

March 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

### The Saddest News

We learned on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March that A Level Psychology teacher, Ms Jill Forsyth, had died suddenly. Jill was a fabulous sixth form teacher and tutor who had worked at Beverley High School for almost ten years. She was loved by staff and students and is a great loss to the school and to the teaching profession. Jill was beyond retirement age, but continued working because she loved teaching her subject and loved teaching young people. Once again, the staff here were supported by the East Riding Educational Psychology team and Jill's Year 12 and 13 students have been supported by the sixth form and Wellbeing teams. Our thoughts are, of course, with Jill's family and friends at this incredibly difficult time.

### CyberFirst Celebrations



“Last weekend, we visited Jodrell Bank’s Centre for Engagement for the CyberFirst Girls’ 2024/25 Awards Ceremony. We visited the incredible ‘Space Dome’ and watched an immersive film that made us feel like we were flying through space! After multiple talks about the SKA telescopes and meeting 3 inspiring astronomers and cosmologists, we attended an evening gala to celebrate our achievements. As we came back from the awards ceremony, to our dinner tables, we received our prizes, which included a brand-new Windows 11 HP laptop, Keyboard and mouse, Cyber First backpack and Bluetooth headphones. It was such an incredible weekend. Then on Wednesday, at Bradford University’s STEM Centre, we enjoyed some extremely fun activities and competed in a mini competition, in which we came second by only a few points. We programmed Lego robots, solved a CyberHeist mystery and participated in a simulation of Hut 6 in Bletchley Park, decoding Morse code and mapping U-Boats.” Jessica M 8MW



“It was such an amazing experience. The whole day was so fantastic and we learned so much about radio waves, cosmology and things like pulsars. We enjoyed three documentaries in the ‘Space Dome’ and learned about the history of Jodrell Bank and the Lowell Telescope. The evening gala was an opportunity to meet people in the industry and other girls who had worked on similar things we did. We enjoyed a 3 course meal with a selection of drinks including mocktails, tea and coffee and hot chocolate! We all felt very cared for and received a large range of prizes. On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March, we attended a celebration event for the top 10 teams in Yorkshire and Humber and had a fantastic day. We met two ambassadors of the CyberFirst programme and heard two keynote speakers tell us about their experiences in the industry. The activities were engaging and fun. We programmed robots to follow a track and solved a cyber mystery using our knowledge. We also used a familiar tool, CyberChef, to decode Morse code and the Enigma code, used in World War II. We, unfortunately placed second overall by only a few points, but were still crowned regional winners.” Aimee B 8MW

## Visit to Beverley Magistrates' Court

In preparation for the Magistrates' Mock Trial competition, on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, the 15 students involved went to visit Beverley Magistrates' Court. During the trip, the team had the opportunity to rehearse in a real courtroom and gain valuable feedback from David Stenton JP, the Bench Chair Humber LJA. They also had the chance to meet with other court representatives such as the court usher and security guards, and were even able to have a tour of the cells. The students all acted with maturity and eagerness, and were praised by the staff at court for being 'enthusiastic, well behaved and knowledgeable'.

## Competition at Bradford Magistrates' Court

Following their trip to Beverley Magistrates' Court, the team went on to compete in the local heat of the competition at Bradford Magistrates' Court on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March. Despite six other schools taking part in the heat and the standard being extremely high, **the Beverley High School team won!** All the students involved should be very proud of the preparation that they put in and of the performance that they gave – they acted their roles with conviction, thought and enthusiasm, and thoroughly deserved their success. The team will now go on to compete in the regional finals which will be the final stage of the competition.



The winning team

## Active Travel Ambassadors Win £500!

On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March, 9 Year 8 pupils attended the ATA (Active Travel Ambassadors) Campaign Junction at County Hall. They were there to pitch their ideas for increasing the proportion of people travelling to school actively and reducing the number of cars arriving at school in the hope of being awarded funding to implement their ideas. The Junction was hosted by ModeShift in conjunction with The Bikeability Trust, Living Streets and Active Travel England. The pupils presented to a panel of 4 experts and 5 other schools in the Council Chambers. They received feedback and answered questions from the panel.

The Active Travel Troopers are Aimee B, Imogen S, Arabella F, Jessica M, Grace S, Ophelia D, Ada K, Miya P and Zoe G.

