

May 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

Fantastic Footballers

Congratulations to Year 10 students, Robyn B and Maddie W who played for the East Riding of Yorkshire in the final of the Yorkshire U15s Schoolgirls Football Cup against York this month. They won 4-0. The team is made up of the best players from Year 10 across all schools in the county. Congratulations, your school is very proud of you and thank you to your proud parents for letting us know.



Sporting Stars

The Allus Netball U14s attended the Leeds Rhinos Netball weekend in Skegness one weekend this month, where they competed with 98 teams from all over the country in a fantastic event. Seven Beverley High Year 9 students play in the team and conducted themselves amazingly both on and off the court showing great teamwork and sportsmanship. Congratulations to Izzy H, Madison S, Katie S, Ruby S, Ruby H, Daisy W and Lily G, your school is very proud of you, as is your coach who shared your story with us.



New Heads of House

We are delighted to announce the appointment of our new Heads of House for the upcoming academic year. This marks the fourth time that students have been appointed to this prestigious leadership role, which has developed into a highly regarded opportunity for student leadership and service.

Interest in the positions was high this year, with more than one fifth of the year group expressing an interest in becoming a Head of House. The interview process was therefore highly competitive and all students involved did themselves proud. We were particularly impressed by the maturity, enthusiasm, and ambition shown by every candidate.

Our new Heads of House are:

Head of Pat Albeck House : Bella M
Head of Hilda Lyon House: Sophie B
Head of Mary Wollstonecraft House: Clara A

Head of Mary Braddon House: Iris G
Head of Margaret Powell House: Anna I

Heads of House have already completed their first official responsibility in their new roles, standing in front of students in Years 7–10 during assembly to introduce themselves and help present this year’s Year 12 Head Student candidates. We are incredibly proud of all applicants and look forward to seeing our new Heads of House make a positive impact across the school community throughout the year ahead.



Magistrates' Mock Trial Regional Final

After their success in the local heat of the Magistrates' Mock Trial competition, our team travelled to Newcastle on Saturday 16 May to take part in the regional final of the competition. For this heat, they were given a new trial to study and prepare concerning whether or not the defendant was guilty of taking part in an assault. The factual information and witness statements were detailed and complex and the team did a fantastic job of analysing and preparing the case.

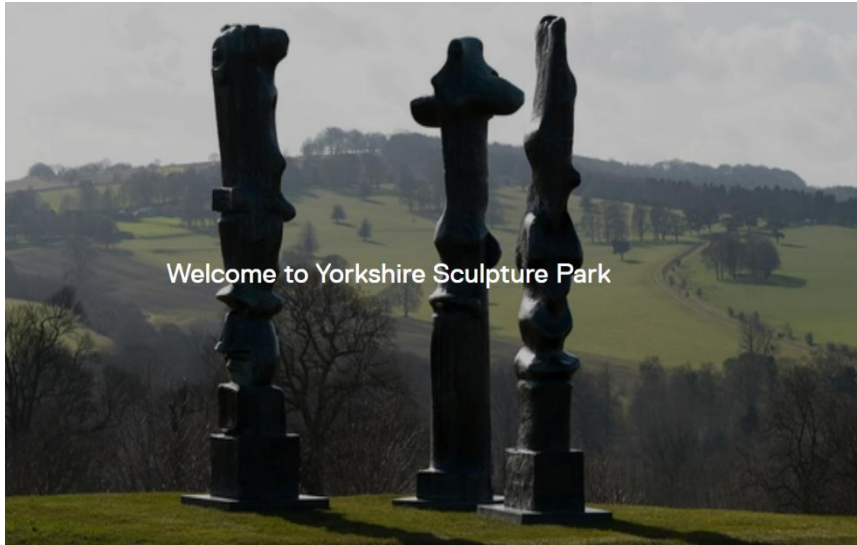
Although the team did not win, the students performed brilliantly and it was clear that the judges were really impressed with them. They should all be very proud of themselves. Particular congratulations must be given to Aimée B for her role as Defence Lawyer, with one of the judges coming to shake her hand at the end and stating that he had given her full marks for her role, a mark he has never given previously.

As both our Magistrates' Mock Trial team and Bar Mock Trial team have been so fantastic, we intend to celebrate this through a Mock Trial Showcase event later this half-term, where both teams will perform one of the cases that they have prepared. This will take place on Monday 29 June at 6:30pm and tickets will be available via ParentPay.



Art & Photography Yorkshire Sculpture Park Trip

On Wednesday 13 May the Art Department took 65 Year 10 Art and Photography students to Yorkshire Sculpture Park. It was a great day despite the weather doing its best to ruin it. We faced rain, hail, wind and a bit of sunshine. The students were amazing and faced the elements with smiles on their faces.



