

Welcome to the February edition of **Beverley Highlife**. I hope that you enjoy reading about what has been happening at Beverley High School this month.

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Cyberfirst Finalists



Congratulations to Year 8 students Emily Nunns, Maccie Middleton, Elizabeth Thorp and Polly Oberg who have made it through to the national final of The Cyber First competition. After a tense semi-final in Leeds one Saturday, which saw them secure second place against all competing schools in the North of England, they thoroughly deserve this success. We wish the team lots of luck for the final in Cardiff next month.



Year 9 Magistrates' Court Mock Trial Competition

Seventeen Year 9 students have been busy preparing for the Magistrates' Court Mock Trial competition. This involves students taking on the role of key figures in court, including solicitors, witnesses and the legal advisor, and fighting a case against other local schools. As part of their preparation, we have been fortunate enough to have been supported by a local magistrate who has come into school several times to help the students to prepare. We have also been on a trip to Beverley Magistrates' Court, where the students will fight their case, to gain a greater understanding of how the court operates. The students were given the opportunity to rehearse their case in a real court room, meet with local magistrates, legal advisors and a solicitor, and even got the chance to sentence their teachers and to be locked in a cell! So far, the students have been fantastic in their preparation and everyone who has worked with them has praised their positive attitude, enthusiasm and commitment. We wish all the students involved the very best of luck when they take part in the competition on Saturday 14 March.



Year 8 Explore



Year 8 were lucky enough to take part in a super-curricular online debate with Oxford University on the subject of “Is knowledge dangerous?” The aim of this session was to encourage cross-curricular discussions about the Big Question, including the power of knowledge in creation myths, studying science on the nano scale and calculating the blast radius of an atomic bomb. All parents and carers were sent an accompanying booklet of activities for this debate via EduLink. Students can sign up to watch further debates individually here: <https://explore.org/registration>

Leeds Love Drama



On 7 February, student ambassadors from the University of Leeds came into school to deliver a workshop for Year 9 and 10 students who have shown an interest in further pursuing Drama education. The workshop focused on practical exploration of topics and issues, improvisation and quick-thinking, team work and use of space and movement. The ambassadors also talked to the students about potential further study and careers that can stem from a Drama education. The students worked brilliantly together and created some really creative and interesting pieces of Drama. Thank you to Leeds University for this opportunity.

Year 10 Cambridge University Visit

Thirty pupils from Beverley High School and Beverley Grammar School visited King’s College, Cambridge as a reward for those students who had completed the most super-curricular activities so far this year. Students had a tour of the college and the chapel, ate lunch in the King’s dining hall and had a workshop on applying to University. The feedback from parents and carers following this trip was extremely positive: “[My child] had a fantastic time on the Year 10 Cambridge visit last Friday. She had a brilliant day and has come home really inspired!” We hope that trips like this really broaden students’ thinking about their future options and destinations.



Year 11 Interview Day

On Friday 7 February every member of Year 11 was interviewed by a team of interviewers from the Year 11 team and Senior Leadership Team. Students were given the chance to talk through their plans for next academic year and seek further support and guidance. All interviewers were very impressed with the amount of research the students had completed and the confidence with which they spoke about their future plans. We wish them all the best as they approach their final exams.

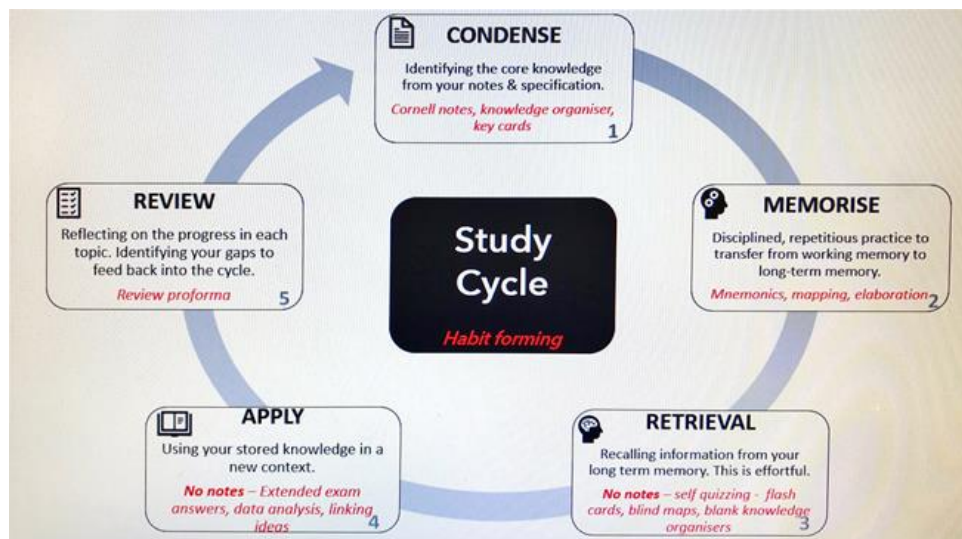


Year 11 Study Skills Session

Before half term Year 11 received a refresher study skills session. It provided them with the structure to develop a plan and routine to support their revision and final preparations for the summer exams.

This included:

- Condensing their class notes
- Memorising knowledge
- Retrieval practice
- Applying knowledge
- Reviewing progress



They explored the benefits of developing good study habits, including reduced test anxiety, greater likelihood of achieving their potential in their GCSEs, leading to more options available post-16.

