

January 2019 Edition

Happy New Year and welcome to the January edition of **Beverley Highlife**. I hope that you enjoy reading about what has been happening at Beverley High School this month.

Sharon Japp, Headteacher

Mock Exams

Year 11 and Year 13 students returned from the Christmas holiday to a fortnight of mock exams. We hope that these pre-public exams will have helped students prepare for the experience of their actual examinations in the summer.

East Riding Theatre Workshop

On Friday 11 January, 28 Year 9 students attended a Drama workshop at East Riding Theatre. The workshop was run by two actors from the She productions theatre company and focused on inspirational women across time and the idea of what it meant to be a woman. The girls devised their own short pieces of Drama using the stories of these women as their stimuli. They produced some fantastic work and dealt with the key issues in a sensitive and mature way. Towards the end of the day, a number of parents were invited to come and watch a performance of the girls' work and a few were even moved to tears with the stories of female inequality in the past. The girls were a credit to the school and were hopefully inspired by their day at the theatre! Well done to the English department for offering this opportunity.



GCHQ Scarborough Trip



On 16 January 82 Year 8s and 6 members of staff were provided with an unprecedented opportunity to visit GCHQ's Scarborough campus to learn more about the world of cyber security and espionage. With only 11% of its workforce made up of women

GCHQ is opening its doors to young females to inform them of the range of opportunities available within their organisation. During the visit we listened to a range of speakers, most notably the Head of Station who provided an overview of her job role and some interesting information on the inner workings of the organisation. In addition, we learned more about the competition GCHQ are running that our 82 Year 8s are competing in. The top 10 winning teams from across the country travel to Edinburgh for a Grand Final and are treated to a visit to Buckingham Palace. It is clear that GCHQ is a world of its own, a secret community tightly bound by the sensitive and vital role it undertakes and the secrecy in which their work has to be done. However, Year 8 left feeling informed, inspired and that little bit safer!

CyberFirst Girls Competition 2019

After an eye opening visit to GCHQ we registered 24 teams to take part in their annual national competition – The CyberFirst Girls Competition. Between 21 and 28 January our teams of Year 8s worked during their break-times, lunchtimes and after school solving a series of online challenges. The challenges were divided into four categories networking, logic and coding, cyber security and cryptography and were derived from skills used by cyber security professionals. The competition was certainly demanding however students demonstrated perseverance, effective

team work and a determination to do well. Data from all schools across the country is now collated and out of the 1,200 teams that entered the top 1% receive a place in the grand final. We wish all of our teams lots of luck.

Zurich University Assistant Teacher

For four weeks Beverley High School is hosting an Assistant Teacher from Zurich University. Miss Röllin, who arrived mid-January, is assisting teachers in Art, Photography, History and German lessons as part of her teacher training programme to prepare her for teaching English at secondary school level in Switzerland. Beverley High School has hosted Assistant Teachers from Zurich University for a number of years. The Assistant Teachers enrich life at Beverley High School for the four weeks they are with us by enhancing provision and providing an international perspective for our students and staff who gain insight into a different culture. In the past the Assistant Teachers have also supported our MFL department in teaching German and particularly providing speaking practice for GCSE and A Level students.



Sports Report



Badminton players from Beverley High School recently participated in the finals of the East Riding and Hull schools' competition at Wolfreton School and came second in both the Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 competitions. Well done to both teams! On Thursday 24 January Madeline Stapleton (Year 7), Jasmine Gray & Ebony Lound (Year 8), Charlotte Rymer & Elena Galais (Year 9) took part in the local first round of the national schools' badminton tournament and beat St Mary's Sports College, South Hunsley School (A & B) and Hymers to go through to the next county round. Well done, we look forward to hearing about your involvement in the next round!

In netball our Under 14 and Under 16 team came second in the area rounds, they competed in the county round, the under 16s came second and qualified for the regional rounds. On Saturday 26 January the under 16s took part in the regional netball tournament at the Institute of Sports in Sheffield, against 7 other schools from around Yorkshire. The girls played the best netball Miss Easter has ever seen, they really stepped it up for such a high level competition. The team came 5th overall. Well done to Lily Ashford, Charlotte Hickman, Hannah Wright, Joely Cattermole, Masie Jordan, Katie Kelly, Rebecca Johnson and Leonora Brittain.



On Thursday 31 January 2 Year 7s, the Year 8/9 team, the Year 10/11 team and one 6th former will take part in the Humber side cross country championship in Scunthorpe. We wish them luck!

GCSE Science Live



On Monday 28 January 59 Year 10 & 11 students travelled to Sheffield City Hall for the annual GCSE Science Live event. The day started with an interesting talk from Dr Kate Lancaster (University of York) on how to build a star on earth and how this will lead to solving the world's energy crisis. We also heard from Professor Lord Robert Winston on fertility, genetics and our ethical obligation to use science appropriately. Well done to Nazarena Luciano for having the confidence to pose a question to Professor Winston in front of a packed auditorium!

Later in the day we saw Dr Steve Jones' talk on ageing, Professor Jim Al-Khalili explore time travel, worm holes and bending space, as well Dr Andrea Sella waking everyone up with a post lunch demonstration

on how water is weird! Students were given lots of useful information on exam technique, revision tips and preparing for the best possible results. A great day was had by all: all students were a credit to Beverley High School. Well done to the Science department for organising the trip.

2019 Employment Fair

On the 30 January we hosted our annual Employment Fair. We were delighted that 56 businesses from a range of specialisms agreed to support our event and take time out of their busy schedules. The Employment Fair was visited by students from Beverley High School and Beverley Grammar School giving them an opportunity to speak to professionals. Students gained insights into different industries; asked questions and found out what prospective businesses expect from job applications. It was fantastic to see our students engaging with employers in such a professional manner. Later in the day we welcomed 90 parents enabling them to ask questions from a parental perspective and further understand ways to support their child achieve their career ambitions. Thank you to all employers, parents and students for making the day such a success and to Careers Leader Miss Brownell for organising the event with support from parent governor Mary Walker.

