

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

Sharon Japp, Headteacher

We were extremely pleased to learn at the weekend that in The Sunday Times Schools Guide 2019 Beverley High School ranks **249th** nationally for GCSE, **330th** nationally for A Level, **304th** overall.



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304th NATIONAL RANK	54.8% A-LEVEL A* - B	35.8% GCSE A*/A/9/8/7
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Ofsted

Last week I distributed to pupils a copy of the letter sent to me by Ofsted following their inspection of the school at the end of October. I am delighted that Ofsted recognised that the school demonstrates strong practice and consider that the school may have improved significantly overall. Inspectors decided that their next inspection will be a section 5 inspection which could change the overall grading of the school from good to outstanding.

Inspectors commented that “pupils feel well cared for”; “pupils are respectful and tolerant of each other”; “teachers are highly motivated and they enjoy their teaching”; “leaders are highly ambitious”; “governors are passionate and committed to the school”; Beverley High School is “a pleasant and welcoming environment”.

World Junior Biathle Silver Medallist



You may remember that in September I wrote that one of our Year 11 pupils Roisin Gorry had been selected to represent Great Britain at Biathle at the World Junior Championships in Egypt in October. Roisin came 8th in the Under 17 girls Biathle competition, knocking a whopping one and a half minutes off her Personal Best and was the second British girl back! The Great Britain Under 17 girls team won second place, so Roisin is a World Junior silver medallist. An amazing achievement Roisin! Congratulations!

Street Dance Team News

Five Beverley High School girls (Georgina Reed, Claudia Jenner, Olivia Lambert, Aimee Dobbs and Ruby Northen) of Beverley-based BDC Queens, recently qualified to take part in the British, European and World Street Dance Championships at a competition in Prestatyn. The BDC Queens came 1st in Team and Georgia Reed Year 8 came 1st in Duo. The British Championships are to be held in March in Somerset, the European Championships are to be held in May in Holland and the World Championships this year will be held in Blackpool. Well done girls!



Sports Report

In inter-house netball the girls were brilliant, there was a great atmosphere and the standard of netball was really high this year. The results were:

Year group	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
7	D	W	N	S	B

In the top schools' netball competition our Under 16s came 2nd in the county and are now through to the regional competition which takes place in January and our Under 14s came 3rd in the county round.

In the East Riding Cross Country championships 13 of our students qualified to represent the Humberside team. Out of competitors from all 18 East Riding secondary schools there were amazing individual performances by Regan Baldwin who came 2nd in the Year 7 race, Erin Glover who came 1st in the Year 9 race and in the senior race Faye Marris came 1st and Eleanor Ball came 2nd. Our Year10/11 and Year 8/9 teams both came 2nd and have qualified to compete in the Humberside round which will take place in January. Well done everyone, superb results!

This week Year 10 were involved in organising and leading a sports hall athletics event for local primary schools. Well done for demonstrating great sports leadership skills!

Shakespeare Schools Festival

On 14 November 23 girls from Years 8 to 13 participated in The Shakespeare School's Festival at Hull Gulbenkian Theatre. The girls had been rehearsing since July and it was absolutely worth the wait. The day started at 10:30am with a technical and dress rehearsal at the theatre with our pupils helping to operate the sound and lighting. The performance was also shared by two local primary schools and as always our girls were a credit to the school offering the primary school pupils advice and encouragement. At the end of the day the primary school teachers commented on how lovely our girls are. In the evening we were last on to perform and delivered a confident, sophisticated and humorous rendition of 'Much Ado About Nothing'. The girls really did themselves proud.

The Shakespeare Festival Coordinator commented, the Beverley High School "cast were such a lovely bunch, and I really appreciated how kind and supportive they were to the little ones from the primary schools. The dynamic

amongst schools on the day was the nicest I've seen. I've loved working with you all this year, and have been so inspired by your dedication to this project and the talent and commitment of your students."

Y11 Drama Performance Evening

For several weeks now, the Year 11 GCSE Drama students have been creating and rehearsing their own devised pieces of Drama which constitute 20% of their final GCSE grade. Last Thursday the girls performed these pieces to an audience of friends, family and staff. The performance evening went brilliantly with diverse performances based on natural disasters, the rise and fall of The Berlin Wall and the impact of the Nazi regime in Germany. Well done girls- some fantastic performances!