They received the following feedback from the judges:

- “Very ambitious campaign, but still fun and engaging”
- “Clear target came across well”
- “Very good plan with innovative ideas”
- “Nice range of monitoring methods”
- “Good use of school time (form time) to spread awareness”

‘As the Active Travel Troopers, we went to the County Hall Council Chambers to present our pitch. It was a great experience being able to be in the Chambers, but stressful having to present to so many people although the biscuits, fruit and juice helped! We asked for funding to help us raise awareness in school of the benefits of travelling actively and the disadvantages of travelling all the way to school by car. We were asking for £200 and hoping to be awarded the extra £50 available to one school. We were awarded not only the £200 and extra £50 but all the schools received an extra £250 from the sponsors! We are very proud of our team’s achievements and know we have a lot of work ahead of us to implement our ideas.’



## Year 12 Geography Field Trip to Cranedale

At the start of this half term, our Year 12 geographers embarked on an exciting field trip to the Cranedale Field Studies Centre in the North York Moors. After settling in, enjoying lunch, and receiving an introduction to the NEA (non-examined assessment) process, we set off for Scarborough.

In Scarborough, students explored the town's representation through art, used iPads to assess environmental quality, and observed how different spaces were used by the public. The evening was spent back in the classroom, where students presented their data after a well-earned three-course meal.

The following morning, after a hearty cooked breakfast, we ventured into Dalby Forest—where the weather was on our side! Students gathered data on carbon sequestration in trees and soil, followed by an investigation of stream flow rates.

It was a fantastic trip, packed with hands-on learning experiences. Hopefully, our students are now brimming with inspiration for their own NEAs, which they will begin in the summer term!





## Gold Duke of Edinburgh Training Expedition

Thirteen Gold Duke of Edinburgh candidates took part in their first training expedition as part of their Gold DofE Award. They walked along the Wolds Way and camped overnight. For some it was their first time under canvas and for others it was a great opportunity to practise their cooking skills and fine tune their equipment in readiness for their practice and final expeditions in April and July. Students all coped brilliantly, especially with the cold temperatures overnight. When asked to reflect on the best bits of their experiences students commented: 'I enjoyed working together as a team and encouraging each other when it got a bit hard' and 'My favourite part was the periods we spent walking and navigating'.



## Royal Opera House Trip

A group of 30 lucky Year 7 and 8 students had the opportunity to visit the Royal Opera House in London one day this month to see the Royal Ballet perform *Romeo and Juliet*. Thanks to two national family foundations, the trip was very heavily subsidised.

As well as the magical performance, with fantastic seats in the stalls, students travelled by rail and tube and had a walking tour of the Embankment, ticking off major landmarks along the River Thames from the Houses of Parliament and Big Ben to the Tower of London and Tower Bridge.

A wonderful day. For some students it was their first experience of ballet, for others it was their first visit to our capital city. A very memorable experience. You can read some of their reflections below. As always, the students were a credit to themselves, their families and their school.





"I really enjoyed the Royal Ballet performance of Romeo and Juliet. I found it really surreal as it was the first ballet I have ever seen, the dancers were so amazing. They had to have such balance and portray such delicate yet passionate movements on stage. To me, it felt like a fairy tale with the stunning music from the orchestra. The ROH is breathtaking, just staring at it, everything is so beautiful. It all felt even more special as it was my first time in London, I will not ever forget this wonderful experience that I got to be part of that day. Also, I can't imagine the dedication it must take to create such a moving programme without saying a word. Thank you." Jade W

"I really enjoyed going to London to go see Romeo and Juliet. It felt crazy to be in the Royal Opera House. It's so fancy in there! I think my favourite bit of the ballet is the party pas de deux because I love the lifts! Although I loved it all I could not believe that it was three hours long it felt like 20 minutes! Another part of the ballet I enjoyed was the bit where Romeo and Juliet get married. I think my favourite characters are Juliet, Romeo and Mercutio. However, all the dancers were unbelievable. It was definitely a once in a lifetime opportunity and I would love to go see another, to be honest I would love to see the same one again! It has definitely inspired me to work hard and follow my dreams. It was a very memorable experience, and I am extremely grateful for it." Mari R

"I absolutely loved it. When I'm older I want to dance with the Royal Ballet so watching them was really inspirational. The dancing was incredible, and I particularly enjoyed the masquerade ball scene. The set was amazing, and I loved being able to see what went on backstage during the second interval. The music was fabulous, and it really filled up the whole building. Not only was the dancing brilliant but so was the Royal Opera House, it was such a beautiful building." Polly W

**International Women's Day Student Networking**



On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March four lucky Year 13 students had a fantastic morning at a [KCOM](#) International Women's Day Student Networking Event. 1-1 mentoring, inspirational talks and videos were all on the agenda. The students all learned a lot from the event and came back inspired to take their next steps beyond 6<sup>th</sup> form.

