

March 2026 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

Year 8 Student to Represent England

Congratulations to Year 8 student, Esmé G who has been selected to join the England national ice hockey team; she will don the England jersey and represent our country at the Lions Cup in Czechia in April. This comes on the heels of being selected to represent Team GB at the Ball Hockey World Championships in June and being invited to the Elite British Selects Ice Hockey Talent ID Camp. As well as that, Esmé is one of the top swimmers at the Yorkshire Swimming Championships and a multiple medalist in regional gymnastics competitions. Wow! How do you fit in your school work?! Your school is very proud of you Esmé. Thank you to your very proud parents for keeping us updated with your sporting achievements.



Year 9 French Trip



A group of year nine students travelled to France to experience Lille first hand. We travelled by coach to Dover, the sun was shining for us and the ferry crossing was smooth and calm. We arrived at our hotel in Lille and got settled into our rooms before heading out to experience our first restaurant meal of the trip - pizza and lasagne in the heart of Lille centre.

Day two was packed with a guided walking tour of Lille city centre, the citadel and the pigeon monument (the only one in the world!) before the

students enjoyed an afternoon of language lessons in the beautiful former Italian Embassy followed by some hard-earned retail therapy at EuraLille. Dinner was a local specialty of flammkueches, both savoury and sweet, which we discovered were originally made to test the temperature of the brick ovens before baking bread.



Day Three we ventured to Lille Zoo to see the lovely red panda amongst other animals. Then onto Vimy Ridge, the Canadian War Memorial, where the sunshine and blue skies belied the land's heart-wrenching history. Students were able to experience real trenches, witness the craters caused by mine warfare, and engage with interactive audio and visual activities which described the way Vimy Ridge was pivotal in the First World War. The students were curious and respectful in equal measure. They then enjoyed some free time to explore Lille before we had our final restaurant experience at La Chicorée - unanimously the students' favourite place, offering poulet-frites and a lighter-than-air speculos (Biscoff) mousse for dessert. Yum!

Our journey home was calm, the ferry crossing was misty with still waters, and the students arrived back into Beverley on a high after their packed cultural visit to France. **À la prochaine!**



Lessons from Auschwitz

This month four Beverley J6th students had the opportunity to visit Auschwitz 1 and Auschwitz Birkenau. Here is Evie C's personal account: "We arrived in Poland at 10am and first went to a Jewish cemetery in Oswiecim where a rabbi told us that the headstones here were destroyed during the war by the Nazis but had been repaired. After this we went to Auschwitz 1 - the first thing we saw was the sign that said 'Arbeit Macht Frei' meaning 'work sets you free', however the people that came here in the second world war did not know that this was not true.

Auschwitz 1 is a lot smaller than Birkenau and it is here that we saw the only surviving gas chamber- upon seeing this I could not help but think about the people that unknowingly came here, including children, not knowing that they would never leave - when thinking about this, I realised how lucky I was to be able to voluntarily walk in the gas chamber and walk out again as 85 years ago, anybody who came here did not have this option.

After visiting the gas chamber, we then visited several other blocks - here we saw personal belongings of victims including glasses, children's clothes and shoes, prosthetic limbs and real human hair from victims - this put into perspective the amount of people who came here and never left. One room that really hit home about the amount of victims there were was the room with the book of names. In this book there were around 4.8 million names out of 6 million. We were told that it would be impossible to have all 6 million names as whole communities were wiped out.

The final thing we did that day was visit Auschwitz Birkenau where the infamous train tracks were - I noticed these on the roadside before we even arrived at the camp. This camp was a lot larger than Auschwitz 1 and it was very eerie here as here there was a platform where a German soldier would point left (to work) or right (to go to the gas chamber)- both gas chambers here had been blown up by the Nazis to cover up evidence of what they did). Here we went into the barracks and saw the living conditions of the prisoners - 400 prisoners lived in one barrack. Before leaving Birkenau, the rabbi held a ceremony where he said some prayers in Hebrew, and other participants in this project read out testimonies and lit candles.

I found the day very moving and it is one I will never forget. I recommend everyone to visit as it is a very important part of human history.



Cyberfirst Celebratory Gala

Cyberfirst is a national all girls' Computer Science competition for Year 8, aiming to increase the number of girls going into Cyber professions in the future. The team had an amazing experience with Cyberfirst. It took so much teamwork and time, but it was so worth it. They completed over 206 cyber themed challenges ranging from coding to cyber security which all boosted their problem-solving skills and pushed their resilience.

