



A new, updated publication led by a team of dedicated student journalists

## First term for new Headteacher *by Jacob Hill*

Pride, excitement, commitment, the opening words to an assembly delivered to all years by our new Head teacher, Mr Hodson; words that mean so much to Beverley Grammar School and all those within it, these are the words that epitomise everyday life.



Mr Hodson became our latest Head at the start of term and new school year, he took the step from Deputy to Head with expectation lying heavily on his

shoulders, so has he delivered on this expectation?

The answer that Staff, Students, Governors, and Parents would give, would be a resounding yes. In a time of economic frailty he has guided the school through its first term with academy status, ensuring the school has not been slashed financially. He has built upon the school (not personally); but used the student voice to find improvements that could be made from the student perspective, and for him to confirm these improvements; for example there are new toilet and P.E blocks, a new path, and re-laid paving around the English and Technology Blocks.

There are not just material improvements; again, he has taken heed from student voice, and staff to reinforce the highest possible standards, to emphasise mutual trust and respect, creating a safe environment for all through restorative practice, instead of archaic punishments, yes Mr Hodson has banned writing lines and installed a system where

the student in the wrong should feel remorse and undergo restorative practice. He has strengthened the readiness to learn, where all students are encouraged to be well equipped, and ready to learn at the start of every lesson. He has also reinforced the banning of chewing gum, this decision was welcomed warmly by all as it helps stop the amount of chewing gum that is being found underneath, tables, and chairs, improving hygiene and stopping it getting on clothes. **(Continued on Page 2)**

## A Christmas Message

*from Grahame Hodson*

The Christmas tree has been up since December 1st. Form rooms have been decorated - the best one to be announced in the final assembly. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all the staff, students, Governors and parents a very merry Christmas and a happy and fulfilling New Year.



(Continued from Page 1) The most notable and effective change, from students' view, is the introduction of detention slips. These work in pairs, the first detention slip you receive is a warning, the second a senior team detention on a Friday lunchtime. This change has acted as a deterrent to mis-behaviour in the corridors; it also improves the students' attitude around school, highlighted in their high standard of uniform. I have been told by sources that the Friday detention has received few students, showing the commitment and pride the student's exhibit on a day to day basis. The upholding of the open, caring and friendly ethos is another imperative for our new Head, who has reinvigorated the ethos that has always been so widely upheld and recognised.

To follow in the footsteps of such a hard working and committed Head Teacher such as Mr Goodwin, is not an easy task. However, I believe and many others believe that Mr Hodson is the right person to lead us in these times, of financial difficulties, and of public unrest. The future of our prestigious school, and most importantly the future and present students, rests in Mr Hodson's hands. For if his first term is anything to judge by, I would say that this great school is in safe hands to steer us through troubled waters and improve on an outstanding school.

## **In Mr Hodson's own words**

**Beverlonian** How will you improve student's creativity?

**Grahame Hodson** It is very important to support all creative subjects such as music, drama, and art. I will ensure that they have a major part to play in the curriculum, but also they are supported through many extra-curricular activities, such as the art displays, showcase, music concerts, and carol service.

**B** Do you think the new uniform policy has been effective?

**GH** The uniform policy has not changed, but it has been enforced. This is shown through the number of slips students receive, being very small. I feel that the students are co-operating fully with the standards agenda.

**B** How do you feel your first term has gone?

**GH** Very hectic, there have been lots of events; it is the longest term of the year. The attendance has been very good, over 96% for the year so far. The movement around school is very good. We are now emphasising the importance of learning and the readiness to learn ethos. Therefore, it has been a good start, but it needs to be maintained and built upon.

**B** Do you have any plans to change the school day in respect of student's feelings?

**GH** We are reviewing the school day as the year progresses; any suggestions on how to improve the day are welcomed.

**B** Are there any changes to the school that you are planning?

**GH** Many areas of the school are in need of a little TLC. It is hoped that we will be able to refurbish certain areas on a rolling programme in the near future, but in the current economic climate that may be difficult. Our first priority has to be maintaining outstanding student learning and achievement, and upholding the open, caring, and friendly environment.

**B** Finally, are there any regrets about becoming a Head Teacher?

**GH** None whatsoever, it is a truly magnificent role to have within school and I hope to continue to have the support of staff, students, parents, and governors. I have been overwhelmed by the positive and supportive messages I have received so far, long may it continue!

