

September 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

GCSE Results Day

There were many smiley happy faces in the school hall on GCSE results day in August. Students (and parents/carers) arrived nervously but they needn't have worried. Congratulations to all of last year's Year 11 on their own individual results. 15 students achieved 8 or more Grades 7/8/9...a phenomenal achievement. The year group will be invited back into school in late November to receive their examination certificates and any prizes they have been awarded.



A Level Results Day

We were very proud of our Year 13 students in August when they collected their A Level results. There were some amazing individual performances, with students achieving 3 and phenomenally 4 A* grades! The vast majority got into their first choice universities and there were lots of happy tears from students and their very nervous parents!

A warm welcome to Year 7

This month we were delighted to welcome our new Year 7 pupils to Beverley High School. Five weeks into term, they are confidently navigating the school site, settling into school routines and showing a real enthusiasm for learning.

A big well done and thank you to pupils who volunteered at Year 6 Open Evening; we were delighted at how helpful and enthusiastic you were. We are also pleased to see Year 7s embracing extra-curricular opportunities, as clubs are a great way to make new friends and have fun. Please see the timetable below for more activities open to Year 7s - we want everyone to get involved!

A reminder that the Learning Resource Centre is open from 8am until 4pm and supervised by Teaching Assistants. The LRC is ideal if your child would like to use the school computers, have support with their homework, or would just like a quiet space to relax.

This year's transition survey has now been emailed out via Edulink, and we really appreciate feedback from parents and carers about your child's experience of transition to Beverley High School. Please note the survey will close on Monday 13 October at 9am.

MONDAY extra-curricular

Lunchtime

- Choir Main Hall (Yrs 7-9)
- Percussion Ensemble ITR
- Badminton Sports Hall (Yrs 9-11)
- Maths Club M3 (All)
- Book Club H1 (All)
- Geoggers Geography Club H6 (Yrs 7-8)
- Y11 Textiles Support T1

After school

- Dance Dance Studio (Yrs 7-8)
- Sports Fixtures Various
- Bar Mock Trial H3 (KS4 audition)
- Y11 Textiles Support T1
- J6 Debating Sixth Form block

In Year 11 and looking for a study space?
The J6 Common Room is open to you every day after school

The LRC is open every day:

- Before school **from 8am**
- After school **until 4pm**
- At **lunchtimes**

Photography Club is online 24/7!

TUESDAY extra-curricular

Lunchtime

- Brass Ensemble ITR
- Wind Ensemble Hall
- Y7 Football Sports Hall
- Dance Dance Studio (Yrs 10-11)
- Maths Club M3 (All)
- Global Citizenship Club SF2 (All)
- Matthews Hub AT2 (All)
- School Magazine Club H7 (All)

After school

- Chamber Choir M5 (Yrs 9-13)
- Sports Fixtures Various
- Drama Club Drama Rm (All)
- Film Club H5 (Yrs 7-9)
- Maths Club M9 (All)
- GCSE MFL Speaking Café MFL

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WEDNESDAY extra-curricular

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Lunchtime

- Flute Choir ITR
- Football Sports Hall (Yrs 10-11)
- GCSE PE M1 (Yrs 10-11)
- GCSE Textiles Support T1 (Yrs 10-11)
- Chemistry Support S3 (Yrs 10-11)
- Arts and Crafts Club H1 (Yrs 7-8)

After school

- Netball Sports Hall (Yrs 9-11)
- Sports Fixtures Various
- KS3 Debate Club Drama Rm (Yrs 7-9)

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THURSDAY extra-curricular

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Lunchtime

- Guitar Group WMR
- Keyboard Ensemble/
Accompaniment rehearsals ITR
- Football Sports Hall (Yrs 8-9)
- Active Travel Ambassadors M3 (All)
- BEAMS AT2 (All)
- GCSE Textiles Support T1 (Yrs 10-11)
- Arabic Club S4 (Yrs 7-9)

After school

- Netball Sports Hall (Yrs 7-10)
- GCSE Religious Studies H13 (Y10)

