

November 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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Cyber Switch Up Regional Winner

Cyber Switch Up was a digital & cyber skills competition aimed at students aged 11-18 years in Key Stages 3, 4 and 5 across Yorkshire & the Humber.

Year 8 student, Aimee B completed the online qualifier and was shortlisted as one of the finalists. The Finals were held at Sheffield Hallam University with 60 competitors out of the 4,800 entries. Aimee completed a range of challenges and was awarded the Winner for Key Stage 3. Well done Aimee, your school is very proud of you.



Cyberfirst Girls Regional Winners

Congratulations!

The Yorkshire & Humber Regional Winner of the CyberFirst Girls' Competition 2024/25 is:

The Three Cyberteers

We had a number of teams enter the National Cyber Security Centre Cyberfirst Girls competition and work tirelessly through lunchtimes, after school and at home on a range of extremely challenging problems. Their ability to unpick these complex problems grew and a number of individuals made impressive contributions towards their teams' totals.

Particular congratulations go to: Jessica M, Peggy B, Aimee B, Elsie C, Ophelia D, Molly N, Grace S, Ada K for their commitment, hard work, high scores and team working skills.

We learned recently that Jessica M, Aimee B and Arabella F were the Yorkshire and Humber Regional Winners! We are immensely proud of you and are looking forward to the celebration event in March 2025.



J6th London Trip

41 J6th students and 5 staff spent an action packed few days in London this month. The Science, Natural History and V and A museums were on the agenda, followed by a London Eye flight, a river cruise and a West End show. The following day students visited Borough Market, the Sky Garden and Covent Garden before the return coach journey to Beverley. Our base for the weekend was London Central YHA and the staff there commented on the fantastic conduct of our wonderful students. We were very proud of them all. Here are some of the winning entries in the photography competition organised during the visit:





English Speaking Union's Schools' Mace Competition

On 26 November after several weeks of preparation, three intrepid Key Stage 4 debaters went head-to-head with Bootham School in York, arguing the Proposition for the motion "This House would build homes on the green belt".

The Schools' Mace is the oldest and largest debating competition for schools in England and Wales. Involving around 300 schools each year, it offers 11-18 year olds (Years 7-13) the opportunity to discuss and debate a wide array of controversial topics and current affairs.

This was our team's first year taking part, and both the judge and audience members were impressed with their confident delivery and handling of a complicated topic, their quick-thinking under pressure and their determination against a team of experienced sixth formers. Congratulations to Daisy B (first speaker), Kitty A (second speaker) and Jamie L (summary speaker), for representing our school so brilliantly and most importantly, having great fun as a team.

We look forward to the first of our three inter-school debates this year, with Beverley Grammar School on Friday 13th December.

Our Key Stage 4 Debate Club is open to Year 10s and Year 11s who want the chance to develop and hone their critical thinking and public speaking skills. If you are interested in joining us in January, please come along on Thursdays in the LRC, 3.20-4pm.



Bar Mock Trial

On Saturday 16th November, 10 students travelled to Leeds Law School at Leeds Beckett University, to take part in the Bar Mock Trial competition. Although the standard of competition was very high, with 18 schools/colleges taking part in the heat, our students performed extremely well and legal professionals leading the competition were highly impressed by their performance. Most importantly though, everyone enjoyed the experience and gained valuable insights into what it is like to work in a courtroom. Congratulations to all the students who participated.



Christmas Tree Festival

This month the school participated in the annual Beverley Minster Christmas Tree Festival, where there are up to 150 Christmas trees on display. Each tree is sponsored by a different local charity, organisation, school or business and decorated as they wish. Once dressed, the trees are then able to be viewed by the public and a competition takes place to vote for the best tree.

A lunchtime club took place throughout November which allowed students in all year groups to create a decoration to go on the tree, this year the theme was Angels. Over 120 decorations were hand made in a variety of media such as paper, wood and fabric. Thank you to everyone who attended the Christmas club and made a Christmas decoration, they looked absolutely fantastic! The students who attended the club then had an opportunity to be placed in a random draw to select three students to go and decorate the tree.

On Tuesday 3rd December, Kasia, Sophie and Lilly took a trip to Beverley Minster to place the decorations on the school's tree. The students had a wonderful morning at the Minster filled with hot chocolates and a chance to get a sneak peek at the other trees on display! Thank you for your assistance with decorating our tree.



Beverley Minster Christmas Tree Festival

Thank you to everyone who came to the Christmas Club and made a Christmas decoration!

There are 150 decorated tree's in this years competition. Please vote for our tree ☺

Opening Times

Wednesday 4th December till Sunday 8th December: 9.00 – 17.00

Entry for adults is £5.00. Accompanied children (under 18) go FREE.