**International Women's Day**

In celebration of International Women's Day, all of Year 7 had a lesson focused on this year's theme of 'Accelerate Action' and explored the history of the day and the changes that are still needed in our society and around the world, to help accelerate progress towards equality. This built upon work that the students had already been doing in connection with inspirational female speakers.



As part of the lesson, the students were asked to write a speech or poem exploring their own thoughts about feminism and equality. The strongest entries from each form were then presented to a teacher-led panel on 4<sup>th</sup> March. The panel was extremely impressed by the high standard of each of the speeches/poems; they were all well-researched, highly thoughtful and mature, and delivered with confidence. All the entrants should be very proud of themselves and we would like to extend our congratulations to this year's winners: Rose C (1<sup>st</sup> place); Sian B (2<sup>nd</sup> place); Emma P-J (3<sup>rd</sup> place).

## International Women's Day – Year 7 Enrichment

To celebrate International Women's Day on Saturday 8th March, 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 school 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.



## Playwright Q&A

Local playwright Maureen Lennon, who wrote 'Mary and the Hyenas' came into school on 11<sup>th</sup> March, to run a Q&A session with the students who had been to see the play, based on the life of Mary Wollstonecraft. The students had many questions that they wished to ask – ranging from what writing the play was like, to what inspired her to write about Wollstonecraft, to how you develop a career as a playwright. Maureen commented on how brilliant it was to see how much the students had engaged with the play. We are grateful to Maureen for taking the time to come into school, to share her thoughts and expertise, and inspire our students.



## Year 12 Visit Sheffield University



On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March all Year 12 students took part in a visit to Sheffield University for the UK University and Apprenticeship Fair. It was a really informative event where students spoke to representatives from many different Universities, listened to seminars and had campus tours to get a feel for a big city University.

## Oxbridge Application Conference

We are proud of the support we provide to students as they apply to universities and apprenticeships across the country. On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March Year 12 students interested in hearing more about the application process to Oxford and Cambridge Universities attended an application conference run by Mansfield College and hosted at Wyke Sixth Form College.



## Year 13 Learn to Cook!

Year 13 students are preparing for life beyond 6<sup>th</sup> form and in their tutor period a group tested out their cooking skills to produce a tasty budget meal. The results were delicious and all the students found it a useful experience.



## Bikeability

This month Years 7, 8 and 9 had the opportunity to participate in some immersive reality road safety training with instructors from the East Riding of Yorkshire Council and the Bikeability Trust – they learned how to react to a variety of situations on the road in order to keep themselves and others safe, and were surprised to learn that e-scooters are only allowed to be ridden on private land!



## Kindness in Our Community

Thank you to all staff and students who supported the Mary Braddon (MB) House charity event staff vs Year 11 students' volleyball. Head of MB House, Roxy H, was delighted that we raised **£102.50** which has been sent to the MB House charity, Save the Children.



# Save the Children

## GCSE Drama

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March, the Year 11 GCSE Drama students completed their final practical performance exam. For their exam, students performed two extracts from a play of their choice to an external examiner. Students explored a range of playwrights and theatre styles, from Shakespeare's 'Macbeth', to John Godber's 'Shakers'. The class performed fantastically on the day and the examiner even commented on the class morale and how supportive of each other they all were. Well done to all GCSE Drama students- you should be extremely proud of yourselves!



Lucy, Sam, Grace and Maisie.



