

June 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

Beverley High School Students Shine in National Oxford University Translation Competition

We are delighted to celebrate the success of two Beverley High School students who have been recognised in the prestigious *Anthea Bell Prize for Young Translators 2026*, a national competition organised by The Queen's College, University of Oxford.

Year 7 student Charlotte and Year 8 student Esmee received awards for their outstanding translation work, placing them among some of the most talented young linguists in the country.



The competition attracted over 25,000 students from across the United Kingdom, with more than 5,400 top entries selected for judging. Entries were assessed by professional literary translators and Modern Languages students from the University of Oxford. Judges praised the exceptionally high standard of work submitted this year, noting how difficult it was to choose the winners and commendations.

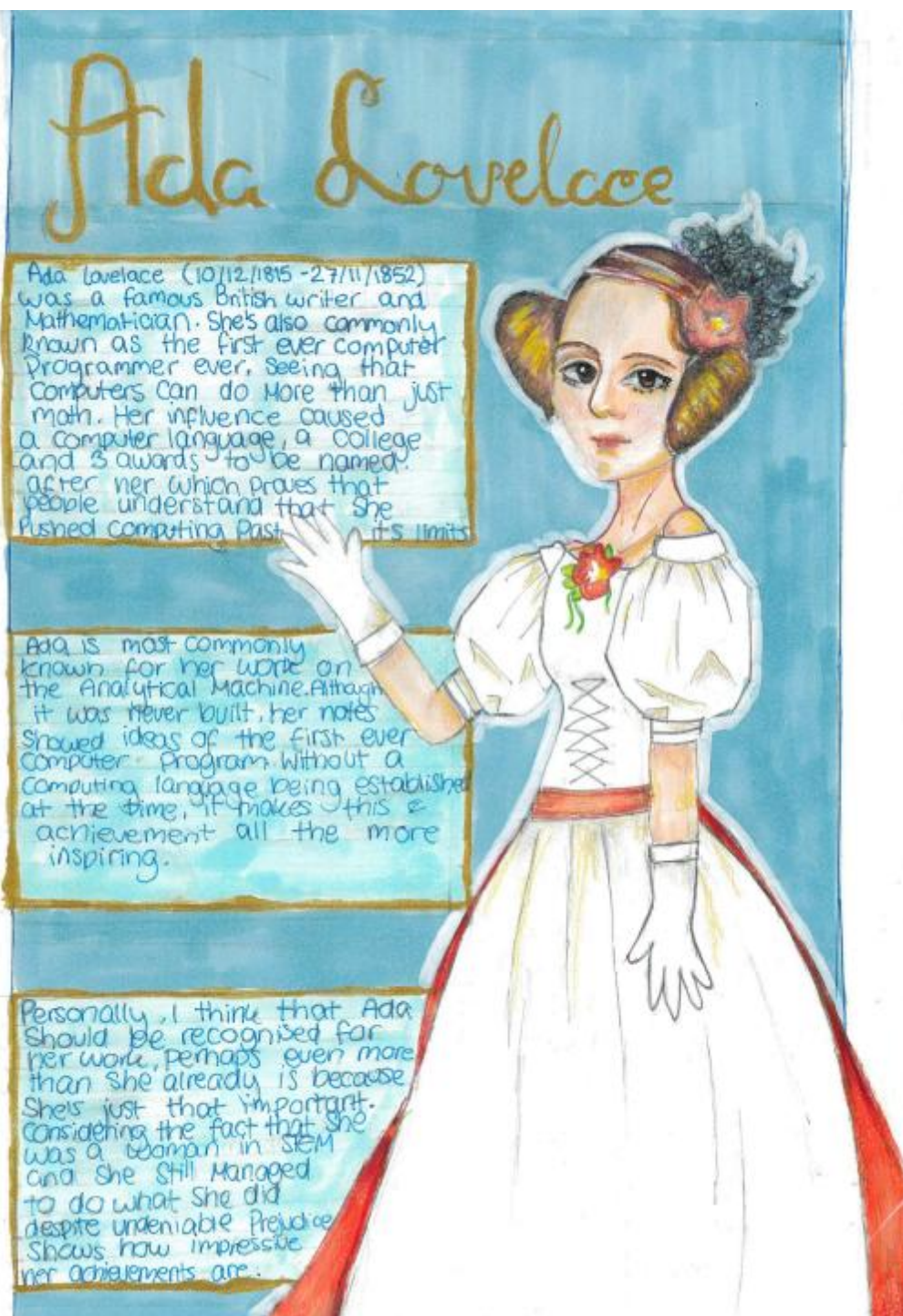
This achievement is testament to Charlotte and Esmee's dedication, hard work and enthusiasm for languages.

