

June 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.

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2025 Cologne Trip

At the end of May we took a group of 39 students to Cologne, Germany. We set off late on Monday and after a long coach journey we took the ferry from Dover to Calais.



Pupils had a really lovely time understanding and speaking German and learning a little more about German culture through some sight-seeing and ordering their own food and drink in German.

Our activities included visiting the famous Cologne Zoo, Lindt Chocolate Museum and Cologne Cathedral. We enjoyed beautiful weather and amazing views along the river Rhine and the mountains of Rhineland from the village of Koenigswinter, where we took the funicular railway up to Drachenfels Castle.

Our team enjoyed the slightly challenging walk up to the ruins of the castle and they still had enough energy left for a boat cruise along the Rhine and a night out at a traditional German restaurant. We even discovered some matching outfits!

On our final night we hosted an impromptu talent show where our pupils entertained us with songs and even surprised us with some magic tricks!

Thank you to all pupils and staff who made this trip a memorable experience for all.



Year 11 Leavers' Prom 2025



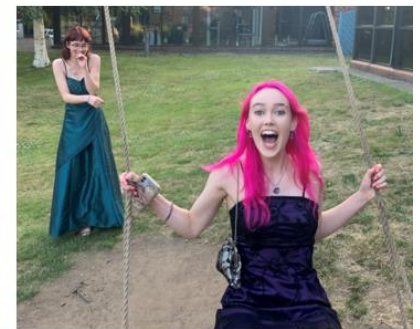
Students from Beverley High and Beverley Grammar schools celebrated the end of their exams and the completion of their Key Stage 4 courses with the annual leavers' prom at the Mercure Hull Grange Park Hotel Willerby. We were blessed with a hot sunny evening, so students were able to make full use of the venue. Guests arrived from 7pm excited to show off their stunning formal attire.



BEVERLEY Highlife



Students entered the venue through the balloon arch and were ushered to the garden area where Nojitos were served followed by a quick group picture. Students then had some time before the buffet to mingle and enjoy the evening, making use of the facilities.



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The final part of the evening was dominated by glow sticks, dancing and creating lasting memories with special people.



Thank you to all staff members who attended. It was lovely to share such a perfect evening with a very special year group. We wish you the very best in all your future endeavours. Hopefully we will have a chance to catch up with you on GCSE results day from 8:30am on Thursday 21st August and/or at the celebration event in November to which you are all invited.

Year 13 Prom

Year 13 had a fantastic time celebrating at the stunning Beverley Barn on Wednesday 25th June. The barn was full of smiles, laughter, and some very remarkable dance moves.

J6th students enjoyed a delicious meal, followed by a wonderful party. It was a fabulous night which marked the end of their J6th journey and the beginning of their next chapter. It was wonderful to see all students rejoice after a lot of hard work over the exam period.







Year 8 Lakeside Trip 2025

On 16th June, 88 Year 8 students travelled to the Lake District for an incredible few days. The residential trip at YMCA Lakeside, situated on Lake Windermere, was packed with group activities such as kayaking, paddleboarding and high ropes, alongside competitive activities such as campfire games, talent shows and raft building. The students were absolutely fantastic and faced each day with such great enthusiasm, pushing themselves to face challenges and completing activities they first thought they couldn't do, along with strengthening old and building wonderful new friendships along the way. We were so proud to see such fantastic support for each other throughout the trip. A great time was had by all, and it was lovely to hear the YMCA staff speak so highly of our students during the trip.







Year 10 Geography Fieldwork

Year 10 GCSE Geography students have had a busy few weeks putting their classroom learning into action through two fieldwork opportunities.

Last month, students travelled to York to carry out their human geography fieldwork, investigating how sustainable tourism is in the city. Through pedestrian counts, land use surveys, and environmental quality assessments using bipolar analysis, students were able to evaluate the impacts of tourism and its management.

This month, which is also National Festival of Fieldwork month, students visited the town of Withernsea to explore how the area manages coastal erosion. They examined evidence of longshore drift, measured the height difference across groynes to assess sediment build-up, and evaluated the cost-effectiveness of the town's 'hold the line' coastal defence strategy. The day was topped off with fish and chips by the sea—a well-earned treat after a full day of data collection.

Both fieldwork days were a fantastic success, with students showing enthusiasm, curiosity, and a real passion for geography.



