

October 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

U13s Rugby League Champion

Year 9 pupil, Ella W has recently played a pivotal role in an outstanding achievement for Myton Warriors Girls ARLC U13s rugby league team. On Saturday, 25th October, the Myton Warriors Girls ARLC U13s made history by winning the RFL National Cup in their very first season, defeating the established Shaw Cross Sharks ARLFC 14-8 at Thatto Heath Crusaders, St Helens. This triumph caps a phenomenal year of both team success and individual development—an effort made possible by the commitment, skill, and team spirit of players like Ella.

The squad, which began modestly, has now grown to 24 talented girls, reflecting a nurturing environment that supports and inspires young female athletes in Hull. A spokesperson for the team said, "Myton Warriors ARLC is proud to be at the forefront of advancing girls' rugby in our region, and this result stands as a testament to their hard work and unity. The club welcomes new girls to join in the future." Congratulations Ella, your school is very proud of you.



German Exchange Students Visit Beverley High School

The start of October saw our German guests from Gymnasium-am-Kothen, Wuppertal, arrive to Beverley and spend a week in the life of a Beverley High School student.

After a week full of exciting activities, such as a trip to York Castle Museum and the Shambles, a visit to Burton Constable in lovely sunshine with an afternoon tea treat, and a weekend where our guests explored the local area, it was time to say farewell to our new friends.

We know that both the Beverley High School and the Gymnasium-am-Kothen students found the exchange experience enjoyable and life-enriching and we hope they will continue to stay in touch for years to come.



'I've really enjoyed meeting new people and seeing a new culture and making new friends. The school in Wuppertal was really nicely organised.'



'I thoroughly enjoyed the trip, we had lots of nice activities. I feel that we've made friends for life.'



'I've enjoyed everything, I loved trying out new food!'

'The matching is really good, we are enjoying ourselves, the teachers are extremely nice and we have lots of fun!'



Those who took part said:

'Earlier this term, we took part in our German exchange with Gymnasium am Kothen in Wuppertal, Germany, and it was an amazing experience from start to finish. We spent one week there and then welcomed our exchange partners to Beverley for another week. It was a brilliant mix of culture, language, and fun. We even made it into a local German newspaper!'

'During our week in Wuppertal, we attended lessons at Gymnasium am Kothen and experienced what school life is like in Germany. We visited the town hall, rode the famous Schwebebahn (the suspended monorail) to the zoo, and explored Düsseldorf, where we visited the Rhine Tower and walked through the beautiful old town. We also went to the Schwebodrom, a really fun, interactive attraction about the history of Wuppertal's transport system. One of our favourite parts was visiting a traditional German cafe to try authentic waffles, which were delicious!'

'When the German students came to Beverley, it was our turn to show them around. We took them to York, where we visited the Castle Museum and did some shopping, we also took a trip to Burton Constable where we had afternoon tea. It was great being able to share our local area and give them a taste of English life'.

'The exchange was an incredible experience that helped us improve our German, learn about a different culture, and make new friends. By the end of the two weeks we had spent together, none of us wanted to say goodbye but we all left with amazing memories, stronger language skills, and a new appreciation for both British and German traditions (and, of course, waffles).'

Pat Albeck House Trip

Twenty four fortunate students from Pat Albeck house had the opportunity to visit Stoke on Trent this month, they visited the Emma Bridgewater pottery factory where they saw the professional processes involved in lithographing and sponge decorating and then painted their own plates. Pat Albeck was Emma Bridgewater's mother-in-law and designed for the Bridgewater factory. In the afternoon, students visited Trentham Gardens, one of Pat's favourite places, where the Year 7 to 10s enjoyed lunch followed by a treasure hunt activity led by Year 11 Head of House, Florence. Students conducted themselves admirably, including on the very long coach journey there!





