Year 6 Summer Challenge: Inspiring a Love of Learning

Following their Transition Day in July this year, the now-Year 7s were encouraged to complete the [Year 6 Summer Challenge](#) over the summer holiday. This initiative helped the pupils explore the 13 different subjects they study in their first year at Beverley High. Each pupil who returned a successfully completed bingo card has been awarded a £5 book voucher for the Beverley Bookshop, along with Beverley High School Values achievement points. Congratulations to all our ten winners: Tamzin B, Tara B, Rose C, Emily H, Florence F, Bea H, Emilia N, Olivia P, Grace R, Evie T, some of whom are pictured below.



Smart Phones and Social Media: Year 7 Parents/Carers Information Evening

Thank you to all the Year 7 parents/carers who attended the information evening at the beginning of term, which was delivered by members of our pastoral team. The session covered the main risks of smartphones and social media apps, and offered practical advice to help parents monitor and manage their child's phone use.

For more information and guidance, including links to further resources, please see the [Smart Phones and Social Media](#) page on the school website. Here you can access the presentation powerpoint, along with a guide to staying safe online from NHS Humberside's Mental Health Support Team.

To continue the conversation, we also want to share best practice tips from parents/carers. One has told us of the benefits of using *Google Family Link*:



"We use Google Family Link to set times on her phone. So from Monday to Thursday, her phone automatically switches off at 9.30pm on an evening, and won't come back on again until 7am. We can also use it to keep track on where she is in real time if needed. And if she is saying she's done her homework but we can see from EduLink that she hasn't - we can turn her phone into a 'brick' if we want to, so the only thing she can do is make a phone call. It gives a bit of leverage for parents, but also if you say something, you have to follow it through."

They also had this advice on *Netflix* and *YouTube*, and how to start a conversation with your child about what they're doing online:

"We have a lock on our Netflix and YouTube accounts so she can't access them, and she only has children accounts which are age-restricted up to 12 years. I'd say try and be interested in what they're doing online - if they're spending a lot of time on their phone, say 'That looks interesting, that looks cool, what's that?' and be open to finding out."

If you would like to share your own examples of best practice with the parent/carer community in future Highlife editions, please get in touch.

A Warm Welcome to New Staff

Four new teachers joined Beverley High School at the beginning of this month: Miss Bragg in Maths, Miss Hodgson in English and Miss Dean and Mrs Phillips in MFL. Interestingly, Miss Hodgson and Miss Dean are former students of Beverley High School and the Beverley Joint Sixth Form! We hope that they will all enjoy teaching at Beverley High School.

Racing to School

The Maths department recently took 28 hardworking Year 8 mathematicians to Beverley Racecourse. The charity Racing to School provided a full day of maths related activities such as measuring around the parade ring and visiting the jockey's weighing room. These activities took place in areas the public can't usually access which allowed the students to get a deeper understanding of what goes on behind the scenes of the racing industry and just how much maths is involved as well as the opportunity to visit a local landmark. The day ended with the students being able to watch the first two races of the afternoon where we were rewarded with a female jockey winning the first race.



A Warm Welcome to Year 12

We were delighted to welcome this year's Year 12 students to the Joint 6th. They have settled in brilliantly and their teachers have commented on the excellent start they have made. Parents, carers and students were welcomed to a Guidance Evening held at Beverley Grammar School to introduce them to the support available as they start their A Level journey.

Year 12 Visit Allerthorpe Lake

All Year 12 students took part in a day of team building activities at Allerthorpe Lake at the beginning of term. It was a fantastic opportunity for students from Beverley High School, Beverley Grammar School and other schools across the area to get to know one another and to work together both on the water and whilst completing a series of team building activities.





German Exchange Beverley – Wuppertal 2024

Twenty one German Exchange students visited Beverley High School from the 18th- 25th September as part of our exchange programme with the Gymnasium am Kothen in Wuppertal. Students have had a packed schedule and have had the chance to shadow lessons in school. We also planned two trips to York and Burton Constable where students learned more about one of the most fascinating English country houses located in East Yorkshire. After exploring the hall and grounds, we enjoyed a delicious afternoon tea in one of the old stables.



During our trip to York, we visited the Castle Museum where students learned about life in England during the 19th and 20th centuries, World War II as well as the 1960s. A highlight was Kirkgate – “a recreated Victorian street which has become the most iconic part of York Castle Museum”. Their visit to Beverley ended with a farewell breakfast in the school canteen.



