

May 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

Ms Watson attends Buckingham Palace as a VIP!



Former Beverley High School student, Poppy B, now 20, was invited to speak on the West Terrace of Buckingham Palace along with sports presenter Alex Scott and the Duke of Edinburgh this month. Poppy shared her inspiring Duke of Edinburgh story with thousands of attendees and collected her own Gold Award. Beverley High School Child Protection Co-ordinator, Ms Watson, featured prominently in Poppy's speech as the member of school staff who had encouraged Poppy to get involved with DofE and supported her throughout. Ms Watson received a special invitation to Buckingham Palace; attended a VIP reception inside Buckingham Palace prior to the event; and had a front row seat when Poppy delivered her speech. Poppy said that following the speeches, "The Duke of Edinburgh walked down the terrace steps and the first thing he did was go to speak to Ms Watson and thank her". Ms Watson said, "I have had a day I will truly never forget."



Cosima attends Buckingham Palace Gold Award Celebration

Year 13 Beverley Joint Sixth student, Cosima S attended a separate Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award Ceremony at Buckingham Palace this month and reported that she'd had "the most amazing day". She thanked Gold Award Co-ordinator Ms Gardiner, "Thank you so much for being a great DofE leader, couldn't have done this without you."



The Queen's Commonwealth Writing Competition

Nineteen students from across Years 7 and 8 have entered the Queen's Commonwealth Writing Competition. This is the world's oldest international schools' writing competition and has been running since 1883, receiving thousands of entries from across the world every year.

Each year, the competition has a specific theme – this year, it is 'Our Commonwealth Journey' – and entrants are asked to choose one of four briefs to write about. The two most popular choices for our students have been:

describing a sea voyage from one Commonwealth country to a small island Commonwealth nation; imagining they had walked through a mysterious door into their favourite book.

We are extremely impressed by the high standard of the work that our students have submitted. Their entries are all insightful and mature, and many of them explore wider global issues that the Commonwealth faces. The results of the competition are usually released in the autumn term and we would like to wish all of our students the very best of luck!



Silver Duke of Edinburgh Expedition



On Thursday 1st May, 31 Beverley High School students embarked on their first Silver Duke of Edinburgh expedition, this was a joint expedition with Beverley Grammar School. The students took on a challenging walk that started in Market Weighton then went on to tackle Londesborough, Millington, Huggate and Fridaythorpe, camping in-between. After 3 days of walking they finished their expedition in Wharram Percy. We were very lucky to have dry and sunny conditions. Students were complimented on their behaviour and cleanliness by the camp site staff and members of the public that they met along the journey. One member of the public, Professor David Waugh from the School of Educations at Durham University, emailed Ms Japp to say, "I am writing to compliment your school on the conduct of pupils engaged in the Duke of Edinburgh Award walk. While walking parts of the Wolds Way (I'm semi-retired so can do such things in the working week!), I encountered groups of girls resting, walking and checking directions. Without exception they were polite, sensible, mature and very well-mannered. I also found no evidence of litter being left after breaks. The girls were a credit to themselves and their school." The students should be very proud of their achievements. We look forward to your next expedition in July!



Magistrates' Mock Trial

Following on from their success in Bradford, the Magistrates' Mock Trial team took part in the regional heat of the competition which was held at Nottingham Justice Centre on Saturday 17th May. This involved the students being given a new hypothetical case that they had to fight against two other schools, requiring them to take on the roles, as before, of magistrates, witnesses and legal professionals. This time, the case focused on stolen bicycles and was an interesting



contrast to the previous case which had centred around a threat of physical violence made following a football match. Although the team did not win, the competition was very close and they performed excellently, displaying a great awareness both of the case and of how to play their roles within it. The students all deserve to be very proud of their effort, enthusiasm and conduct throughout the competition.

Careers in Computer Science Trip

A group of Year 10, predominately GCSE Computer Science students, attended a Cyber Career Pathways Event on 30th April at Sheffield Hallam.