Facilities & Amenities

Limited parking / Disabled access & toilets / Refreshments available

Inter-House Art Competition

On Wednesday 27th November the Art Department ran an Inter-House Art Competition. The brief was for four students, one from each of Years 7, 8, 9 and 10, to work together to design a Christmas card. The students had three hours from start to finish.

The students did amazingly well and were a credit to themselves and the school.

The winner has now been chosen and I am very pleased to announce that Pat Albeck (PA) House won. Their Christmas card design will now be printed and sent to the residents of Lindum House Care Home in Beverley.

You can see the winning entry below:



Winter Wonderland Visit

A wonderful start to the festive season was enjoyed by 50 Year 12 and 13 students at Winter Wonderland in York. Students skated and shopped until they dropped and returned to Beverley feeling exhausted but very Christmassy!

Terrific Textiles

This term Year 8 have been busy designing and making tote bags to showcase the development of their skills in Textiles. They have produced some excellent pieces.



Mock Interviews

Over the last few weeks we have organised mock interviews for Year 13 students in preparation for university admissions interviews for Medicine, Medicine related subjects, Oxford, Cambridge and Manchester. Interviewers from the Universities of Hull and Loughborough as well as practising lawyers and experts in the medicine field have supported our students in their preparations. Thank you to them all.

Bike Doctor Fixes Sick Bikes

R-evolution, the amazing bike charity based in Hull's Trinity Market came on Thursday to service 14 bikes for free. We had lots of satisfied customers whizzing off at the end of the day reunited with their previously very sick bikes.



Sports Report

Football

5 aside Tournaments

On Wednesday 6th November our Year 7 & 8 team went to play at The Market Weighton School against other East Riding schools in a 5 aside football tournament. They played well as a team and only conceded 1 goal in seven matches played. Unfortunately, they didn't make it through to the semi-finals but thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Well done to Hollie, our goalkeeper, who was coaches' player of the tournament!



The Year 9 & 10 team also played in a 5 aside tournament on Wednesday 27th November, only losing 1 match, winning 1 and drawing the rest against seven other schools. It was a high standard of football with some very close games. Well done to Erin for stepping in at the last moment as goalkeeper and making a superb save in one of the games and also to Bea who was coaches' player of the tournament for fantastic defending.



We took our Year 7 team to the annual 5 aside tournament held at soccer sensations in Hull on the 29th November. It was fantastic to see so many teams from the East Riding playing - 14 teams entered the girls' competition this year. We managed to come 2nd in our league, beating Hornsea, Bridlington and Snaith and only losing narrowly to Cottingham. The team then came up against South Hunsley (the overall winners) in the semi-final and unfortunately lost 2-0. The team battled hard right through to the end of the game and had a positive attitude throughout. Well done to Edee who got coaches' player of the tournament, for being a strong, resilient defender throughout.



Badminton

Well done to our Key Stage 3 badminton team who managed to win the first round of the School Sports Partnership badminton competition. They played both singles and doubles games to make it through to the East Riding Finals on Thursday 5th December. Congratulations, we wish you luck in the finals.



Netball News

Our Year 9 team had a tough match against a very strong South Hunsley team on Thursday 14th November and lost to them in a league match. This is the only league game they have lost since September and with one more match to play in the league they have done amazingly well this term!



The U16 team on the same night had a very close game against South Hunsley, only losing by 1 goal, it was great practice for the U16 county round later in the month.



County Round of England Netball Schools' Competition

We were thrilled that our U16 team got through to the county round of the competition again this year. The standard just seems to be getting better every year and there was some fantastic netball played. Umpires also complimented schools on how positive and respectful the players were on court, which was really nice to hear.

We played against the top two schools in Hull and the other top school in the East Riding. We lost by 4 goals in our first match to Hymers, drew with South Hunsley and beat St Mary's. Overall Hymers and St Mary's were the top 2 schools to go through to the regional Yorkshire round, with us just missing out on 2nd place by one point!

Well played to Tara who got coaches' player of the tournament, her defending skills and effort throughout the tournament was exemplary.



Year 10 Sports Leaders

On Tuesday 19th of November we hosted the Primary School Sports Hall Athletics competition for this area. It was lovely to have our local primary schools in again and have the opportunity to run this event for them. Sixteen of our Year 10 students did an amazing job as leaders and role models for the younger students. They got to experience organising and officiating a competition, whilst also encouraging and supporting primary school students to achieve their best.



Children in Need – Staff vs Sixth Form Volleyball



Thank you to all the staff and sixth formers for coming down to the Sports Hall to play volleyball for Children in Need. The sixth form were overall winners this year – beating the staff by two games to one. It was great to see so many students supporting and donating money to a worthy cause.