Greenpower Race at Mallory Park

The Hilda Lyon Racing Team took part in the Greenpower event at Mallory Park in Leicestershire on September 18th. They all had a blast! This year's team included: Millie R in Year 8, Emily B, Darcy B, Sophie B, Evie C, Flora F, Mya C and Meryem C in Year 9, and Jasmine B, Sophie F-S, Lettie S and Izabella P in Year 10.

As for each event, the team entered our two electric cars for the two races that last 90 minutes each; the winner is the team that completes the most laps. Our students showed leadership, teamwork, resilience, and organisational skills throughout the year during the building of the cars. This was our first participation at a Greenpower event at Mallory Park, the team got themselves organised quickly in this unfamiliar environment. The new and very aggressive gear ratio coupled with their brilliant driving skills delivered high speed however the batteries were drained by 70 minutes and this great performance could not be maintained, so the cars finished lower down the field.

This year we will focus on refining the aerodynamics of the car and the electronics to maintain battery life. We will design an improved cover for the rear of the car and more integrated mirrors to match the efficient front end of the car.

As always, the Beverley High School Hilda Lyon Racing Team would welcome new sponsors for the 2024-25 season, attending the races and buying batteries is expensive, please contact Dr Cosquer at g.cosquer@beverleyhigh.net if you can help with funding or with the electronics. The team would like to thank Mr Bateson, Mr Colton, and our two volunteers David Powell and Rod Bentley for helping us throughout the year and on race day.



Wollstonecraft Walk

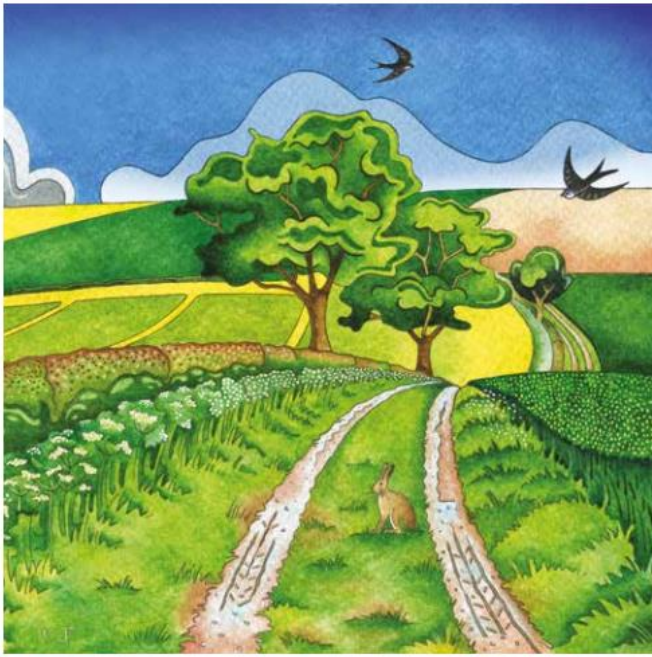
Heads of Form from Mary Wollstonecraft House were treated to a walking tour of Beverley as part of the Walking East Yorkshire Festival recently. We met our very knowledgeable local guide outside the house on Highgate where Mary Wollstonecraft lived between 1768 and 1774 and walked to places that would have existed when she lived in Beverley as a young person. The tour ended at St Mary's Church which proudly displays a carving of Mary Wollstonecraft. We learned that Theatre House at Morley's Yard was once a theatre at which in 1773 Mary Wollstonecraft saw a performance of the play *The Macaroni* and we learned about the house on Hengate where Mary's childhood friend, Jane Arden and her family lived. A fascinating tour, thank you to the Walking East Yorkshire Festival for enabling members of the school to be involved.



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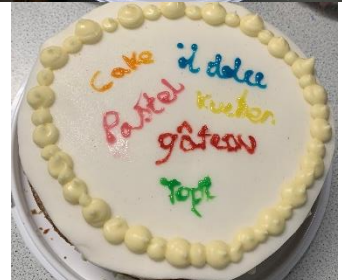
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European Day of Languages Bake-Off

