

SPRING NEWSLETTER 2024



Artwork by Poppy, Year 12

What has been happening in the sixth form?

Election Fever! Youth Parliament Elections

6th Form students have been taking part in Beverley Grammar Schools Youth Parliament Elections. Year 12 and 13 Government and Politics students ran the polling booth in the BGS Library. The event was well attended by students in J6 and lower school.

Year 13 update

Year 13 have completed their formal mock exams and we hope that they are taking on board the feedback they have received from their teachers so they can productively plan towards the summer exams. We really want our students to make the most of their remaining time with us before study leave begins on the 13th May. We want all students to feel prepared and that they have done their very best. Often this can be a demanding time for students and the J6th Team are here to support them all the way. Miss Cooper is always available if students feel they need extra support with their wellbeing, exam preparation, organisation and or time management. Many years of experience have ensured that the J6th students feel supported especially during this time. Mrs Field will be running some mindfulness and breathing exercise sessions prior to each exam. We are rooting for you all!

Year 12 update

Year 12 students have been busy securing work experience for the week of 22nd April and many students have secured some exciting places so far. All students need to complete work experience during the week of 22nd April so they can gain valuable skills and get an insight into the world of work, there will be no classes during this week. Year 12 mock exams are next on the agenda and will take place from the 17th to the 28th June and students will be busy working towards these over the next few months. Mock exams are a vital experience, it allows the students to understand how the real exams will feel so they can cope with the pressure. Miss Cooper is available to all students who need extra help preparing for these as they are experts in exam preparation support.



Applications

University offers have been flooding in and many of our students are travelling across the country to attend interviews and offer holder days. It is an exciting time of year as university becomes more of a reality for our students. Student finance is also open and can be started even if you have not made your final choice yet. Talk to the J6 Team or your form tutors if you need support.

Apprenticeship Opportunities

The J6th Team regularly updates the student Google Classrooms with all of the apprenticeships which are being advertised regionally and nationally. Students are made aware of opportunities and the deadlines which they need to be aware of if they wish to apply. The J6th Team are happy to help any student with the application process as each company has their own procedures. Here is a useful website for more information on apprenticeships <https://www.ucas.com/apprenticeships>

Career Advisor Appointments

We are very fortunate to have 2 independent Careers Advisors who work for the J6th, Mrs Darvell who is situated at BGS and Mrs Howard who works remotely for BHS. If any student would like an appointment please see Mrs Field or Mrs Cooper today who will be happy to arrange.

Paired Partner Programme

Every year our year 12 students have the opportunity to assist year 7 Beverley Grammar School pupils with their reading. The year 12s work in pairs and are buddied with a student who finds difficulty in reading. Once a week from October half term until Easter, during tutor time, the year 7 student reads to their sixth formers. The pupils love to read and talk to the sixth formers and they also get to sit in the J6 Common Room. We have seen an increase in confidence and fluency for many students and the realisation that reading little and often has a positive impact. The final session before Easter saw us celebrate all these successes and those that improved the most received Easter eggs. Thank you to Hannah Hall from our LS team who organises the sessions, well done to the year 7 students and a BIG Thank you to year 12 for all their support.

English Schools' Cross Country - Saturday 16th March

Pontefract Racecourse was the venue for the English Schools' Cross Country this year. We were very proud to have some of our J6th students qualify to compete there. It was a real sight to see, with over 300 of the best athletes in the country line up on the start line and battle through the mud to get to the end of the course. At first sight the course looked flat, but all the athletes found it a tricky course to complete, with a steady climb uphill to the finish line. Well done to Isabelle and Tabby who ran extremely well, representing the Humberside Schools' team, they all really enjoyed the experience! Well done to all of the athletes who competed in the Humberside schools in our area.



A Level Photography

Year 12 A Level Photography students are growing in confidence and producing a range of excellent images on themes of their choosing. The A Level Course allows students to learn the skills necessary to succeed through a series of workshop style talks of escalating complexity. Not all of the students did GCSE Photography or GCSE Art and so it is great to see them flourish and enjoy being creative.



Trips so far.....

German Student Exchange Visit

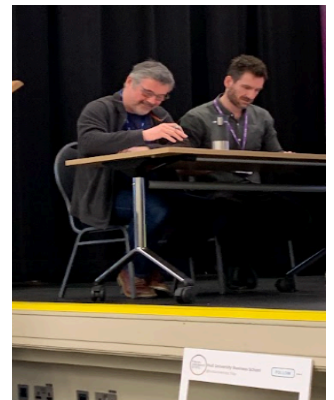
Beverley Grammar School German students, in all years groups, were feeling inspired in March, after working with our German exchange student, Julius, who was on a work experience placement. Every German class had the opportunity to either quiz him about life in Germany or practise their German speaking and listening skills. The improvement in their spoken German and confidence is remarkable and we wish he could have stayed longer!



Hull University Business Live Marketing Challenge



Our business students were given the fabulous opportunity to take part in Hull University's Live Marketing Challenge. This year the company in attendance was Kelloggs. 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 best selling cereal Krave™. They worked alongside first year students and were given advice by the marketing departments 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 into practice in a real world context. Enjoyable day had by all, even Mr Gouldthorpe got in on the action as guest judge.



