

September 2018 Edition

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

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August Results Days

149 nervous 16 years olds and 96 nervous 18 year olds returned to school in August to collect their exam results. Once again our students achieved some of the very best results in Yorkshire. You will know from the local media just how well our students did at GCSE and A Level. It's not the statistics themselves that matter but what the statistics mean: that the vast majority of our students have been able to progress to their course of choice at their institution of choice. Well done to everyone who worked so hard for these amazing results!



Welcome to Beverley High School Year 7

We look forward to our new Year 7s throwing themselves into their first year at Beverley High School and making every day count. The first year at secondary school is a big step up, with lots of interesting subjects to get used to, different buildings to explore and new teachers and friends to meet. Our transition programme gives our new students lots of chances to meet us before they start, but we understand that settling in doesn't always happen overnight and we support them every step of the way. There are so many exciting opportunities to take advantage of in Year 7, from sports teams, lunchtime clubs and an extensive range of enrichment activities to our upcoming residential trip to Kingswood. We certainly work hard, but we make sure we all enjoy school life too.

Welcome to the Beverley Joint Sixth Year 12

We have been delighted to welcome back into the Sixth Form many familiar faces from last year's Year 11 but also students from Beverley Grammar School and a total of 10 external students who have come either from local schools or from further afield. Our total student number for Year 12 currently stands at 130. The students have settled in quickly and we are particularly pleased with the new, extended sixth form common room which provides space for students to both study and relax. Year 12 parents were invited to attend a Welcome Evening early in September; the meeting, led by the two Heads of Sixth Form, allowed parents of new Year 12 students the chance to learn more about sixth form life and how best to support their child at this crucial time in their education.





National Spelling Bee Winner

At the end of the summer term, then Year 7 pupil, Edie Mayes became this year's National Final Spelling Bee winner!!! At Cambridge University she beat off all the competition in the country to be the best and quickest speller in German in the UK. Amazing! Well Done Edie.

Paris trip July 2018

At the end of the Summer term we took a group of Year 9 pupils to Paris for three nights. We had an amazing time and managed to fit in many visits including the Louvre museum, Notre-Dame Cathedral, Sacré Coeur and many more. The girls really enjoyed a walk in the Catacombs, a series of underground tunnels lined with millions of skulls and bones! Girls experienced shopping on the Champs-Élysées, a broad tree-lined avenue of luxury shops. We were grateful for a rest in the Tuileries Gardens as the weather was hot and sunny. Another welcome rest was a boat cruise on the River Seine where we saw many of Paris' other famous sights. It was rewarding to see and hear our pupils using their French and learning about and commenting on life in France and its customs. Well done to the MFL department for organising the trip.

International School Award

In August we learned that our school has been reaccredited with the International School Award. Feedback from the Assessor was highly complimentary, "You clearly demonstrate that the international dimension is firmly embedded in your school's curriculum and whole-school ethos, promoting citizenship and foreign language learning, and celebrating cultural diversity across the school and wider community. Your international work is broadening horizons and aspirations in preparation for future professional and social lives. The "international culture" is clearly a prominent and dynamic part of life at Beverley High School." Thank you to Mr Evans and Miss Stamp who submitted our application.

School Games Silver Award

In September we learned that our school has achieved the School Games Mark Silver Award. The Award rewards schools for their commitment to the development of sporting competition across their school and assesses four elements: Participation - how many young people at our school are being engaged in sporting activity? Competition - how many different sports are being played and how many competitions are being entered? Workforce - how many pupils are involved in leadership activities alongside taking part in competitions? Clubs - how many local links does our school have with clubs or establishments from the area? Well done to the PE department and all pupils who are involved in sport in school.

Music Mark School

We recently learned that Beverley High School has become a Music Mark School having been nominated by our local Music Hub in recognition of our commitment to providing high quality music education for all children and young people. The Chief Executive of Music Mark said, "We would like to thank you for all the hard work you do to ensure that pupils at Beverley High School are able to access and engage with a high-quality music education. Your dedication to offering and delivering a broad and balanced curriculum is both welcomed and celebrated." Congratulations to the Music department!

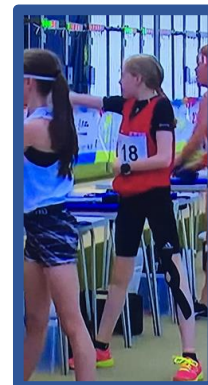


Street Dance World Championships

A street dance team, BDC Queens, based in Beverley and made up of Beverley High School pupils recently returned from the UDO Street Dance World Championships in Glasgow where they came 3rd. Members of the team are Harriet Acklam, Sophie Stead, Georgina Reed, Aimee Dobbs, Ruby Northern, Claudia Jenner and Olivia Lambert. Well done girls!

Isabelle Walby competing in Laser Run

One of our Year 8 pupils was selected to compete for the North of England in the individual under 14s Laser Run at the 2018 School Games at Loughborough University on 31 August. Laser Run was a new sport at this year's event which channels the shooting and running element of the Olympic's Modern Pentathlon events. What a fantastic achievement, well done Isabelle!