Congratulations, Charlotte and Esmee – a fantastic achievement! Your school is very proud of you.

International Women in Engineering Day 2026 Schools Competition Prize Winner

Congratulations to Year 9 student, Grace S who has been awarded Runner Up in the GCHQ International Women in Engineering Day 2026 Schools Competition. A panel of engineers and senior leaders reviewed all of the entries and were particularly impressed by Grace's thoughtful use of AI to research Ada Lovelace, and how this research was incorporated into her own design alongside great artwork. The panel also greatly appreciated the personal reflections included in the submission. Grace wins a £50 Amazon voucher. GCHQ sent their congratulations and wish Grace every success in her future studies.

GCHQ say, "We need the right mix of minds to meet the technology challenges of the future and keep the UK safe. That's a key reason why we're passionate about attracting more women into our technology roles, more girls into STEM careers, and making our work environment as fulfilling and rewarding as we can for the fantastic women technologists we have in our organisation."



Since 2018, we have been celebrating International Women in Engineering Day every year, as one way to ensure we keep recognising the importance of these goals and stepping towards them."

Selected to Represent Yorkshire and Humberside in Judo

Year 9 student Millie Roberts has recently been selected for the Yorkshire and Humberside Judo Team. She will compete at the National Judo Centre in Birmingham in July. Her team trains at venues across the region and have recently travelled to Hebden Bridge and Lincoln for training.



Millie also plays basketball for the Howden Warhorses girls’ basketball team in the Yorkshire Regional League. The team is undefeated this season and played against some very tough competition from teams from Leeds, Sheffield and York.

Next season the team will compete in the National League North and compete against Newcastle and various teams from Manchester, Leeds, Sheffield and Warrington. The photograph is the team on their way back from a friendly game in Newcastle.

Last March, Millie set up a girls’ basketball team in Beverley and is part of the Beverley Red Kites. They started off with 3 girls and now 16-17 girls attend training. A fantastic achievement for all the girls who attend and who recruited other girls to come and play (most of whom are from Beverley High School).



Well done Millie, your school is very proud of you. Thank you to your proud dad for telling us about your achievements.

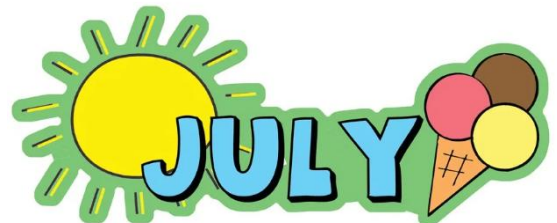
New Head Student Team

The head student elections took place on 10 June and we were delighted to elect Year 12 students Rose and Luke as our new Head Students with Sam and Mehmet as their deputies. Rose commented, 'I'm very happy to have been elected because I really want to help make High School an even better place for students. Although the process was daunting at times, I'm really glad I did it and that I get the chance to make changes within school.'



Next month....

June has been such a busy month, as you will see from this bumper 32 page edition, as such some activities from this week will instead feature in the July edition of Beverley Highlife. So please look out for the HL/MW House Trip to London, the Mock Trial Showcase Evening, Year 6 Transition Day and news of MFL competition success amongst other things!



A Night to Remember: Beverley High School Year 11 Prom 2026

On Friday 19 June, Year 11 students from Beverley High School and Beverley Grammar School gathered to celebrate the end of an important chapter at their prom, held at the beautiful Mercure Hull Grange Park Hotel.



The evening began in spectacular fashion, with students arriving in a variety of impressive ways. From being dropped off by proud parents to stepping out of luxurious limousines and stylish sports cars, every arrival added to the excitement and glamour of the occasion.

Students looked absolutely stunning in their prom outfits, with elegant dresses, sharp suits, and plenty of smiles making for a truly memorable entrance. The warm sunshine and beautiful weather made the evening even more special, creating the perfect setting for the celebrations.

Upon arrival, students were welcomed into the venue through a fantastic balloon arch before making their way to the garden area, where they were treated to a complimentary mocktail. This gave everyone a chance to relax, catch up with friends, and soak in the atmosphere before the evening's festivities got fully underway.