Musical Treat

A group of Beverley High School pupils enjoyed an evening of dramatic and adventurous music at Hull City Hall this spring. We loved the Hull Philharmonic Orchestra's performance of Elgar's 'Sursum Corda' and Rachmaninov's Piano Concerto in C minor, Op18. Our pupils admired the talent of pianist Alessandro Taverna who treated us to a playful 'encore' at the end of the first half.



After the short break we then settled back into our seats for the performance of Brahms' 'Symphony No 3 in F major, Op. 90' which, though more serious, left us all inspired by the power of musical compositions to move us. Our very own Head of Music, Miss Ward, who has been a long-standing member of the Hull Philharmonic Orchestra, was spotted on the stage by our pupils, some of whom may find themselves performing on a similar stage in the future.

We are already looking forward to our next Hull Philharmonic concert visit on 23rd November 2025 for the performance of some of the best 'Operatic Showstoppers'. See you at the concert hall!

UKMT Maths Challenges

The UK Maths Trust is the leading charity that advances the education of young people in maths. For over 20 years, they have been inspiring a love of problem solving through maths challenges and enrichment activities, delivered by hundreds of volunteers.

This year we have participated in both the Intermediate and Junior UKMT Maths Challenges. These challenges are 60 minutes long and consist of 25 multiple choice questions. The challenges encourage mathematical reasoning, precision of thought and fluency to make students think. The problems on the Maths Challenge are designed to make students think, most are accessible yet still challenge those with more experience. There are approximately 270,000 participants from schools across the UK and British International Schools.

UKMT awards 3 levels of certification for the top 50% of participants. Bronze certificates are awarded for scores in the top 50% - 25%, Silver, a score in the top 25% - 8.3% and Gold a score was in the top 8.3% of all participants.

Pupils awarded a Gold certificate will also be invited to one of the follow-on rounds if they achieve the required score.

Intermediate Challenge

57 pupils from years 9 and 10 sat the Intermediate Maths Challenge. The pupils did well to achieve 16 Bronze certificates, 4 Silver certificates and 2 Gold certificates.

Congratulations go to all the participants, but especially to:

- Isabel M in year 9, who achieved not only the Gold certificate and Best in School, but was also invited to participate in the Grey Kangaroo follow-on round and achieved a gold certificate only getting one incorrect answer on the whole paper. Entry to the Grey Kangaroo is by invitation based on a qualifying Intermediate Challenge score.
- Eugenie N who achieved not only a Gold certificate, but also the best in Year 10.
- Maya C in Y9 and Alexis C, Bethany F and Isini M in Year 10 who all achieved Silver Certificates.
- The following pupils achieved Bronze certificates:
 - from Year 9 Emily B, Darcy E, Emily G, Lexi G, Clara H, Aine H, Serena L and Mia R.
 - from Year 10 Lily C, Khadija G, Emily H, Annabel J, Isabelle J, Ruby L, Ava L and Ruth P.

Junior Challenge

56 pupils from Years 7 and 8 sat the Junior Maths Challenge. The pupils did well to achieve 13 Bronze certificates, 8 Silver certificates and 1 Gold certificate.

Congratulations go to all the participants, but especially to:

- Jessica M in Year 8, who achieved not only a Gold certificate and Best in School, but was also invited to participate in the Junior Kangaroo follow on round and achieved a silver certificate. Entry to the Junior Kangaroo is by invitation based on a qualifying Junior Challenge score.
- Georgina E in Year 7 who achieved not only a silver certificate, but also the best in Year 7.
- Rose C, Daisy C and Charlotte G in Year 7 and Zoe G, Molly N and Grace S in Year 8 who all achieved Silver Certificates.
- The following pupils achieved Bronze certificates:
 - from Year 7 Ella B, Juno C, Annabelle C, Emmie C and Emily H.
 - From Year 8 Grace B, Winifred B, Elsie C, Ania L, Darcey L, Isabella M, Summer O and Ruby S.





Council Visit – Coastal Change and Careers

The Geography department were delighted to welcome members of East Riding Council to school recently, including a Senior Coastal Change Officer and a representative from the Active Communities Team. They delivered a fascinating session for our Year 10 Geographers focused on the issue of coastal erosion, particularly its impact on a village just south of Withernsea.