**Jacob Hill**

### **A notice from the School Social Worker**

Our Pop-in on Tuesday lunch-times is available in P1 if you would like to speak with the school nurse, school social worker, careers adviser, learning mentor, peer mentor supervisor and behaviour support manager. We have now started an anti-bullying Student Voice group who meet each half-term to look at ways forward.

**Could we also remind parents that they must call the school in the morning if their child is ill.**

***Mrs Chisholm***

### **...And one from one of our Students**

The pop in sessions are there to help pupils at the school. You can talk to people confidentially about problems you may have. If you are worried about homework, bullying or other problems, the pop in session functions only to help students. They run at break times and lunchtimes on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. They can also provide you with information on careers and subject choices in Year 9.

***Josh Howlett***



### **Student Voice**

Last Month the BGS Student Voice had its first meeting with some new Form Representatives and also new staff spearheading the group. Mr Caddell, Mr Parish and Miss Harris ran the first meeting on October 18th and have already begun to find ways to make the school better for you. The 25 form reps and sixth-form members you chose have all been working this year to make BGS a better school for you.

Mr Caddell, who now chairs the Student Voice, believes that the new group of students will make a fantastic impact on the school due to their hard work and enthusiasm, building on Mrs Taylor's achievements last year.

"The students have been heavily involved with the school's process of welcoming candidates by giving them a tour of BGS through the eyes of students. This term's representatives from Student Voice were used as the school tour guides in the process for appointing candidates for the jobs of Data Manager, Clerk to the Governors and in the recent search for a Part-time Science teacher."

Mr Caddell followed on by explaining how in the latter involvement, Student Voice members we're placed on the interview panel and were allowed to ask questions of the candidates about matters which mattered to them!

Furthermore, the Student Voice has also split into six sub-groups; Sports, Eco/Fair-trade, Charities, Beverlonian, Anti-Bullying and Faculty. This will allow Student Voice members to meet more regularly and work on the finer details of the school, with members who are most interested in their elected sub-group(s).

The first and second meetings of the group went really well and have given a great springboard for ideas to improve and change the school in the future. This will allow Beverley Grammar School to improve for you and future BGS students. The Student Voice's recent discussions include the usage of the school planner, the BGS Olympics and success of the six subgroups.



# Catch of the Day



## **In November, England Cricket superstar Paul Collingwood came to Beverley Grammar School to work with the School's aspiring Year 10 cricketers.**

The afternoon gave the Year 10 team some important coaching before next years summer cricket. The session was organised by Yorkshire Bank for their lucky competition winner, BGS year 10 student Dominic Judd.

Paul, an ex England World Twenty20 winning captain, led an impressive session with the Year 10 cricket team, coaching them new skills and giving impressive tips along the way.

The day began with an inspiring talk with Paul, before leading us in some throwing practice. Then, fielding legend Collingwood taught the inspired young students some of his many amazing catching techniques.

Despite the impressive display of catching, the session swiftly moved onto batting techniques. Using his old Ashes-winning Slazenger bat he taught the students the perfect back foot Pull-Shot before using the stroke to play a game between the two teams of the students.



## Autograph Opportunity

Following the short exercise, the group stayed in the two teams and played a game of Quick-Cricket, a fast paced, fun and action packed game for all young cricketers on the learning curve to success.

However, the day was not all to be practical cricket. The lads held a Question & Answer session with Paul, who would then give them some great tips for all young cricketers and the opportunity to learn about the highlights of his still-ongoing playing career as well as getting their Cricket equipment signed by him.

Paul, who many have said wasn't the most naturally gifted cricketer to play the game, believes he made up for this with determination.

He told the BGS students that with determination, hard work, a lot of practice and maybe a little bit of luck you can become a world-class professional cricketer.

He told the students about the highs and lows of the game including his triumph as England's World Twenty20 (exciting quick-fire form of cricket) Cup winning captain as well as his reasons for retiring from Test Cricket earlier this year following final game of England's first Series Triumph in Australia in 24 years.

Following the Q&A session, a representative from Yorkshire bank handed out a few special presents. The winner of the competition, Dominic Judd, was awarded a brand new Slazenger bat signed by Paul. Also, Mr Walters was awarded a Wisden 2011 Cricket Almanac for the school.