The photo booth proved to be a huge hit throughout the night, giving students the opportunity to capture funny and memorable moments with their friends. Between snapping photos and creating keepsakes, the dance floor was buzzing with energy as students showed off their best moves and danced the night away.



The prom was a wonderful celebration of friendship, achievements, and the end of Year 11. It was a joyous and memorable experience that will stay with students for many years to come.



A huge thank you goes to all the staff and parents whose hard work and support helped make the evening such a success. Their efforts ensured that Year 11 had a truly special send-off and a night they will never forget.

Another Night to Remember: Beverley J6th Year 13 Prom 2026

It was wonderful to celebrate with Year 13 as they marked the end of their A level studies at their Prom. The beautiful sunshine and the stunning setting of Beverley Barn helped provide the students with a wonderful send off. Thank you to the Head Student team for their hard work organising the event as well as Year 12 student, Annie, who took these brilliant photographs.





Year 10 Work Experience Week

Congratulations to all Year 10 students who spent the last week of June on work experience placements. We have received amazing feedback about how well you fitted in to the workplaces you were part of for a week, how confident and articulate you are and how you were able to add value to the workplaces you were part of. Well done, your school is proud of you.

End of Exam Season

This month saw Year 11 and Year 13 sit their final GCSE and A Level examinations. Well done to both year groups who have approached the exam season in a mature way and demonstrated great perseverance and resilience. We look forward to seeing you again on Exam Results days in August.

Year 9 Trip to Cologne

At the end of May we took a group of 40 Year 9 students to Cologne in Germany. The party enjoyed visiting Cologne Zoo, eating at a local restaurant, visiting Cologne cathedral and the Lindt Chocolate Factory. We also visited the nearby Drachenfels castle and had a river cruise down the Rhine to Beethoven's hometown of Bonn. This is what some of our pupils said about the trip...

'This trip has been absolutely amazing, I've learnt more German words, I've had such good laughs and got closer to friends. I am so happy that I got a chance to go on this trip, it truly changed me and I'm very grateful to the teachers for making it fun with the activities.'

'One of the best trips I've ever been on! I could have eaten the free chocolate at the Chocolate Museum for days!'

'It has been an amazing experience to see the different culture and to speak more German. I have made lots of unforgettable memories! I have visited some of the most amazing places which I would never have seen otherwise. My knowledge of the German language has grown along with relationships with friends and my confidence.'

'This trip has made me more confident and it's just been a lot of fun. I have learnt more Germans and I got to make some new friends!'

'I had a fantastic time and loved dancing Macarena on the last night! Thank you to Miss Papanikolaou, Mrs Phillips, Mrs Chastney and Mrs Hull who made it possible for me to go to Cologne!'





Memorable French Exchange

Eighteen Year 10 students from Beverley High School together with 3 Beverley Grammar School students spent a week in host families and attending a French school in Saint-Affrique in June. After an exciting journey by train via Paris students arrived in Saint-Affrique to be greeted by our French hosts. Understandably nervous to begin with, the Beverley students quickly threw themselves into life in the town and were able to attend lessons, sample the food in the school canteen and enjoy visits to the local area. The visit ended with a reception at the Town Hall and we are looking forward to the return visit of the French students and their teachers in September.



Clara from Year 10 shared her impressions of her Exchange week in France:

“My week in Saint Affrique and the Exchange as a whole was more than amazing! My host family welcomed me with open arms and I got an insight into their family life through activities such as sports, family gatherings and late-night family chats after tea - which is what I really miss. I now stay in touch with them and they have invited me to stay again, which plan to do after my GCSEs. My favourite part of the Exchange was the weekend, when we spent it with our host family. We went to the market and bought fresh fruit and meat and hung out with their family friends. We also went to the river and got to see some of the Beverley High students too, it was a massive get together. This

Exchange has really improved my speaking in French and skills for the future. As a whole I have learnt a lot from this experience and if I could do it again - I most definitely would!"

From Bella

"The French Exchange was such a brilliant experience and I really enjoyed it. It helped develop my confidence in speaking a different language and living in a different country. The travel day was long but went so quickly and I wanted it to last longer; it was so fun just spending the full day talking and playing games with my friends.

I spent the Saturday with my Exchange student in the city nearby, going into the shops and seeing the difference in fashion trends, mannerisms between the customer and the workers within the shops. On the Sunday me and my Exchange student met up with some other people who were on the Exchange at a river near the villages we were all living in and had a picnic of typical French foods of the area. On the Friday night we went to a castle as a whole group including our Exchange families, it was amazing and we got to have fun as a whole group which we hadn't done other than at school.