If you would be interested as an employer in supporting future events please email s.brownell@beverleyhigh.net



Save the Children Creative Writing Competition



Save the Children

Beverley High School is currently involved in a national competition, run by the charity Save the Children, which calls for greater awareness of the issues facing young people in Yemen. In order to help pupils to understand this issue in greater depth, two speakers from the charity came from London to run a two hour workshop with those who are involved. This was extremely informative, giving an insight into what the country has historically been like and how it has been changed by war. The talk also helped to give pupils a sense of empowerment; it helped them to understand that their voices are important and can be used to make a difference. All of the pupils involved were a credit to the school, demonstrating great maturity and empathy. As the speakers commented, they were ‘deeply inquisitive’, ‘hugely engaged’ and ‘empathised really well and respectfully with the children of Yemen and what they are going through’. Thank you to Miss Stamp for inviting the speakers to school.

The Lunchtime Lecture Series



Our series of Lunchtime Lectures for Year 12 students has continued into the New Year with visiting speakers on the French Language and Black History in Hull and East Yorkshire. We welcomed Dr. Mary Munro-Hill who spoke to students about her research into the French grammarian, Aristide. For thirty years, Aristide composed his Usage et grammaire and Divertissements grammaticaux for one of France’s foremost daily newspapers, Le Figaro. His fans avidly read his weekly chroniques de langue, corresponding with him and asking him questions, which he delighted in answering. Dr. Munro-Hill presented a Year 13 linguist with a signed copy of her book.

We were also lucky enough to listen to a talk from Gifty Burrows on her African Stories project (<https://www.africansinyorkshireproject.com/gifty-burrows.html>) which was recently exhibited in Hull and Beverley. We heard how the project uncovered stories covering a host of well-known and previously unnoticed people, including entertainers, sports people, service members and activists in the local area. Gifty was joined by Rosalyn Daniel (widow of Clive Sullivan) who gave a personal perspective on her story.

East Riding Masterclass

January saw the second East Riding Masterclass of the year and it was Beverley High School’s turn to host! The Saturday session on the ‘darker’ side of genetics was led by Biology teacher, Miss Lewis. Students were taken on a journey through a timeline of genetics: they found out about the origins and history of eugenics, they studied an emotive and controversial recent case study involving Charlie Gard, and then thought about the future of gene testing and funding. Students were invited from schools across the East Riding to take part in an ethical and philosophical debate, as well as learning about Biology beyond the GCSE curriculum. Thank you to Miss Butlin for leading on the masterclass programme.



HE+ Launch night

Year 12 students who are taking part in the HE+ scheme this year attended the HE+ launch event with their parents at South Hunsley school. Students were able to find out about the application process to high tariff Universities, including Oxbridge, and had the opportunity to attend a seminar and workshop on their chosen specialism.

Inspiring a love of learning at home

We have a range of opportunities offered within school to extend our students' thinking beyond the curriculum, for example the East Riding Masterclass initiative for Year 10 and the HE+ programme and Lunchtime Lecture series for Y12. There are also some excellent resources from the outreach teams at Oxford and Cambridge to build your child's cultural capital and extend their knowledge and thinking at home. They can use these resources to deepen their understanding in a particular subject area or to gain a broader knowledge about content outside of the curriculum.



Oxplore is an innovative digital outreach portal from the University of Oxford. As the 'Home of Big Questions' it aims to engage those from 11 to 18 years with debates and ideas that go beyond what is covered in the classroom. Big questions tackle complex ideas across a wide range of subjects and draw on the latest research undertaken at Oxford. Oxplore aims to realise aspirations, promote broader thinking and stimulate intellectual curiosity. <https://oxplore.org/>



For students in Key Stage 4 and those thinking about applying to University, the **HE+** website is produced by Cambridge postgraduate students and academics at the cutting edge of research in their field. The topics provide guided activities, questions to think about and suggestions for further reading. <http://www.myheplus.com/>

Further resources and information can be found on the school website.

Cambridge Congratulations

Congratulations to Year 13 student Anna Bartlett who this month received an offer of a place at Cambridge University to study English. Your school is very proud of you Anna and wishes you every success with your summer A Level examinations.





Wedding Congratulations

Congratulations to Data Manager Mr Lunn and former Beverley High School Maths teacher Miss McCandlish who were married this month.



Lion TV is now casting talented young chefs and aspiring restaurant bosses **age 10-14** to compete in a **BRAND NEW CBBC** series:

THE RESTAURANT DREAM TEAM (w/v)

Fred Siriex and Allegra McEvedy are on the hunt to find a **DREAM TEAM** who will be able to run their very own restaurant.

We are looking for children who be working on the restaurant floor, coming up with a restaurant theme, welcoming and serving guests, as well as dealing with customer complaints. We are also looking for children who will be creating their own menu and cooking to a high standard, under pressure, whilst remaining calm.

Do you have the charisma and confidence to charm a whole host of hungry diners and run a team? Are you bursting with foodie ideas? Or do you think you can cook better than most adults?

If so, we would love to hear from you if you think you have what it takes to become part of the winning Restaurant Dream Team! Please email us for an application form and have your parents or guardians send back to us:

restaurantdreamteam@liontv.co.uk

YOU MUST HAVE PERMISSION FROM YOUR PARENTS OR LEGAL GUARDIANS TO APPLY.

APPLY ASAP

Application Deadline: Friday 8th Feb 2019