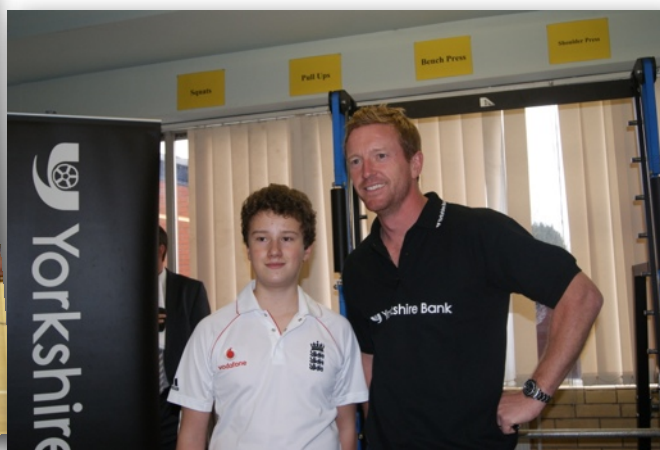
## Connor's Thoughts

The Session was a real help to the team after a Rollercoaster of a season last year which finished with a great win against Beverley Longcroft. He gave us some really helpful tips which should give us a real boost in both skill and confidence for the upcoming year. The session left all of the students excited for the upcoming cricket season as well as walking away with a piece of sporting memorabilia for themselves. Overall a great day for everybody involved!

To watch Paul Collingwood's interview with Sky Sports from Beverley Grammar School, type the following into your web browser, or find this article at [www.beverleygrammar.co.uk/news](http://www.beverleygrammar.co.uk/news) and follow the link.

<http://bcove.me/opbns3fy>

Words by **Connor Lynn**, photography by **Sam Kelly**



## Paul Collingwood Speaks

It's been a good term for visitors to Beverley Grammar School. On Tuesday 15th November, England cricketer Paul Collingwood paid a visit to the school grounds to coach the enthusiastic year 10 cricket team. The **Beverlonian** was there to get an exclusive interview.

**Beverlonian:** When you were a child, did you enjoy sports?

**Paul Collingwood:** Yes, when I was a child I was into football and golf, and of course cricket.

**B** Where did you learn to play when you were younger?

**PC** Well my father got me into cricket, and he would take me to Shotley Bridge (County Durham) where I would play cricket.

**B** In your career, what was your best wicket?

**PC** I didn't get many, but I would have to say I got Sachin Tendulkar out at Trent Bridge in a test match and the umpire gave him an LBW. I don't think it was the right decision but he put his hand up and that means he's out. The next morning the paper said "LBW Collingwood on Tendulkar"!

**B** What's it like being vice-captain for Durham?

**PC** It's an honour! I mean Durham is my home county and I was given the opportunity at an earlier age in 1996, I was only 18 and I was given a contract then. Being vice-captain is extra special.

**B** Why did you decide to retire from test cricket?

**PC** I knew during the Ashes series that there were better players coming through and also that I had a good go. I had played 68 test matches, I felt that I had given it

all I could give and in the form of the game I probably had nothing else to give. I was happy the way we went beating Australia and to have done that I thought it was the right time to retire.

**B** If England asked you to come out of retirement, would you?

**PC** I am still involved and still available, if they asked me to play again I would, I would love to.

**B** What was it like winning the Ashes for the first time?

**PC** It was amazing because Australia at the time were probably the best team, and to have been involved in that was great. There were very good celebrations.

**B** What is it like batting against Shane Warne?

**PC** It was tough because, in my opinion, he is the most skilful spinner that I have played against, I say skilful because he brings the ball from the back of his hands because he is a leg spinner. I think you need more skill to be a leg spinner. But it was not just that about Shane Warne, he tried to have an aura about him and he dominated over you before you reached the crease. He had this confidence that made him hard to play against.

**B** What do you think was the toughest game you played in?

**PC** I would say when we went through a period in Australia where we got beat 5 nil. I think the 3 games after that were the toughest because we knew we had lost the Ashes.