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- After school **until 4pm**
- At **lunchtimes**

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FRIDAY extra-curricular

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to you every day after school

Lunchtime

- Senior Strings Ensemble
ITR or Hall
- Junior Strings Ensemble
ITR or Hall
- Badminton Sports Hall (Yrs 7-8)
- Book Club H1 (All)
- Maths Club M3 (All)

After school

- Latin H9 (Y10)
- Greenpower Car Club AT1 (All)
- KS4 Joint Debate Club with BGS
Beverley Library

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- At **lunchtimes**

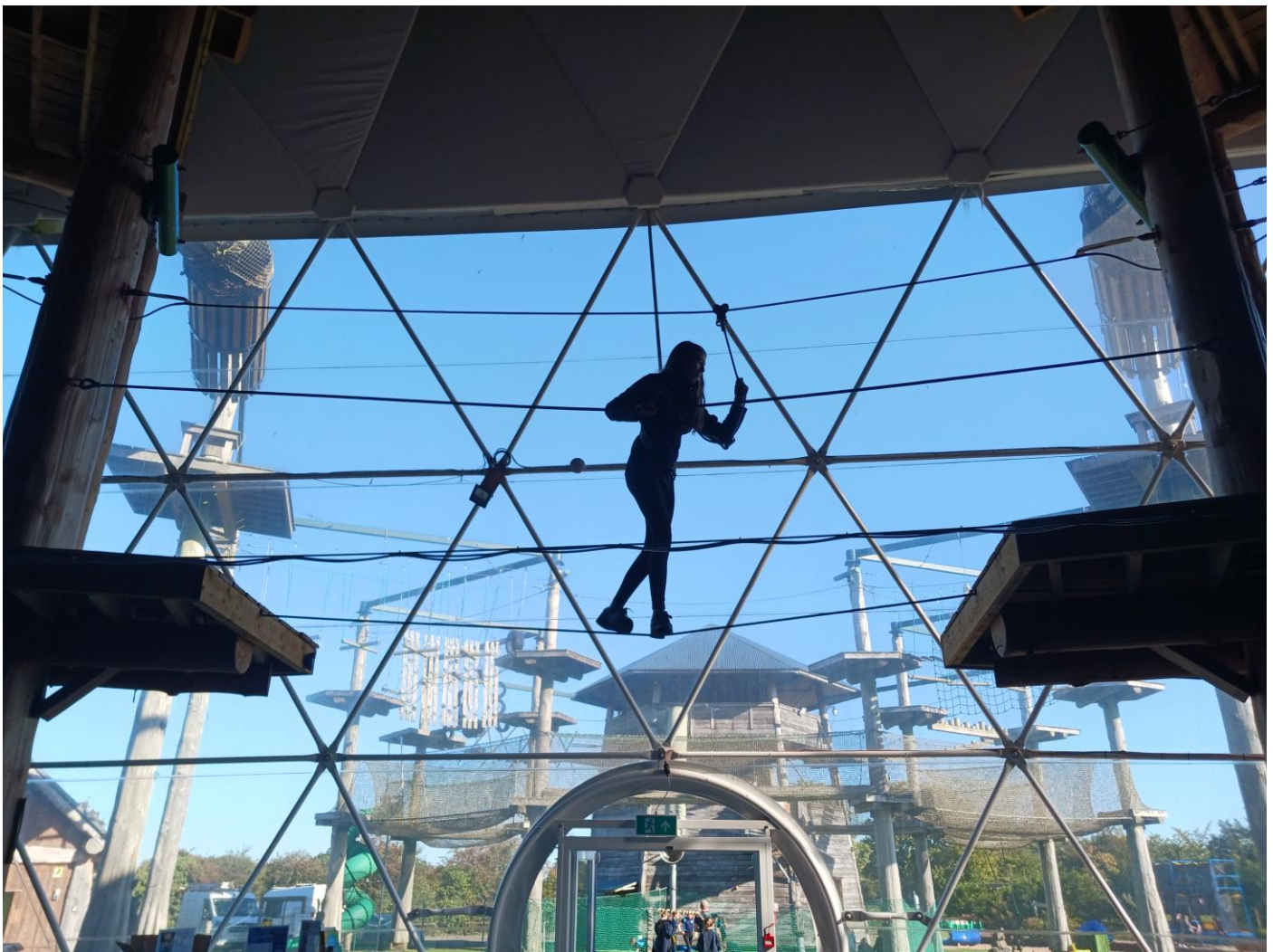
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Year 7 Transition Trips to Let Loose