Egyptologist at BGS



Eminent Egyptologist, Professor Jo Fletcher and her partner Dr Stephen Buckley, came to talk to Year 11 to 13 East Riding students interested in studying History, Archaeology or Forensic Science. Jo Fletcher is well known for her numerous TV documentaries and books on the Archaeology of Egypt; her partner Dr Buckley is a specialist on the chemistry and techniques of mummification. The informal discussion took place recently at Beverley Grammar School.

OECD PISA tests

Beverley High School was this year selected to take part in the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) in England. PISA takes place every 3 years in approximately 80 countries. The study compares education systems worldwide and tries to understand how well pupils can apply knowledge and skills in reading, mathematics and science assisting governments in benchmarking aspects of their education systems. Earlier this month 36 Year 11 girls took the tests and Nick Gibb MP, Minister of State for School Standards, wrote to Beverley High School to thank us for our participation. Thank you girls for representing your country in this way!

David Davis MP to speak to A Level Historians

Ex-Brexit Secretary David Davis MP was due to visit Beverley High School last week to speak to A Level Historians, however with everything that has happened in Westminster this month he had to postpone. We are told that he will try to reschedule in the New Year.



Hull University Politics Conference

Politics is an exciting and dynamic subject and finding out about how it is taught at university and what university itself is really like was what the Year 12 Politics class had the opportunity to do at Hull University on a visit this month. The students were able to choose the lectures they attended and take part in Q and A sessions at the end of each of these. They were also given talks by key figures in our constitutional system such as the former Lord Chief Justice, and, Lord

Norton of Louth, a current member of the House of Lords. The day ended with a fiery 'Question Time' style event, with a panel of local politicians and business people from the Hull area having some challenging questions fired at them from their sixth form audience.

The students took full advantage of the opportunities the day provided them with by taking part in the Q and A sessions but also reflecting on the issues discussed and they have started to raise some of these points in lessons. It was a pleasure to take such an enthusiastic and reverent group of students to the event; no doubt the ideas they were introduced to and the experience they had will enhance their learning and subject knowledge and additionally, enable them to make more informed choices about the next phase of their lives.

A Level Biology Live trip

On Monday a group of Year 12 and 13 biology students headed to Manchester University's Whitworth Hall for a day packed with talks from eminent scientists. The talks encompassed a whole host of biological concepts and provided a real insight into the world beyond A Level. We heard from: Professor Steve Jones "Is Man Just Another Mammal?"; Professor Robert Winston on "Human Progress"; Dr Hannah



Critchlow with her engaging talk on "Demystifying the human brain"; Dr Jenny Rohn "Revenge of the Microbes" unravelling how good bacteria can go bad as well as lots of useful advice from the principal examiner on exam technique. An insightful and thought provoking day had by all! Thank you to the Science department for organising the trip.

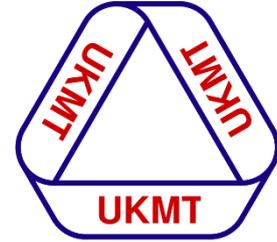


Support with University Applications

This has been an exceptionally busy term for students in Year 13 who are completing personal statements and making their final selections for University courses and future study. In September we launched OSCAR, a new online tool to help students write personal statements that show their full academic potential. In addition, we have had programmes running for early entry students applying for Oxford and Cambridge Universities and Medicine, which included a visit to a mock interview workshop run by Mansfield College, Oxford at South Hunsley School. Students listened to an introduction designed to demystify the interview process and to show the links between interview and the tutorial-style teaching methods at Oxbridge, before trying out a few questions for themselves. The emphasis was on getting students to 'think out loud' in an academic discussion. The workshop was followed by a series of mock interviews held after school from external professionals and academics to help prepare students for interview. Good luck Year 13 in your upcoming interviews!

UKMT Senior Maths Challenge

The UKMT Individual Senior Maths Challenge took place at Beverley Grammar School earlier this month, it involved all Year 12 and Year 13 students who study maths. We eagerly await their outcomes!



