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## A message from the Headteacher

Welcome to the third edition of the new Beverlonian, the summer edition, although many of you may well have missed the summer so far!

It has been a very difficult few weeks for the school with all the press coverage of the recent court case involving Mr J Goodwin. I can now add: Following the dismissal of the court case against Mr Goodwin and the completion of the school's



disciplinary process, I am pleased to inform you that Mr Goodwin is reinstated as a member of staff. I must also commend all the staff at the school for not allowing this very challenging situation to impinge on the students in any way.

Other aspects of the school have continued as normal. We have said goodbye to Year 13 who have now all completed their examinations, had a very successful prom organised by Head Boy, Chevan Ilangaratne, Head Girl, Evie Prescott, Deputy Head Boy, Harrison Dent and Deputy Head Girl, Alice McNeil, where the entire year group demonstrated how they have all matured into fine young adults and I wish them all the best in whatever future route they decide to take. Year 11 have also completed all their GCSEs and they also

showed a growing maturity as they approached these exams with commitment and determination.

It has been another successful term for the school in terms of events. You will be able to read about the Chamber Concert elsewhere in The Beverlonian, but it was a tremendous evening with outstanding performances from the many students involved. My thanks go to all the staff who helped with the organisation which ensured that the students were able to demonstrate their talent and, in particular, to Mrs Turner whose tireless effort, commitment and determination was the driving force behind the whole

show; her last one as Head of Music. Mrs Turner is standing down this year and going part-time to spend more time with her family and on her many outside interests.



The Showcase was another roaring success with a wide variety of students being able to “showcase” their talents in music, theatre and magic! You will also be able to read more about this elsewhere in The Beverlonian but my thanks goes to all the staff involved and, in particular, Mrs Wedgwood, whose drive and passion was an inspiration to us all.

## Olympic Celebrations

The Olympic Week will have almost finished by the time you read this but we are currently all excited by the prospect of a week of cross curricular activities based around the Olympic theme. We are expecting an extravaganza of different activities and events which will build up the excitement as we all look forward to this once in a lifetime experience. We have already had a superb opening ceremony with world judo champion Karen Briggs in attendance, and this followed our afternoon cheering the torch relay as it passed through Beverley. All the staff are fully involved and I would like to thank them for their innovation and enthusiasm, but a special thanks goes to Mr Walters who has been the mastermind behind all the organisation.

Our students were successful again at the Solar Boat Challenge held at Elvington Air Museum, winning 3 of the 4 prizes. This is a real achievement for members of our STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Club and my thanks goes to Mr Oldridge for organising this.

Charity work has continued to be a key part of what we do here at Beverley Grammar and with the drive and support of Mrs Harris and her team, our students have raised a huge amount of money for the Teenage Cancer Trust this term.

The trip to Normandy left on Monday morning with Mrs Pickering, Mrs Harris, Mr Webb and Mr Coull accompanying over 40 year 8 students.

## Warm Goodbyes

We have a number of staff leaving us at the end of this academic year. Mrs Travis has been with us on a temporary contract since February when she took

over from Mrs Taylor teaching RE and SPACE. Similarly, Mrs Young, who joined us in January on a temporary contract taking over from Mr Brice teaching science. We have employed an Apprentice Amy Simmons in the main office this year, as part of our commitment to provide training and work opportunities for young people. We are delighted that she has now successfully completed her course. We will be offering a similar opportunity to a new office apprentice in September along with one in ICT. We employed three part-time music teachers Mr Crowther, Mr Riggs and Mr Shaw on temporary 1 year contracts and they have all completed their NQT year with us and are able to move onto new challenges within the music services of Hull and the East Riding.