In Week 5 of term, we were really pleased to take Year 7 on trips to Let Loose in Woodmansey, across two consecutive mornings. This was to support team-building and social relationships, and they were accompanied by their form tutors, teaching assistants and the Head of Year team.

Pupils enjoyed a variety of activities in their groups, including archery, team building games and trampoline aeroball, and all groups had the opportunity to take part in an exciting "off-ground" activity, whether that was rock climbing, high ropes or abseiling.

The year group were commended for their behaviour and attitude, and we hope the Let Loose trip will be a special memory for them as part of their transition to Beverley High School.





A Warm Welcome to Year 12

We were delighted to welcome this year's Year 12 students to the Joint 6th. They have settled in brilliantly and their teachers have commented on the excellent start they have made. The school hall was packed for our Year 12 Support and Guidance Evening last week which gave new Year 12 students and their parents/carers a chance to find out more about A level studies and how we work together to support students during their two years with us.

Year 12 Team building at Welton Waters

On Wednesday 10 September 80 Year 12 students and the J6th staff team spent a fantastic day at Welton Waters. The aim of the day was for Year 12 students to get to know each other and to develop their teamwork skills. Students had the chance to take part in water-based activities including paddleboarding and also to work together on team challenges. It was a great to get to know our new Year 12 students – we're looking forward to working with them over the next two years



A Warm Welcome to New Staff

Three new teachers joined Beverley High School at the beginning of this month: Head of Social Sciences, Mrs Rillat, Teacher of Psychology, Miss Withington, and Teacher of Art, Miss Charlton. We hope that they will all enjoy teaching at Beverley High School. We also welcomed a new Sixth Form Pastoral Manager, former student, Miss Franklin.

Ice Hockey Superstar

Year 8 student, Esmé, had an intense month of August, training at 4 ice hockey camps across Canada. This kicked off with her being the only Europe-based player invited to participate in the Professional Women's Hockey League (PWHL) camp; the camp involved 49 of Canada's top ice hockey players, and Esmé. She was able to train alongside Renata Fast (pictured with Esmé, below), perhaps the greatest woman ice hockey player in the world today. She followed that up with 3 weeks training alongside an elite group of boys and men, the feedback from which included an ex-professional player telling her that she is perhaps the best technical skater he has ever seen or coached!

Returning to the UK in September, Esmé has been head-hunted by a number of teams across the UK, but in the end chose to join the Leeds Junior Knights, where she now plays with the Under 14 boys and the Under 16 girls teams. The immediate impact she has made has led to her being named Assistant Captain for the Under 16 Girls team, the youngest such appointment in club history. For all her efforts and impact, Esmé has been called up to the England National Team Training Programme, commencing in late-September. In parallel, Esmé has continued to compete across the north of England for the Barracudas Swim Team and the Meridian Gymnastics team. Congratulations Esmé, your school is very proud of you!