Fabulous Food

Our Year 10 Food groups have had a fantastic start to the school year. They have been learning about macronutrients and the food science that relates to them. They have accomplished some challenging dishes so far including sweet and savoury pies, quiche and lasagne. Some of the quiches that were made can be seen in the photograph. Well done to all of our Year 10 Food students, we look forward to seeing your cooking skills develop even further next term.

European Day of Languages: Embracing Diversity

European Day of Languages, which is celebrated annually, is a wonderful opportunity for schools and communities across Europe to embrace the rich tapestry of languages spoken throughout the continent and beyond. The day aims to promote linguistic diversity, encourage language learning, and foster intercultural understanding. From French and German to Italian, Polish and beyond, it's a brilliant reminder of how languages connect us all and open doors to new cultures and experiences.

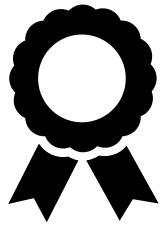
To mark this special occasion, our school organised an exuberant baking competition filled with creativity, teamwork, and plenty of delicious treats! The event was an outstanding success, raising funds for the East Yorkshire Foodbank and bringing our diverse community together.

We had a wonderful array of entries after Year 7 pupils rolled up their sleeves to bake treats inspired by European countries. Every bake was a vibrant showcase of European culture, and each one told its own unique story.

Our baking competition did more than just celebrate European Day of Languages—it brought out the very best in our school community. The judges had a tough time choosing winners, as every entry was made with immense care and love. The event fostered friendships, inspired curiosity about different cultures, and showcased the talents of so many budding young bakers. Huge congratulations to the following students for winning their well-deserved titles:

- Best Cake Design – Izzy Z-S**
- Best Authentic Mini-Bakes – Florence B.**
- Best 3D Cake – Pelina H.**
- Most Original Cake – Phoebe B. & Holly M.**
- Most Traditionally Accurate Cake – Charlotte M-M.**
- Head of Languages Award – Alice J.**
- Headteacher's Award – Lottie B. & Iris R.**

Pictured below are some of the bakes from this year:



European Day of Languages 2026 has reminded us of the importance of celebrating our differences and learning from one another.

Well done to everyone who took part, baking something or buying the yummy treats (which all disappeared very quickly!) to raise much-needed funds for the East Yorkshire Foodbank.



Year 7 Transition survey

Thank you to all parents and carers who gave their feedback on their child's transition to Beverley High School through the online survey. We were pleased with the overwhelmingly positive response and comments, and also grateful for your thoughts and ideas. We are always looking to improve our processes so that our youngest pupils can have the best start possible, so thank you for your input towards next year's transition.

Year 7 Elections

Congratulations to the following Year 7 pupils, who were elected by their forms to the positions of Heads or Deputy Heads of Form, or Sports Captains for the year. In the last week of term they were awarded their badges and enjoyed a celebration breakfast of hot chocolate and pain au chocolat in the canteen. All are enthusiastic about representing their form this year, and we look forward to working with them!

7PA - Head of Form Grace S	Deputy Orla P	Sports Captain Eva W
7MB - Head of Form Pelina H	Deputy Martha E	Sports Captain Imogen C
7HL - Head of Form Willow D	Deputy Alex P-B	Sports Captain Phoebe H
7MP - Head of Form Antonia C	Deputy Isla H	Sports Captain Francesca M
7MW - Head of Form Amrit B	Deputy Mollie B	Sports Captain Phoebe G



Inter-School Debate Competitions

On 17 October, BHS hosted our first inter-school debate competition of the year with Beverley Grammar School, where we saw a total of four excellent debates from KS3 and KS4 on a variety of challenging topics.

This was the first term of our joint KS4 Debate Club, which meets every week at Beverley Library, and it was wonderful to see mixed teams competing in the KS4 debates. Judges were impressed with the confidence, preparation and persuasive skills of the debaters, who were awarded with certificates, including prizes for winning teams. Congratulations to all who took part in the event, including the audience of supporters who helped to make this an excellent event.