Jordan Ellis an ex student of the school has spent a year with us as a Teaching Assistant in the Learning Support department and is leaving to hopefully become a teacher as he starts his Graduate Teacher Programme (GTP) course in September. Mr Wharrie has taught English for nearly two years, firstly as a maternity cover but such was his impact that we kept him on for another year. He has secured a teaching position in Bahrain and we wish him well in this exciting new adventure. Mr Fox joined the school in 2008 as a teaching assistant and this year has successfully completed his GTP year in the RE department. He is taking up a post at Wolfeton School in September. Mrs Pickering joined the school in 1998 as a teacher of German and French and became Head of Modern Foreign Languages soon

after. She has successfully led the Languages department for a number of years and has deservedly gained a promotion to Faculty Leader at Filey School. Mrs Coroneo joined the school in 1997 and has been the driving force in establishing Psychology as one of the most successful courses in the Sixth Form. She is



retiring this year. Mr Jones joined the school in 1984 and has established himself as a key member of the senior team following the successful introduction of careers education and alternative provision for many of our students. Mr Jones is also retiring this year.

## Plans for the Future

Our plans for next year are all coming together with outstanding teaching and learning, achievement, behaviour and leadership at all levels our key priorities. We are committed to maintaining the highest possible standards. Following a successful year persuading the students that appearance does matter and that we expect them to wear the correct uniform at all times we are investigating

introducing black v-neck sweatshirts/jumpers with the school logo. The plan is to phase round necks out over time as they are replaced due to size or wear and tear.

There are a variety of building projects planned for over the coming months along with necessary and much needed refurbishment and decoration. The Library has already closed down to allow an extension into the roof space in the form of an additional mezzanine floor. The student support area is moving to a newly designed area which will focus on guiding our students to maximise their achievement with targeted support from the Learning Co-ordinators, and the pastoral support team.

Other areas being looked at include extending the play area behind the Sports Hall, subject to planning permission, improving the canteen and refurbishing Humanities, Languages and Technology subject spaces. We also intend to improve the new path which has suffered at the hands of the appalling weather this year.

When I took over as Headteacher in September 2011 my main three priorities were outstanding teaching and learning, for the students to maintain the highest possible standards in terms of achievement and appearance and be proud of their school and for the environment and facilities of the school to be given some much needed improvements. We are not there yet, but we have made a good start and if we can all continue to work together; staff, students, governors and parents, then Beverley Grammar School will continue to thrive and grow at the very centre of the Beverley community.

Grahame Hodson

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## Anti-Bullying *from Student Voice*

“We are the Student Voice Anti-bullying group and meet regularly to look at ways forward. We have reps in each form who liaise with the Year reps so we have a whole school picture of what is going on and needs to be done. We work with Mrs. Chisholm the anti-bullying co-ordinator. We are all encouraged to tell staff if there are any concerns. We also have a communication box (near the front office) if anyone feels they can’t talk- they can write their concerns down.”

“Our pop-ins are going well – the school nurse Jacky Kruger is available each Tuesday lunchtime in Mrs. Chisholm’s office. We are also going to have a monthly police surgery with our local PCSO starting in September”

# Music

## Chamber Concert

Thank you to all 38 boys who played and entertained everyone so well. It was a lovely evening. Thank you to Mrs. Bolton and Mrs. Tatman who accompanied many of the boys and to Mrs. Leonard who organised all the refreshments. Some photographs from the event can be seen below.



## Instrumental Lessons

Thank you to everyone who has responded to the letter about instrumental lessons for next academic year. If you did not reply we will assume your son does not want to continue having lessons and he will not appear on the relevant timetable in September.

## Next Term

The Carol Service will take place on Monday December 10th in Beverley Minster. 7pm to 8pm.

## A quick note from Mrs Turner

After 21 years as head of music I am stepping down and handing over the control and responsibility to Zoe Hughes who I know from our lengthy conversations and emails will do an absolutely excellent job.

I have always been very proud to tell people that I am head of music at Beverley Grammar School. This job has dominated my life for the last 21 years and I have worked hard to convey my love of music to as many students as possible. From the year 7's playing simple tunes on the keyboard and singing together in the Year 7 Choir, to year 13's accepting places at Universities and Music Colleges – every achievement gives me satisfaction and pride.

There have been many changes during my time here and my classroom now looks very different from 21 years ago. Interactive white boards, computers, music technology and You Tube may have transformed the lessons but the underlying aims remain the same.

I could waffle on here about how wonderful and essential music education is but I think that is best done in the words of some of my ex students!



Many thanks to all the students, staff (both in school and from the East Riding Schools' Music Service) and parents who have supported me during my time here.