**B** What were your favourite things about being a cricketer?

**PC** That it let me travel around the world, but mainly because I was playing for England.

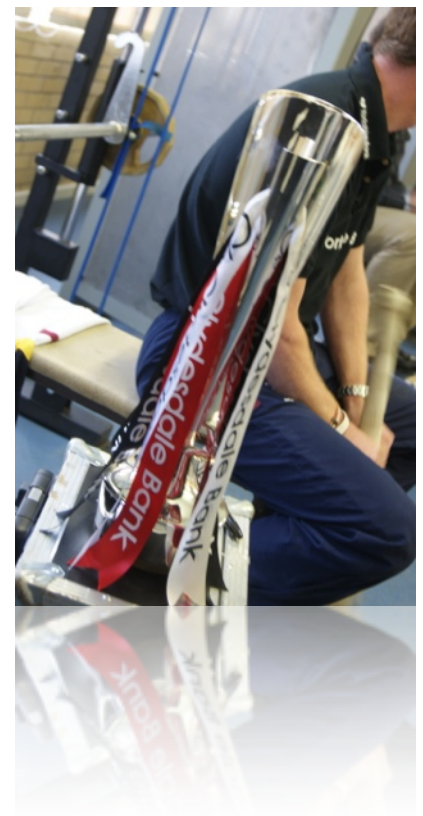
**B** What route did you take to where you are now?

**PC** Club cricket from a very early age and I was lucky to get into coaching courses at Durham. I did play cricket in School. I just went through the age classes. I was lucky because Durham became a top class county in 1992, which was a perfect time, because it let you go straight through to professional level.

**B** What advice would you give to a young person who enjoys cricket?

**PC** I would say have fun and enjoy the game. Hit the ball as hard as you can because the way cricket is going people are getting more powerful and I was brought up with a technique of high elbow and trying to hit it for extra cover.

**Nick Johnson**



# SkyHawk

On Thursday, 3rd November author Gill Lewis was welcomed to the school. Year 7 students have been studying Gill's book 'Sky Hawk' which tells the story of young osprey in Scotland and their migration to Africa. Gill worked with year 7 students answering questions about her work as an author and the process of writing her book 'Sky Hawk'; she also led a creative writing session with students from years 7, 8 and 9.



## Osprey Inspiration

7S produced some fantastic Osprey inspired art work which impressed Gill so much that she asked if she could put them on her website. 'Sky Hawk' has been shortlisted for the Red House Children's Book Award. To vote for 'Sky Hawk' visit [www.redhouse.co.uk](http://www.redhouse.co.uk). Gill had this to say about her visit to Beverley Grammar:

"This was a great visit, meeting year 7s to talk about 'Sky Hawk' and to take some writing workshops. There were really interesting questions too, especially about the background of some of the characters in Sky Hawk. We got talking about how a writer has to know all the characters in a book, even the minor characters.



## Fantastic Artwork

The students were asking about Iona's mother's background. Although I knew Iona's mother's history in my own mind, I could only give clues in the book because the story is told from Callum's perspective and he doesn't know the full story. He only picks up prejudiced comments from adults and also learns about her from his own observations. It was interesting that the students had understood Iona's Mother's background from the few details in the book.



I was especially struck by some truly fantastic art work on display around the school and was even more amazed to be shown some beautiful pastel on paper Sky Hawk illustrations completed by students in a single lesson.

So thank you to Beverley Boys Grammar school for a great day (and school dinner!...Ah! Times have changed since I was at school!)"

***Mrs Hambleton & Gill Lewis***



## A visit from John Godber



Continuing with the theme of celebrity spotting at Beverley Grammar, recently, famed playwright, John Godber travelled to Beverley Grammar School and gave a talk to the GCSE Drama and A-Level Theatre Studies students. John Godber is most famous for his comedies such as *Teachers*, *Bouncers* and *Up 'n' Under*. Godber was incredibly down to earth and appeared very approachable.

He entertained the audience with his various jokes, comments and satirical humour. However, throughout, he also managed to keep the audience listening and engaged. He told the groups about how he had first come into writing plays. Surprisingly, he had been a drama teacher previously! He gave an insight into the production of his first ever plays and also the decisions he had to make to keep them coming.

Another interesting fact; Godber beat Danny Boyle and got the role of Artistic Director at Hull Truck Theatre, however Danny Boyle then went to Hollywood. You'll now know him mainly for directing *'Slumdog Millionaire'* and *'127 Hours'*. Godber's speech was very inspiring, always reminding the students that if they want to become a writer, whether it be plays, novels or even comics, all they had to do was find a pen and a piece of paper.

John also talked the audience through the development of his latest production, *'The Debt Collectors'*. He explained that before actually writing the play, he casted two actors who he felt were perfect for the roles of Spud and Loz. He also went through how he writes plays, showing us how he would craft a storyboard and how he writes scripts (Many of Godber's plays were written in a mere 4 days!).

It was an absolute honour to have such a talented writer visiting our school, his words, as well as providing inspiration for the Drama and Theatre Studies students, also gave important information into the world of Theatre and Film.