Esmee, Georgiana, Mari and Rose were so skilled that they won the Yorkshire and Humber region competition which was an amazing achievement! They were invited to a national celebratory event with all of the regional winners and this year it was held in the Glasgow Science Centre on 7 March 2026. They had an amazing trip that included a chance to spend time exploring Edinburgh en-route. They did some sightseeing and had a few hours in the National Museum of Scotland before heading to our hotel in Glasgow. The following day in The Glasgow Science Centre, they completed a Cyber based activity against the other regional winning teams and the room buzzed with the teams working hard on the challenges. It was all very competitive! They then had a chance to explore the Science Museum and take part in a science show before heading back to the hotel to get ready for the gala evening.

It was lovely to see so many young people celebrating their successes and we were very proud of our team and their interest in finding out about others. The three-course meal was delicious, and the team were then presented with their bundles of prizes including their own laptops. The evening ended with a fabulous show in the planetarium. They also got to meet some amazing people throughout the day, doing all sorts of Cyber related jobs. We were so proud to receive positive feedback about the way our team presented themselves.

It was such an amazing experience, and we hope it will encourage anyone currently in Year 7 to look out for this activity in school next year and give it a go.





Bar Mock Trial National Final at the Royal Courts of Justice, London

On Saturday 21st March, we are extremely proud that our Bar Mock team travelled to London to take part in the national final of the Bar Mock Trial competition, after winning their regional heat at Leeds Magistrate Court in November. The national final was held at the highly prestigious Royal Courts of Justice and our team was one of only 24 out of 240 teams to reach the final. What's more, our students were all in Key Stage 4 and have never studied law, in contrast to the majority of the other teams who were made up of A-Level law students. To reach the national final was an incredible achievement.

Although our team did not win, they performed extremely well, proving exactly why they deserved their place in the final; indeed, many people commented on their talent. This week we learned that we were placed 7th out of 24 schools/colleges in the final - so we came 7th out of 240! From our score sheets, we can see that we won 2 out of 3 of our rounds and that the round we lost was only lost by 1 mark! All of the 3 winning teams were from post-16 colleges. The experience of the day was wonderful, from allowing students to practise their legal skills in such an historic landmark building, to providing them with the opportunity to speak with High Court judges and barristers. It has been lovely to hear from the students how the experience has helped to inspire them, giving them a greater insight into which doors could be opened through pursuing a career in law. We know they all have very bright futures ahead.



Year 8 London Trips – 8HL Visit the Capital

This month saw the latest of our Year 8 London trips, supporting our ambition to give all Year 8 students the opportunity to visit the capital. This time, it was 8HL's turn.

An early start saw students travel by train to London before taking the underground to Embankment—an exciting first experience of the tube for many. With beautiful sunshine throughout the day, students enjoyed taking photos of iconic landmarks, soaking up the atmosphere, and watching street performers along the way.

A highlight of the trip was a visit to Shakespeare's Globe Theatre to watch the Deutsche Bank production of *Romeo and Juliet*. This contemporary interpretation brought the play to life in an exciting and unexpected way, including moments where performers on BMX bikes moved through the crowd, making the experience truly memorable.

The day finished with food and shopping at St Pancras before heading back to Beverley.

A memorable and enriching experience, giving students the opportunity to explore London's culture, history and theatre.



Mary Braddon/Margaret Powell House Trip to Leeds

Students from Years 7–10 this month enjoyed a fantastic MB/MP House trip to Leeds, filled with culture, history, and memorable experiences.

The day began with a visit to Leeds Library, the oldest surviving subscription library in the UK. Students had the unique opportunity to explore this historic space and hear an engaging talk from one of the library's trustees about the life and works of Victorian author Mary Braddon. This provided a fascinating insight into literary history and the enduring impact of her writing.

Students then took part in an interactive session exploring historical maps, where they investigated how Beverley has changed over time while also identifying features that have remained the same. This activity highlighted the importance of local heritage, including the influence of Margaret Powell in preserving key aspects of the town.

Lunch at McDonald's proved to be popular, giving students time to relax and socialise before the afternoon's activities.

The trip concluded with a visit to Leeds Grand Theatre, where students watched a performance of Northern Ballet's *Gentleman Jack*. The production was both captivating and inspiring, offering students a chance to experience live performance in a historical theatre setting.

Overall, the trip was a wonderful blend of education and enjoyment, giving students the opportunity to learn more about the woman representing their House whilst creating lasting memories with their peers.



