

January 2025 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

## Christmas Carol Service 2024









## Star of the Stage

Year 8 student, Lillie B had a fantastic time performing at Manchester's HOME Theatre over Christmas. Lillie had the lead role, playing Susan in the musical of Miracle on 34th Street!

Lillie attends Northern Lights Drama School where she has been attending acting classes since the age of 3. Lillie's previous theatre credits include Les Miserables 2022 UK tour (Young Eponine at Hull New Theatre). Her film and tv credits include the feature film 'Blitz' directed by Steve McQueen and the 2023 Macmillan Coffee Morning advert. Lillie can also be heard as the voice of the MKM commercials. Lillie works hard training 3 hours a week and self-tapes at home.

You should be very proud of yourself, Lillie, your school is.





## Year 7 Paintings in the Minster

The fabulous paintings that Year 7 Art students worked on for several weeks were proudly displayed in Beverley Minster during the Christmas Carol Service. The paintings looked fantastic and acted as a suitable backdrop for the extremely high quality musical performances. All involved should be very proud of their efforts.





## Year 9 Student Goes to School in Japan

Year 9 student, Maya C spent some of December in Japan. Whilst there she attended school and can be seen here wearing Japanese school uniform, participating in lessons and spending social time with her peers. She had an incredibly enjoyable and worthwhile time, immersing herself in Japanese culture and experiencing a different educational system. Her parents said it was a valuable opportunity for her personal and academic growth.



Well done Maya, it's never easy joining a new school, but one in a different country, and continent with a different language and school system is even more challenging!



## Brilliant Bowling

Following on from the Ten Pin Bowling success in December, this month six pupils travelled to Hollywood Bowl in Hull to represent the East Riding in the Humber Final of the Secondary School Panathlon Championships. Pupils participated and scored well, finishing in the top half of the twelve schools from across the region that took part.



We had a new entry into the 100 club with Laila scoring 107 - the top scorer for the day was 111, so she did really well.

Well done to everyone involved, it was a pleasure to see you supporting each other and enjoying a different type of learning, outside of the school environment.



## The Book Hive

Are you looking for a quiet place to sit and enjoy your book at lunchtime? Are you looking to discover new books? Do you like writing reviews about books you have read? Or would you like to participate in a book swap? If the answer to any of these questions is 'yes', then the Book Hive is for you!

At the Book Hive, we offer:

- quiet place to read
- a pop-up library
- opportunities for writing/book blogging
- a book swap area

Everyone is welcome at the Book Hive! It is a great opportunity to share your love of books with others and make new friends. We have a wide selection of books from all sorts of genres, including fantasy, mysteries, classic novels and self-help books. Join us in H6 on a Monday or Friday lunchtime, or just pop in to browse!



## 'Discover Your Voice' Workshop

On Thursday 16th January, 30 pupils including our Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 Debate Club members had the opportunity to take part in a debating workshop, run by national charity the English-Speaking Union (ESU). Pupils spent the morning practising key oracy skills while discussing a range of thought-provoking topics. Pupil feedback indicates that they overwhelmingly enjoyed the session. The vast majority talked to or worked with someone they didn't know before the workshop, and felt more confident about public speaking by the end. One pupil said, "I think everybody should be able to learn the skills from this workshop as it will help them in future career paths", while another said they would recommend it to others "because they can meet new people and start to make other friends that aren't in their year".

Congratulations to everyone who took part; we were very impressed with your enthusiasm, your critical thinking skills and your support of each other.





## Inter-School Debate Competition

On Monday 27th January, Beverley High School hosted the third Inter-School Debate Competition with our partner school, Beverley Grammar. A lively and supportive audience made up of pupils from both schools brought great atmosphere - and posed some great questions to our teams! For the first time, Key Stage 4 teams also competed in front of a staff judging panel from both schools. Staff were impressed by pupils' courage, especially from our youngest members who were participating for the first time.

Congratulations to everyone who took part and received a certificate of participation, a winner's certificate and prizes or an individual speaker's award. And a special thank you to the other Debate Club members, who gave their support both in the audience and by helping the teams prepare for their debates.

Key Stage 3 Debate Club runs on Wednesdays after school until 4pm in the Drama Room. Key Stage 4 Debate Club runs on Thursdays after school until 4pm in the LRC.