Thursday 26 September saw Year 7 pupils compete in a European Day of Languages Bake-Off, with some fantastic bakes and plenty of wonderfully creative cake designs featuring aspects of other countries, including France, Germany, America, Spain, Poland and Ukraine, to name but a few. Some pupils baked traditional cakes from the country of their choice, others decorated their cakes in a flamboyant and innovative way. All the bakes were judged on taste, design, creativity and backstory, and they were then sold at lunchtime to raise funds for the East Yorkshire Foodbank. The speed at which the cakes were sold was apt testament to the high standard of baking! The pupils who took part in the competition demonstrated originality, perseverance and creativity as well as some truly fantastic baking skills, and they can all feel justifiably proud of their efforts. Fantastic effort Year 7, and thanks to everyone who bought a cake slice and helped with the fundraising. Winners were very difficult to select, as the quality of the bakes was so high, and winning bakers will be announced this week in school. Pictured below are a selection of Year 7's amazing bakes! Aren't they fantastic? We think so! Well done Year 7!





Heritage Open Day



We opened our doors once again this year for national Heritage Open Days on Friday 6th September. It was lovely to welcome back some former students of the school as well as other interested parties who browsed the artefacts on display in the school hall, and toured the admin building. There were many kind words from appreciative visitors about our students and the school. Thank you to our Heads of House, Deva, Roxy, Molly, Poppy and Emma who were fantastic ambassadors for our school.

Year 6 Open Evening

The Sports Hall was packed, with standing room only last Tuesday evening for our Open Evening for prospective students and their parents/carers. The school was buzzing. Future students enjoyed all of the different activities on offer across the school. The students who spoke at the beginning of the evening to hundreds of future students and their parents/carers were amazing ambassadors for the school, well done to Aimee, Meryem, Zara, Roxy, Hallie and Abigail, your school is very proud of you and thank you to all the students who came back to school to help, future parents commented on how confident, articulate and enthusiastic you were.

Year 11 Parents/Carers Information Evening

It was lovely to see such a large number of parents, carers and students at the Year 11 information evening recently. It provided an opportunity to find out how Beverley High School will be supporting Year 11 students through their examination year.

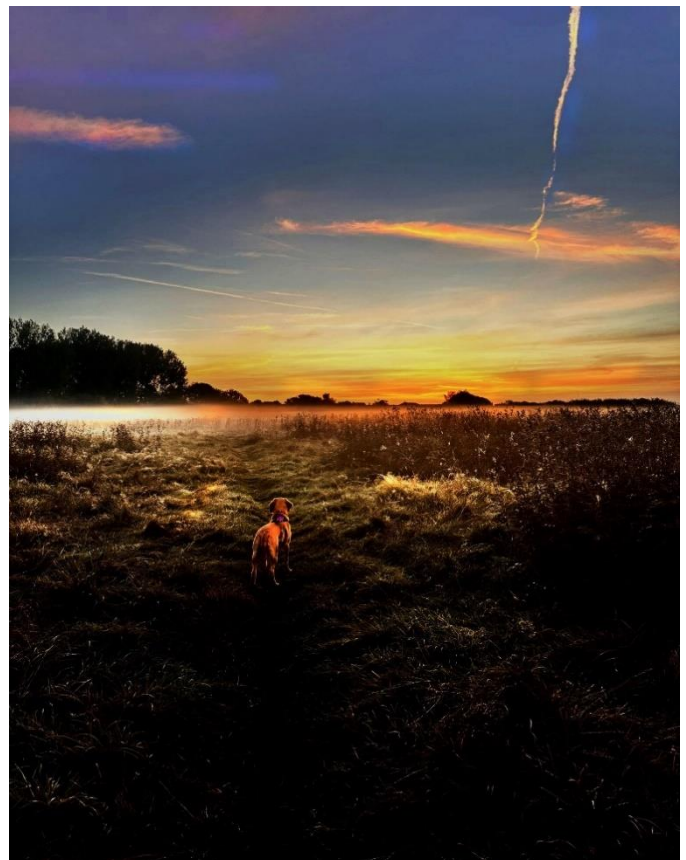
Ms Wilson presented information on the following:

- Key events throughout the year so that parents/carers are aware of significant diary dates or times where students may require additional support
- Information regarding the work we have undertaken to support students when considering post 16 pathway options
- Strategies to encourage Year 11 students to be mindful of their health and wellbeing over the next few months so that they can be the best version of themselves