Cyberfirst Regional Celebration

The Cyberfirst winning team were also invited to another CyberFirst Girls Competition Celebration event, that took place at the University of Leeds on 11 March. This special occasion was dedicated to the top 10 regional teams, recognising their outstanding achievements and offering exciting opportunities. Throughout the day, Esmee, Rose, Mari and Georgiana had the chance to engage with inspirational female Cyber professionals, who were able to chat and share their experiences as well as take part in activities run by the undergraduate students to investigate the use of AI. Their success in the original competition was celebrated and they also received a trophy.



Mock Trial Competitions

Over recent months, a number of students have been busy continuing to prepare for, and competing in, their mock trial competitions. This has involved ten students from Years 10-11, who have competed in the Bar Mock Trial competition, and thirteen students from Years 8-9 who are currently taking part in its sister competition, the Magistrates' Mock Trial. Both competitions involve students taking on the roles of key figures in court, such as barristers, witnesses and legal advisors, and fighting hypothetical cases against other schools. We are extremely proud of both of our teams and the successes they have had as a result of their talent, commitment, and enthusiasm.

Beverley Magistrates' Court

As part of their preparation, students from both teams came together to visit Beverley Magistrates' Court on Friday 13 March. This was a fantastic opportunity for them to bring their roles to life by rehearsing their trials in an actual court room and in front of their peers. During the visit, students were also able to see many areas of the courthouse – a real highlight for many of them was being shown around the cells! We were extremely lucky to have a number of legal professionals supporting us during our visit including a barrister, magistrates, an usher and court security staff, all of whom helped to inspire our students. This included barrister, Benjamin Hammersley of the Hull Crown Chambers who had previously run a workshop with our Bar Mock team prior to their first heat. Once again, Mr. Hammersley provided invaluable feedback and advice to our students as they rehearsed their mock trials and it was lovely to hear how impressed he was by the standard of both of our teams.



Magistrates' Mock Trial - Bradford Heat

On Saturday 14 March, our Magistrates' Mock Trial team travelled to Bradford to take part in the 'local' heat of the competition and we are very pleased to say that they won! The heat was held against six other schools and winning means that our team now progresses to compete in the regional final. During the course of the day, the talent and enthusiasm of our students was praised, with one judge commenting after the announcement that we had won that he would be proud to have our students as lawyers in his courtroom. Well done to all the students in our team – we are very proud of you and wish you all the best in your next heat!



Year 12 visit to Sheffield

Our Year 12 students had a fantastic visit to the Universities & Apprenticeships Fair at The University of Sheffield on 12 March. They attended a range of informative seminars, giving them valuable insights into university pathways, apprenticeships, and the many opportunities available after sixth form. Students also had the chance to speak to representatives from universities and organisations.



Year 12 Gold Duke of Edinburgh Training Walk

16 Gold Award participants braved strong winds and cold temperatures to complete their first training walk this month. It was a great chance to perfect their map reading, get to know their team and practise pitching tents before their practice expedition next month in the Yorkshire Dales.



KS3 Debate Club Competition

This month saw our half term friendly competition in Debate Club, as our members engaged brilliantly with two tricky motions. Students spoke confidently with reasoned arguments, and rebutted the points of their opponents as the debates unfolded - as well as taking questions from the audience!

Thank you to our panel of special guest judges: Miss Hodgson, Christie J and Mollie G. And well done to all our participants, especially those who took part in a competition for the first time.

KS3 Debate Club runs after school on Mondays until 4.15pm, and we're always pleased to welcome new members. We have two competitions left of the school year, ending in July with our final inter-school competition against Beverley Grammar School.