Trip to Jewels of the East Concert

A group of KS3 pupils attended the spectacular 'Jewels of the East' concert on the evening of Saturday 9 May, performed by our favourite local orchestra, the Hull Philharmonic. They enjoyed listening to Shostakovich's 'Festive Overture', Ustvolskaya's 'Symphonic Poem No1', Glazunov's 'Summer' from *The Seasons* and Mussorgsky's famous 'Pictures at an Exhibition'.

Pupils were particularly impressed by the laser show in the second half of the concert which they found 'dazzling' and 'magical' and they enjoyed watching our very own Miss Ward (Head of Music and a long-standing member of Hull Philharmonic) on stage.



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 certificate 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

59 pupils from Years 9 and 10 sat the Intermediate Maths Challenge. The pupils did well to achieve 14 Bronze certificates, 8 Silver certificates and 3 Gold certificates.

Congratulations go to all the participants, but especially to:

- Zoe G 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 Silver certificate. Entry to the Grey Kangaroo is by invitation based on a qualifying Intermediate Challenge score.
- Emily B who achieved not only a Gold certificate, but also the Best in Year 10.
- Isabel M who achieved a Gold certificate.
- Emily B, Darcey L, Jessica M and Molly N in Year 9 and Emily G, Lexi G, Mia R and Orla W in Year 10 who all achieved Silver Certificates.
- The following pupils achieved Bronze certificates:
 - From Year 9 Elsie C, Serena C, Lily G, Beatrice G, Ruby H, Maisie L-W, Grace S and Ruth W.
 - From Year 10 Clara A, Annalise B, Darcey E Leonora F, Clara H and Serena L.



Junior Challenge

58 pupils from Years 7 and 8 sat the Junior Maths Challenge. The pupils did well to achieve 17 Bronze certificates, 6 Silver certificates and 1 Gold certificate.

Congratulations go to all the participants, but especially to:

- Georgiana E in Year 8, who achieved the only Gold certificate and Best in School.

- Elsa B, Phoebe D and Izabella Z-S in Year 7 who achieved not only a Bronze certificate, but also the Best in Year 7.
- Layla A, Ella B, Annabelle C, Daisy C, Emily H and Pippa M-B in Year 8 who all achieved Silver Certificates.
- The following pupils achieved Bronze certificates:
 - from Year 7 Nicola C, Lily C, Whisper C, Iris R, Elsa B, Phoebe D, Izabella Z-S.
 - From Year 8 Daisy A, Sian B, Rose C, Milly G, Hafsa G, Emilia H, Scarlett H, Eliza M, Emma P-J and Katie S.



Buckingham Palace Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award Ceremony

On a beautifully sunny day four former Joint 6th students along with their proud parents spent a wonderful afternoon at Buckingham Palace celebrating achieving their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award. Mrs Gardiner, coordinator of the Gold Award at the Joint Sixth, was able to celebrate with them as they enjoyed refreshments on the lawn, talks from guest speakers and an address by HRH the Duke of Edinburgh.





Women Who Lead

A group of Year 7 students have been taking part in our new Women Who Lead programme over the last 4 weeks. Students have been exploring roles of leadership, with the goal of applying to become a 'Transition Lead' by the end of the 7 week programme. In the latest session, students have been exploring team work and problem solving, which saw them undertake a range of activities such as a human knot, a blindfolded obstacle course and The Egg Drop Engineering challenge. Well done to all students involved for showing enthusiasm, resilience and most importantly, fantastic teamwork and leadership skills!



Active Travel Ambassadors

This year's Active Travel Ambassadors' (ATA) Campaign is focusing on increasing the number of people travelling actively and sustainably to school.

On Wednesday 11th March, 13 Year 9 pupils attended the ATA (Active Travel Ambassadors) Campaign Junction at County Hall. They were there to pitch their ideas for increasing the proportion of people travelling to school actively and reducing the number of cars arriving at school in the hope of being awarded funding to implement their ideas. The Junction was hosted by ModeShift in conjunction with The Bikeability Trust, Northern Rail and Active Travel England. The pupils presented to a panel of 4 experts and 5 other schools in the Council Chambers. They received feedback and answered questions from the panel.

This term we will be officially opening our new cycle shed; hosting a celebration event for ATA groups from school across the East Riding; and launching our newest campaign to Year 6 on Induction Day.

The ATAs have the following message about their work over the past few months:

“We presented to a board of judges about what we’re doing and what we’re going to do to lower the number of cars idling around our school. This was one of our goals last year. However, we are also doing more as we are also going to try and promote our club to the new Year 7s and their parents to expand our ATA club and continue to help the school community. With this pitch, we were able to win a total of £450 which we are going to use to help fulfil the goals stated earlier and make the school greener.

We have already started to implement these changes as we are going to open our new bike shed to the school community this term which can be used all year round and is located near the existing bike shed. We hope that students and staff will make use of this new addition to the school and utilize it as the nicer weather is fast approaching. With everything that we’ve done and are continuing to do, we hope that students will travel more actively to school to make our area safer and greener.”