## KS4 Debate Club

Motion: *This House believes a 4-day working week should be implemented in the UK*

Winners: Proposition team (Beverley High School)

BHS team members:

Kitty A Year 10, Daisy B Year 10, Jamie L Year 10 (individual speaker award)

## KS3 Debate Club

Motion 1: *This House would abolish homework for Years 7-9*

Winners: Proposition team (Beverley Grammar School)

BHS team members:

Aimee B Year 8, Kasia L Year 7, Millie R Year 8 (individual speaker award)

Motion 2: *This House would allow pupils to sell snacks at school*

Winners: Opposition team (Beverley Grammar School)

BHS team members: Rose C Year 7 (individual speaker award), Radhika J Year 7, Evie T Year 7



**Employment Fair**

On the 28 January we hosted our annual Employment Fair. We were delighted that 60 businesses from a range of specialisms agreed to support our event and take time out of their busy schedules. The Employment Fair was visited by students from Beverley High School and Beverley Grammar School giving them an opportunity to speak to professionals. Students gained insights into different industries; asked questions and found out what prospective businesses expect from job applications. It was fantastic to see our students engaging with employers in such a professional manner. Later in the day we welcomed parents and carers enabling them to ask questions from a parental perspective and further understand ways to support their child to achieve their career ambitions. Thank you to all employers, parents/carers and students for making the day such a success and to Miss Brownell for organising it all.

Employers feedback has been extremely positive:

Hull University - 'The students were all engaged, pleasant and courteous. I enjoyed the event very much.'

H&H Communications - 'Wonderful - so well organised and a really good atmosphere. Thanks for making it so easy, welcoming, and comfortable. I loved meeting the students, teachers and also people from other organisations at the event. The stickers broke the ice and prompted some really good conversations about careers and academic subjects!'

ERYC Early Years - 'It was a pleasure to speak to so many interested students and we look forward to working with you again.'

If you would be interested as an employer in supporting future events please email [s.brownell@beverleyhigh.net](mailto:s.brownell@beverleyhigh.net)



**Applications**

Year 13 students who have chosen to apply to UCAS for admission to university worked hard to meet the 29th January deadline for submission. We have processed over 60 applications and it has been a pleasure to read the students' personal statements and to share their delight as they receive offers from their chosen institutions. So far, we have students holding offers for courses including Primary Teaching, Marine Biology and Physiotherapy as well as History, Mathematics and Criminology. Congratulations to all our offer holders.

**Visit by Beverley Grammar School Year 11**

Year 11 students from Beverley Grammar School who are hoping to join the J6th spent an afternoon at Beverley High School where they enjoyed a tour of the site and a chance to talk to J6th students about life as a sixth form student.



**Application to the J6th**

Year 11 students should receive an email at the end of the month with details about how to confirm their subject choices for Year 12 study. The deadline for students to submit their choices is Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February.

### Beverley Joint 6th Drop-In Further Information Evening

On the evening of Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February we look forward to welcoming Year 11 students to the Beverley Grammar School site for our Beverley Joint 6th Drop-In Further Information Evening which will take place from 5pm -7pm

### Year 11 Study Facilities

The J6th Common Room is open every evening after school and Year 11 students are very welcome to come along to use the area to study either independently or with friends. We have been really pleased to welcome increasing numbers of students as they continue to prepare for their GCSE exams.

### Mary Wollstonecraft Annual Lecture

For those interested in learning more about one of our House heroes – philosopher and feminist Mary Wollstonecraft - Hull History Centre is planning a lecture during February half term, details below:

<https://ow.ly/ceEN50UMETL>






### Mary Wollstonecraft Annual Lecture - Philosopher and Feminist for our Time (Hull History Centre & Online)

#### Details

In 2025, to complement the opening of a new play about Wollstonecraft's life at Hull Truck Theatre, 9 produced by Pilot Theatre) it is proposed to hold the Mary Wollstonecraft lecture on February 18 at the History Centre . The lecture will be a reflection on Mary Wollstonecraft's ideas and legacy and will be aimed at both public and student audiences, to highlight the importance and contemporary relevance of Wollstonecraft's work

#### Details

-  Tue, Feb 18
-  5:00 PM - 6:30 PM GMT
-  Online event

[Register](#)



## Mobile Phone Survey

Thank you to those parents/carers who completed our mobile phone survey this month. Responses will be collated and, once governors have discussed the feedback, parents/carers will be notified of any changes to the school's policy.