KS3 Motion 1 - This House would abolish the festival of Bonfire Night (aka Guy Fawkes Night)

Winners - Proposition team - BHS (Alice C, Millie R and Aimee B)

Best individual speakers awards - Aimee B and Fabian (Opposition team)

KS3 Motion 2 - This House would only eat food produced in Britain

Winners - Proposition team - BGS

Opposition team members - Mollie G, Radhika J and Arabella F

Best individual speakers awards - Oscar (Proposition team) and Arabella F



KS4 (mixed teams) Motion 1 - This House would make public transport free, paid for by taxes

Proposition team - Ross, Gabby G and Emily M

Opposition team WINNERS - Jacob, Gabby B and Isabel M

Best individual speakers awards - Emily M and Gabby B

KS4 (mixed teams) Motion 2 - This House would require 25% of texts studied for GCSE English Literature to be by non-white authors

Proposition team - Katie K, Kitty A and Miles

Opposition team WINNERS - Aimee B, Will and Jamie L

Best individual speakers awards - Kitty A and Jamie L

Inspire magazine

The first issue of our new school magazine (formerly the BHS Journal) has now been circulated via email to students, parents/carers and staff. Our theme for this issue is **New Beginnings**. Inside, you will find news and opinion on one of the most significant events in US politics in recent history; articles on nature and the environment; a technology advice column and thought piece on AI; a profile on an upcoming sports star; music and film reviews – including our verdict on Taylor Swift’s latest album – and creative writing from some of our new Year 7s.

Well done to all our contributors for such an action-packed issue! If any student would like to be involved in the production of the next issue, have an idea you’d like to pitch or content you’d like to submit, please get in touch.