**Louise Turner**

One of the main reasons Beverley Grammar School in my opinion has been so successful is due to the support that it has given to students who wish to pursue a musical instrument. Music has always been actively encouraged at this school. It has indeed been proven that students who are encouraged to pursue a musical instrument generally do better in examinations. The provision of Violin lessons throughout my years at BGS, I believe has strongly influenced and aided me in areas such as analytical abilities, emotional intelligence, ability to view situations from multiple angles and ultimately my employability. This is because it has been something on my CV that stands out and a topic that has regularly cropped up at interviews (even for accountancy / project management jobs).

**Richard Hardaker**

I am now a postgraduate physics researcher and professional jazz musician and arranger, and am heavily involved in music around Leeds, playing with many people from many backgrounds.

Of course, I know countless other people from my school days

around the East Riding for whom music lessons did not lead so directly to their future occupation. More importantly, we were introduced to a far broader spectrum of people, ideas and experiences than we might otherwise have been.

**John Williamson**



I'm sure that my decision to become a musician was influenced by opportunities given to me at school when I was younger. Music isn't just an extra, it's an essential and enriching part of life, and of education. The skills acquired through it's study are valuable for almost anything. I know for me personally, the experience I gained through music was instrumental in getting me where I am today.

**Adam Davies**

Instrumental tuition and academic study in music both

enrich and stimulate students' experience of school. Personally, I found that these pursuits improved my concentration, my confidence, my analytic skills and my cultural understanding. Through playing in orchestras and smaller ensembles I gained an understanding of teamwork and the skills to participate well in a group. Looking back, I consider music the backbone of my activity at Beverley Joint Sixth Form and feel that my secondary education would not have been the same without it.

**Zoe Andrews**

I was a student at Beverley Grammar School from Year 7 until Year 13, and I thoroughly enjoyed my time there.

I cannot imagine how my life would be right now if it wasn't for music. The many ensembles I played in were so important to so many people in the area, and were a great source of good experiences and great fun. Plus, all the young people involved meet others from all over the county, often forming very close friendships. Also, let's not forget the audiences at concerts, both the general public and the parents who love to hear the good work and efforts of the young musicians.

**Richard Leonard**

## Charity Work

Caring students visited Castle Hill hospital earlier this term to donate gifts to teenage cancer patients.



*Photograph from Hull Daily Mail*

Year 10 students Harry Twitchett and Jack Robinson donated half of their profits - amounting to £100 - to our fundraising campaign following the successful sale of BGS branded USB pen drives in the school library. The boys set up their own company to sell these items for charity, and overall our students have raised over £800 for the Teenage Cancer Trust.

Presents are also being donated to Leeds General Infirmary, where student Tom Marton is currently being treated for a brain tumour. Miss Harris, co-ordinator of the school's charity work, said "when Tom was diagnosed with a tumour, it seemed even more pertinent to support the charity". We all wish him very well.

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## 2012 Art Exhibition *from Miss Parker*

"We had a wonderful response from staff, students, parents and local residents who attended the exhibition to support the students' work.

The animal sculptures by year 12 and Indra Weaver's eye painting (pictured) were particularly popular!"



# SHOWCASE 2012



## **Samba, Sorcery and “Spamady SPAM!”**

Once again, BGS, has courageously produced another showcase of talent which both participants and audience will appreciate for months to come.

With a plethora of music from Bands, Soloists and Comedians this year’s showcase certainly did not lack any of the excitement we have grown to love. Produced by a trio of English teachers (Mrs Wedgwood, Mrs Marshall & Mr Wharrie), a ‘Techie’ (Mr Clifton) and a dancing biologist (Miss Buchan), there was no wonder this year was the greatest yet.