Cyberfirst and Sheffield Hallam University had joined forces to host the "Cyber Career Pathways" event for Yorkshire and Humber schools and colleges.

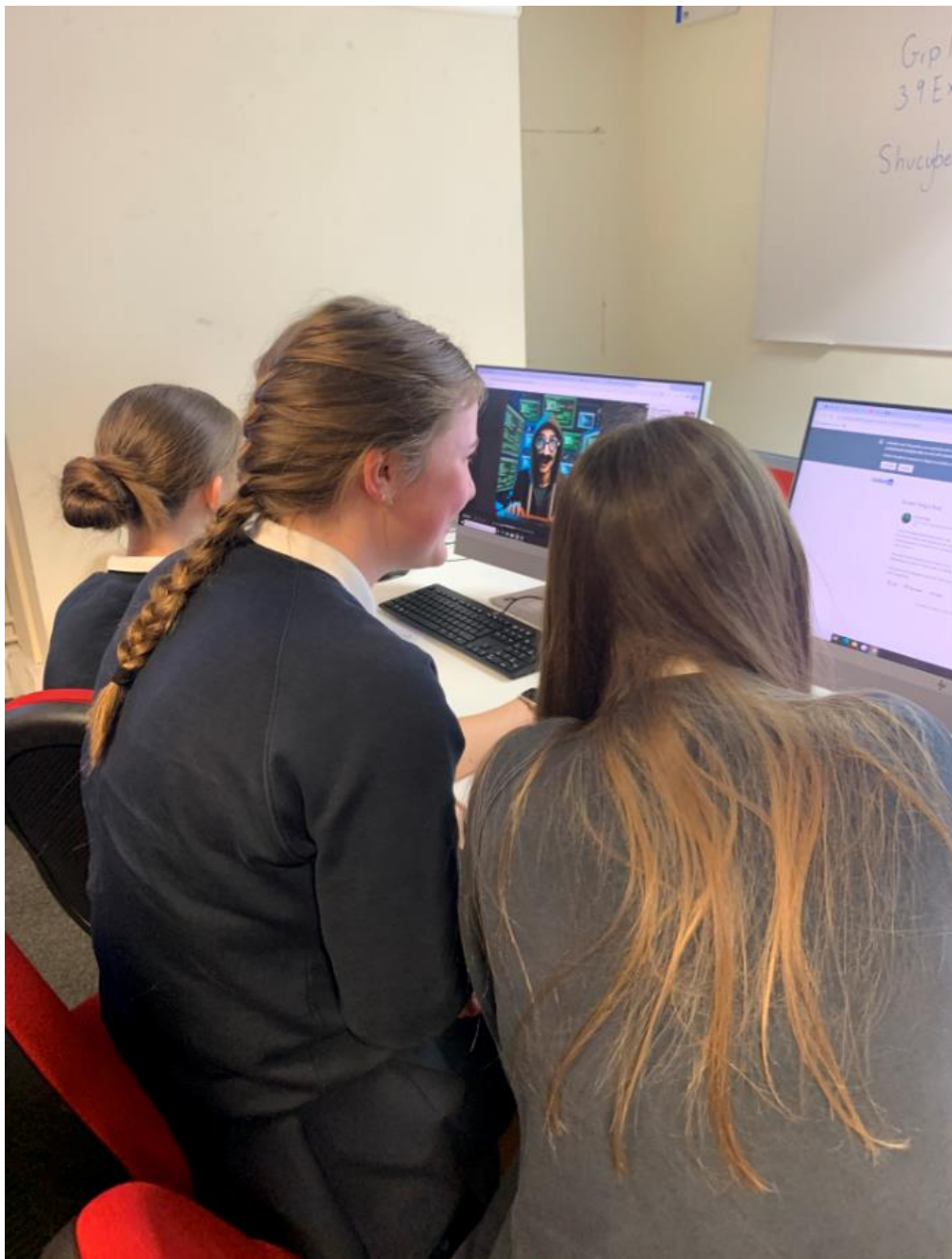
The day was aimed at students aged 14-16 students and allowed them to experience a range of hands-on cyber security and digital forensic workshops; listen to talks from cyber security specialists; learn about careers in cyber security and digital forensics and the pathways for young people in these professions; as well as find out, from regional employers, the cyber security skills needed, within a range of industries, within Yorkshire and the Humber.