Modern Foreign Languages Debating Competition in York

On the 27th 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 a A Level MFL debating competition. The students met people from a range of schools in the region and shared their love of languages throughout the afternoon. The students' debating skills and linguistics skills were amazing and they really enjoyed the day. Well done to all for taking part, we are all really proud of you!



J6th Politics Trip to London March 2024

18 Year 12 & 13 A Level Politics students spent a jam-packed day in London on the 11th March. The students travelled by train from Beverley and spent the morning at The Supreme Court then went on to enjoy a boat trip on the Thames. They spent the afternoon taking part in an interactive workshop at the Houses of Parliament and had a tour around the House of Commons and the House of Lords, witnessing democracy in action. Mrs Richardson was very excited to shake hands with Baroness Doreen Lawrence and the students received a wave from The Speaker of the House of Commons, Rt Hon Sir Lindsay Hoyle. The students also had the opportunity to visit Westminster Hall where Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II laid in state. Mrs Richardson and Miss Cooper accompanied the trip.



UK University & Apprenticeship Fair Sheffield March 24

All Year 12 students had the opportunity to visit the UK University & Apprenticeship Fair last month which took place at the University of Sheffield. The exciting and informative event provided students with the opportunity to speak to a number of exhibiting universities and apprenticeship providers. It was a great day out and it was good to be on campus so students could experience the atmosphere of a university setting. We are excited to announce that we will be visiting the University of Hull campus in July to attend the 'This is Hull' event.



Visit to Switzerland

Some of our 6th form students had the amazing opportunity to visit Switzerland organised by the Science Department. They travelled by air in the early hours of the morning to Geneva. Students had the opportunity to visit CERN, the European Organization for Nuclear Research and a visit to the United Nations. In addition a tour around the History of Science Museum and the Swiss Plasma Centre in Lausanne. It was a fantastic, inspiring experience and many memories were made.



Gold Duke of Edinburgh

We are delighted that the expedition season is underway and that our 10 Year 12 Gold participants have successfully completed their first training expedition. The students walked for two days and camped overnight in wet conditions in the Yorkshire Wolds. For some this was their first taste of a DofE expedition and they coped admirably with the cold weather and the muddy terrain. They are now looking forward to further adventures on the practice expedition in April and their final expedition in July. Well done to them all.

We are very proud that our first cohort of Gold participants have now completed their awards and have been invited to their celebration events at Buckingham Palace. Well done to them all.



Year 12 Oxford and Cambridge Application Conference

The J6th had the pleasure of hosting a conference for local colleges and sixth forms across the region on applying to Oxford and Cambridge. Students enjoyed sessions on the admissions process, developing super-curricular interests, writing personal statements, and what to expect from the aptitude tests and interviews. There was also an additional session for parents and carers to ask questions and hear an introductory talk. This session was just part of the bespoke support we offer to all students in the 6th form to help them explore their aspirations and next steps.



Key assembly and tutor session themes this term

Year 13

The focus has been on study skills and revising for the upcoming A level examinations. Teacher support sessions have been running in a number of subjects and students have also had the opportunity to prepare for the Art examination and for STEP mathematics paper.

Message for Year 11 students

It is not too late to apply to join us in September 2024. Please go to our website and follow the link to secure your place today www.beverleyj6.co.uk

New J6th Website under construction

We are so pleased to announce that we have been given the go ahead to create a new and exciting website for the J6th. Students and staff have been invited to get involved with the creation of the new website

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J6 and Charity Events

Doddie Aid 2024 for MND

Many congratulations to Theo, Tom, Poppy and Hallie who completed the 22 mile walk to raise funds for Doddie Aid. 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.





Year 12 HE Plus

We are pleased to see so many Year 12 students sign up for the 'HE Plus' programme run by Cambridge University. Students select one of their A level subjects and have the opportunity to attend online lectures and seminars to develop their academic interest and receive guidance on applying to Oxbridge. The website also contains resources such as challenging activities, engaging videos and reflective questions to help students 'go beyond' the school curriculum and discover their passion for a subject. You can read more about the programme here: <https://myheplus.com/>

Important dates:

Monday 22nd April - Year 12 Work Experience week
Friday 10th May - Last teaching day for Y13 students
Monday 13th May - Study leave starts for Y13 students
Tuesday 14th May - First A-level exams
17th to 28th June Year 12 Mock exams
Tuesday 2nd July - Y12 to 'This is Hull' event

J6th Prom Friday 28th June 2024 at Cave Castle Hotel

The J6th Year 13 Prom will take place on the evening of Friday 28th June at Cave Castle Hotel. Tickets are now available on parentpay at a cost of £40 and a £10 deposit was due by the end of February to secure student places. The cost of the ticket will help pay for the venue and meal as well as other exciting extras, watch this space!

Important reminders:

- Please can all students ensure lanyards are worn and visible on both sites and sign in and out for fire regulation purposes.
- If a student is absent please can they complete the google absence form, here is the link: <https://forms.gle/h4ywxQ6AQn7JoAMA6>
- Students need to check their J6th email accounts daily.

How to contact us

You can contact us through the general enquiries email account: enquiries@beverleyj6.co.uk

Or you can contact a member of the J6 team directly.



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Keeping in touch



We are excited to have launched our J6th Instagram - find us at **BeverleyJ6**