The activities we did at school were good; I especially enjoyed the last day where we made memory pages with lots of pictures. It was an incredible experience that I will remember forever."



Year 8 Lakeside Residential

On 15 June, almost a hundred Year 8 students travelled to the Lake District for an incredible three days. The residential trip at YMCA Lakeside, situated on Lake Windermere, was packed with group activities such as Kayaking, Paddleboarding and High ropes, alongside competitive activities such as Campfire Games, Talent Shows and Raft Building. The students were absolutely fantastic and faced each day with such great enthusiasm, pushing themselves to face challenges and completing activities they first thought they couldn't do, along with strengthening old and building wonderful new friendships along the way, we were so proud to see such fantastic support for each other throughout the trip. A great time was had by all!





Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Expedition

Our Bronze DofE group started their practice expedition on a sunny Friday at the start of June. They walked parts of the 'Yorkshire Wolds Way' and 'Beverley 20' routes and camped overnight at Raywell. On the second day of the expedition our teams had to pack away their tents in the rain and set off on another walk from Raywell to Beverley following parts of the 'High Hunsley Circuit' and ending in Walkington. We were impressed by the team work and navigation skills of all teams! In the evening our participants cooked some delicious meals, including s'mores, and still had enough energy left to play UNO and frisbee!

Thank you to Mr Muralee, Miss Papanikolaou, Mrs Phillips and Ms Watson, and our DofE volunteer Mr Leach for their support on this trip.





MFL Year 13 Celebration Meal

Our lovely Year 13 French group enjoyed a little celebratory meal out at Pizza Express with their teachers (Miss Bagley, Ms Gardiner and Mrs Phillips) recently: a fantastic way to mark the end of all their hard work! We wish them all the very best of luck for their results and the adventures that will follow. It has been a true privilege to witness their progress from GCSE to A Level over the last two years.

Je n'ai jamais rêvé de succès, j'ai travaillé pour." Estée Lauder

Translates as, "I never dreamed of success, I worked for it."



Year 11 visit Oxford University

35 prospective J6th students spent the day visiting Oxford in 22nd June. After setting off early the group arrived at Mansfield College in time for refreshments, an introduction to study at Oxford, a tour of the college and then lunch in Hall. Students then attended a fascinating academic taster session on linguistics before a walking tour of Oxford and a visit to Pembroke College. The day ended with a much needed ice cream before heading back to Beverley.



Year 12 Work Experience

Work experience for our current Year 12 students takes place this week and we were excited to receive this photo update from our three Year 12 French students who are spending the week working for the town council in Beverley's twin town of Nogent sur Oise, north of Paris. Look out for more updates from them and from our other Year 12 students in the next edition.



Newcastle and Northumbria Universities Open Days

Year 12 spent the day visiting the campuses of Newcastle and Northumbria Universities for their Open Day events. The students had the chance to attend subject talks, visit student accommodation and meet current students as well as lecturers.



Art, Photography and Textiles Exhibition 2026

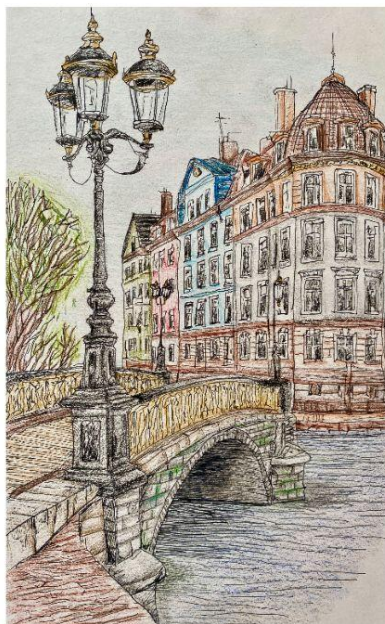
On 10 June we held an exhibition to celebrate the amazing work that our KS3, GCSE and A Level students have produced this year. KS3 Art was included in the exhibition for the first time and it was great to see the work properly displayed, highlighting the incredible talent at all Key Stages.

A massive thanks to all of those who attended. It was a fantastic turn out and we really appreciate your support.

Can't wait to see what the students produce in the next year!