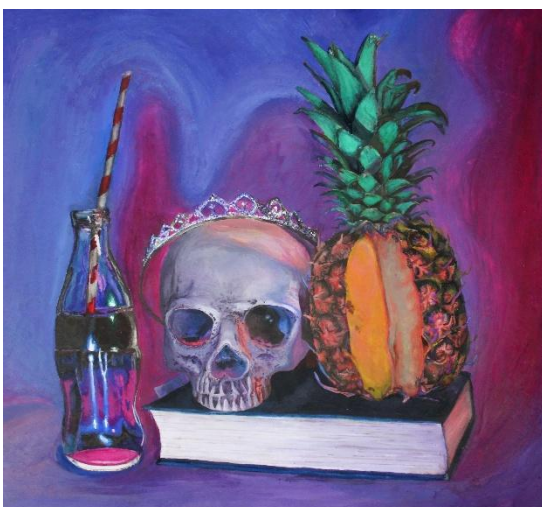


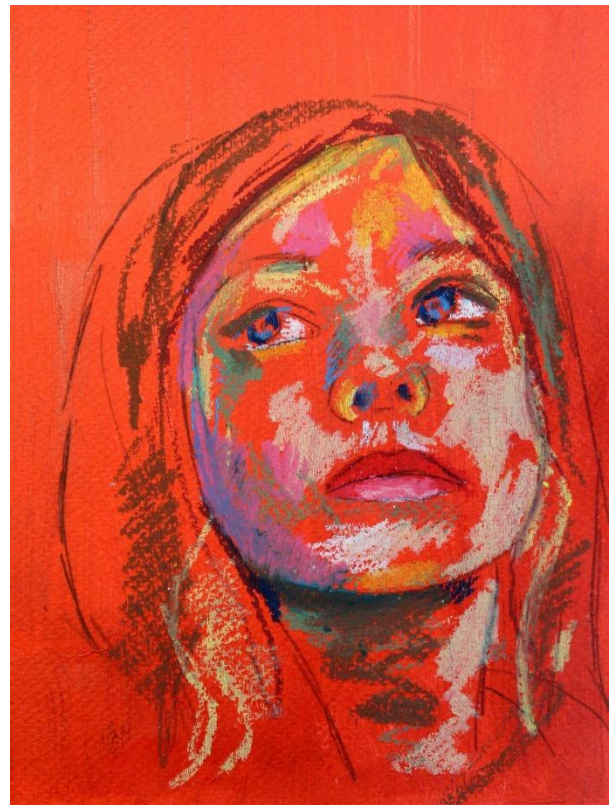
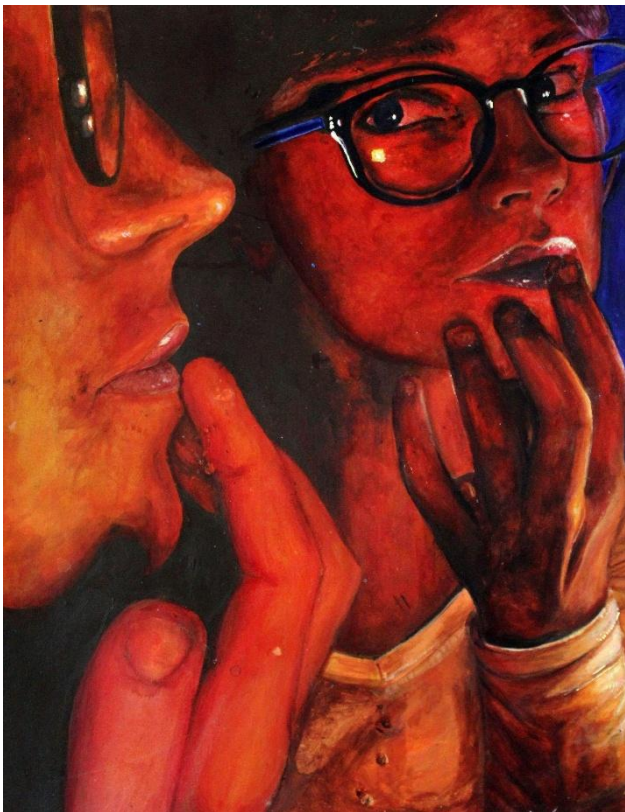
Amazing Art

Before the summer break, the Ferens Art Gallery held its annual Art competition, the Ferens Open. We had several students submit work that they had worked on independently outside of school. I am pleased to say that Fay L, Fred B, Arsheen A and Emily M (if I have missed anyone, I apologise) had their work selected by the judges and it is now displayed in the Ferens Art Gallery.

The exhibition of work from the Ferens Open is on from Friday 10th October 2025 until Sunday 11th January 2026.

Also, before the summer break, we held our annual Art and Photography exhibition to celebrate the work of GCSE and A Level students. Below are some examples of the GCSE Art work that the students produced. There is a period of time within which we are not permitted to share the work online, but that has passed and so we can showcase their talent. They should all be very proud of their efforts.







KS3 Art Club

The Art Department is running a Key Stage 3 Art Club. Art Club will run every Tuesday in AT4 from 3:15pm until 4:15pm. To manage numbers, we are asking students to add their names to a sign-up sheet ...just in case 60 turn up! The sign-up sheet is in the Art Department, so students should ask their Art teacher if they are interested. Art club is open to all Year 7, 8 and 9 students.



KS3
ART CLUB
ROOM AT4
EVERY TUESDAY
3.15-4.15PM
PLEASE SIGN UP USING THE SIGN UP SHEET IN AT4

What's Happening in Geography?

It's been a busy half term in Geography, with students exploring sustainability, flooding, careers and so much more!

Year 10 – Fieldwork in York

Year 10s investigated whether York is a sustainable tourist city, completing land-use surveys, noise and chewing-gum counts, and visitor questionnaires. The trip even included a surprise military parade!



Year 7 – What is a Geographer?

Year 7s have been discovering the skills that make a geographer — from using GIS to conducting their first fieldwork enquiry on how sustainable our school site is, including environmental and emotional mapping.