Abbie P



Oakley and Bella

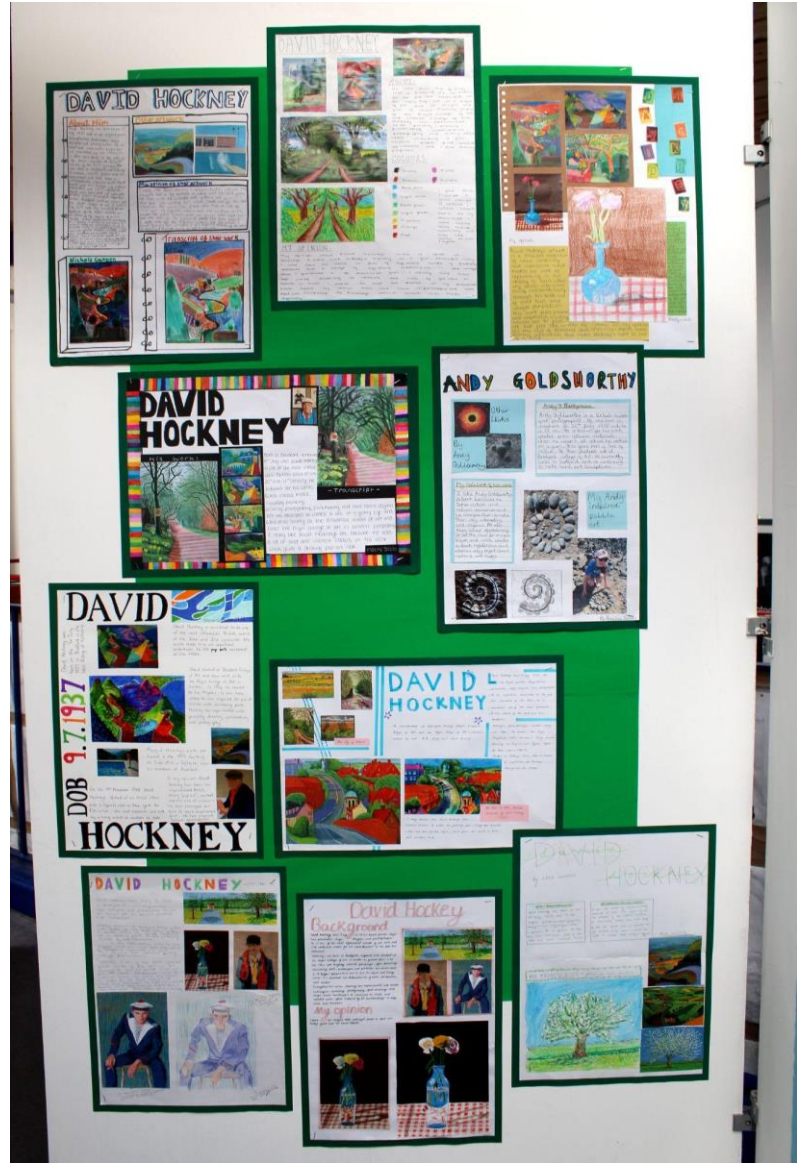
## Celebrating Year 9 Artwork

Year 9 Art students have been producing some fantastic paintings using acrylic paint. It is a difficult skill to master and requires a bit of trial and error to get it right and so resilience is a key factor in success. They have also produced some fabulous mixed media pieces that require the creation of a textured ground before a controlled observational drawing is applied.



## Celebrating KS3 Independent Learning

Year 8 and Year 9 have also been doing some fantastic homework with lots of students going above and beyond to really make their work stand out. Some of the work is now on display in the Art Department.



## Sports Report

### 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 11 – 1<sup>st</sup>

Year 10 – 2<sup>nd</sup>

Year 9 – 2<sup>nd</sup>

Year 8 – 2<sup>nd</sup>

So far, our Year 8 & Year 9 teams have made it through to the Humber Finals at Hymers College in the summer.

Year 10 Netball Team



Year 9 Netball Team



Football

Year 7 Friendly

Our Year 7 students enjoyed a match against Longcroft School this month. It was a great game with the attackers working hard to create lots of scoring opportunities and our goalie Holly making some superb saves. We lost 1-0 in the end, but everyone gave amazing effort.



## Dance

Well done to our fantastic Year 7 Dance Club who performed group and individual routines in their year assembly at the start of the half term. It was great to see the hard work they have put into their dances over the months and thanks to Miss Soulsby for running the club since September. Thank you also to Year 9 student Leonora for helping Miss Soulsby and being a great role model for the younger students.



## Inter-House 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 tutor groups to earn points for their House.

We have been so lucky with the weather, enabling us to play all our competitions outside. It was great to see the rest of the year group and their teachers come out to cheer their Houses along.