## Sports Report

### Netball



#### Year 7 & 8 Friendly

In the second week back after Christmas we played a friendly match against Cottingham High School's Year 7 & 8 teams. Both teams played amazingly - Year 8 won 20-3 and Year 7 lost in a closely fought match by just two goals. Coaches' players of the match went to Emily B (Year 8) and Juno C (Year 7)

#### Year 10

The Year 10 team went to play a league match against Market Weighton School on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January – It was a high level of netball with students from both schools showing great skill. Market Weighton got the win in the end, beating us by four goals. Well done to Lucy H for great defence and interceptions receiving players' player and also to Daisy W and Maisie C for coaches' players of the match.



## Year 7 & 8 League game

Our Years 7 & 8 played their first league match against Market Weighton on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January. Both teams came away with a win and played some fantastic netball! Well done to Juno C, coaches' player of the match for Year 7 for brilliant defending and Emmie C for superb shooting, players player was Izzy T. For the Year 8 team coaches' players were Jess M and Maddie S for great movement and passing. Emily B received players' player.

Year 7



Year 8



Football

Humberside League

Our U13 football team played a league game against Cottingham on Tues 21<sup>st</sup> January. It was a great effort against a strong Cottingham side. The students managed to keep a 0-1 score for 50 minutes but unfortunately had a penalty against them and another goal scored in the last 10 minutes, losing by 3-0 in the end. They showed great effort throughout the game and played well as a team. Coaches' players of the match were Amelie W and Daisy C!



## Cross Country

The Humberside Schools' Cross-Country Finals took place in Scunthorpe on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January. All of our teams qualified through to the Humber finals this year from Year 7 -11.



Well done to all our students who ran! They were very difficult conditions this year – one of the muddiest we have ever seen but all the students showed great determination and resilience to cope with the mud and stay on their feet! Their attitude remained positive throughout the whole day and it was lovely to see them supporting and encouraging each other as they ran.

With over one hundred students running in the races we also had some great individual results, with three of our students coming in the top 20 runners – well done to Hattie B, Roxie T & Nia J. We wait to hear how we did overall with the team results.

This was the last school competition that our Year 11 students Tamsin E, Harriet F, Roxie T & Liv M will compete in. They have been representing the school cross country team since they were young and a few of them have also competed at Regional and English schools – we will miss them in our school team but wish them luck with their future studies.

## Year 7



## Year 8 & 9



## Year 10 & 11

## NPQ Congratulations

Congratulations to Head of MFL, Mrs L Butler who has recently been awarded a National Professional Qualification in Leading Teaching.

## Masters Award Congratulations

Congratulations to Teaching Assistant, Miss C Williamson who was invited this month to speak at Cambridge University about her Masters' degree. She was awarded top student in the country with the highest mark 99% for her dissertation. An amazing achievement. Well done!



## Things we have been asked to mention:

Parents/carers dropping off and picking up students on Norwood are reminded to be mindful of other drivers/cars. The school has no jurisdiction over the pavement, parking bays or the highway but a parent has contacted us concerned about a potential future collision.

## Pharmacy First – an NHS service being offered from pharmacies across England

### What is Pharmacy First?

This NHS service allows children and adults to get quick access to healthcare advice as they can walk into a pharmacy and access the service, removing the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment. The person will be offered a consultation with a pharmacist in a private consultation room, with some pharmacies also offering the service remotely as a video consultation.

The service supports the following conditions:

- **Earache** (ages 1 to 17 years)
- **Impetigo** (ages 1 year and over)
- **Infected insect bites** (age 1 year and over)
- **Sore throats** (age 5 years and over)
- **Shingles** (age 18 years and over)
- **Sinusitis** (age 12 years and over)
- **Urinary tract infections** (UTIs) in women (ages 16 to 64 years)



The pharmacist will provide advice and, if clinically necessary, a prescription medicine to treat the condition. Any medicines are supplied free of charge to children under 16 years, with the normal [NHS prescription charge rules](#) applying to people aged 16 or over. Should the pharmacist be unable to help, they will direct the person to their GP surgery or other health professional.

We have developed an animation to explain about the service which is available on [YouTube](#) and more information can also be found on the NHS website at [nhs.uk/thinkpharmacyfirst](https://www.nhs.uk/thinkpharmacyfirst)