## **No Direction?**

The highlights were plentiful. Frankly, its almost impossible to point out the greatest performance of the night due to the diversity each possessed. Tom Godber produced an incredibly witty magic act, whereas, Mr Scott and his fellow troop of teachers presented us with a rather humorous portrayal of ‘One Direction’, renamed; ‘No Direction’. Meanwhile, ‘Theory of Everything’, ‘Iron Fist’, ‘By the Way’, ‘The Heavy Metal Teachers’, Amber Tatman, Amy Hilleard, Jacob Butler, Katie Evans, Angus Lamb, Sam Gwinell, Mrs Mckee and Mr Wharrie all produced a tremendous variety of music bringing the night together with exceptional

style. Finally, topped off with a highly sophisticated production of “Death of a Salesman”, multiple hilarious comedies and impressively choreographed dances the show was certainly a marvel to behold.

Hopefully, unlike last year, the DVD will be released on time, rather than 10 months late! (Ready by September - Ed!) This year, the audio and video were both professionally recorded by Element Studios of Hull, ensuring an even greater quality DVD will now be produced. Don’t forget to purchase yours, whether you missed the extravaganza or purely wish to relive the wonderful experience.

Also, may I just thank all those who took part in the show, bought our lovely tins of Spam, and purchased tickets to see us, as without you, the night could merely have been Mrs Wedgwood talking to a huge pile of processed spiced pork.

Oliver Hulme



**Thank you also to hu17.net who kindly covered the event for us and featured our performers in their magazine - take a look at their website for some more excellent photographs.**

## TEENTECH

On Thursday 12th July 20 Year 8 boys were taken to the 2nd TeenTech in the KC stadium.

The TeenTech event is a highly interactive event designed to inspire young teenagers and their teachers about the contemporary world of Science, Engineering and Technology. The TeenTech experience gives Y8 students the opportunity to try their hand at experiments, to handle leading edge technology and, most importantly to spend time with the Engineers, Technologists and Scientists influencing their 21st century lives. It's a powerful intervention just before students make GCSE subject choices, dispelling gender stereotypes and shifting perceptions of careers teenagers may have considered "difficult", "geeky" or "boring".



Maggie Philbin photographing the "Ideas Wall"

### Worthy Winners

Our students, split into several groups, took part in several activities, challenges and competitions. One group won the YORBuild construction competition by successfully answering 16 questions, related to Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths, collecting 16 jigsaw pieces and assembling the jigsaw in a time of 1 minute 42 seconds. This was nearly a full minute faster than the team that came second. Their prize is a trip to Diggerland to get hands on experience of large construction equipment, followed by lunch at Leeds University with an opportunity to see how construction specialists are trained. A second group designed the most efficient skeleton bob sleigh, which they then raced to fourth place in the simulated downhill race.

Mr. Desborough (Teacher of ICT)