Thanks to Isabel M, Harriet C, Iris G, Beth F, Martha C, Ruby L, Gabby B & Georgina H for helping to score and run the competitions, they were excellent student leaders and great role models for the younger students.

The Year 9 competition is taking place in the last week of term, the rest of the results are below:



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

## School Sports Partnership Swim Gala

Miss Easter took a team of students from Years 7 & 8, 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 came **1st out of twelve schools from across the East Riding!** Congratulations to the High School and Grammar School students who were part of the team.



Key Stage 3 Swim Team Winners!



Trampolining Gold

Year 7 student, Florence N, recently took part in the East Riding Inter-Schools Trampolining Competition. Florence represented Beverley High School at the event and happily she achieved a Gold in the competition! Florence trains at Launch Pad Academy in Hull.

Congratulations to Florence, your school is very proud of you and thank you to her very proud mum for sharing Florence’s success with us.

If you would like your child’s successes outside of school to feature in *Beverley Highlife*, please email me [s.japp@beverleyhigh.net](mailto:s.japp@beverleyhigh.net)



**Summer Term PE Lesson activities**

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

Extra-Curricular PE Clubs for the Summer Term

Our clubs start in the first week back after Easter: all students are welcome.



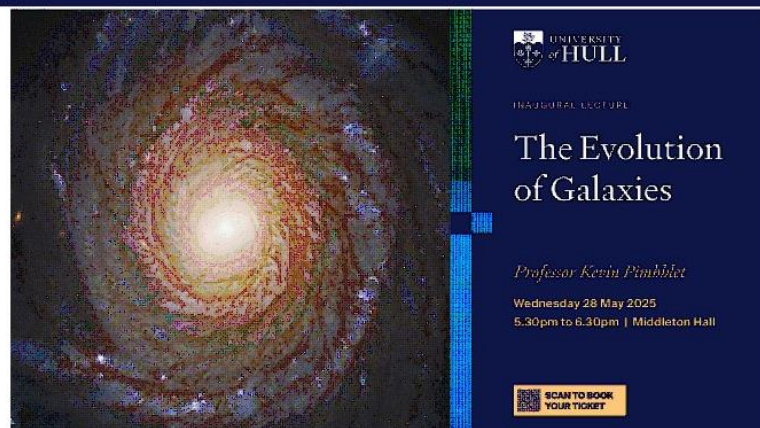
	<b>LUNCHTIME</b> Bring a pack-up & trainers		<b>AFTER SCHOOL</b> (FINISH 4.15PM) Bring full PE kit	
<b>Monday</b>	Years 7 & 8 Rounders	Field		Fixtures
<b>Tuesday</b>	Years 9 & 10 Rounders	Field		Fixtures
<b>Wednesday</b>	Years 9 & 10 Tennis	Tennis Courts		Fixtures
<b>Thursday</b>				Years 7-11 Athletics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

NB. the French trip to Lille will feature in the April edition of Beverley Highlife!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy Easter-time!



## Things we've been asked to mention



**Event:** Professor Kevin Pimblet - Inaugural Lecture  
**Date:** Wednesday 28 May 2025  
**Location:** Middleton Hall, University of Hull, HU6 7RX  
**Time:** 5pm

### **Title: The Evolution of Galaxies**

**Synopsis:** In this lecture, Professor Kevin Pimblet will take us on a tour of how the study of space and astronomy has evolved during his career. He will showcase some of his contributions investigating galaxy evolution, black holes, cosmology, and allied fields over this time period and how technology (including machine learning) has evolved in tandem with our knowledge. He will address fundamental questions such as why are some galaxies red or blue, and how they change over time through some of the most dramatic and energetic interactions in history.