Utilising this in the study cycle, focusing on the areas they are most struggling with, will support their progress towards achieving the grades they deserve in the summer.

Year 11 have 10 weeks until the start of their GCSE exams, let’s make the most of that time!

Sports Report

Humberside Cross Country

Last month we took a team from every age group to the Humberside Cross Country Championships in Scunthorpe and secured some excellent individual achievements, which featured in last month’s Beverley Highlife. We have now received the overall team results. Out of the 12 schools that qualified for this round in the Humberside area:

- our Year 7 team (pictured) came **2nd**
- our intermediate team (Years 9 & 10) came **8th**

Well done to all the teams who took part and good luck to the individuals who are competing at the English School’s Cross Country.



Netball Results

Our Netball matches are nearly coming to an end and we look forward to the East Riding end of season tournaments coming up this half term.

Our Year 9 team are unbeaten so far with wins against: Woldgate, The Market Weighton School, Hornsea, and Longcroft.

Year 10 have only lost 1 game by just 2 goals and had wins against Woldgate, Hornsea and Longcroft.

Year 7 have won two and lost one match & Year 8 so far are unbeaten with wins against The Market Weighton School, Hornsea and Longcroft.

This half term we will be organising our inter-house Netball competition which involves 64 students from every house competing, we hope that the weather improves before then!

National Schools' Badminton

For the second year in a row our Key Stage 3 team managed to make it through to the Humberside final for the National Schools' Badminton competition. All the team played extremely well to win both doubles and singles games against the other qualifying schools in the Humber. The students played amazingly, both as individuals and as a team; they encouraged and supported each other through all the matches, only losing 1 game out of 15 to become the Humberside champions.

This team will now go on to the Regional Yorkshire finals next Tuesday, to play the best teams in Yorkshire, a fantastic achievement!



Well done to Madeline, Sophie, Angelina, Jasmine and Ebony L (pictured above).

Parents' Evenings

Thank you to parents of Year 10 students who attended parents' evening before half term. Just a reminder that Year 8 parents' evening is on Monday 23 March.

Year 12 Lunchtime Lecture Series



We continue to host a wide range of Lunchtime Lectures for Year 12 to enable them to engage with their A Level subjects beyond the curriculum. Dr Ed Hurst gave a creative writing workshop and explored Christopher Booker’s ‘7 Basic Plots’ as a basis for students’ own narratives. Dr. Michael Farrelly gave a topical talk on ‘Discourse and the Climate Crisis: does the language we use affect the way we (fail) to act?’ addressing the language shift from Climate Change to Climate Crisis. We also heard from Stephen Downing about his work as a criminal lawyer at the Old Bailey and Professor Gerry Johnston on the idea of restorative justice. Finally, Dr Laura Mayne gave an ‘Introduction to Film Studies’ analysing editing in ‘The Big Sleep’ and Dr Fannie Yeung held a Marketing Segmentation workshop where students had the opportunity to design a new dessert for the café chain ‘Kaspa’s.’ We are grateful to the academics who take time out of their teaching schedules to give our Year 12 students this opportunity.

Medicine and Veterinary Science Success



Congratulations to Year 13 student Charlotte Sharpe who has this month secured a place to study veterinary science at Edinburgh University and to former Year 13 students Hannah Winter and Anna Bennett who, during their gap year, have been offered places to study Medicine at university in the autumn.



Air Ambulance Non-Uniform Day



Thank you for supporting this year’s Valentine’s Day non-uniform day. Your generous donations raised £713 for the Air Ambulance charities. We know that these charities are valued by our school

community. One parent contacted us to say, “The air ambulance charity is very close to my family’s heart. When we had our car accident the air ambulance was sent to us but could not land because of the weather. But we would like to help any way we can. Their services are vital in saving lives, they could have been the difference in my children being left without a mum. Thank you for supporting this charity.”

Each month **Beverley Highlife** introduces you to an alumna of the school who will tell us about their life since leaving Beverley High School.



Name: Angela Jane Frost (nee Walsh)

When did you leave Beverley High

School? 1975



Can you tell us about your profession?

I am a Chief Executive – which means I am responsible! My organisation is the UK regulator for market and social research, so I spend a lot of time talking to political parties and social media about data and privacy, to the press about polling. Less glamorously, I need to understand finance and health and safety – most importantly, I have to be a leader.

My career has had me study medieval history at Cambridge University which naturally led to selling soap to the great unwashed at Unilever, oil back to the Arabs at Shell, the BBC to the great British public, and become an advisor to the Lord Chancellor.

I have, on the way, had a lot of fun. Unexpected highlights include becoming a general and an admiral, climbing oil rigs and descending into coal mines, winning 2 platinum discs and making £2.5m for Children in Need with the single “Perfect Day” (and getting a birthday card from David Bowie in the process). All topped off in the Palace to receive a CBE!

What advice would you give to your younger self?

Advice to younger self is twofold: stay curious and remember you don’t have to do it alone – most people will help, indeed would like to do so, so don’t be afraid to ask.

We have been asked to mention:

Coronavirus information

We are following the guidelines from Public Health England and further support and advice can be sought by visiting their website at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public>

Home-Start Hull and Beverley



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