Roisin Gorry representing Great Britain

One of our Year 11 pupils has been selected to represent Great Britain at Biathle at the World Junior Championships in Egypt in October. Biathle or Modern biathlon is a sub-sport of modern pentathlon invented to create opportunities for training the run and swim parts of pentathlon in real race conditions. It is a sport in its own right. Your school is very proud of you and will be cheering you on Roisin!

National Heritage Open Day

For the first time as part of national Heritage Open Days, we opened the doors of our historic Edwardian building to visitors. On Friday 7 September we welcomed over 80 visitors. Emeritus Professor Barbara English of the Beverley Civic Society said, "The whole place was buzzing and there was much reminiscing going on. You had put together a terrific programme and exhibitions of archive. Visitors were delighted to meet their role players, and we thought the girls did exceptionally well, were enjoying it, had learned from it, and maybe gained an extra skill to get them into their future careers." Thank you to Miss Brownell, Mrs Habbershaw and the Year 11 tour guides Hannah Thomas, Saskia Willar-Sheehan, Eliza Crane, Mollie Reaney, Megan Bourne, Alice Batten, Sarah Clayton, Ffion Boswell, Izzy Dodds, Grace Acum, Emily Allsup, Leonora Brittain, Brooke Christiansen for making it a really special day.



London, House of Parliament trip

On Monday 10 September 19 pupils from Years 8, 9 and 11 went to The Houses of Parliament. We were taken on a tour of the building and shown notable places such as the room where King Henry VIII held feasts and the spot where journalists stand to interview politicians. They were lucky enough to be there during the Lord Speaker's procession, the group loved watching all the pomp and waved eagerly back when the Lord Speaker waved to them as he passed. For many though, the real highlight of their time at Parliament was going into the House of Commons to watch a debate – in this instance, the Education Secretary discussing 'T Levels'. Watching this certainly inspired some of the group to become more involved in politics. Following this, they took part in a 'Laws and Debating' workshop where a representative first explained the process of law-making and then gave them the opportunity to debate a topic of their choice – tuition fees. The session ended with a question and answer session run by our local MP, Graham Stuart, who had taken time out of his schedule to meet them. In addition to experiencing Parliament, a day in London also allowed the group to experience our wonderful capital city and, for some of the younger pupils, it was their first visit to London. We saw many key landmarks: we admired the panoramic view of London's skyline from the 10th floor of Tate Modern; we passed the London Eye and the entrance to Downing Street; we ate dinner in a restaurant in Trafalgar Square. As always, the pupils were an absolute credit to the school, showing great enthusiasm and maturity throughout the day. Indeed, their loveliness, politeness and tidiness was remarked upon by one of the train stewards! They made the trip an absolute pleasure to be part of.

Duke of Edinburgh Award Bronze Expedition

On the weekend of 22/23 September 17 Year 10 students undertook their assessed Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award expedition, having already completed their practice expedition in the summer term. They had been preparing their routes, developing essential navigation skills, and learning how to cook, camp and survive independently for several months. They arrived in Sutton-upon-Derwent on a cold Saturday morning, all expertly prepared and ready to go for their 6 hour hike to Allethrope Lake, where we would be camping. Upon arrival here they pitched their tents, cooked for themselves, and did their best to stay warm during a really cold night. The next day, all 17 pulled together to pack away and prepare for the day's events, which saw another 6 hour hike to their final destination in Shiptonthorpe. All students traversed their routes brilliantly, and arrived back with lots of fond memories. They were a credit to themselves and to their families. Your school is very proud of you.

Friday Lunchtime Lecture Series

On Friday 28 September Frances Foley, from the think tank Compass, will speak to Year 12 about her work and current research projects. We have more talks from a variety of speakers booked in for future Fridays including Dr Suzanne Clisby, Senior Lecturer in Social Sciences at the University of Hull.

Humber Careers Hub Launch

Beverley High School is proud to be a Humber Careers Hub partner. Mr Colton and I attended a launch event at Bridge Head Business Park earlier this month. The aim of the Hub is to build a comprehensive careers strategy across the Hub network to support every young person to make informed choices, understand the local labour market and gain excellent employability skills. Miss Brownell, our Careers Leader, is already working hard to achieve the Gatsby Benchmarks.



Baby News

Congratulations to Head of PE, Mrs Callan, whose baby boy arrived earlier this week.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Staff will once again put the kettle on for the World's Biggest Coffee Morning on Friday 28 September to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Former Teachers

Sadly before term began a number of staff attended the funerals of three recently retired teachers. Year 11 and sixth form students, parents and older siblings may remember them:

Mr Chris Wood, Head of ICT, who taught at Beverley High School between 1981 and 2013;

Mr Nigel Elliot, Head of Science, who taught at Beverley High School between 1991 and 2011 and

Mrs Karen Cook, Geography teacher, who taught at Beverley High School between 1999 and 2014