The cyber security and digital forensic workshops had been designed by and run by a number of Second Year Cyber Security and Cyber Security with Forensics students, so visiting students were able to talk to current undergraduates about the courses, about cyber security, about being a student, and studying at Sheffield Hallam University.

One student said,

“The event was enjoyable and well organised and made me aware of the opportunities I could have, if I wished to pursue a career in cyber. Having the opportunity to listen to successful people in the field of cyber inspired me and showed me that not everything in cyber is sitting in a room on your own! This has further encouraged me that this is a possible route I could follow. Furthermore, I found that by getting to meet the current students and listening to their different journeys into cyber, it has given me a better understanding of life at university.”



FairAware Schools Award

We are pleased to say that we have been awarded the 'FairAware Schools' award which is the first of three Fairtrade awards that can be applied for.

In order to receive the award, all of Year 7 undertook an initial survey to show their prior knowledge of Fairtrade and this was followed by a lesson focused on Fairtrade which was taught as part of their Induction scheme of learning. In this lesson, students discussed: where products come from; what Fairtrade is; why Fairtrade is needed; how Fairtrade makes a difference to farmers and their communities; how both companies and we as individuals can support Fairtrade. We were extremely impressed by the maturity that the students showed when discussing this topic and with their passion for making a difference.



As a school, we have also audited where we already teach about Fairtrade and use Fairtrade products, and we have established a Fairtrade Committee. This group meets weekly and is open to students from all year groups. The group is currently working towards fundraising and establishing greater whole school awareness of the issues that farmers can face.

Wonderful Wooden Hair Accessories

This term Year 10 Product Design students have been busy making wooden hair slides using a combination of marquetry and laminating. Great new skill learnt with gorgeous results!



Art, Photography, Textiles and Product Design Exhibition

We are holding our annual exhibition to celebrate the amazing work that our GCSE and A Level students have produced this year. The work looks stunning and so it is only right to show it off. The exhibition will be held on **Wednesday 11th June in the Art Department from 5pm to 7pm**. There will be light refreshments available.

All are welcome, students from younger years may want to come along and see what their work could look like once they reach the end of Year 11/Year 13.

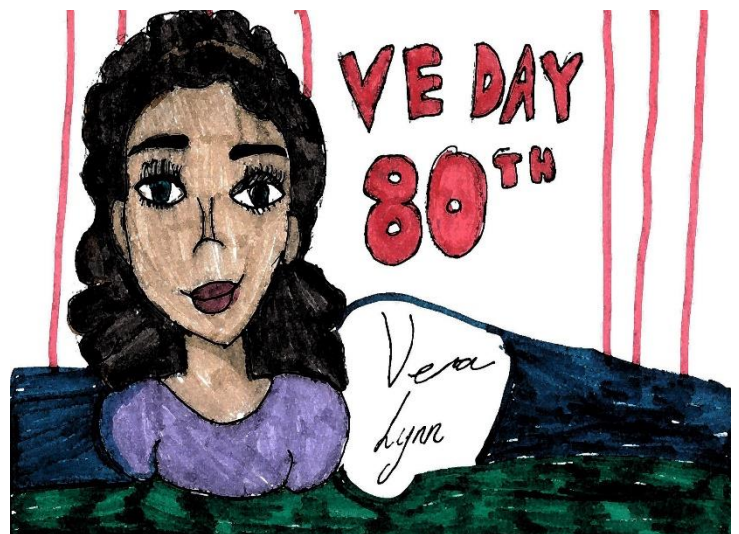
GCSE & A Level Art, Photography, Textiles & Product Design Exhibition



**Wednesday 11th June, 5pm until 7pm
@ Beverley High School**

VE Day 80th Anniversary Art

During the GCSE and A Level Art and Photography exams, we have some disruption to normal Art lessons due to the Art rooms being in use. Year 7 Art classes were given the challenge of creating designs for stamps that encapsulated the VE Day 80th Anniversary. The students had access to Google to find appropriate reference material but had a limited amount of time in which to create their piece of work. The students were fantastic (as always) and produced some great pieces of Art. You can see some of the examples below.