Art Award for Year 9 Student

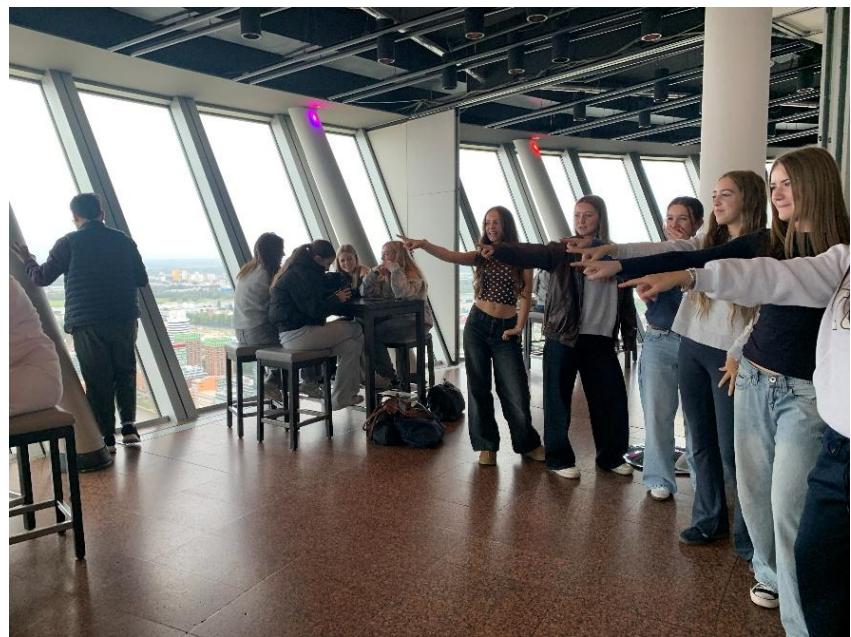
Year 9 student, Harriet C, has won an award for her art work, which came first in a national competition arranged by the Armed Forces for the children of those who survived or are still surviving. Harriet entered the competition to paint a picture of the things that she loves and enjoys. Her artwork of a picnic blanket in a field of flowers, containing paper, a pen, a book and a radio won her first place in the competition – well done Harriet!



German Exchange Visit to Wuppertal

A group of 19 Year 11 pupils recently took part in the German Exchange and visited the city of Wuppertal, in the North-West of Germany. Whilst in Wuppertal our pupils had the opportunity to explore the local culture, geography and history, and to improve their language skills. Our German hosts treated us to a range of activities, including a warm welcome in the Townhall of Wuppertal, a visit to the Wuppertaler Zoo and a travel back in time at the 'Schwebodrom', a museum dedicated to Wuppertal's famous suspension railway and of course travelling on the real 'Schwebebahn'. We also visited the nearby city of Düsseldorf where we enjoyed the views from the 'Rheinturm' and a guided tour around the old town. After a week in Germany we said goodbye to our German hosts, and we are now looking forward to welcoming them to Beverley in October.





Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Expedition

A group of 40 Year 9 pupils completed their practice and final Bronze Duke of Edinburgh expeditions in the summer term in a range of weather conditions: cloud, rain and heat! The expeditions took our students through parts of the High Hunsley Circuit, the Beverley 20 route and Wilberforce Way.

Our Bronze Duke of Edinburgh participants impressed the assessor with their resilience, navigation skills and team work. We are pleased to say they all passed their expedition, and we hope they all enjoyed the experience!





Racing to School

The Maths department took 27 hardworking Year 8 mathematicians to Beverley Racecourse on the 17 September. The charity, Racing to School, provided a full day of maths related activities such as measuring around the Parade ring, visiting the jockey's weighing room and trying on Jockey silks. The students even had a chance to try out the starting gates. These activities took place in areas the public can't usually access which allowed the students to get a deeper understanding of what goes on behind the scenes of the racing industry and just how much maths is involved as well as the opportunity to visit a local landmark. After a wet start to the day the weather soon cleared and the day ended in sunshine with the students being able to watch the first two races of the afternoon.



Year 7 Beverley Library visits

In Week 2/3 of term, all five Year 7 forms visited Beverley Library as part of their weekly Year 7 Induction lessons. They met library staff who showed them around and talked to them about how the library works, giving them the opportunity to explore the books and facilities available. They were a credit to the school, and in the words of the Library Supervisor were "extremely well behaved, showed excellent listening skills and it has been lovely to see them using the library afterwards. We have ensured they feel welcome".