Debate 1 motion: Violent video games should be banned

Proposition team - Esmee A and Evie T

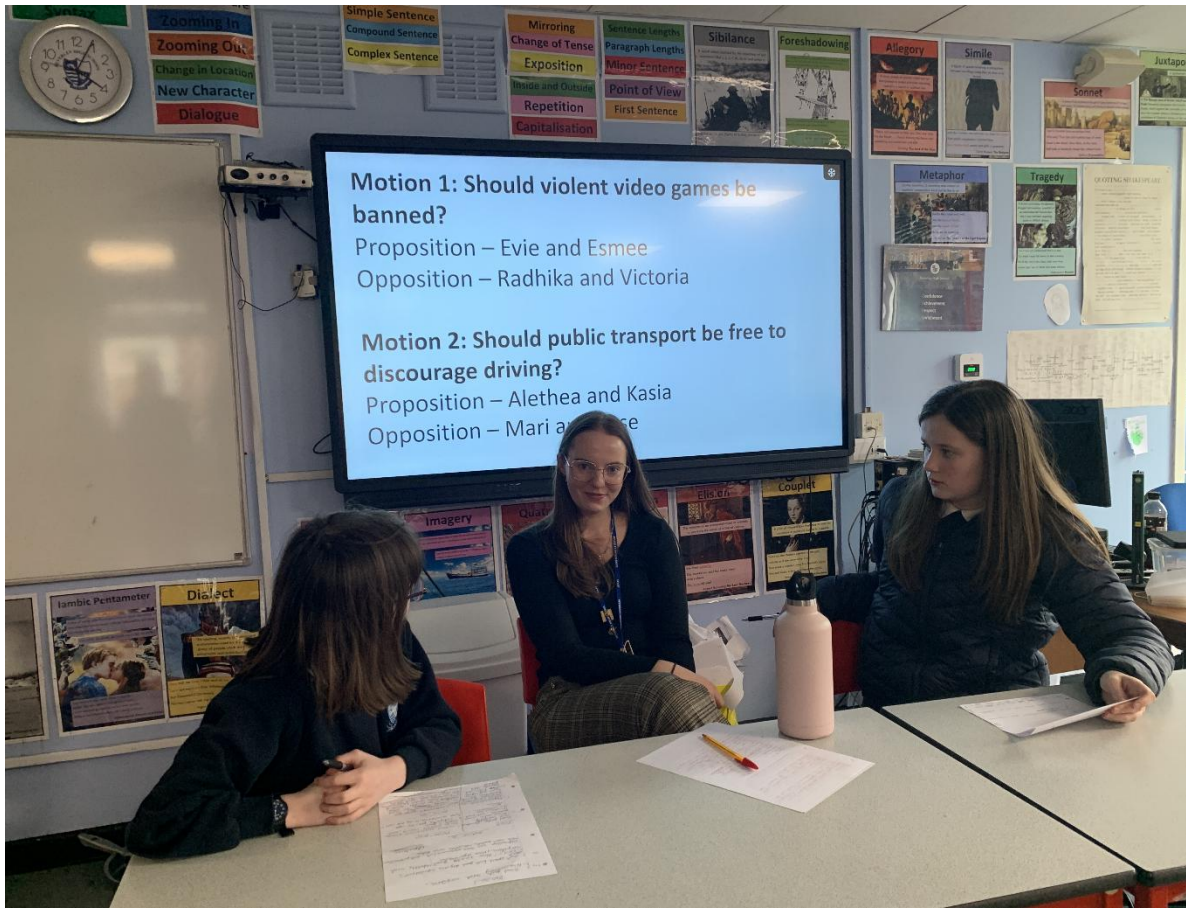
Opposition team - Radhika J and Victoria S - Winners

Debate 2 motion: Public transport should be made free to discourage driving

Proposition team - Aléthea M and Kasia L

Opposition team - Mari R and Rose C - Winners





Poetry By Heart Competition

[Poetry By Heart](#) is a national poetry speaking competition open to students across the year groups, from primary school pupils to sixth formers. Taking part in Poetry By Heart is all about developing confidence with poetry in an enjoyable, accessible and engaging way that leads to its life-long enjoyment. This term, we launched Poetry By Heart as a Super Curricular opportunity for Years 7-12.



- Choose a poem
- Learn it by heart
- Perform it out loud

Thank you to teachers Miss Shinkwin, Mrs Phillips, Ms Watkins and Headteacher Ms Japp, who all recited a poem of their choice in assemblies. And congratulations to the students who took up the challenge for themselves, memorising and performing one or even two poems to camera! All participants have truly earned their achievement points, and we will be in touch with any further updates about their progress in the national competition. We hope that whatever the outcome, the students have enjoyed the experience and will treasure their poems.

School Magazine

The fourth issue of *Inspire*, our new school magazine, is out this week! Our theme for this issue is Give To Gain, which was also the theme of this year’s International Women’s Day on 8 March. In this second instalment of a two-part special, we focus on how women are giving their time and talents to support others – including our students. Our BEAMS team and International Committee are here with updates, along with a poem from one of the members of our new Eco Council. You’ll also find an interview on leadership with our Headteacher Ms Japp, from our plucky Year 7s! Plus, the winning entries from the annual Year 7 International Women’s Day speech competition, and coverage of the annual Inter-House Debating Competition. For even more joyful content, look no further than our feature on jumping spiders in nature and the environment.