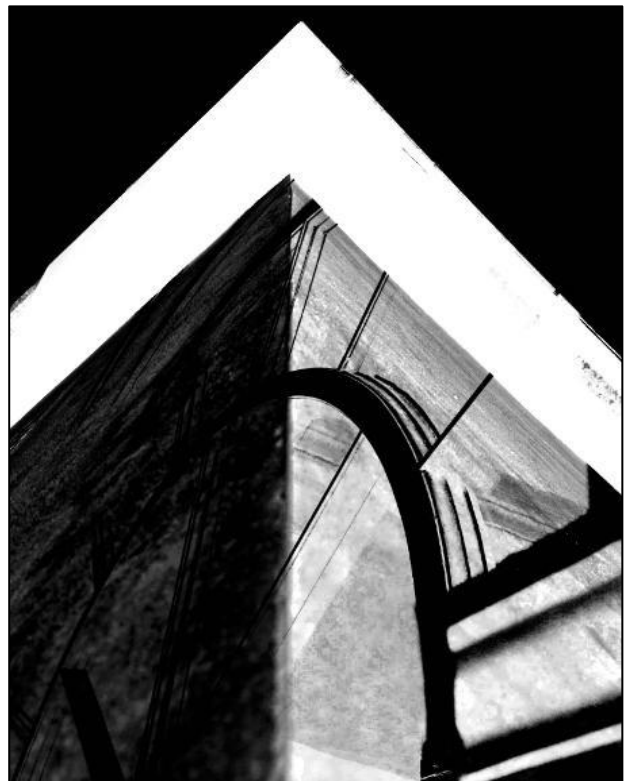
The presentation will be emailed, along with the GCSE course guide booklet to all parents/carers in Year 11, so don't worry if you were not able to attend.

Focus on Photography

The new Year 12 Photography students have made a strong start to the course, taking some stunning images whilst learning about how to manipulate camera settings and command the Formal Elements of Photography.



The new cohort of Year 10s has also made an impressive start. They have been exploring the school building with the aim of capturing aggressive shapes and harsh contrast between black and white. It is a steep learning curve at the beginning of the course and they have risen to the challenge.



The Art Department will be launching a digital Photography club to allow Key Stage 3 students to get a taste of what GCSE Photography will be like. The club will take the form of a Google Classroom and will allow students to undertake tasks at their leisure, rather than having a set time to attend during the school day. Regular challenges will be set but it is also a safe space to exercise a bit of creativity and so tasks can be interpreted liberally or ignored altogether in favour of personal pursuits. Details of how to join will be in the next Beverley Highlife and will also be emailed to all students.

GCSE Media Studies

Ms Bevan wanted to share some GCSE Media Studies pieces that her Year 10 students have been working on. These were created by Charlotte G and Bella H-M as part of a blockbuster superhero movie brief. Students might recognise one of the models!



Sport Report

Students have been enjoying the range of clubs on offer this half term. We have had over 150 students from Years 7-13 attending these clubs in the last couple of weeks. Here is a reminder of our extra-curricular timetable – all students welcome!

Extra Curricular PE

	LUNCHTIME		AFTER SCHOOL (FINISH 4.15PM)	
	Bring a pack-up & trainers.		Bring full PE kit.	
Monday	Badminton All Years Sports Hall		Netball Club Year 8 & 9 Sports hall	Fixtures
Tuesday	Netball Club Year 7 Outdoor Courts/Sports Hall	Years 10 & 11 GCSE Dance Dance Studio		Fixtures
Wednesday	Football Year 8 & 9 Sports Hall		Sixth Form Badminton Sports Hall	Fixtures
Thursday	Football Year 7 Sports Hall		Netball Club Year 10,11 & Sixth Form Sports Hall *	Dance club (Must sign up first) Year 7 & 8 Dance Studio
Friday	Football Year 10 & 11 Sports Hall			

Netball

We have been really pleased with the number of students attending Netball club across all year groups. We are competing in an East Riding schools league this year, as well as the Top Schools (National schools' competition) and East Riding tournaments. On Tuesday 17th September we had our first fixture against local rivals Longcroft for our Year 10 & 11 teams. Year 11 managed to beat Longcroft by just 1 goal, it was a high-quality game with excellent skills shown by both teams and was closely fought all the way. Year 10 had a fantastic win as well, well done to Lucy H for receiving players' player for some excellent defending in the shooting circle.



Year 10 Team



The Autumn term also brings the start of the cross-country season, and students in Years 7 -9 have been doing cross country in lessons. The annual inter-form competition will take place during the first week of October. At the end of October, we will also be taking teams from Years 7-13 to the East Riding Schools' Competition.

