

April 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

MFL Department Lille Trip 2025

Forty Year 9 students and four staff members spent four days in Lille, France just before the Easter holidays. We travelled by coach and took the ferry from Dover to Calais – thankfully, a swift route through customs and a smooth sailing. During the trip we visited many interesting sites – a saunter into Lille centre on our first full day there, with a little free time to explore the shops, and we ate lunch around the fountain in the main square, the *Colonne de la Déesse* (Goddess Column). From there we started our walking tour of Lille with our amazing bi-lingual French tour guide Mattieu, which included the Opera House, and a famous building in the *Place du Théâtre* which still has visible cannon balls embedded in its exterior walls, and also the *Chambre du Commerce* and some amazing shop window displays for Louis Vuitton, Hermès and Lacoste. We saw the thinnest house in Europe, with just one small room downstairs and one upstairs – and it is inhabited! We took a quick tour of *Lille Cathédrale* before sampling some delicious bakery goods, en route to our fully immersive *French language lessons*. Some retail therapy in *EuraLille* went down very well with the students after all their hard work!

The following day we visited *Lille Zoo*, the red pandas proved very popular, and the sun shone brightly for us all to enjoy. We then took the coach to *Vimy Ridge* in Givenchy-en-Gohelle, and saw the beautiful towering white limestone monument which stands in tribute to the Canadian soldiers who fought in WWI and who, after four days of intense combat, managed to take the Ridge but suffered considerable loss of life and injury. The grounds were very peaceful, and the visitor centre had lots of interactive displays for students to engage with. We had a tour of the underground tunnels and trenches used during the battle.

We then travelled back into Lille centre to visit *the Palais des Beaux Arts* (Fine Art Museum) which was breathtaking as it houses France's richest collection after that of the Louvre, in a sumptuous setting of characteristic 19th-century architecture. The students were able to enjoy a wide variety of experiences on the trip, and were fantastic ambassadors for the school.







Gold Duke of Edinburgh Expedition to the Yorkshire Dales

Thirteen Year 12 students successfully completed a gruelling three-day expedition in the Yorkshire Dales this month. Their three-day expedition took in the peaks of Ingleborough and Pen-y-Ghent as well as travelling through the picturesque Dales villages of Settle, Clapham and Horton in Ribblesdale. All the students demonstrated great resilience and worked really well to support each other. Well done to them all and thank you to the staff and parents and carers who supported them before, during and after the expedition.

Photographs are of the staff and students at the top of Pen-y-Ghent; both groups just visible as they descend Ingleborough; Purple group near Austwick and all the students at the top of Ingleborough.



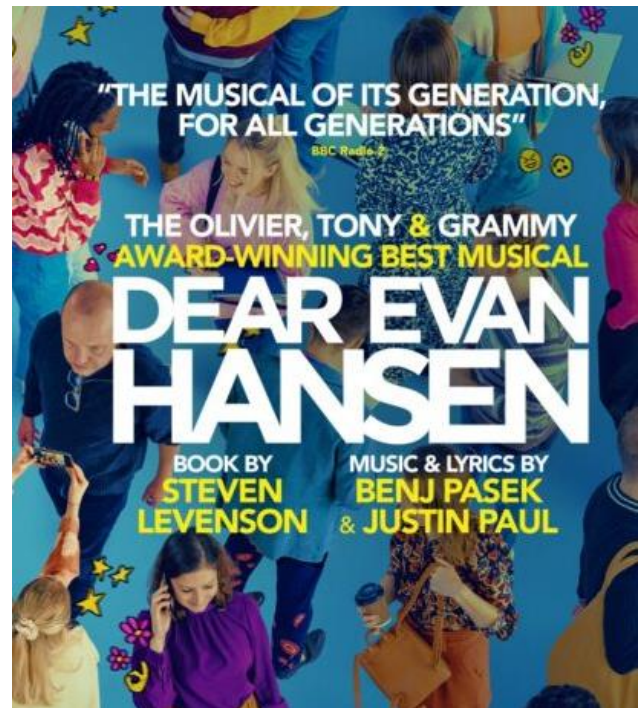


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Dear Evan Hansen Theatre Trip

On the evening of Tuesday 22nd April, 106 students from across Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 visited Hull New Theatre to watch the Tony and Olivier award winning musical, *Dear Evan Hansen*, which follows the story of an extremely anxious boy at school who ends up caught in a huge lie that he struggles to get out of. The musical reminds us to take a real look at those around us and to consider the silent struggles we might be overlooking, particularly in our young people. Being seated in the stalls meant that we had an excellent view and the students thoroughly enjoyed the impactful performance.



New Heads of House Boards

Over Easter, our amazing D&T Technician, Neil Bateson erected five new Honours Boards that he had made, in the School Hall, dedicated to our new Heads of House. They look amazing. Two of our inaugural Heads of House who are students of the J6th commented:

“To represent my House and a woman as incredible as Hilda Lyon is an honour enough. To be able to be immortalised as the first of many Heads of House fills me with immense pride. Good luck to the future Heads of House, I hope you will find this role as fulfilling and rewarding as I have. Being Head of House is one of the best experiences I have had the opportunity to be a part of.” Alice I (The first Head of Hilda Lyon House).