Following this, they spoke to students about the different career pathways available within the council's Coastal Change Team and the wide variety of roles involved in supporting communities affected by environmental change.

It was a highly informative session that helped our students understand not only the challenges facing our coastline, but also how they might one day contribute to real-world solutions through their own future careers.



Visit to St Mary's Primary School

Year 12 Government and Politics students spent an afternoon at St Mary's Primary School this month talking to Year 6 students about politics. They held mock elections and talked to the students about the democratic process.



This is Hull

Year 12 students spent a fantastic day at Hull University this month finding out more about what it is like to study at university. They attended lectures and seminars, took part in campus tours and even got to try out the university gym. Thank you to Hull for hosting us.



MFL News

Translatathon 2025



Year 8 & 9 students have been involved in the Hull & East Riding Translatathon this year again, and have completed two full rounds in school. Each time, they had to learn by heart a set list of French or German phrases, and then in 60 seconds in class verbally translate as many as they possibly could. The winners from the first round (at individual class level – using just the present tense) went through to the second round (whole year level in the school hall – using both present tense and future tense), and the winners from Round Two had the exciting opportunity to represent Beverley High School at county level in June at Beverley Grammar School. They competed against a number of other schools from Hull and the East Riding. Within our team this year were the winners from last year so the standard was already very high! These finalists had to memorise phrases in three different tenses which was no mean feat! At Beverley Grammar our students absolutely shone: they won the French and the German first round and final heat, with the French team scoring a superb total of 48 correct phrases in just 50 seconds each, and the German team scored a whopping 68 correctly translated phrases! Incredible effort! They have spent a lot of time practising together and this was clearly evident. These students definitely deserve to walk tall and feel proud! A special mention must go to Isabel M in Year 9 who represented our school in BOTH languages (one straight after the other), something which has never happened before in Translatathon – gifted **and** diligent, a winning combination.

Below are our triumphant Grand Final winners!

French Team: Jessica M. (Y8), Isabel M. (Y9), Anna I, (Y9), and Darcey L (Y8)

German Team: Isabel M. (Y9), Sophie B. (Y9), Maya C. (Y9) and Tia M. (Y9)



Anthea Bell Creative Translation Competition

A little while ago, some of our Key Stage 3 students entered the Oxford University Anthea Bell Creative Translation Competition – the pupils looked at a French or German poem in class during a language lesson, and then had the option to try to translate the competition poem to be entered into the competition. The entries that were submitted by our students were of a really high standard, and as teachers we were already very proud of their efforts and achievements.

Just before the half term holidays, Oxford University contacted us to let us know that one of our amazing students, Ella B. in Year 7, had submitted a piece of work that was deserving of a Commendation. This is a fantastic achievement, as over 22,000 students participated in the competition in 2025, and almost 5,000 entries were judged. The organisers (The Queen's College at Oxford University) also commented on the very high standard of entries this year and remarked that it was extremely hard to choose winners and commendations, making Ella's success only the more sweet.

A huge 'well done' to everyone who took part in this prestigious competition.

Below: the competition piece (L), and Ella's creative translation (R).

<p><u>La Tour Eiffel</u></p> <p>Mais oui, je suis une girafe, M'a raconté la tour Eiffel, Et si ma tête est dans le ciel, C'est pour mieux brouter les nuages, Car ils me rendent éternelle. Mais j'ai quatre pieds bien assis Dans une courbe de la Seine. On ne s'ennuie pas à Paris: Les femmes, comme des phalènes, Les hommes, comme des fourmis, Glissent sans fin entre mes jambes Et les plus fous, les plus ingambes Montent et descendent le long De mon cou comme des frelons La nuit, je lèche les étoiles. Et si l'on m'aperçoit de loin, C'est que très souvent, j'en avale Une sans avoir l'air de rien.</p>	<p><u>The Eiffel Tower</u></p> <hr/> <p>The Eiffel Tower told me</p> <hr/> <p>It's all the better to graze on the clouds, Because they make me eternal.</p> <hr/> <p>You do not get bored in Paris:</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <p>And if I am seen from a distance, It is because I often swallow one Of them without looking like anything.</p>
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The Eiffel Tower

I am a giraffe as tall as can be,
The famous French attraction once told me,
And when you see me, watching the world go by,
It's all the better to munch up high.
I have four large hooves, that will have to do,
In the bend of the unimaginable Seine river.
Women and men, wondering like insects
Stumbling and gasping, walking between my legs
And the wildest, most energetic
Hovering at my neck like hornets.
At night, I taste the melting stars
And if I'm seen from far far away,
Its usually because I ingest one
Of them without looking like anything.