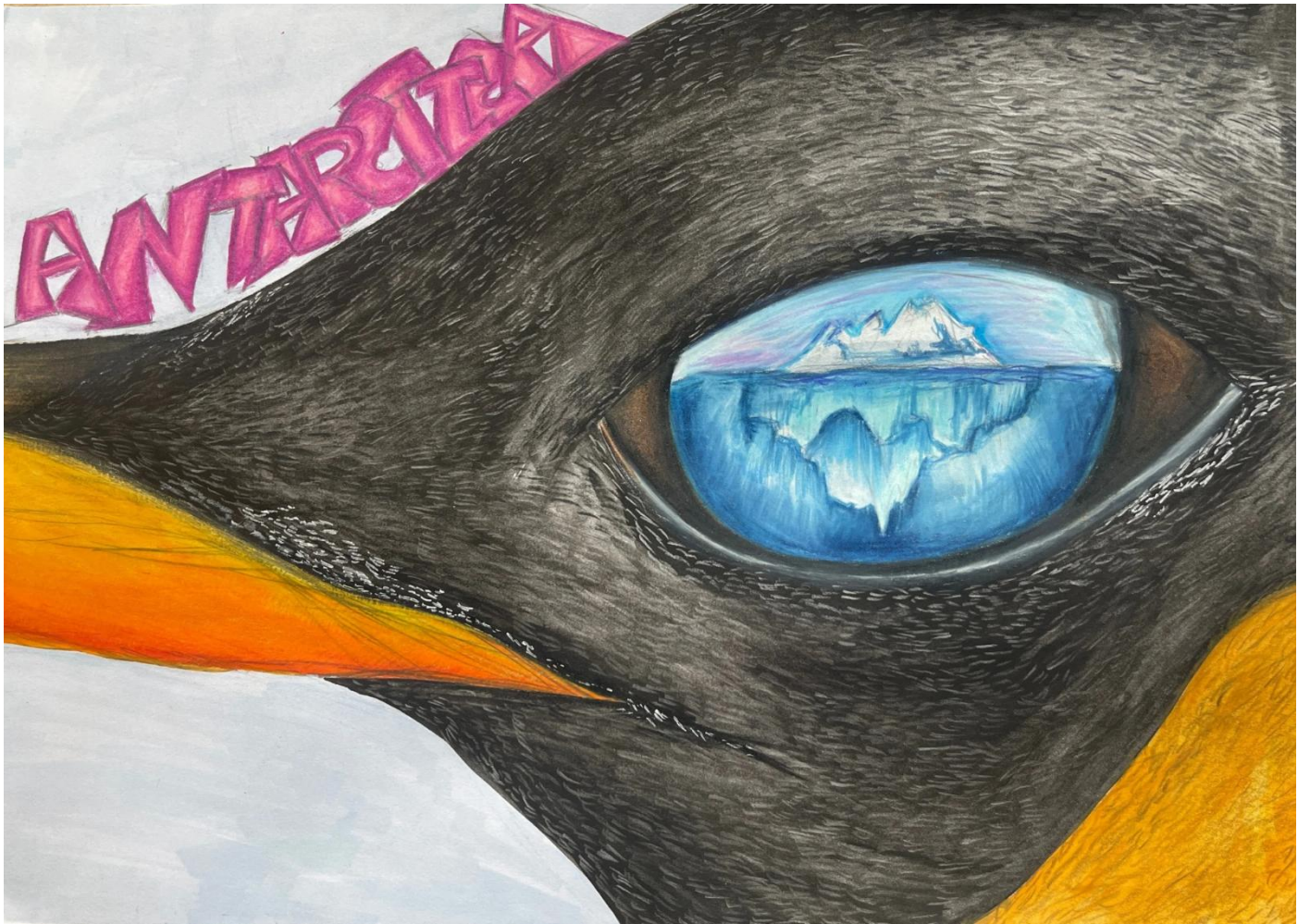
Year 8 – Living with Water

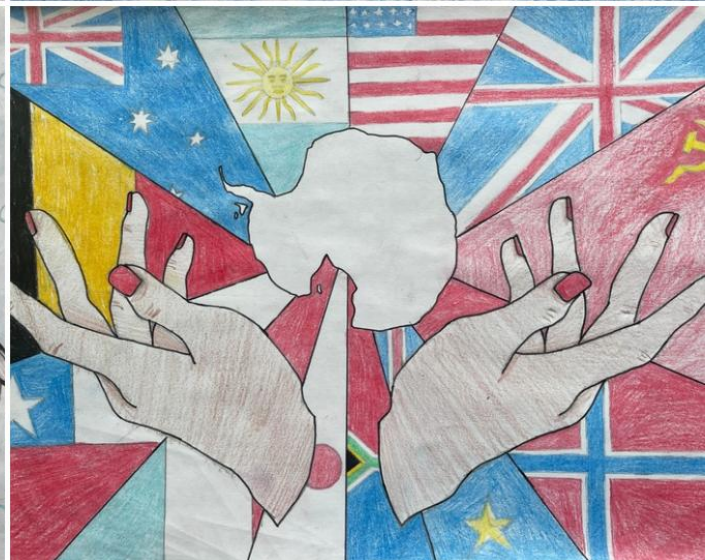
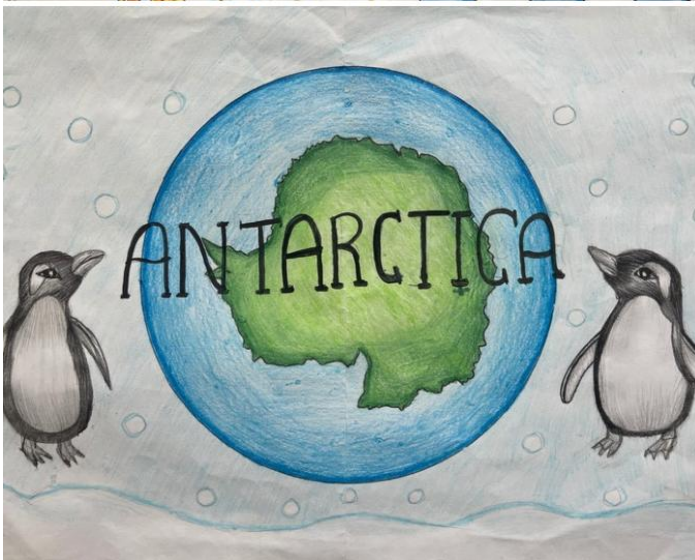
As part of our rivers topic, Year 8s carried out infiltration surveys to assess flood risk around the school and suggested improvements. They also enjoyed a visit from the *Living with Water* team, who shared local flood-management work and insights into careers in environmental geography.



Year 9 – Antarctic Flag Competition

Congratulations to Ania, whose design was selected as the Year 9 winner in the *Antarctic Flags Competition*! Runners-up Grace B, Grace S, Ada and Lavishka also impressed — their flags are now on their way to be photographed by scientists in Antarctica.





Geoggers Club

The *Geoggers Club* has been great fun, with activities including playdough models, map colouring, and a geography-themed Twister challenge! It returns on the first Monday after half term at lunchtime in H6 for Years 7 and 8.

Careers in Geography

This term's RGS webinar, *What Do Geographers Actually Do?* gave students a real insight into careers ranging from satellite monitoring to infrastructure planning in Africa and Asia. Our next one, *Careers in Coastal Landscapes*, takes place on Tuesday 3rd December at 3.30pm in H6 — everyone in Years 9-13 welcome!