**Oliver England**

*(turn over for Oli's review of 'The Debt Collectors')*



## Follow the Signs

On October 15th, Miss Harris from the Languages department and her form, 8S, raised £75 for the NDCS

They were given a sheet with the alphabet of sign language on it and were given just a week to learn it! They then had a competition to see who had memorised the most. The NDCS (National Deaf Children Society) is a charity for deaf children, it also helps the parents of deaf children to support them.

Over 45,000 children in the UK alone suffer from a lack of hearing and there are many more all over the world. The NDCS hope to make the world a better place for deaf children to grow up in but they are still working towards their target. To find out more about the NDCS, donate or seek advice, visit: [www.ndcs.org.uk](http://www.ndcs.org.uk)

**Charles Webster**

## The Debt Collectors Review

John Godber returns with another hilarious play, *The Debt Collectors*, starring Rob Hudson and William Ilkley as the titular failing actors who turn to a career of debt collection. Loz is the hopeless narrator who reluctantly follows his best friend, Spud's advice, to become a debt collector. Spud, on the other hand, is almost his complete opposite; he receives more job-offers and generally has better luck, even though he is clearly less intelligent and has an unhealthy habit of thieving.



The play brilliantly blends the comedic lives of the two men with the harsh, unforgiving world of acting, constantly keeping the audience in high spirits, but never letting them forget the overall message of the play. In terms of comedy, Godber presents a perfect balance of satire, tongue in cheek and toilet humour to create something that does not disappoint. The story appears a little straightforward at first, however as the play progresses, it becomes deeper and more gripping, throwing several sub-plots at the audience, but always keeping the reigns held tight, and not allowing these to grow to large.



But where the play really succeeds is in the acting. Rob Hudson's "Spud" is excellently played, every aspect of his shallow yet, somewhat likeable character, is presented clearly and enjoyably. Hudson also brings his gloriously Northern accent to the table, huffing and puffing his way through the production. William Ilkley plays "Loz", the slightly more conserved but equally unhinged narrator of the play. Ilkley captures the forlorn sighs and gestures of the character well, whilst illuminating the comedy of the character.

The set in which the actors stood was very interesting, littered with props, walls and doors. Although described as the backstage of a film set later on in the play, it provides a strong substitute for the other locations of the play, for example, a bath is excellently used half way through the play whilst the two actors explore the house of an elderly woman.

John Godber is known for his comedic plays with a side of serious, *The Debt Collectors* is no exception, beautifully contrasting the hilarity of the two actors' lives with the sad truth about life in the acting business. It will probably have you laughing and maybe even crying, but it will definitely make you think.

**Oliver England**

## Science at Beverley Grammar

Science is a popular subject at Beverley Grammar School, for it allows students to learn Biology, Physics and Chemistry.

But how is the learning made fun and why should students embrace Science?

Well, in the science department the staff and students carry out lots of experiments, watch interesting and educational films and are given many opportunities to use their imaginations. In Year 7, a Formula 1 based experiment was carried out, and higher years performed dissection.

The staff are also very helpful, offering their students information and much assistance.

Many will be interested in Physics, a course involving space, energy and witty puns from Mr Wilkinson.

Biology teaches all about the human body, plant and animal cells. Finally, Chemistry dives into the world of elements, chemicals and reactions; it also involves fantastic experiments involving Bunsen Burners, conical flasks, test tubes and many other sciencey (adjective: Relating to science) things.

Hopefully now you have gathered that science is a unique and very cool subject (apart from the surface of the sun which is far from cool).

For more information on the science department please do not

hesitate to visit the Beverley Grammar School website.

*James Mason*

## Smithson Tennant

Recently a group of Year 11s, mainly those from the GCSE Separate Science classes, were kindly invited to Selby Town Hall for a talk on Smithson Tennant (in honour of his 250th birthday), who discovered the elements osmium and iridium and is a BGS Old Boy.

For readers who aren't familiar with these, they are the two densest natural elements, and both have a reflective, silver colour. Osmium is often used in fountain tip pens, with iridium used for electrical contacts as it is hard and durable. Iridium is mainly used in pivots and surgical equipment. The **Beverlonian** managed to arrange an interview with a Year 11 student, **Cameron George**, who was more than willing to give us his thoughts on that particular day.

**Beverlonian:** Did you enjoy the trip?

**Cameron:** It was good. The person who gave the talk, Dr Annie Hodgson, from the University of York was very interesting and made it very enjoyable.