Our cover art is a poster advertising **Empty Banner's** upcoming gig at the Adelphi on Thursday 2nd April, for 14+ years. Empty Banner's members include Mia S and Roisin M in Year 11, and readers of our last issue will remember this is their first gig since signing with Warren Records.

If you would like to be involved in the production of the next issue, or have an idea you’d like to pitch or content you’d like to submit, please get in touch with Super Curricular Lead Ms Watkins. In the meantime, have a great Easter break.

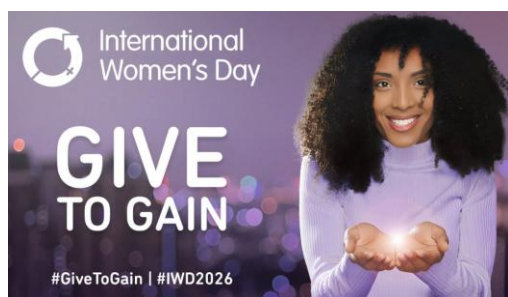


Youth Elections

During the last week of February, the whole school was involved in participating in the East Riding Youth Elections. Students spent a form-time reading manifesto statements and watching promotional videos before then casting their vote on a subsequent morning. This was a valuable opportunity for them to reflect on their role as democratic citizens and to consider what issues they believe to be the most significant in society today. Eight of our students stood for election and, although none were elected this year, each received a number of votes and were said to be ‘outstanding candidates’ by Dave Brown, Community Vision Voice Support Officer, who led the process. We are very proud of the maturity shown by our candidates and of their desire to make a difference to society.



International Women’s Day Celebrations



As a school, we believe it is extremely important that we mark International Women’s Day and celebrate the contributions that women have made, and continue to make, around the world, as well as reflecting upon the changes that are still needed to bring about gender equality. With this in mind, we carried out a number of activities that helped to raise awareness of International Women’s Day and of this year’s theme: ‘Give to Gain’.

Visit from Former Student on International Women’s Day

We were delighted to welcome back former student Grace Andrews to Beverley High School to mark International Women’s Day. Travelling from Paris, Grace spoke to students interested in a future in the performing arts.

Grace shared memories of her time at school and offered valuable insight into the audition process, highlighting the importance of resilience and confidence. She also spoke about her training at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama and her impressive professional career. Her credits include *The Forbidden Zone* (Schaubühne), *Peer Gynt* (LSO, Barbican), *The Winter’s Tale* (Cheek by Jowl, international tour), and leading roles such as Ophelia in *Hamlet*, Lady Macbeth in *Macbeth*, and Juliet in *Romeo & Juliet* on US tours.

In addition to her stage work, Grace is also a filmmaker and voiceover artist, demonstrating the wide range of opportunities within the industry. Thank you, Grace, for such an engaging and inspiring visit.



KS3 IWD Lesson Starters

As well as recognising the change that is still needed to reach gender equality, it is important to celebrate the successes that women have had and the incredible contributions that they have made to society throughout history. To create greater awareness of key figures, on Monday 9 March, the majority of KS3 lessons began with a ten-minute starter based on a woman who has made a difference in specific subject areas such as Marie Curie and Maya Angelou. Student feedback to staff was extremely positive following this, with some reflecting on how it had inspired them by making them realise that if these women had made such a difference, then they could make a difference too.



Fairtrade Speaker - ‘Empowered Women, Empowered Communities’

On Friday 6 March, Years 7 and 8 were given an inspiring virtual talk by Elena Fernandez-Lee, Education Campaigning Manager for Fairtrade. This talk was entitled, ‘Empowered Women, Empowered Communities: Fairtrade in Action’ and explored how Fairtrade helps to support women in developing communities. Elena also discussed the importance of the work that is carried out by women in these countries, focusing on the experiences of Sobeida Ahumada Camacho, who works as a banana farmer in Columbia, as a case-study. The session ended with 15 minutes of Q&A, and it was lovely to see the number and variety of questions that our students posed, including asking what they could do to become more involved.

You can learn more about the issues and ideas raised in this talk by reading an article that has been written collaboratively by members of the Global Citizenship Committee (special thanks to Rose C, Milly G, and Imogen S) which will be published in the next issue of the school magazine, *Aspire*.