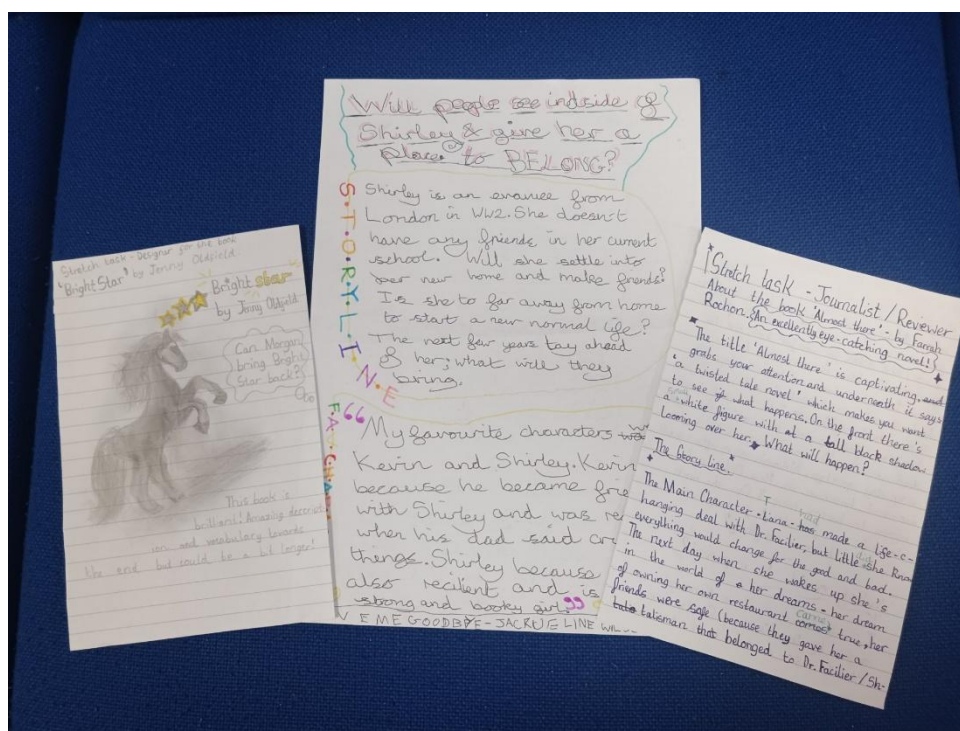
Full benefits of membership of East Riding Libraries include borrowing physical books and digital resources like eBooks, eAudiobooks, and eMagazines. Please see below for a reminder of how to sign up your child for membership:

1. Take a form of ID that includes your name and signature
2. Accompany your child to any East Riding Library
3. Complete a guarantor consent form, as a parent or carer must sign for the child's junior membership.

Launch of the Year 7 Reading Challenge

The Year 7 Reading Challenge is now well underway to encourage reading for pleasure, which has proven benefits for young people's wellbeing as well as a significant link to academic progress. Pupils have saved their individual reading logs to their **school OneDrive**, which means they can update it from home and school.

Pupils are awarded an achievement point for every book they add to their log this year, with the highest achieving pupils receiving prizes at the whole school end of year assembly in July. It has been wonderful to see pupils choosing to complete additional stretch activities related to publishing and journalism, such as writing book reviews or designing book covers, for which they receive a Super Curriculum award (worth three achievement points). Some lovely examples from Ella B and Methuki W below - well done!



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? If the answer to any of these questions is 'yes', then the Book Hive is for you!

At the Book Hive, we offer:

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

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 H1 on a Tuesday or Friday lunchtime**, or just pop in to browse!



Year 6 Summer Challenge: Be Curious



Following their Transition Day in July this year, the now-Year 7s were encouraged to complete the [Y6 Summer Challenge](#) over the summer holiday. This helped the pupils explore the 13 different subjects they study in their first year at Beverley High School. Each pupil who returned a bingo card was awarded a £5 book voucher and achievement points for taking on the challenge!