Kindness in our Community

One of our Year 10 students, Esmée, organised a bake sale to raise funds for The Natasha Allergy Foundation. Esmée is a finalist in the Miss Teen Great Britain competition, as part of her role she has dedicated herself to raising funds and awareness for several charities including The Natasha Allergy Foundation. Natasha sadly passed away on the 1st October 2016 due to inadequate food labelling. Since then, on the 1st of October every year there is 'Natasha's Day'; to celebrate Natasha's legacy and the impact of Natasha's Law which has transformed the lives of millions of people with food allergies. The law came into force on the 1st October 2021 and ensures food companies have to include and highlight all allergens on their food labels. Esmée and her friends took the time to bake a selection of buns to sell at the bake sale, they successfully raised £132. Thank you to all the students and staff members who donated money.



Beverley High School Shines with Generosity in Food Bank Drive

The Beverley community is celebrating a remarkable show of generosity, as Beverley High School has once again demonstrated its strong spirit of compassion and community service. Thanks to the collective efforts of staff, students, and parents, the school has made a significant contribution to the local food bank — offering much-needed support to families during a particularly challenging time.

Over the last week of the first autumn half term, the school organised a food donation campaign, encouraging students and families to donate non-perishable goods. The response was overwhelming. Donations of essential items, from canned vegetables and pasta to breakfast cereals and toiletries were collected.

Representatives from the food bank expressed their deep gratitude for the donations, noting that the items would directly benefit local households facing food insecurity.

As the donations are distributed in the coming weeks, the impact of Beverley High School's generosity will be felt far beyond the classroom — reminding us all of what can be achieved when a community comes together for a common cause.

Breast Health

On Wednesday 22 October to mark Wear it Pink day, our lovely school nurses Kerry and Nikki came into school with some information for students, sharing the importance of routinely checking their chests for anything unusual. They handed out information leaflets, stickers, badges and there was even an interactive activity.

The school nurses said, "It was a pleasure to speak with so many students today who showed a genuine interest in their own health and in promoting breast health within their families and communities beyond the school setting. We met some lovely students who asked thoughtful questions about their health and development, demonstrating curiosity and maturity. It was a great event thank you."



Beverley Joint 6th Open Evening

The Sports Hall was packed on Wednesday 15 October as we welcomed Year 11 students and their parents and carers to our J6th Open Evening. After a presentation in the Sports Hall by the Headteachers and Heads of 6th Form, students were free to explore the site and to meet students and staff in order to learn more about the wide range of A level courses on offer. An additional open evening in November will give Year 11 students a chance to visit the Beverley Grammar School site and find out more about our super curricular and enrichment programmes.



Sports Report

East Riding Schools Cross Country

We took teams from Year groups 7-11 to compete against other schools in the East Riding schools' cross-country competition on Tuesday 21 October. The weather was perfect, and the students were enthusiastic, focused and determined to do their best. We are waiting to hear how our teams did but we had some amazing individual results. Out of around 80-100 students in each race we had 12 students come in the top 25 runners, which is fantastic and means they have qualified through to the Humberside schools' round of the competition.



Congratulations to Nia J & Isabelle M from the senior race who came 3rd and 5th!

We wish all the runners good luck for the next round in January and hope it's not as muddy as last year!



Pocklington Cross Country Challenge

At the start of the term Pocklington School organised a cross country championship for primary schools and Year 7 & 8 students, it was a fantastic event, which was well organised with an interesting course around the school grounds. It gave a chance for our younger students to have a taster into what cross country competitions are all about before the East Riding Schools'. Our Year 8 team came second overall!

Year 8 Team



Year 7 Team



Year 7 Inter-House Cross Country

Congratulations to gold medallist Elsie B, silver medallist Alice J and bronze medallist Evelyn H, all from 7HL!

Football

U15



U13



Our U13 & U15 football teams enjoyed a good game against Driffield school. The U15 team held a 0-0 draw for their match with player of the match Arabella F showing hard work and determination throughout the game.

The U13 team consisting of Year 7 & 8 worked well as a team, passing well under pressure and creating lots of scoring opportunities. We were thrilled to come away with a 6-0 win – well done to the player of the match Daisy C for her fantastic goals!