**B** Would you mind giving a summary of the information given?

**CG** As already mentioned, it was about Selby's son of science, Smithson Tennant. We were told about many experiments, all of which were demonstrated very well by Dr Hodgson, with a good amount of audience participation. There was obviously a lot of very interesting theory behind these experiments, which was all described in a clear and accessible way whilst giving a lot of information for those interested in continuing in a chemistry career.

There were experiments involving fireworks, which explained how and why they get their colour and sound, and experiments called the 'Black Clock' and the 'Halloween Reaction' which were strong rapid colour changes, in addition to many other fizzes and bangs.

**B** What, for you, was the most interesting part or aspect of the talk?

**CG** I enjoyed finding out how different fireworks get their different colours, shapes and sounds.

**B** Has the talk inspired you or led you to develop an interest in subjects that you were not interested in before?

**CG** Well I always had a fond interest in chemistry, mainly in the theory, but this talk showed me that practicals can in fact be very interesting.

*Oliver England*



# News from the Music Department

## Last Term...

The **Chamber Concert** in July was, as usual, a very enjoyable evening with about 40 boys performing for parents. As well as the wonderful music all the audience enjoyed a tasty supper and wine. Thank you to all students, staff and parents for their support. All six year 13 students who were leaving were presented with a small gift from the music department. They then presented Mrs. Turner with a gift and Edward Lock made a short speech on behalf of them all.

Thank you also to all the students and parents who took part in and supported the **East Riding Youth Orchestra Concert** at Hull City Hall - it was excellent. The **Chamber Choir** enjoyed singing and Adam Davies was the soloist in the first movement of Grieg's piano concerto. His performance was inspired - he played like a professional and was a great credit to the school.

## This Term...

We are very lucky to have Mr. Riggs, Mr. Crowther, and Mr. Shaw working in the department this year. We welcome them all and hope they will be very happy at BGS.

The BGS Brass Group entertained hoards of people at the **Lighting of the North Bar** in Wednesday Market Place on November 30th between 5.30pm and 7.00pm. Despite the cold weather and crowded conditions they sounded brilliant and lots of people commented on how they lifted the whole event in that area. Thank you to Mr. Cranmer, the boys and their parents for their support of this event.



The annual **Carol Service** took place in Beverley Minster on Monday 5th December. Thank you to everyone involved, students and staff. Well over 150 boys played, sang and read brilliantly. The Hull Daily Mail reported on the event and took photographs – all available on their website. Thank you also to all the parents who supported us, we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

100 boys (well over 10% of boys) are having **instrumental lessons** in school. All of the year 7 students who were already learning to play an instrument at their previous school, and who wanted to continue, are now having lessons at BGS. All boys who want to play the guitar have the opportunity to attend a **Beginners Guitar Club** with Mrs. Rooke the guitar teacher at 1.05pm every Monday lunchtime in MU2. Students who are waiting for lessons are advised to attend. School guitars are available to use in school time. There are a few instrumental vacancies for violin and / or woodwind. Please send a written note to Mrs. Turner if your son is interested.

On Wednesday 30th of November Beverley had a ceremony of the turning on of the lights. Held at Wednesday market, at the ceremony there was a performance of the nativity performed by Molescroft Primary School. There was also a brass band playing. The choir sang along to some of their songs. This event attracted many people from my view; there were at least one hundred people there .

**Charles Webster**

## Dates for your Diary 2011-12

The **Brass Group**, under the direction of Mr. Cranmer, will be busking in Beverley, outside of Wilkinson's, on Friday 16th December from about 2pm to 3pm. They will be collecting money for the charity Shelter. Please support them if you are out shopping.

Tuesday 27th March 2012 **Spring Concert** – 7.15pm in the school hall

Wednesday July 4th 2012 **Chamber Concert** – 7.15pm in the school hall

## Music Rehearsals and Clubs Every Week

Monday	12.40	MU1	BTEC Support Y10	LT & NR
Monday	1.05	MU2	MU2 Guitar Club	KR
Monday	3.40	Hall	Orchestra*	LT (starts again 31st January)
Tuesday	12.40	MU1	BTEC Support Y10	LT
Wednesday	12.40	MU1	Woodwind Ensemble	AT & MB & SMC
Thursday	12.40	MU1	Brass Group	CC
Thursday	12.40	MU2	Y12 Theory	LT
Friday	12.40	MU1	CHOIR	LT & RMS

All students have been given a copy of all rehearsal and performance dates. Please contact Mrs Turner if you have not received your copy!