When evaluated, which of the following is not an integer?
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Former Year 11 Presentation Evening

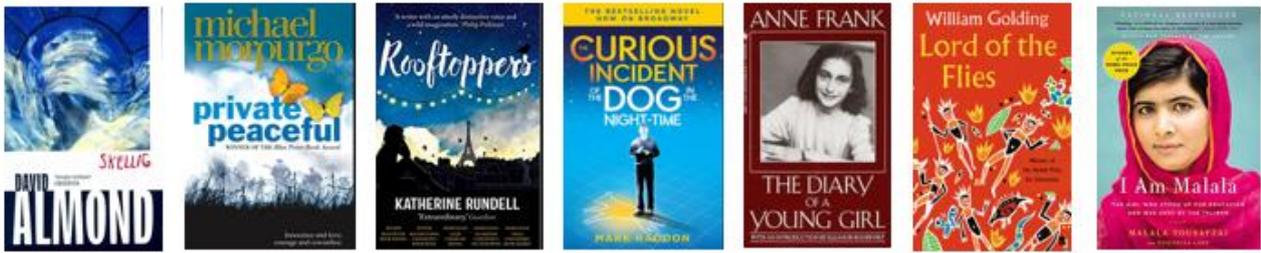
Approximately 300 people attended our presentation evening for last year’s Year 11 pupils where exam certificates and special awards were presented by our guest speaker Mollie Hughes. This was Mollie’s second trip to Beverley High School this term having been here for our two celebration evenings in September. Mollie is a mountaineer and adventurer, who gave inspirational talks about being the youngest woman in the world and the first English woman to successfully summit Mount Everest from both the north and south sides of the world’s highest mountain. Mollie talked about self-belief, resilience and controlling fear. Learn more about Mollie at www.molliehighes.co.uk. It was lovely to see so many girls return to collect their certificates and be able to congratulate them all on their GCSE results. It was a great opportunity for girls to catch up with former classmates who have pursued different pathways after Year 11.



Japan Trip 2018



Year 11 student Alice Batten reflects on last month’s school trip to Japan, “I had an amazing time on the Japan trip as the activities were amazing and the people we stayed with were all very kind and welcoming. Before this trip I was very apprehensive in case I accidentally disrespected their culture and nervous that I wouldn’t get on with my partner but I had no reason to worry as I was treated so well and could easily laugh and have fun despite the language barrier. I have come back feeling more confident and more cultured and aware of the world around me. I had the chance to create amazing memories with some amazing people. I loved all the food and my favourite parts were shopping in Harujuku and going to Tokyo Disneyland. I hope one day to go back and visit my homestay partner and I am very grateful to have experienced this once in a lifetime opportunity.” Thank you to Mr Cork for organising the trip.



Tutor Reading Aloud – reading for benefit!

‘A word
after a word
after a word
is power.’

(Margaret Atwood)

At Beverley High School we believe passionately in promoting reading and encouraging pupils to read a range of texts that challenge them and introduce them to new ideas and styles of writing. ‘41% of 11-15 year-olds in England do not participate in reading and writing activities that are not required for school in their spare time.’ (Taking Part: Annual Child Report, 2015) There is much evidence that illustrates the link between reading and exam results and ultimately future earnings. However, reading is also of cultural benefit and it exposes pupils to lives and experiences they might never otherwise come across and in turn promotes emotional intelligence and empathy.

The importance of reading for pleasure cannot be underestimated and we hope to build up pupils’ enjoyment of reading and their confidence to read independently so that they make personal reading choices at home. However, tutor reading also aims to expose pupils to more challenging texts they might not otherwise choose for themselves and to increase their cultural capital. As such they will read a range of varied literature in Years 7-10, from classics to modern autobiographies, with their tutor reading aloud to them, modelling fluency and articulating complex vocabulary. All pupils can then offer their ideas and join in discussions with their tutor and peers as they progress through their reading journey. After all, ‘a reader lives a thousand lives before he dies ... the man who never reads lives only one.’ (George R.R. Martin)

A selection of the books include:

Years 7 -8: Private Peaceful, Skellig, The Giver, Rooftoppers, Holes, Refugee Boy, Mortal Engines, Treasure Island, Ruby and the Smoke, The Pearl, Noughts & Crosses.

Year 9-10: The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time, The Old Man and the Sea, The Diary of Anne Frank, The Metamorphosis, The Catcher in the Rye, The Lord of the Flies, I Am Malala, The Sign of Four, The Picture of Dorian Gray, The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy.



Children in Need



Beverley High School raised £854.81 this year for Children in Need, thank you for your generous donations. I can report that in the staff vs sixth form netball match the staff were beaten!

Wedding News

Congratulations to maths teacher Mr Evans who got married during October half term and well done to his form, 7N, who decorated their form room ahead of the event to wish him well. He was touched by your thoughtfulness.



Baby News

Congratulations to our Healthcare Advisor Miss Johnson whose baby boy arrived earlier this month.