PE in Lessons

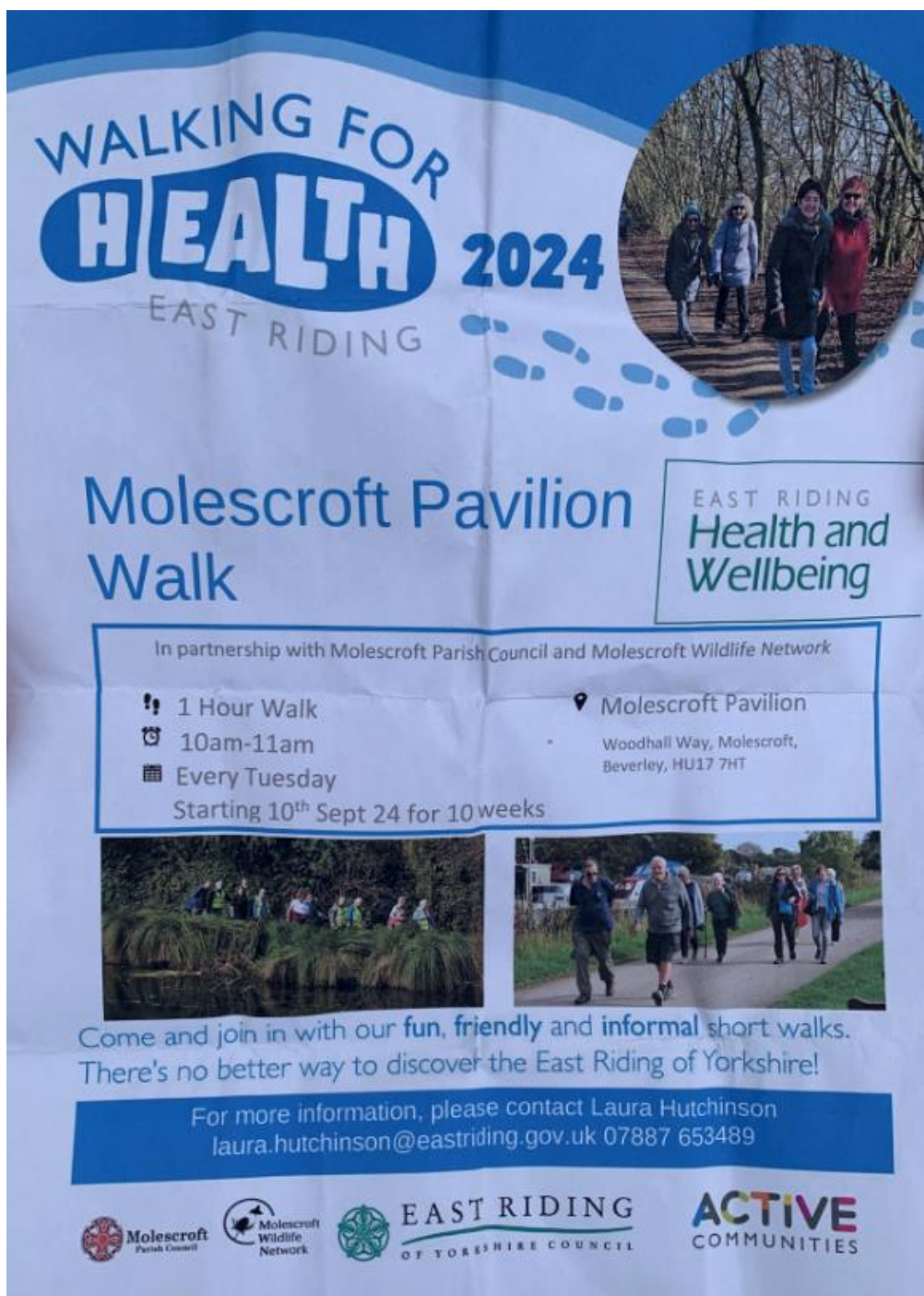
Here is what we are studying in the first half term with all our year groups

Year 7	Hockey & Football
Year 8	Hockey & Football
Year 9	Hockey, Football & Netball
Year 10	Netball & Sports Leaders
Year 11	Volleyball & Badminton

Farewell

Over the summer we said goodbye to two of our Pastoral Managers, Mrs Richardson and Ms Cooper. We thank them for their work at Beverley High School and wish them both well in their new roles.

Things we've been asked to mention:



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