“To see my name on the Head of House honours board is a great honour. The role was one I thoroughly enjoyed and the board is a reminder of this as well as an inspiration to other students to consider applying for it.” Lily M (The first Head of Margaret Powell House)



Class of 1975 Reunion



A group of former students who completed their education at Beverley High School in 1975 visited the school for a specially arranged tour on Saturday 12th April. Thanks to the Managing Director of Boston Air, they also had the opportunity to look around Norwood House which also formed part of the school when they attended.

The organiser of the 50th anniversary reunion, Joanne Watson (BHS 1968-1975) said, "We were most grateful to the school for accommodating us. It was a delightful occasion drawing people from some distance and with the exception of the Hall so much has changed since my day! Having waited 30 years to meet up again in such a big group, I don't think we'll be back, but wish the school and its students well in the future."

Month of the Military Child

To celebrate Month of the Military Child, East Riding of Yorkshire Council (jointly organised by the Army Welfare Service) is running an art competition which is open to all military children within the East Riding who have a parent, step-parent or carer serving in the Regular, Reserves or is a Veteran of the Armed Forces.

Children and young people were asked to create a drawing, painting or collage that represents 'what life as a military child means to them'. Here is Harriet C's entry:



Harriet said, "This piece represents some of my favourite things such as forests, music, writing and reading. I also included flowers with grey ones being dandelions for this month, the Month of the Military Child."

Well done Harriet! Good Luck in the competition.



Kindness in Our Community

Head of Margaret Powell House, Poppy H led the MP House fundraiser (an ever-popular bake sale) this month, raising a fantastic £115.20 for The Woodland Trust, which is this year's MP House charity. The Woodland Trust is the UK's largest woodland conservation charity which fights to protect woods and trees, preventing the loss of irreplaceable habitat, nature and carbon stores for a healthier future for everyone. Thank you to everyone who baked and ate cake!



Year 8 Parents' Evening

Thank you to the parents/carers of Year 8 pupils who met with teachers online for Parents' Evening earlier this month. Teachers enjoyed the opportunity to feed back to you about your child's progress. We hope that you found it useful.

Menopause Support

Since the start of the year, we've been holding dedicated Menopause meetings at school to help staff members feel informed, supported, and empowered during this important stage of life. These sessions have fostered an open, compassionate environment, and we are incredibly grateful to Donna Russell and Nicola King, who generously shared their expertise with us.

As part of our ongoing commitment, we are also fundraising for Menopause Support. We're proud to share that 33 runners—from within the school and our wider community—are taking part in Walkington 10K in July in loving memory of Sarah Jeffery. A heartfelt thank you goes to everyone who has donated to our GoFundMe page, and to Sarah Lynch for her own incredible fundraising efforts, which helped us double our original target. If you would like to contribute, you can donate here: <https://gofund.me/d246d232>. Thank you for helping spread awareness.



A Fitting Tribute

During the Easter holiday, a number of staff and students attended the funeral of Psychology teacher, Jill Forsyth. It was a fitting tribute to a lovely lady. Our thoughts remain with her partner, daughters and grandchildren at this difficult time.

Farewells

We bade farewell this month to two members of support staff: Teaching Assistant, Mrs Claire Sharp, who has been appointed to a promoted post at another East Riding secondary school and School Business Manager, Mrs Tanya Thurlow, who retired. We thank them both for their work at Beverley High School in recent years and wish them well for the future.

Tickton Comets U14s Win East Riding FA County Cup and the U14s League Cup!

A number of Beverley High School's Year 9 students competed in the East Riding U14s FA County Cup this month as part of the Tickton Comets football team and won! The team played against Fulford FC who are currently top of their league, undefeated in their last five games and Tickton won 3-1! This is the first time a female team from Tickton has made a County Cup final.

Pictured below are Mollie F, Daisy S, Poppy G, Olivia-Rose M, Robyn B, Lexie L and Erin B. Molly S was also part of the team but is sadly injured at the moment, but her contributions during the tournament really helped the team get to the final. Congratulations to all those involved, your school is very proud of you!



As well as winning the U14s County Cup at the beginning of April, the Tickton Comets won the U14s League Cup on Saturday. Robyn B was also the FA officials' player of the match!

This is a massive achievement for the team and with four games to go, they are also top of the U14s League. Fingers crossed for them. Thank you to Poppy's mum for sharing all the team's successes.



Sports Report

End of Season Netball Tournaments

Congratulations to our Year 7 netball team who have made it through to the Humber finals competition in July.

The team did really well to beat the schools in their league and win the semi-final to make it through to the final against South Hunsley. Unfortunately, they lost in the final but have still qualified for the Humber competition.

We are very proud of all our teams who have qualified for the Year 7-9 Humber competition in the summer!



Year 7 Netball Team



Interhouse Netball

The Year 9 interhouse netball competition was held in the last week of the spring term and the standard of the games was fantastic! Students' attitude in Year 9 was also amazing, the way they led and supported each other in their Houses. The results of the Year 9 competition have now been added to the overall scores below.

Year	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
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