Congratulations to all 12 winners below:

Ellie B, Ella B, Clarabella B, Skye C, Ava F, Martha F, Charlotte M, Charlotte S, Christie J, Chloe O, Maddie R, Methuki W.

ATA Final Term Activities

Our Active Travel Ambassadors (ATAs) have had a busy final term arranging a variety of activities to encourage pupils to travel more actively to school. Since winning the Campaign Junction in March the team have been working hard to achieve the goals they set themselves.

In May, we held two events, a cycle safety equipment give-away and a smoothie bike. In total we gave more than 30 helmets and other safety equipment to both staff and pupils. Then the smoothie bike came to school one lunchtime, bringing together healthy food and exercise. Pupils were able to enjoy a healthy fruit smoothie as part of their lunch, once they had provided the power to make it, of course!



During June, the ATAs delivered a week of tutor activities to educate pupils on the benefits of travelling actively to both themselves and the environment. They delivered assemblies, wrote articles to be read during tutor time, created a Big Ideas video and finally a quiz testing pupils' knowledge.



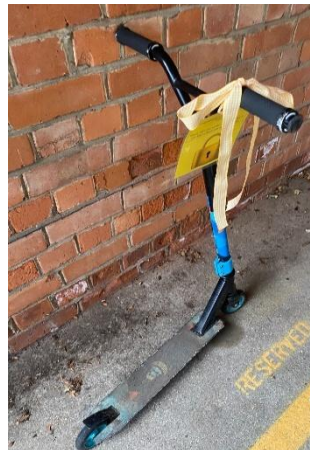
Active Travel Facts

Did you know?

A double decker bus can take 75 cars off the road.

Travelling actively for one mile a week instead of using a car can save 27kg of CO₂ annually, the equivalent of charging your phone 3,443 times.

During the last week of the term the ATAs ran a Lucky Lock competition where two bicycles or scooters were selected each day to win a bag of goodies.



The main aims of the ATAs are to reduce the number of cars dropping off and picking up outside school and increase the amount of active travel pupils participate in. To help with this we are asking pupils and parents to consider using one of the following ways of travelling to school next year:

- walking, biking or scooting to school
- using public transport
- car sharing or
- being dropped off away from school and walking the last part of their journey

The ATAs will be continuing their campaign with another Lucky Lock week in September as well as more bike safety giveaways, competitions and information sharing activities. We look forward to sharing more information about these activities in September and hope you will consider helping us achieve our goals of reducing cars and pollution around school and increasing active travel within our school community.

Sports Report

Students have been enjoying the range of clubs on offer this half term. We have had over 200 students from Years 7-11 attending these clubs in the last couple of weeks, which is fantastic!

Here is a reminder of our extra-curricular timetable for this half term – all students welcome!

	LUNCHTIME		AFTER SCHOOL (FINISH 4.15PM)	
	Bring a pack-up & trainers.		Bring full PE kit.	
Monday	Badminton Year 9-11 Sports Hall CEA		Dance Club Year 7 & 8 Dance Studio BSO (sign up first)	Fixtures
Tuesday	Football Club Year 7 Sports Hall AHA	Yr10 & 11 GCSE Dance Dance Studio EOW & HCA	Fixtures	
Wednesday	Football Year 10 & 11 Sports Hall AHA	Yr11 GCSE PE Theory Club EOW	Netball Club Yr9,10 &11 Sports hall CEA & EOW	Fixtures
Thursday	Football Year 8 & 9 Sports Hall MCO		Netball Club Year 7,8,9 & 10 Sports Hall & Outdoor Courts CEA, EOW & HCA	Fixtures
Friday	Badminton Year 7 & 8 Sports Hall EOW			



The Autumn term also brings the start of the cross-country season, and students in Years 7 -9 have been doing cross country in lessons. The annual inter-house competition will take place the week beginning the 29 September. We will also be taking teams from Years 7-11 to the East Riding Schools' competition in the last week of term.