School Magazine Out Now!

The fifth issue of *Inspire*, our new school magazine, is out this week! Our theme for this issue is *Rise to the Challenge*, in solidarity with all the students who are working their way through exam season. We hope our staff stories encourage you to keep going, as staff remember some of the challenges they've faced – from high-stakes snooker to international adventure, from dreaded driving tests to the lifelong learning of a musical instrument. We've also got updates from our Art department and the Eco Council, music reviews and tributes, art and poetry from Year 7 and three of the best opinion articles from the Year 9 English exams.

And our resident nature columnist Ruth P in Year 11 retires with a final feature on rodents: thank you, Ruth, for your passion and commitment. You inspire us to appreciate all creatures great and small.

Our cover art is a poster advertising Empty Banner's gig on Friday, at Cottingham Civic Hall for 16+ years. Empty Banner's members include Mia S and Roisin M in Year 11, and they will be recording their EP in the coming weeks, which will be released by Warren Records.

If you 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 with Super Curricular Lead Ms Watkins. In the meantime, have a great half term break.



Sports Report

Tennis

It has been great to see so many students coming along to Tennis Club at lunchtimes, the courts have been busy with students enjoying playing tennis and having fun with friends.

Our first match was against Tranby School on Tuesday 11 May. We took pairs of U15 students and U13 students to play some doubles games. Even though the weather was very cold the students had a lot of fun, for the U13 team this was their first competitive match and they learnt a lot about the rules of the game. It was nice to see the progress they made even over a couple of matches.

The U15 team didn't lose a game, winning all four doubles matches, there were some excellent rallies and fantastic shots, all played in good spirits.



Primary Schools Mini-tennis Festival

On 7 May some of our Year 10 students had the opportunity to help tennis coaches lead some Year 3 & 4 primary school students at a mini-tennis festival at the High School. Both the primary students and our leaders really enjoyed the festival.

Our students were each set a task of delivering a fun tennis activity for a small group of students to join in with. They did an amazing job of leading, encouraging and delivering engaging activities to younger students. The organisers of the event commented on how fantastic our students were at encouraging the younger children.



Joint Sixth Badminton Match

On 29 April some of the Joint 6th students from our Social Sports Club enjoyed some Badminton doubles games against Wolfeaton Sixth Form. The games were played in great spirits and all students enjoyed the competition, with Beverley Joint Sixth winning overall on games.



Basketball

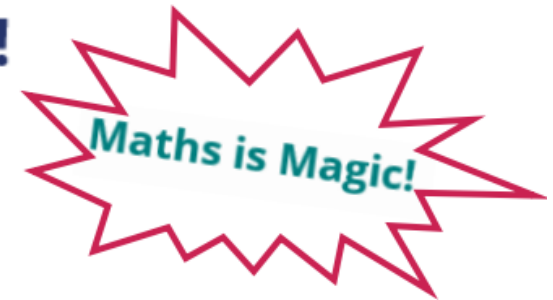
On 29 April a group of Key Stage 3 students were involved in a basketball event at Beverley High School, which was set up by the School Sports Partnership. They got to experience playing a competitive match against Goole High School, with local basketball coaches leading and umpiring the games. Students enjoy participating in basketball during Year 9 lessons when they are first introduced to it, with some students now inspired to join the local club at the leisure centre. This event was a great opportunity to apply their skills to a match situation.



Things we've been asked to mention...



UK Maths Trust Poster Competition!



Create a poster on A3 paper with the theme “Maths is Magic!”. The poster **MUST** include the following UKMT competition dates for 2026/27:

Senior Mathematical Challenge: 7th October 2026

Intermediate Mathematical Challenge: 27th January 2027

Junior Mathematical Challenge: 27th April 2027



This is for **ANY** year group, individually or as a team (6 people maximum). Don't worry about imperfections in the artwork as the winning poster will be digitally reproduced.



Hand your posters in to Mrs Dawson in the Maths office by Wednesday the 24th of June.



Students that enter will receive achievement points and there will be a school prize for the best poster from Beverley High.



The winning school in the national competition will win 50 free entries into a first round competition and a goodie bag of UKMT merch for the winning students!



The winning poster will be digitally printed and made available to all schools for free, either as a physical poster or a PDF download

Previous Entries:





Dame Rachel de Souza
Children's Commissioner for England



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For the first time, hundreds of thousands of children will be eligible to vote in the next general election at age 16, the biggest change to the franchise in half a century – yet just one in five children say politicians listen to them.

That's why I'm doing my final survey, *The Big Future*, to talk to a million children, to listen to them. And to find out about what it's like to be a child today.

I am asking children about the changes they want to see in their communities, their biggest concerns, and their hopes for the future. More than anything, I want to know what they think a good childhood should look like, now and in the future.

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How children and young people can take part

Complete The Big Future survey here

The survey is open now. Full URL:
childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture

