

February 2024 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.

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## Business Live Marketing Challenge



Our Business students were given a fabulous opportunity to take part in Hull University's Live Marketing Challenge this month. This year the company in attendance was Kellogg's. The Marketing Manager spoke to the students about the changing landscape of breakfast cereals and the need to keep ahead of the competition by developing new products. Students were then given the task to work in groups to develop a new version of their bestselling cereal Krave™.

They worked alongside first year students and were given advice by the marketing department's lecturers. There was very strong competition from other local schools and colleges, but our students acquitted themselves well. Their teamwork was strong and they presented confidently and professionally.

They should be really proud of themselves as it is daunting presenting, especially on stage, with microphones and to over 150 people. They came third overall and received a special mention for their creativity and choice of flavours. It was great to see them put what they have studied in the classroom into practice in a real-world context. An enjoyable day had by all, even Mr Gouldthorpe got in on the action as guest judge!



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### MFL Debating Competition

On the 27<sup>th</sup> February, 4 of our Year 13 French students and 2 of our Year 12 German students travelled to St. Peter's School in York to take part in an A Level MFL debating competition. The students met people from a range of schools across the region and shared their love of languages throughout the afternoon.

The students debating skills and linguistic skills were amazing and they really enjoyed the day! Well done for taking part and we are all really proud of you!



### Wilberforce Institute Visit

Last half term Year 7's Tutor Time Big Idea focus was Racism. They learnt about: Racism in Hull and Liverpool, Child Slavery; Soldier experiences in World Wars 1 and 2; The Windrush; Race Riots; and Benjamin Zephaniah. Those students who particularly enjoyed this topic were given the opportunity to visit the University of Hull's Wilberforce Institute and Wilberforce House Museum. The museum is the world's oldest slavery museum and opened in 2006. Both sites have been substantially remodelled since the death of George Floyd in 2020 and the ensuing Black Lives Matter debates that swept the world. Dr Nick Evans, a senior lecturer at the Institute, and members of the Wilberforce House Advisory Group, who have played a leading role in this work discussed with us how these educational resources try to tackle growing racism and improve public awareness of Britain's slavery past. Thank you to Dr Nick Evans for his time, enthusiasm and insights.



### Palestine Lecture Visit

On Wednesday 22 February, Year 12 and 13 Historians visited Hull University to listen to a lecture delivered by Dr Jenny Macleod. The lecture entitled 'War in Palestine. How can History help us understand?' gave students a fascinating insight into Palestine's complicated history and developed their understanding of the conflict today. Students and staff appreciated the opportunity to listen to such a fantastic lecture. Thank you, Dr Macleod.



## Intermediate Physics Challenge

After school on Monday the 29<sup>th</sup> January a number of Year 10 and 11 students took part in the Intermediate Physics Challenge, an online competition run by the British Physics Olympiad.

They successfully completed two online exams that tested specific Physics knowledge and general understanding of scientific principles.

The participants from Beverley High School did exceptionally well with two receiving Commendations and 10 receiving Bronze certificates. Silver certificates were awarded to Natalia Ivan and Evie Gartside. Well done everyone!"



## Build a Bike Workshop

We have been lucky enough to have been offered free Build a Bike Workshops with a charity called R-evolution. Their vision is to make being active an option for everybody and to help communities feel fitter through active travel. They operate in the Humber area refurbishing bikes and provide free bike 'libraries' to all sorts of organisations. You may have seen their stand in Trinity Market.



This month, seven of our pupils have started building three brand new bikes from scratch and are really enjoying the challenge. Well done to Ruby H, Laila D, Tianna M, Evie H, Olivia Rose M and Ffion E who completed the first of five sessions last week.





## Kindness in our Community

Many congratulations to J6th students Theo, Tom, Poppy and Hallie who completed a 22 mile walk to raise funds for Doddie Aid 2024. It took them just over 7 hours to complete and they raised just over £250 for the cause. We are all super proud of them! Well done to you all.



## What is Doddie Aid?

Doddie Aid is a mass participation event, encouraging you to get active from 1 January up until The Doddie Weir Cup to raise funds to help find a cure to motor neuron disease. It was founded by former Scotland captain and British and Irish Lion, Rob Wainwright.

## Year 11 1:1 Interviews

On Tuesday 20 February Year 11 students were given the opportunity to discuss their plans for the future with a member of staff. These ten-minute interviews gave students the chance to explore their hopes for the future with teachers and to ask any questions. We hope the students found the conversations useful. Their teachers certainly enjoyed the opportunity to hear about what exciting plans the students have for next year and beyond.

## Year 11 Parents' Evening

Thank you to the parents of Year 11 students who logged on this month for appointments with your child's subject teachers. They appreciated the opportunity to feedback to you ahead of this summer's GCSEs. For some parents this was their last parents' evening.

## House News – Visit by Hilda Lyon's relatives

On Friday 23 February, we welcomed two of Hilda Lyon's relatives into school, Wendy (her great-niece) and Laura (her great-great-niece).

This was a fantastic opportunity for us to learn more about Hilda's life both personal and professional. Alice Inpraserth, Head of HL House, met with Wendy and Laura and shared why she is so proud to represent this House.

There was also a tour of the school, as well as a visit to St Mary's Church. Revd Becky Lumley (a former Beverley High School student) proudly showed us her Women of Influence display and the new carvings (including Hilda Lyon), which can be found on the South Nave Clerestory.

We are grateful to Wendy and Laura for their time and insights and certainly feel we know more about Hilda Lyon and her legacy.





## Big Ideas

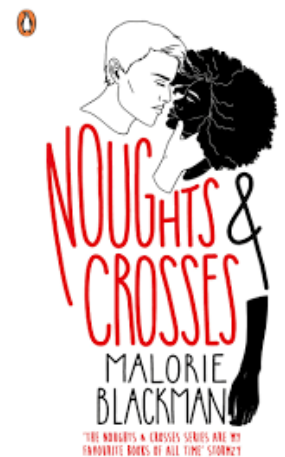
February marks the start of our next Big Ideas series. This month students are focussing on the following:



## Tutor Reading Book of the Month: *Noughts and Crosses* by Malorie Blackman

Students in Years 9 and 10 have the opportunity to read *Noughts and Crosses* by Malorie Blackman as part of the Tutor Reading programme.

In Malorie Blackman's ground-breaking novel, the population is divided into two: the white Noughts are second-class citizens, and the black Crosses are highly revered and perceived as the superior race. 15-year-old Callum is a Nought, and his best friend, Sephy, as well as being a Cross, is also the daughter of one of the most influential politicians in the country. The story focuses on their relationship, which is frowned upon by society, and explores the discrimination they encounter at every turn. By reversing traditional racial stereotypes and presenting the White population as the oppressed race, Blackman has cleverly shown racial prejudice from a different perspective. As well as being a compelling tale of love and friendship, this is an outstanding and thought-provoking exploration of the futility of prejudice. A contemporary classic.



<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/book/n/noughts-and-crosses/>

### Find out more:

<https://www.penguin.co.uk/articles/2020/mar/malorie-blackman-why-she-wrote-noughts-crosses.html>

<https://www.malorieblackman.co.uk/noughts-and-crosses-2/>

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## Eco Art Day

On Monday 5th February a group of 31 Year 9 pupils worked with the Art Department to produce work based on the theme of Biodiversity. It was an excellent opportunity for the pupils to be creative and work as part of a large team. The results were fantastic and can be seen below.





## Amazing Art

A selection of acrylic studies of leaves from the following year 9 groups; 9X1, 9X2 and 9Y1.









## Sports Report

### Netball Schools' Regionals

On the first weekend in February our U14 Netball team competed in the regional schools' finals at the English Institute of Sport in Sheffield. We qualified as the top school from the East Riding area. The team had to play against the top two schools from three other regions in Yorkshire. They managed to gain two wins and had some very close games to come 5<sup>th</sup> place overall.



We have competed at the regional round now four times and 5<sup>th</sup> place is our best result so far. All students played to their potential and never gave up, even through the tough games! We were really proud of the team, not only in the way they played but also the positive attitude they showed throughout the day. Well done to the captains Hattie and Bea for leading the team and to Eve for coach's player of the tournament.

5<sup>th</sup> best school team in Yorkshire!





## Humber Schools' Badminton Final

On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February our KS4 team competed in the Humber School finals after qualifying as one of the top two teams in the East Riding. Matches consisted of both singles and doubles games. The students played amazingly! We came 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall with good wins against Hymers (4 matches to 1) and Tollbar Academy (3 matches to 2). Overall winners were Vale Academy.





## Year 11 End of Season Netball Tournament

Well played to our Year 11 Netball team who came 2<sup>nd</sup> at the East Riding Schools' end of season tournament on the 27<sup>th</sup> February. We managed to gain wins against Longcroft and Woldgate Schools and were proud to be beating South Hunsley (a very experienced team) in the first half, however they proved to be too good to hold off in the second half and Hunsley took the win in the end with some fantastic shooting.

Players' player was awarded to Maddie J and Coach's player to Kaitlin H.





## PE in lessons

Here is what we are studying up until Easter with all our year groups.

<b>Year 7</b>	Football & Netball
<b>Year 8</b>	Gymnastics & Netball
<b>Year 9</b>	Basketball, Football, Netball & Volleyball.
<b>Year 10</b>	Table tennis & Badminton.
<b>Year 11</b>	Indoor Cricket & Table tennis.

## Farewell

This month we bade farewell to Teaching Assistant Miss Burton, we wish her well with her career in dance.

We also bade farewell to our two teacher training students from York University Miss Curtis and Mr Tees and wished them well in their second placement schools and in their future teaching careers.

We also bade farewell to our two trainee teachers from Zurich University Miss Füllemann and Miss Rüegg and wished them both well in their future teaching careers in Switzerland.

## Welcome

This month we welcomed our new Data Manager, Mrs Copley, to the school, we hope that she enjoys her role at Beverley High School.

We also welcomed trainee teacher, Mr Metcalfe who is completing his second placement with us, as part of his York University teacher training programme. Mr Metcalfe will be working in the Science department and we hope he enjoys his time at our school.

## Baby News!

Congratulations to Science teacher, Mrs Reid whose baby boy arrived this month. I'm sure she will be very busy in the weeks ahead!



## Things we've been asked to mention -

Some older students and many staff will remember French teacher, Mrs Wilson, who sadly died four years ago. You may have seen the recent article in the Hull Daily Mail (extracts overleaf) about her brother who is raising money for Brain Tumour Research.

To donate to John's JustGiving page, visit <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/john-boardman12>



## The epic tribute challenge brother is taking on in memory of beloved East Yorkshire teacher

The Rev John Boardman aims to complete 2,740 lengths of his local pool to support brain tumour research



**The Rev John Boardman is swimming 2,740 lengths of his local pool, inspired by his late sister Julie Wilson and to raise money and awareness for Brain Tumour Research** (Image: Brain Tumour Research)

A church minister who lost his sister to a brain tumour is swimming more than 2,700 lengths to help raise awareness and funds to find a cure for the disease.

Teacher Julie Wilson, 60, of Cherry Burton, in East Yorkshire, died from a glioblastoma (GBM) in January 2020. Her brother, the Rev John Boardman, 68, of Grimsby, is swimming 2,740 lengths at Cleethorpes Leisure Centre to raise money for the charity **Brain Tumour Research**.

Julie, who was a French teacher at Beverley High School, died on January 16, 2020. Matthew Price, community development manager at Brain Tumour Research, said: "We're really grateful to John for doing this swimming challenge, as it's only with the support of people like him that we're able to progress our research into brain tumours and improve the outcome for patients like Julie who are forced to fight this awful disease."