Year 7 IWD Lesson and Competition



During the week prior to International Women’s Day, all of Year 7 spent one of their Year 7 Induction Programme lessons learning about the significance of the day. As part of this, they explored the history of IWD, along with the changes that are still needed within society and across the world, with a particular focus on this year’s theme of ‘Give to Gain’. This helped students to recognise what both society and themselves as individuals can ‘give’ to help to make a difference, whether this be ‘giving’ respect, knowledge, awareness or even a voice to women who are unheard. The lesson also built upon work that the students had already been doing in connection with inspirational female speakers.

As part of the lesson, the students were asked to write a speech or poem exploring their own thoughts about feminism and equality. The strongest entries from each form were then presented to a teacher-led panel on 24 March. We were extremely impressed by the maturity of all the entries and of the time, research and thought that had clearly gone into each speech/poem. All were also delivered with much conviction and confidence. This year, it was more difficult than ever to choose a winner, and all the students who took part deserve to be very proud of themselves.

The 2026 winners are listed below and their speeches/poems can be read in the next issue of Beverley High’s school magazine, *Inspire*.

- 1st place – Ruby B and Iris R (7HL)
- 2nd place – Jessica F and Willow D (7HL)
- 3rd place – Lily G and Alice S (7PA)

Women Who Lead Programme Launch

This month saw the launch of our new *Women Who Lead* programme, developed in response to student feedback highlighting a strong desire for more leadership opportunities in school.

Session one was a great success, with over 30 Year 7 students attending. Students thoroughly enjoyed the first week, which focused on understanding leadership and teamwork within school. They explored how different teams operate across the school and learned about a range of leadership styles.

As part of the session, students also completed a quiz to identify their own leadership style, helping them to recognise their individual strengths and how they can contribute to a team.

The session marked a positive and engaging start to the programme, and we look forward to seeing students continue to develop their leadership skills in the weeks ahead.

IWD Flag Design Competition

In the weeks surrounding International Women's Day, the Global Citizenship Committee ran a school competition asking students to design a bunting flag to celebrate a woman who have helped to inspire them. The quality of entries that we received was excellent and we are pleased to announce the following winners:

1st Place – Esmee A (8MP) – inspired by Mary Earps

2nd Place – Evie T (8MB) – inspired by Greta Thunberg

3rd Place – Martha E (7MB) – inspired by Malala Yousafzai

"Filter the Fakes": BBC Verify Masterclass

BBC Verify is a specialised team of over 60 journalists launched by the BBC in 2023 to investigate, fact-check, and combat disinformation. This week, students from Years 9 and 10 were given a Super Curriculum opportunity to take part in a livestream workshop.

In a time when trusted news and navigating an overwhelming amount of information is more challenging than ever, the workshop aimed to enhance students' news literacy and critical thinking skills.

The workshop was led by Paul Brown, who works as a senior journalist within BBC Verify and BBC Monitoring, contributing to fact-checking and verification of content for the BBC.

Students really enjoyed the thought-provoking session. By the end of the masterclass, they had learned how to think more critically about what they read, see and hear online and on social media, and to consider the source of this information and whether to believe it or share it.



KCOM's International Women's Day Student Networking Event

On 12th March three Year 12 and 13 students took part in KCOM's International Women's Day student networking event. It was a truly inspiring day, packed with opportunities to learn, build confidence and take part in meaningful discussions about the future. Our students came away feeling motivated after hearing a range of powerful stories and perspectives. The event highlighted that there's no single route to success and reminded us all of the importance of resilience, kindness and supporting one another.

“I was surprised by the plethora of ways different women had ended up in each job and the diversity of their stories.” Mimi

“It inspired me to not put so much pressure on achieving everything when you're young.” Nadine

“It made me feel more positive about the future and all the different paths in life.” Issy

A big thank you to KCOM and all of the speakers for creating such a positive and empowering experience for our students



Kindness in our Community

Our school community came together to celebrate Red Nose Day and support our MP and MW House charities, raising over £600 for Red Nose Day, MP House charity the Red Cross, and MW House charity Hull Women's Aid. Students enjoyed a non-uniform day, along with a range of lunchtime activities. A popular bake sale offered plenty of sweet treats, while the staff vs students volleyball match provided great entertainment and friendly competition. A huge thank you to Heads of House Abi R and Ruby L, as well as Head Girl Alice I and Deputy Head Girl Hannah D, for all their hard work in organising such a successful event.