We look forward to more games, five aside tournaments and the Humberside league after half term.

Netball

Well done to our Year 7 & 8 teams who both had wins against Longcroft School. Year 7 won 15-1 and Year 8 won 22-13. For their first match playing together, Year 7 passed and moved well and there was some accurate shooting on show. Year 8 were brilliant at moving fast into space and showed some impressive shooting.



Year 7 Team



Year 8 Team



Sixth Form

Our sixth form team enjoyed their first match of the season against the Consortium Sixth Form. For some students it was their first opportunity to represent the school in Netball. Well, done to Tara T for captaining the team and playing superbly in the position of centre. We look forward to our next training sessions and matches.



National Schools Netball – East Riding Round

The U16 netball team won their first two games in their league but unfortunately lost in the semi-final to a very strong Cottingham team who won overall. Some of these students have been playing for their school for five years and it has been a pleasure taking them to competitions – their best result was at the Yorkshire schools’ final where they placed 5th overall. We hope they continue to play at their future destinations next year.

U16



U14



We are really pleased that our U14 netball team have made it through to the next round of the National Schools' Netball Competition. The standard of netball at this year's competition was excellent from all schools. They managed to beat all the other teams except South Hunsley to whom they narrowly lost, putting them in 2nd place overall. The next round will be played at Hull University at the end of November.

Year 9 & 10 Netball Teams v Cottingham

Well done to our Year 9 & 10 teams who played against Cottingham recently. Our Year 10 team lost 10-18 in a closely fought match, well played to Evie H and Jessica H for sterling defending in the D. Our Year 9 team had a fantastic game and won 12-6 – it was nice to see some students playing in the matches who have not represented the school before and enjoying the competition.

New Extra-Curricular PE Timetable - Autumn 2

	LUNCHTIME Bring a pack-up & trainers		AFTER SCHOOL (FINISH 4.15PM) Bring full PE kit	
Monday	Badminton Year 9-11 Sports Hall		Dance Club Year 7 & 8 Dance Studio (Sign up first)	Fixtures
Tuesday	Football Club Year 7 Sports Hall	Yr10 & 11 GCSE Dance Dance Studio	Fixtures	
Wednesday	Football Year 10 & 11 Sports Hall	Yr11 GCSE PE Theory Club	Netball Club Year 9,10 &11 Sports hall	Fixtures
Thursday	Football Year 8 & 9 Sports Hall	Volleyball Club Year 9-11 Gym	Netball Club Year 7 & 8 Sports Hall & Gym	Fixtures
Friday	Badminton Year 7 & 8 Sports Hall			

Forthcoming fixtures & events for this half term

- Sports Hall Athletics Competitions Years 7 & 8
- Year 10 Sports Leaders' Primary Event
- KS3 & 4 East Riding Schools' Badminton Competition
- Year 7 & 8 Football 5 a-side Tournaments
- U13 Humberside Football League Matches
- U15 Humberside Football League Matches
- U14 Netball Humberside Schools' Competition
- League and friendly Netball Fixtures (All Years)
- Badminton Inter-House Competition
- Year 7 Football Inter-House Competition
- Panathlon Event (Boccia & Kurling)

PE in Lessons

Here is what we will be studying over the next half term in our lessons

Year 7	Dance & Netball
Year 8	Netball & Fitness
Year 9	Badminton, Volleyball, Touch Rugby & Football
Year 10	Sports Leaders, Badminton & Volleyball
Year 11	Team Challenge

Farewells

Beverley High School bade farewell to three members of support staff this month: Teaching Assistant, Pauline Kavanagh retired after 17 years working at the school; cleaner, Colleen Roberts left after a similar stint; and IT Network Manager, Brad Cooper left after 10 years, to work in the private sector. We wish them all well for the future and thank them for all their years of hard work, on behalf of students and staff, past and present.