Year 6 Transition: cards to welcome our new pupils

It's that time of year when the Year 6 Transition team meet with our feeder primary schools, and who better to give words of advice and encouragement than our current Year 7s?

Each tutor group used their empathy skills to write reassuring and enthusiastic cards to the new cohort. Popular themes ranged from the variety of subjects taught and the wide range of extracurricular clubs on offer, to the friendliness and approachability of staff. And of course, the delicious canteen food!

Congratulations to Harriet C from 7MB, who created this year's winning card design.



Year 7 – Year 8 Transition

From 2nd June, current Year 7 will transition into the care of Miss C. Atkinson, the Year 8 & 9 Head of Year. In order to support a smooth transition and have a chance to meet in person, there will be a meeting on 4th June at 4:30 pm in the Hall. Students may also attend, however they will have had an introduction assembly during the week, therefore it is not necessary for them to be there. There is no requirement to respond to this invitation - if you are able to attend, Miss C. Atkinson will see you on the 4th June.

Sports Report

Tennis

It has been great to see so many students coming along to lunchtime tennis club, the courts have been busy with students enjoying playing tennis in the sunny weather.

Our first match was against Tranby School on Tuesday 20th May. We took a team of Year 9 & 10 students; they had some competitive matches and improved their skills as the games went along. Congratulations to Jess (Year 8) and Elizabeth (Year 9) for winning their doubles match and to Jess who also won her singles game against a student two years older!



Our Year 7 students also played at Wolfreton School on Monday 19th May. We took eight students altogether who competed in some enjoyable games of doubles. All students from both schools really progressed as the games went on and showed fair play and respect for others.



Year 9 & 10 Students at Tranby

Sports Leaders Event

On the 1st May our Year 10 Sports Leaders had the opportunity to help tennis coaches lead some Year 3 & 4 primary school students at a Mini-Tennis Festival held at Beverley High School. The weather was amazing, and both the primary students and our leaders really enjoyed the festival.

Our students were each set the task of delivering a fun tennis activity for a small group of students to join in with. They did an amazing job of leading, encouraging and delivering safe and engaging activities to younger students. The organisers of the event commented on how fantastic our students were at encouraging the younger children and providing feedback which enabled the primary students to improve as the festival went along.



Quad Athletics

On Thursday 22nd May, we took a group of students from Years 7-10 to the quad kid's athletics competition hosted by Holderness Academy.

This is a mixed event, so we joined up with Beverley Grammar school to compete. The students took part in four events: Long Jump, 100m, 800m and the Vortex throw. We are still awaiting the results but many of our students managed to win their individual events, so we are keeping our fingers crossed for good news!



Year 9 Science Mitosis Models

In the last week before half term, 9MP made models of Mitosis (a form of cell division) in their science lessons to consolidate their learning. A huge amount of creativity and imagination were on display as students figured out the best ways to illustrate the different stages of mitosis. It seems that pipe cleaners and plasticine are the best solution!



Year 7 Geographers Build a Miniature City!

This term, our Year 7 Geographers took their learning to a whole new level by crafting their own city building models as part of a special homework project. Each student designed a unique structure that could be found in a real-world city, showcasing impressive creativity and attention to detail.

Bringing their work together, the class then collaborated to construct a full model city, carefully considering how different land use zones come together to shape our urban landscapes.

A huge well done to all the students for their fantastic effort and innovative designs!