Year 12 Fundraising

On Thursday 19 March Year 12 hosted a fundraising event for Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors without Borders). Students organised UNO tournaments, a chocolate tombola, staff vs student table tennis and art competitions! Thank you to everyone who supported, donated and helped make it such a success; we are proud to have raised an amazing £180.37 for such a great cause.



Year 9 Options Evening

Thank you to all Year 9 parents/carers who attended our GCSE Options Evening with their child this month. Heads of option subjects and their staff enjoyed talking with you and your children about their subjects. Thank you to Year 9 students, every single one of you has submitted your choices form and Mr Colton will now begin to crunch the data in preparation for timetabling in the summer term.

Year 10 Parents' Evening

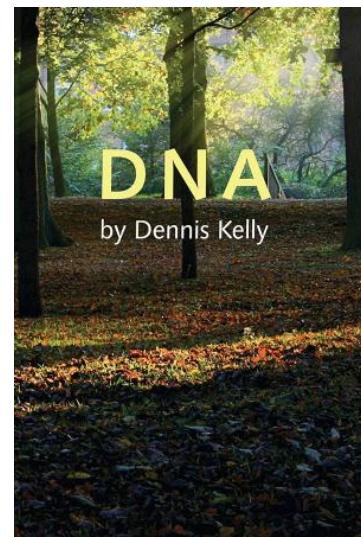
Thank you to Year 10 parents/carers for logging in to Year 10 Parents' Evening this month. Subject teachers enjoyed feeding back to you about the progress of your child.

GCSE Drama Exam- Texts in Practice

On Monday 23 March, the Year 11 GCSE Drama students completed their Texts in Practice performance exam. The exam involves students performing two extracts from a play of their choice to an external examiner and constitutes 20% of their final grade.

The students have worked extremely hard over the past few months, learning, developing and rehearsing their chosen extracts. They have shown resilience, determination and great creativity and should be extremely proud of their final performances.

The performances covered a wide range of theatre genres, from Theatre of Cruelty to Musical Theatre. It was a fantastic day of confident and inspiring performances. Well done Year 11!



Terrific Textiles

The textiles room has been busy with Year 7 and 8 completing their holders and tote bags as the term draws to a close. They have done an amazing job with some superb final products going home. They have worked with accuracy and creativity to incorporate new skills and techniques. Well done! One student was particularly pleased when a butterfly landed on the handle of her bag when she hung it up to photograph!





Eco Council



We are delighted to announce the launch of our new Eco Council!

22 students from years 7-10 and 12 completed applications that showcased their ideas, enthusiasm, and commitment to sustainability.

Working alongside Mrs Harriott and Mrs Jaradat, the council will play a key role in developing a Climate Action Plan for the school built around four core pillars: biodiversity, decarbonisation, climate education, and adaptation and resilience.

Some of our first initiatives will focus on developing the school pond, reducing litter across the site, as well as organising a whole-school “Switch Off” event to promote energy conservation and an assembly to mark Earth Day.

We look forward to sharing more updates soon. In the meantime, if any members of our community have expertise, ideas, or knowledge of funding opportunities to support our sustainability projects, we would love to hear from you.

Early Entry Guidance Evening

The Hall was packed on 25 March with students from Years 10, 11 and 12 as well as their parents and carers who all gathered to hear more about applying to Oxford and Cambridge Universities as well as other courses such as Dentistry, Medicine and Veterinary Medicine which require early entry in Year 13. We were delighted to welcome back ten former students as well as three current Year 13 students who shared their experiences of applying for a range of different courses. One of our students joined us online from Edinburgh where she is studying Medicine whilst the other students, most recently returned home for the Easter vacation, took time to answer questions in person. One managed to catch the last part of the event coming straight from a local veterinary practice where she is 6 months into her first job as a qualified vet. It was inspiring to see what our students have gone on to achieve and we can't wait to invite them back again next year.



Sports Report

End of Season Netball Tournaments

Our netballers have been training hard in and out of school over the last few months and making great progress! We have had some fantastic results in the East Riding Schools End of Season tournaments:

Year 11 – 4th

Year 10 – 3rd

Year 9 – Still to be played

Year 8 – 2nd

Year 7 – 2nd



This means that our Year 7 & 8 teams have made it through to the Humber finals at Hymers college in the summer.

Year 11 Team



Coaches' player of the tournament was Lucy H

Year 7 Netball Team



Coaches' player of the tournament was Eva W

Year 10 Netball Team



Coaches' player of the tournament was Elizabeth R.