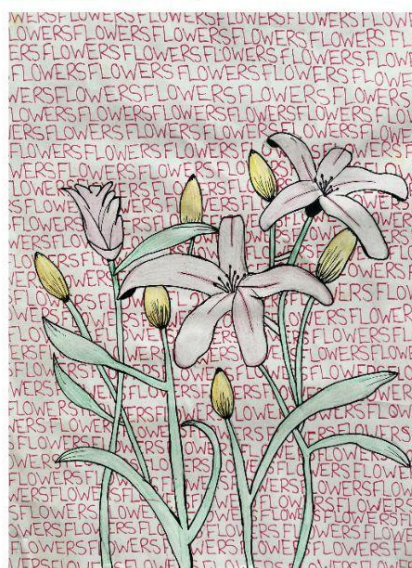
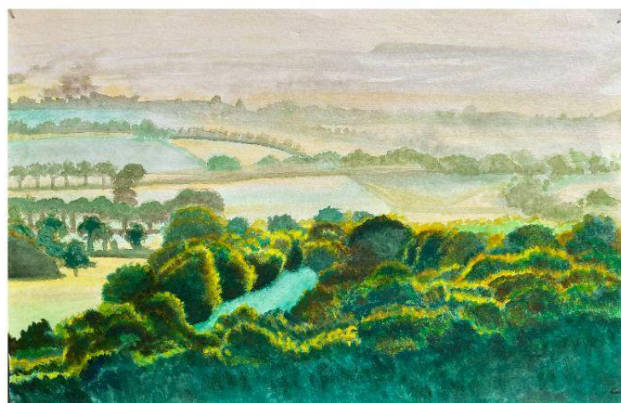






KS3 Art Exhibition

Showcasing your amazing work



Geographers Go to Withernsea

This month, our Year 10 Geographers headed to Withernsea to study evidence of erosion and the management of longshore drift. The weather was kind to us once again, and we certainly appreciated the shade and fish and chips at lunchtime!

We were also delighted to receive funding from the Coastal Change Team at ERYC, which not only covered the cost of our coach but also contributed to expanding our fieldwork equipment. This has included iPads, calipers, clinometers and tape measures. The photos below show our students making excellent use of them.

We will now follow up this work by presenting and analysing the data before drawing conclusions and evaluating our enquiry.





Tesco Community Fund

This year, the Geography Department has also been successful in securing funding from the Tesco Community Fund, and we would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who popped their blue tokens into our box.

Thanks to your votes, we have been awarded funding to purchase additional specialist geography fieldwork equipment that will enrich outdoor learning opportunities for students across the school. From our lunchtime Geoggers Club to GCSE and A-level investigations, students will have exciting opportunities to explore their local environment using professional tools and techniques. Thank you once again for your generosity and support.



Stunning New House Banners

Thanks to former student Poppy B, the school hall now proudly displays five stunning new House banners. These were designed and made by Poppy. The level of detail is astonishing, they are beautiful works of art which Poppy has spent many hours working on. We are so grateful to Poppy for her time, dedication and investment in these unique pieces. They will hang in the hall of Beverley High School for many years to come.



Pat Albeck Features in Champney Treasure House Exhibition

This month, the school was invited to attend the launch event for the *Cześć, to my! (Hi, it's us!)* exhibition at the Champney Treasure House in Beverley. The exhibition celebrates over 100 years of the Polish community in East Yorkshire. The school provided staff from the Treasure House with information about former pupil and House hero Pat Albeck and loaned them artefacts, which are on display at the exhibition, which runs until 3 October.

Year 7 students can sign up for a summer holiday activity at the Champney Treasure House, which is part of The Wollstonecraft Festival or Rights and Creativity. The artistic workshop has been inspired by the designer Pat Albeck and her daughter-in-law Emma Bridgewater.



Sports Report

Rounders



Year 7

Congratulations to our Year 7 Rounders team who beat Cottingham High School in a recent match. They have all been regular attenders to after school Rounders Club and the practice is really paying off, they have played three matches now and are improving all the time resulting in their recent win. Their batting was consistent and they made some excellent decisions in fielding to stump some of the opposition players out.

Athletics

We took a team of Year 7- 9 students to The Market Weighton School for an athletics competition on Tuesday 23 June. Students competed in the Javelin, Long Jump, 100m and 200m, unfortunately due to the hot weather the 800m was cancelled, understandably. Many students recorded some of their best distances and times and won certificates and medals. It was a lovely friendly atmosphere and the students thoroughly enjoyed it – thanks to The Market Weighton School for organising it.