*Mrs Turner*

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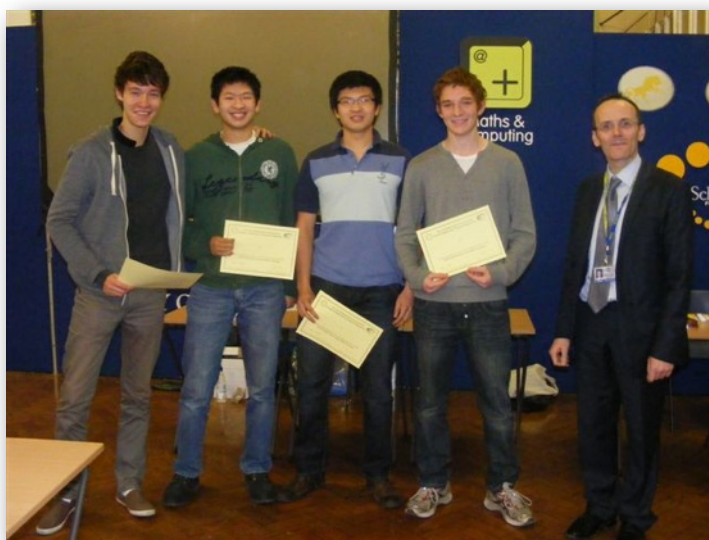
## Mathematical Thinking

In November, Beverley Joint Sixth took part in the UKMT Senior Individual Challenge, and the Hull and East Riding regional round of the UKMT Senior Team Challenge.

The individual challenge is a 2 hour multiple choice paper with students using and applying their knowledge to a variety of situations to solve problems. The competition is an international event and the highest achievers are selected to compete for the British Team in the International Mathematical Olympiad. Many universities consider taking part in the challenge as being a key indicator of logical and analytical ability at the highest level.

This year saw some of the best results ever achieved in the senior competition. Rebecca Pearson achieved 'Best In School'. Together with Qianyi Liu, they were invited to take part in the Senior Kangaroo round held on Friday

2nd December. Rebecca Pearson, Qianyi Liu and Peter Ma in Year 13, and Zachary Field and Jonathan Young in Year 12 received gold certificates making them in the top 0.1% of students in the country at this level. 13 silver and 28 bronze certificates were also awarded.



Taking place a week later, the team challenge, held at Newland School for Girls, comprised of teams from Beverley Grammar and Beverley High, joining 10 other schools and Sixth form colleges. The event consists of 3 rounds where students work individually, in pairs and in a group of four.

Our two teams had their best ever combined results with the Beverley grammar team of Zachary Field, Geoffrey and Peter Ma, and David Mak placing first, just beating Wyke into second place. The High School team of Louise Holliday, Johnstone, Qiyanyi Liu and Rebecca Pearson took second place



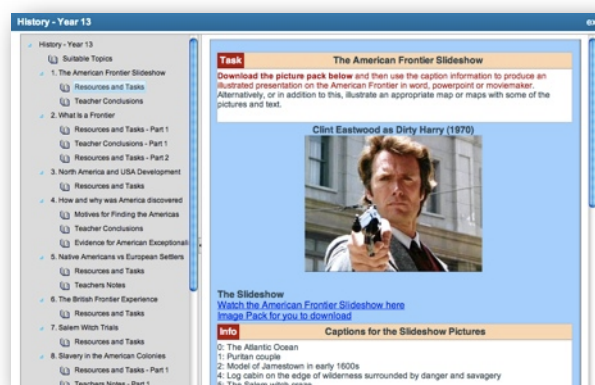
The boys will now attend the National Final in London on 1st February 2012.

Congratulations to all the students who took part in both challenges.

**Mrs Field**

## Educating through Digital Media

In the last edition of the **Beverlonian**, we mentioned our Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) and how we hope it will revolutionise teaching and learning throughout all areas of the school. Never before have we been able to offer our wealth of resources to students outside of the classroom as well as in it. All ICT exam courses are now delivered through the VLE. Online versions of textbooks are available for Languages and video resources from the History department are available to watch instantly wherever students are working. By the next edition of this newspaper, we'll undoubtedly have lots more to announce!



