



# BEVERLEY HIGH SCHOOL

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

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### **Location**

Beverley High School is pleasantly situated in the centre of the attractive market town of Beverley in the East Riding of Yorkshire. The catchment area is socially mixed and provides a full range of ability, taking students from Beverley and the surrounding villages of Tickton, Walkington, Wawne and Woodmansey.



The Westwood, Beverley

### **The School**

Beverley High School is a Group 6, five-form entry girls' comprehensive within the East Riding of Yorkshire. 868 girls are currently on roll including 123 girls in the Sixth Form. The School, founded in 1908, has developed since 1973 from a grammar school into a fully comprehensive 11-18 establishment. The school celebrated its 110th anniversary in September 2018.

Beverley High School was last inspected by Ofsted in October 2018 when inspectors said our school continues to be Good with Outstanding Teaching and Achievement of Pupils. Beverley High School is long established with an excellent record and considerable achievements in academic work, music, drama, art and sport. We are particularly concerned to develop each girl's good qualities to the full. The school has a long tradition of successful education and enjoys a high reputation within the community, both at local and county level. The school features in the "Good Schools' Guide" and annually receives awards from the SSAT for exceptional results.

Subject departments are housed in purpose-built rooms set amidst fine grounds. We have a dedicated Learning Support Centre and Sixth Form Block, a large Sports Hall with Dance Studio and an impressive Art/Technology Centre.



### International Dimension

Beverley High School holds the YHGSA's Global Schools Award which recognises the international dimension in the school. All departments in the school are encouraged to incorporate international/global elements into their Schemes of Work. Opportunity for curriculum development exists, most notably with our link schools and colleges, Keiai Gakuen Senior High School in Chiba, Japan, Sujatha Vidyalaya College, Matara, Sri Lanka, Marcel Aymard College, Millau, France and most recently Gymnasium Am Kothen, Wuppertal, Germany. Student and teacher visits to Japan and Sri Lanka are a part of school life, indeed 2019 will see staff and students visiting our links in Sri Lanka, France and Germany as well as cultural visits to Paris and Cologne.



Japan Visit 2018

## More Able

The school has a reputation for innovative opportunities for more able pupils and was a NAGTY ambassador school.

The support for more able pupils in the classroom and extended enrichment activities is central to the ethos of the school.

## Pupil Support

Every pupil is assigned on entry to one of five mixed ability tutor groups which are also house groups. Most of the social life of the school takes place within these Houses, for example there are regular inter-house competitions in most sports and for overall progress in academic work.

A pupil usually remains with a tutor group for five years and, where possible, has the same form tutor from Years 7 to 11. Year Leaders are responsible for pupils within a particular year group and an Assistant Headteacher has responsibility for the Sixth Form.

## Curriculum Organisation

The tutor groups are used as teaching groups in Key Stage 3. In Years 7, 8 and 9 all girls follow courses in:

Art	History	Physical Education
Computing	Mathematics	Religious Studies
English	Modern Language	Science
Geography	Music	Technology

Teaching takes place in mixed ability groups, apart from Modern Languages and Mathematics where ability groupings are used. In the latter half of Year 9, parents, pupils and subject teachers are involved in decisions regarding examination courses for Years 10 and 11.

Pupils in Years 10 and 11 follow a broad range of courses which currently are:-

Examined by GCSE	Mathematics		
	English	-	all follow Language & Literature courses
	Science	-	3 separate sciences (Biology, Chemistry and Physics)
	Foreign Language	-	French or German
	RE	-	Short or full course
Not Examined	Physical Education		
	Wellbeing – including Careers Education and Guidance		

Pupils are also able to choose three options from a range of courses which include:-

GCSE	Art and Design	Media
	Business Studies	Music
	Child Development	Photography
	Computing	Physical Education
	Drama	Product Design
	Food	Textiles
	Geography	A second Foreign Language
	History	



The majority of students follow 10 GCSE courses or their equivalent



There is a planned programme of Personal, Social and Health Education (Wellbeing) which is taught on specialist days in each term. The Wellbeing programme covers a different range of personal and social skills, as well as further developing those already acquired, with increasing emphasis on careers guidance



Wellbeing Day Yoga

### **Sixth Form (Years 12 and 13)**

In September 1978 the Sixth Form was linked with our neighbouring boys' comprehensive, Beverley Grammar School. The teaching in nearly every advanced level subject is equally shared between the staffs of both schools. The scheme carries the advantages of widening the range of courses, provides larger numbers in teaching groups and a livelier academic life. Both schools have a lengthy and successful experience of sixth form work and students have benefited from this pooling of resources. Many students continue to Higher Education, including Oxbridge.

## Special Needs

The Learning Support Department has a whole-school role based on limited withdrawal and support strategies in curriculum areas.

## Work Experience

All year 12 students have the opportunity to undertake work experience.

## Extra-Curricular Activities

Choirs, orchestras, drama clubs and games teams practise on a regular basis at lunchtime and after school. Lunchtime clubs include the gym club, wind band, hockey, netball, tennis, trampolining and athletics clubs. We are taking part in the Green Car Project which sees us building our own electric car to race against approximately 50 other schools.



Year 7 Indoor Athletics



Green Car Project – Race Day

## Trips/Visits

As well as international visits the school's committed staff organise a myriad of trips and visits. Recent trips include, theatre visits, theatre workshops, Christmas reward trips to Meadowhall Shopping Centre and Inflatation. In January and March 2019 82 Year 8s and 6 members of staff were provided with an unprecedented opportunity to visit GCHQ's Scarborough campus to learn more about the world of cyber security and espionage. Year 10s have recently visited a large careers event at the Bonus Arena, Hull. We have two regular residential outward bound experiences for Years 7 and 8, where they visit Kingswood Activity Centre, Sheffield, and Lakeside in Cumbria. There are many more visits arranged by departments here, and too many to mention them all.



Kingswood 2018



DofE Bronze Expedition



## Management and Development Issues

There is a pre-planned programme of meetings which encompasses departments, Leaders & Managers, Wellbeing Team, the Senior Leadership Team and Tutor teams. In addition task groups are used to address specific issues when a need is identified e.g. Assessment, Curriculum Models. The School Action Plan is a 1 year plan. Each department or team has their own plan.

## CPD and Performance Management/Appraisal

The school has very effective Performance Management/Appraisal systems for teaching staff and support staff and is a recognised Investor in People.

## Staff

The school has almost 100 committed staff, of which 53 are teachers (full and part-time).

**Sharon Japp**  
Headteacher

**April 2019**

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Year 8 GCHQ  
Competition winners



Year 12 Geography Fieldwork Visit



Hull York Medical School Trip



Wall of Love