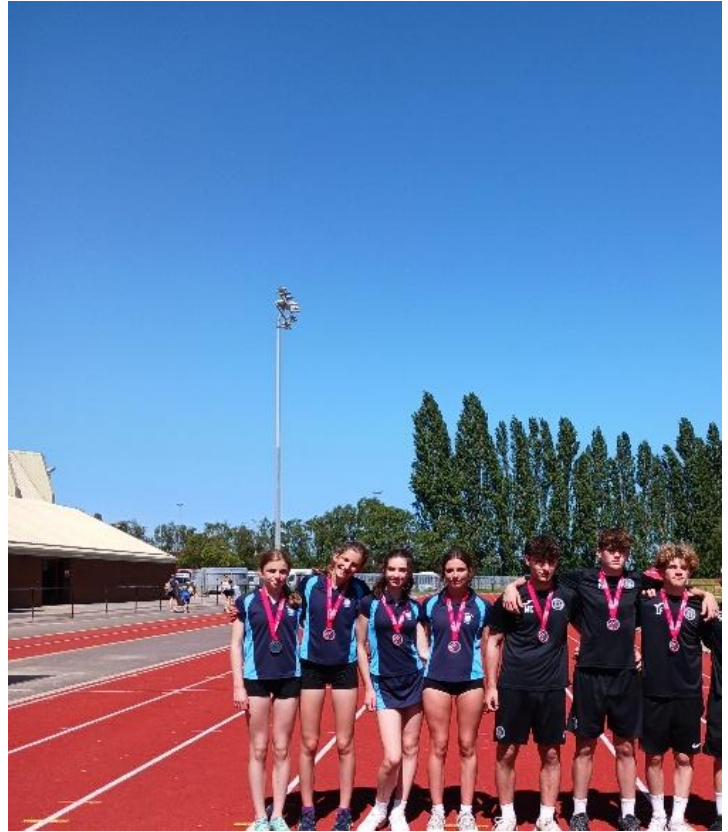


Athletics Squad

Quad Athletics

Humber Final – 2nd Place

Our Quad Athletics team consisting of three Year 10 and one Year 9 student joined up with Beverley Grammar School to compete in the Humber Quad Athletics Final. They qualified for this round after coming second in their area. Students competed in four events including; 800m, 100m, Vortex throw and Long Jump. Out of all the schools in the Humber region they came 2nd place, scoring over 2000 points - an amazing result! Congratulations to the whole team, your school is very proud of you.



Quad Athletics Squad

Ice Hockey Update

Ice hockey star and Year 8 student Esmé G was selected to take part in Great Britain's "Elite British Selects" Training Camp in Nottingham this month, a unique opportunity as normally only boys are allowed to take part, but because of her performance representing the country in Czechia last month, she received a special invitation, in recognition of being one of the top 2 or 3 12-year-old girls in the country. Well done Esmé, your school is very proud of you.

Year 10 Work Experience

The PE department had two of our Year 10 students on work experience last week. The students were fantastic; they were enthusiastic, hardworking and great role models for our younger students, helping to lead and encourage others in PE lessons. They were also confident in helping to present some of our sports day assemblies.



Alumni News

Congratulations to Rachel Wilkes (nee Thompson), former pupil of Beverley High School, who received an OBE for Services to Education from The King at Windsor Castle earlier this month. Rachel is Chief Executive and Accounting Officer for Humber Education Trust. Rachel left the Beverley Joint Sixth Form in 1995 after completing A Levels in French, German and Music. She said, "I've got very fond memories of being a High School pupil."



Things we have been asked to mention:

CHAMPNEY TREASURE HOUSE
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Champney
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Creative Change-makers of the Future

Part of The Wollstonecraft Festival of Rights and Creativity

Thursday 6 August 10.30am - 2.30pm

Champney

Treasure House

Education Room

An artistic workshop for children aged 5 - 12 years.

Jam-packed with making, crafts, writing and drama inspired by powerhouse designers Pat Albeck and Emma Rice. You will make your own tea-towel, paper-cut out artworks and a special visit to the Champney Treasure House Museum exhibition.



Free, booking essential. Tickets available for children who receive free school meals as well as those who do not. Book via the QR code. Select the FSM or non-FSM tickets, as appropriate.

Artworks created by children at the workshop will be publicly featured later in the year as part of The Wollstonecraft Festival of Rights and Creativity.



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