## The Beverlonian - Reloaded



It's taken us 'till Page 13, but we had to mention our re-design at some point! Behind the new layout that you will hopefully enjoy has been a team of dedicated young journalists, led by student editors Jacob Hill and Oliver England and directed by Ms Culpan and Miss Hajjawi, running around the school over the past few weeks and otherwise bothering our hard-working staff to deliver you this edition before Christmas. They have all done an excellent job.

At the same time, we will be re-branding our news blog - which we have piloted over the past year - to feature the **Beverlonian Online**. You can find it at [www.beverleygrammar.co.uk/news](http://www.beverleygrammar.co.uk/news) where these stories will be enhanced through the magic of the web to feature more images and video for a richer experience. Please visit it over the holidays and beyond to watch the stories appear as they happen.

**Mr Clifton**



# Wearing the School Colours



## Played Twenty, Won Seventeen



In the last edition of the **Beverlonian**, we announced the imminent arrival of our new football kits to allow our players to look as great as their performances were!

Since pulling on the new jerseys in September, the boys have gone from strength to strength. Year 7 & 9 teams are **unbeaten**. Year 8 lost just one game (on penalties). Year 10 have done particularly well considering they only had 10 men in a few games. Many more boys have been competing in the process, having to earn the right to wear the different styles of kit. Outstanding successes all-round!

## Regional Winners!



Despite only entering one team, where other schools enter two or three, Isaac Ward, Sam Hudson, Brad Maffin, Sam

Maughan, Tommy Hudson, Matthew Mitchell and Owen Parnaby did themselves and the school incredibly proud by strolling to victory & winning the East Riding 5-a-side Tournament! We are now through as **Regional Winners** to the next stage in Derby to face winners from other regions across the Midlands! The lads were outstanding and it was a pleasure both to watch and be a part of.

**Mr Lamplugh**

## Remembrance Day 2011

Remembrance Day 2011 was marked by a whole school assembly gathering to remember those who died in all wars. Many people from outside the school came in to show their respect to the brave soldiers that laid down their lives for their country. This year was the 90th anniversary of the Royal British Legion and the school was able to raise money for the Poppy Appeal. Thank you to anyone who contributed.

In school on the day Mark Jack read *Dulce et Decorum Est* by Wilfred Owen, and *In Flanders Fields* by John McCrae and a poem written in the First World War about the terrible chemical warfare used in the horrific war. We also had veterans join us to remember their fallen friends.

It was a truly moving occasion and the 2 minutes' silence, bookended by *The Last Post* and *Reveille*, was impeccably observed by every single one of our students.

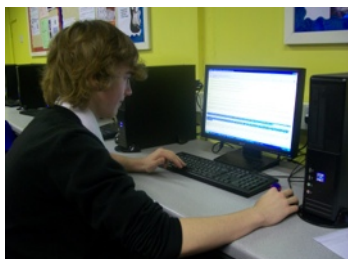
## Speech Day 2011

Speech day was a great success this year with the orchestra playing the *Dambusters Theme* in recognition of the guest speaker Dr Mary Stopes-Roe, daughter of Barnes Wallis and patron of the Barnes Wallace Memorial Trust which promotes engineering. Speech Day celebrates and rewards students' effort which is the bedrock of high student achievement.



## Student Digital Leaders

The Student Digital Leaders group is a great opportunity for budding computer experts to get involved in all areas of the school.



Mr Hamshaw-Hart explains: "The students I'm looking for will definitely need a skill in a certain area of I.T, but along the way we aim to teach them other skills. For instance, if you are skilled in designing websites, and your friend can edit videos, you will be able to teach each other"

The volunteers will be able to use their knowledge to assist teachers with I.T. use in the classroom. Furthermore, Year 11 and Sixth Form students will be able to lead the group, which will look very good on their C.V. Mr Hamshaw said that students' effort in this organisation can make a real difference to the school. "All we need is some commitment from the students- even just an hour a week can make a massive difference". Speaking to Mr Hamshaw-Hart, just 3 days after his assembly, he revealed that 77 students had already signed up.

If you wish to join this group, which will improve your I.T, team work and management skills, visit Mr Hamshaw Hart at his office next to learning support, and he will be delighted to have you on board.

**Henry Crawford**

## Movember

Movember is a charity event that supports men's prostate cancer. It takes place throughout November and many men around the world grow facial hair and get people to donate online. Many teachers took part this year, including Mr Dent, Mr Fox, Mr Travis, Mr Scott and Mr Maklin. Will Clay in Year 12 won the student prize for **Best 'Mo**. A big thank-you to Miss Drew for organising the event.