PE in Lessons

Here is what we are studying up to the October half term with all our year groups.

Year 7	Hockey & Football
Year 8	Hockey & Football
Year 9	Hockey/Football & Netball
Year 10	Netball & Sports Leaders
Year 11	Netball, Volleyball & Badminton

School Games Gold Award



At the end of last year, we were thrilled to learn that our School Games Award had been upgraded to Gold. This award recognizes our commitment to providing PE and competition to keep young people active. This is earned by providing opportunities for all students to participate, compete and lead both within school and at external events.

What's Happening in Geography?

There's lots going on in the Geography Department this term, with new opportunities, competitions, and exciting trips ahead!

Geoggers Club

Every Monday lunchtime we're running our brand-new *Geoggers Club* in H6. Open to Year 7 and Year 8 students, the club offers fun, geography-themed games and activities (see posters around school for details). If you're having a clear-out at home and have any geography-related games you'd like to donate, we'd be delighted to give them a new home in the club!

Postcard Washing Line

We love to see where our students have been on their travels! Our postcard washing line is growing, but there's always room for more – if you're heading away, why not send us a postcard to add to the collection?

Careers in Geography

The Royal Geographical Society recently hosted a fascinating webinar on careers in natural hazards, exploring roles in disaster response, flood risk and coastal management. Coming up:

- [What Do Geographers Do?](#) – Wednesday 15th October, 3.30pm
- [Careers in Coastal Landscapes](#) – Wednesday 3rd December, 3.30pm
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Both will be streamed in H6 after school, with plenty of opportunities to ask geographers about their job roles, all students are welcome to join.

Spotlight on Antarctica – Year 9

Our Year 9 students are learning about Antarctica and have been busy designing flags for the continent. The winning design will be entered into the annual [Antarctic Flags Competition](#), with the flag photographed by a scientist or support staff working on the continent. Students aged 14–19 can also apply for the [British Antarctic Survey's Virtual Work Experience](#) programme over the October half term (applications close 16th October – details on the BAS website).

Iceland Trip – Year 10

We're thrilled to announce an upcoming trip to Iceland for Year 10 geographers! From volcanoes and hot springs to geothermal energy and tomato-growing greenhouses, this promises to be an unforgettable experience. Parents/carers and students in Year 10 geography are invited to an information meeting with our tour operators, Flooglebinder, on Wednesday 1st October at 5.30pm in the school hall.

Beverley High School Welcomes Parents to Year 11 Information Evening

Beverley High School recently hosted its annual Year 11 Parent Information Evening, giving families an invaluable opportunity to learn about the wide range of support available to students during this crucial stage of their education. The evening was well attended, with parents and carers gathering to hear from the pastoral team. The event focused on the vital year ahead, highlighting both academic and wellbeing support designed to help students succeed in their GCSE examinations and beyond.

The Head of Year, Ms Wilson, opened the evening with a warm welcome, emphasising the importance of a strong partnership between home and school. "Year 11 is a challenging but exciting year," she said. "We are committed to supporting every student, not just in achieving their best possible results, but also in building confidence, resilience and skills for the future."

The presentation covered a range of topics, including the role of the form tutor and the wider Wellbeing team in ensuring that every student feels cared for during what can be a stressful time. An overview of the school year including key dates was shared along with the importance of students trying their best in lessons each day. Mrs Harrison shared

some information on the importance of study skills, revision and the course guide information sheet. Ms Wilson ended the evening by outlining the personalised guidance available to students as they prepare for post-16 choices, whether continuing in further education, training or apprenticeships. Ms Wilson, Mrs Harrison and Mrs Laven were available at the end of the session to answer any questions.

Beverley High School continues to demonstrate its commitment to preparing Year 11 students not only for academic success, but also for life beyond the classroom.

News from Sunny California

It was great to hear recently from Lucy, a former J6th student, who is now living and working in Berkeley, California as part of her year abroad. She shared some of the photos she has taken on her travels so far.



Beverley High School – 117 Years Old on 23 September!