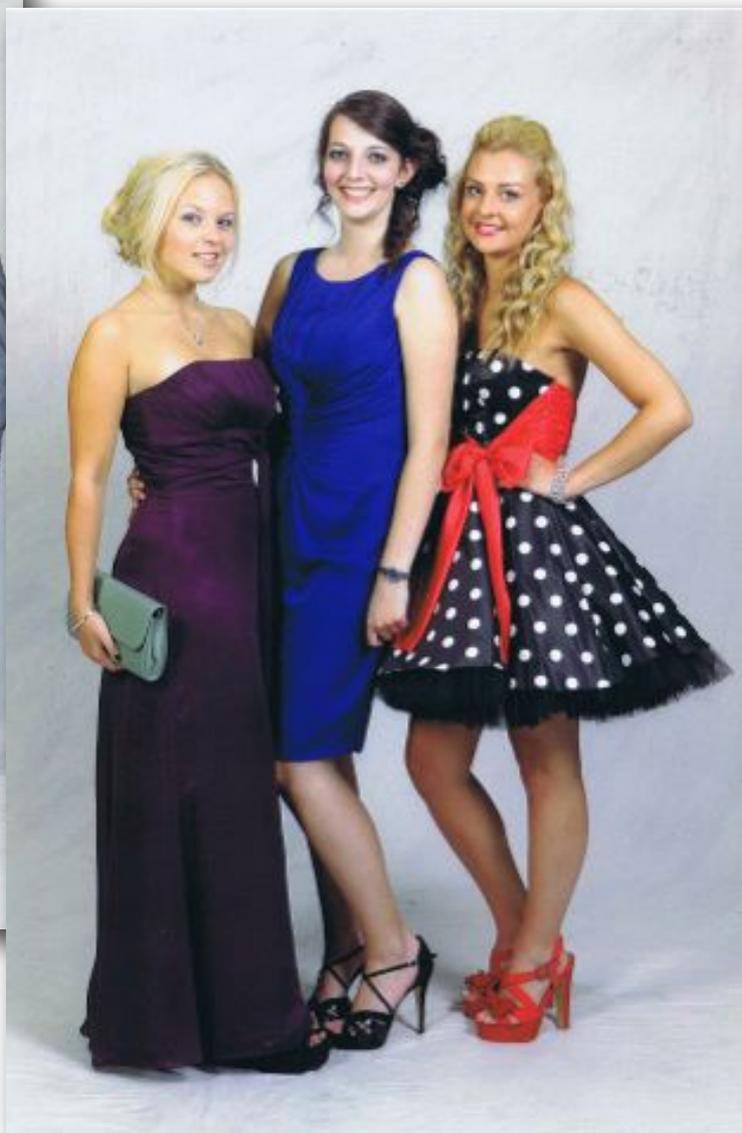
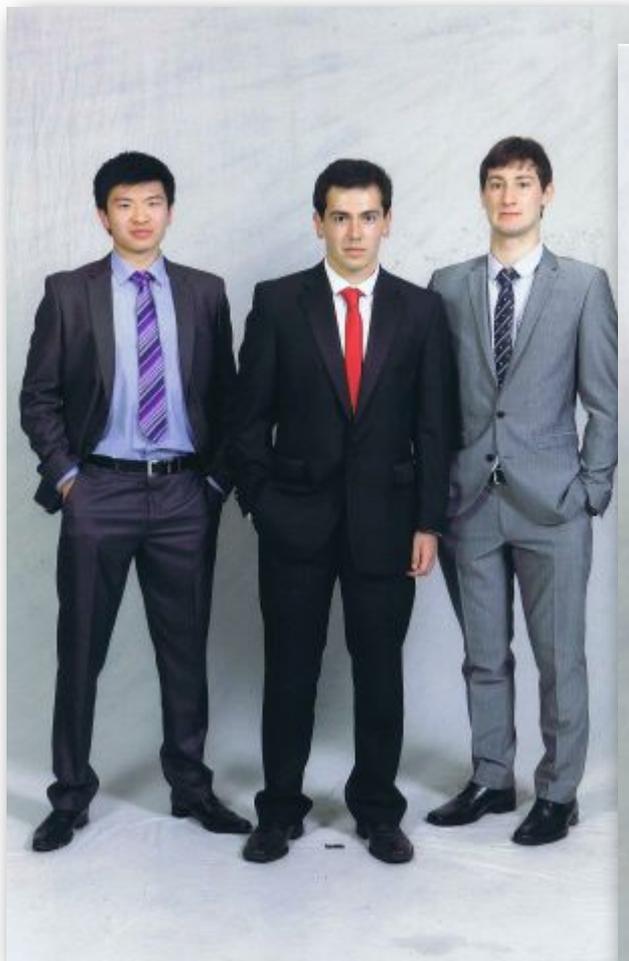
### Duke of Edinburgh at BGS



We are very excited about the launch of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme within Beverley Grammar School. Students from Y9 and Y10 have been completing skills, physical and volunteering activities towards their Bronze awards. Despite the weather being against them, they have also recently completed a practice expedition in preparation for the real thing in September when hopefully, they'll get some long-awaited sunshine!

We are working with a number of skilled experts from the local community to ensure that the scheme offers a range of opportunities to participants and that a sense of enjoyment and achievement is felt by all involved. We're really enjoying DofE here at Beverley Grammar and can't wait to see what the future holds for the scheme and participants!

# And Finally...



## **A fond farewell to Year 13**

A series of leaving events for our senior students at the Joint Sixth Form, from sports days to BBQs culminated in the Leavers Prom this July - a fitting end to a fine year. Our head boy and girl team, Chevan, Evie, Harrison and Alice between them organised a wonderful evening at Willerby Manor which was a credit to them and their ability to work together. The speeches were excellent, with the karaoke a little more questionable! We wish them the very best in their future studies and careers.