Eurofest Trade Fair!

Our Year 8 MFL students had a wonderful celebration in the form of becoming stall holders at Eurofest in June, with a chance to win a trip to Hymers to compete in the Eurofest challenge in July.

Students were asked to either design and market a product, or investigate a French/German region and run their tourist information stand, and participate in the trade fair. Some pupils chose to create something original or useful, some baked some amazing cakes and French/German treats, whilst others gave information on their chosen region.

This was a fantastic opportunity for the students to gain insight into languages as a career – utilising the knowledge gained in lessons and, for some, putting themselves outside of their comfort zone a little bit in having to sell a product or talk about a region in the target language. Teamwork skills, creativity, language use and responding to questions were also practised and honed. They enjoyed the challenge of being judged (by our very own Dr Cosquer, Ms Woite, Mrs Shum and Miss Dean).

Winners were:

Aimee B. Sophie H. Millie R. Fred B. Grace B. Maisie L-W. Iris P. Katie S.
Ania L. Darcey B. Sarah A., Nancy A. Amelia T. Ellie B. Ebony T. Ava C. Molly R. Jess F. Eliza McN.





Art, Photography, Textiles and Product Design Exhibition.

On June 11th we held an exhibition to celebrate the amazing work that our GCSE and A Level students have produced this year. The work looked absolutely fabulous and a massive thanks to all of those who attended.

Next year we plan to include Key Stage 3 work in the event to raise the profile of the course and give the students a platform to showcase their work.

Below is a picture of the event and a small sample of the fantastic work that was on show.





A Level Photography



Drama Club

On Thursday 26th June, the students who take part in Drama Club participated in a full day rehearsal of Shakespeare’s ‘Much Ado About Nothing’. Students have been working hard on their performance of this play for a few months now and it was lovely to see students from across Years 7 to 10 collaborating and working so positively together. There were some fantastic performances from the cast on the day, as well as fantastic work from student crew members who helped with sound, lighting, props and costume. Drama club will continue rehearsing ready for their performance in July.



GCSE Food Exam

The GCSE Food groups have been completing practical exams; since it was a mock exam we are able to share some of the results. The students were tasked with producing two dishes in two hours, they had to make their own breads, pasta and pastries. Some students even filleted a whole fish! The students worked really hard and the dishes they produced looked fantastic. Well done to all the Year 10 students that took part in the exam, I hope they are feeling more confident about the exam in Year 11.



Miss Teen Great Britain Finalist

The school is proud to announce that one of our Year 9 students has won a place in the Grand Final of Miss Teen Great Britain. Esmée T has beaten hundreds of applicants from across the UK and made it down to the last 40 in the competition. As part of her role, Esmée is hoping to empower and be a positive role model to young girls across the region as the competition celebrates not only beauty but also talent, confidence and community spirit. Over the next few months, Esmée will be taking part in and organising numerous fundraising events to raise awareness and money for several charities. The charities included are Together for Short Lives, Cancer Research and The Natasha Allergy Research Foundation, all of which are important to her. She will attend the Grand Final in October along with the other finalists from the UK. Good luck Esmée!



Menopause Support

We would like to thank Mel Bligh for delivering such an informative and supportive session on how we can better support one another through the menopause. It was a fantastic session and will no doubt prove valuable for us moving forward. Family, friends, and colleagues of Sarah Jeffery are entering the final week of training ahead of the Walkington 10K, which takes place on Friday 11th July at 7:30pm. We are proud to be raising funds for Menopause Support, in loving memory of Sarah. If you would like to donate, you can do so via the following link: <https://gofund.me/f298b613>

Thank you for your support!

National Teaching Award

Congratulations to Child Protection Co-ordinator, Ms Watson, who this month received a Certificate of Excellence from the Pearson National Teaching Awards after being nominated by a former student. Ms Watson goes above and beyond every day to support students and their families and we are delighted that she has been recognised with this national award. The National Teaching Awards are designed to celebrate the outstanding work that takes place in education in the UK. Ms Watson was extremely pleased to be recognised in this way. Well done, Miss, your school is very proud of you!