**Book tickets:** <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/middleton-hall/professor-kevin-pimblet-inaugural-lecture/p-xwrje>

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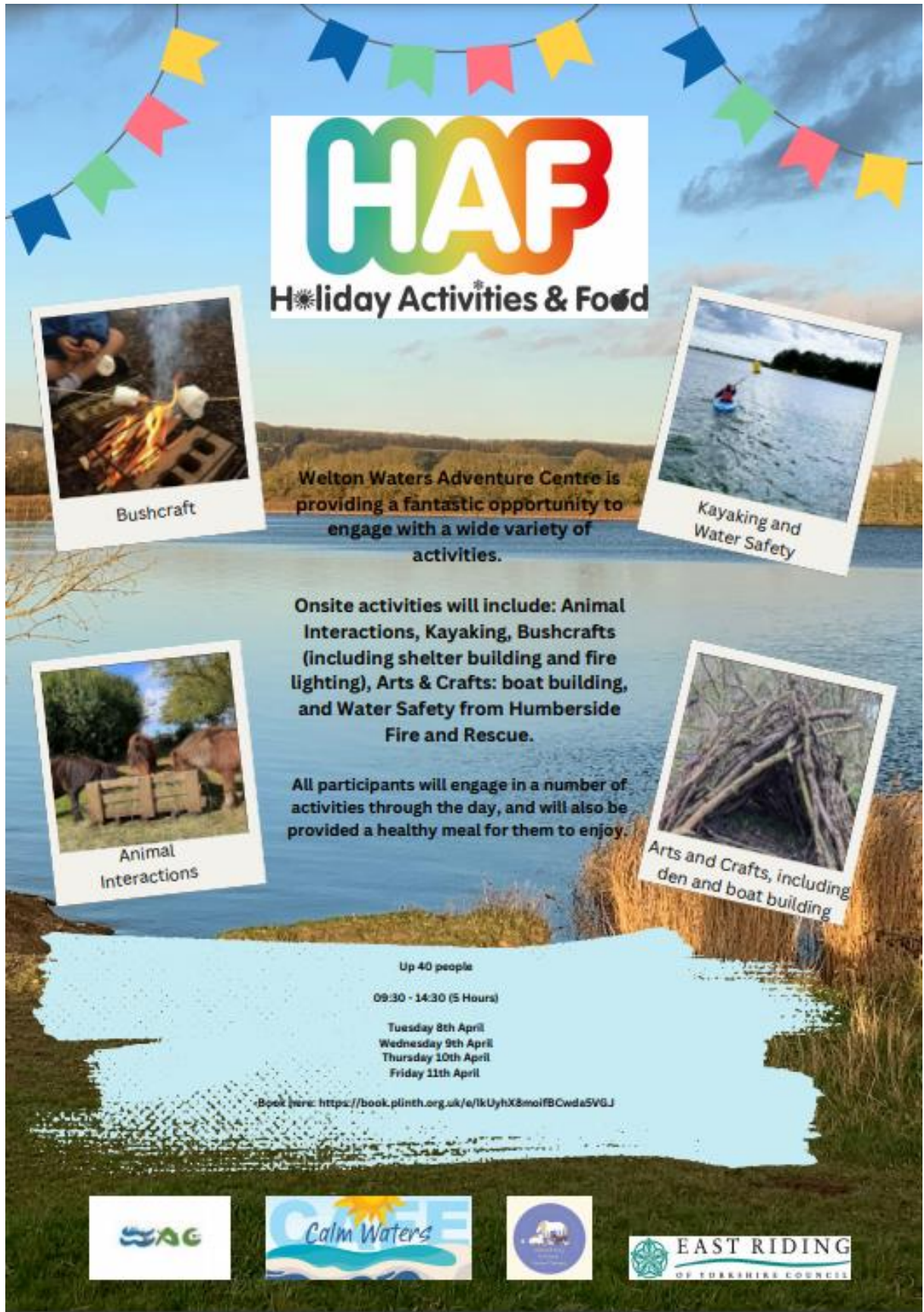
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## HAF

### Holiday Activities & Food

Welton Waters Adventure Centre is providing a fantastic opportunity to engage with a wide variety of activities.

**Onsite activities will include: Animal Interactions, Kayaking, Bushcrafts (including shelter building and fire lighting), Arts & Crafts: boat building, and Water Safety from Humberside Fire and Rescue.**

All participants will engage in a number of activities through the day, and will also be provided a healthy meal for them to enjoy.

**Up to 40 people**  
**09:30 - 14:30 (5 Hours)**  
Tuesday 8th April  
Wednesday 9th April  
Thursday 10th April  
Friday 11th April





Book here: <https://book.plinth.org.uk/e/1kUyhX8moifBCwda5V6J>

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**Kayaking and Water Safety**

**Animal Interactions**

**Arts and Crafts, including den and boat building**





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22nd May 2025



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