Inter-house Netball

Inter-house netball is a competition that many students look forward to every year. It involves over three hundred students in Years 7-10 competing against other forms to earn points for their House.

We have been so lucky with the weather allowing us to play our competitions outside, it was great to see the rest of the year group and teachers come out to cheer their House along.

Thanks to our excellent Student Leaders in Years 10 & 11 who came out to help the competition run smoothly.

We still have the Year 9 competition to go but the rest of the results are below.

Year	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
7	HL	MP	PA	MB	MW
8	MP	MB	MW	HL	PA
10	MW	PA	MB	HL	MP

Year 7 & 8 Netball Club

We have been so impressed with the number of students attending our Year 7 & 8 netball club since September, with a regular 60-70 students attending! The progress that students have made has been evident in both lessons and in the recent inter-house competition.



Year 7 Dance Performance

Well done to our fantastic Year 7 & 8 Dance Club who performed group and individual routines in their year assembly at the start of the half term. It was great to see the hard work they have put into their dances over the months and thanks to Miss Soulsby for running the club since September. Thanks also to Leonora in Year 10 for helping Miss Soulsby and being a great role model for the younger students.

School Sports Partnership Swim Gala

Mrs Callan took a team of students from Years 7, 8 & 9 combined with a team of students from Beverley Grammar School to compete in the East Riding Schools Swim Gala. The students competed in a range of swim races, including a mixed medley, and managed to come **2nd out of ten schools** from across the East Riding. Congratulations to the High School and Grammar School students who made up our team.



Extra-Curricular Clubs for the Summer

Our clubs start first week back after Easter; all students are welcome!



	LUNCHTIME		AFTER SCHOOL (FINISH 4.15PM)	
	Bring a pack-up & trainers		Bring full PE kit	
Monday	Years 9 & 10 Rounders Field			Fixtures
Tuesday	Year 8 Tennis Tennis Courts		Year 11 GCSE PE Revision Club M4	Fixtures
Wednesday	Years 9 & 10 Tennis Tennis Courts	Year 11 GCSE PE Theory Club M1	Years 7 & 8 Rounders Field	Fixtures
Thursday	Years 7 & 8 Cricket Field			Years 7-11 Athletics Club
Friday	Year 7 Tennis Tennis Courts			

English Schools Cross Country

Congratulations to Nia J and Isabel M who were part of the Humberside Schools' Cross Country team competing in the English Schools' Cross Country competition in Liverpool a few weeks ago.

The girls did themselves proud and ran really well, with Nia coming in 4th and Isabel 5th for the Humberside School team. It was a fantastic experience for both students, which they really enjoyed. Your school is really proud of you both.



Wishing you a Happy Easter-time!

Things we have been asked to mention:

Gingerbread*

Are you a single parent?*

A Gingerbread group for single-parent families meets regularly in **Beverley town cen**

- * **Run by single parents for single parents**
- * **A chance for a cuppa and chat with others who know what it's like being a single parent**
- * **Meet local single parents in a fun and informal environment**
- * **Groups are child-friendly and free**



"It's a safe place where you can say how you really feel. It is also very social, friendly and informative. I am so grateful for this group."

- Gingerbread group member

For any questions or to find out more, email: eastriding@groups.gingerbread.org

Scan the QR code to join your local group →



Gingerbread, the charity for single parent families, is registered in England and Wales as a company limited by guarantee, no. 402748, and a registered charity, no. 230750.



SATURDAY 20TH June 2026



RIX PAVILION, Driffield Showground, YO25 9FB

To get a place on our reserve list please scan the QR code or go to
www.testmyheart.org.uk/private/ PASSWORD: JON02026

On the 20th June the East Riding Active Communities team and the Healthier team are pleased to be supporting the Driffield heart screening by providing some optional health and wellbeing support services.

We will be available if you would like to talk to us about the following:

  **FREE boditrax assessment**

A body composition scan assessing muscle, hydration, visceral fat, metabolic age and more

 **FREE blood pressure reading**


Quick and easy check to monitor your heart health

 **FREE NHS Health Check (Eligibility Applies)**

Includes a cholesterol check, CVD risk assessment, and Heart Age calculation

 **FREE Health, Activity and Exercise Advice**

Ask for advice and tips to help you stay active and healthy

 **Signposting to community groups and East Riding Leisure facilities**
 Find local support, activities, and wellness resources

