



Newsletter

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SATs Preparation

As most of you will be aware, we are now approaching a crucial period in the school year, particularly for some of our key year groups. Over the next few weeks our Year 6 children will be taking their SATs tests and Year 11 and Year 13 students will be sitting their final exams. We understand that this can be a stressful time for both pupils and families, and we want to reassure you that we are here to support our young learners every step of the way.

For our Year 6 children, the SATs tests represent a significant milestone as they prepare to transition to secondary school. These assessments cover key areas of the curriculum, including English, mathematics, and science. While the tests are important, it's crucial to remember that they are just one aspect of your child's educational journey. Our staff have been working hard to prepare children for these tests, providing them with the knowledge and skills they need to excel. The purpose of the tests is to give an accurate picture of a child's attainment as they end their primary school journey, so that their new school can plan accurately for their new Year 7 classes.

For our Year 11 and Year 13 students, the upcoming exams mark the culmination of years of hard work and dedication. These exams play a vital role in shaping their future educational and career paths. From GCSEs to A-levels, our students have been diligently preparing for these assessments, and we have every confidence in their abilities to succeed. The exam period lasts for most of the next six weeks, and many of our students will have a very full calendar. The work that happens over the next few weeks will have a significant impact on the final outcome.

While academic support is important, we also recognize the significance of pastoral care in ensuring our pupils thrive both academically and emotionally. We understand that exam season can be a stressful time, and we are committed to providing a supportive environment where pupils feel valued and encouraged. Our staff members are here to offer guidance and support, helping to alleviate any anxiety or stress that pupils may be experiencing.

We cannot overstate the importance of well-being during this period. Encouraging pupils to prioritise self-care by eating healthily, getting enough sleep, and spending some 'down time' can significantly impact their ability to perform well in tests exams. We urge parents and carers to support their children in maintaining a healthy balance between study and downtime.

It's important to remember that tests are just one way of assessing a young person's abilities. We value and celebrate all of our pupils' achievements, whether academic, artistic, athletic, or personal. Each accomplishment contributes to their growth and development as individuals, and we are immensely proud of each and every one of them.

Finally, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all parents and carers for your continued support and encouragement. Your involvement in your child's education is invaluable, and we appreciate the trust you place in us to nurture and educate them. We wish our students the very best of luck in their upcoming assessments, and we are confident they will rise to the occasion with determination and resilience.



Dr. Paul Heery
Chief Executive Officer



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We currently have open vacancies in various roles across our schools. Please see our online application portal at whptrust.org/vacancies for more information on the benefits of working with us, to read more about the roles below and begin an application, or to sign up for job alerts.

Teacher of Science

at Bramcote College, Bramcote

Closing Date: Tuesday 14th May 2024.

Cleaner

at Bramcote College, Bramcote

Closing Date: Wednesday 15th May 2024.

Supply Midday Supervisor

at John Clifford School, Beeston

Closing Date: Thursday 16th May 2024.

Assistant Headteacher & SENCO

at Foxwood Academy, Bramcote

Closing Date: Monday 20th May 2024.

Assistant Headteacher - SENCo & Inclusion

at Bramcote College, Bramcote

Closing Date: Monday 20th May 2024.

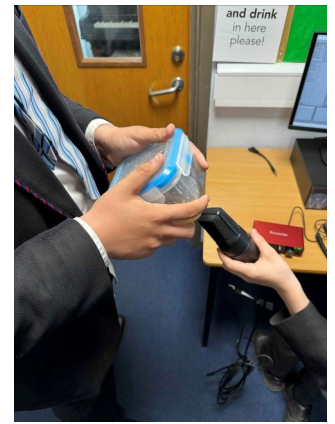


Music Technology - Foley

This week our Year 10 Music Technology class have been working on creating their own Foley. Foley is a method of sound recording used in the film industry, and involves using real-world objects (often slightly unusual ones!) to make sounds. Our Y10s used cornflour to create the sound of footprints in the snow, bubble wrap and twigs to sound like a crackling fire, and bag straps to imitate popping water bubbles! Water bottles, jam jars, rocks and leaves were also recorded to generate special sound effects. A big thanks to our Y10s for their super engagement and innovation!



Mr Wedgeworth



UN Chinese Language Day

As part of the UN's Chinese Language Day initiative, 12 Year 8 students took part in two cultural workshops on Monday afternoon at the Confucius Institute at the University of Nottingham. As you can see from the photographs, they had a great time taking making Chinese dragons and decorating Chinese lanterns. Many thanks to all our wonderful colleagues at the University for organising and leading the workshops and to Ms Guo and Ms Shaw for taking the students.

Mr Stephan



Adding Urdu to our range of Language Classes

We are pleased to announce that we have new Urdu classes for students starting next Thursday, 2nd May at 4pm in the New Block. We welcome Mr Khan to our every increasing team of language tutors. He is a very experienced teacher, and this is a great opportunity for students to develop their skills in the language. Please contact me for further information about the classes.

If you are planning to go abroad on holiday and are looking to hone your language skills, we have a range of language classes available in the evenings and on Saturday mornings. People have been joining our classes throughout the year - it is still not too late to sign up for classes in French, German, Italian, Japanese and Spanish, to name just a few of the languages we offer.

Mr Stephan (karsten.stephan@whptrust.org)



The Return of the PTA Family Quiz Night

Friday 10th May, 7pm (Doors open at 6.30pm)

Following the great success of last year's event, we are pleased to announce that the PTA Family Quiz Night is back! Fun is guaranteed as the one and only Geoff Liptrot will be your quizmaster for the evening. It only costs £5 to register your team (payable on the night) and being Friday night, we're providing a bar facility as well!

Come and join us - it was so much fun last year, not to mention the money we managed to raise for our school. To register your team of 4-6 people (teams should include at least one AW student), please complete a short registration form by following this link:

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We look forward to another great evening.

Mr Stephan

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Sports News

Charity Staff Football Match - Alderman White vs WHP Trust (Bramcote College)

On Wednesday afternoon, the teachers of Alderman White travelled down with many supporters to Bramcote College Secondary School, to play a teacher friendly. The game started off with a strong starting lineup, with Mr. Thomson in goal, a strong back four of Mr. Parker, Mr. Bateman, Mr. Allsopp and Mr. Higgins. The midfield consisted of Mr. Young and Mr. Moore with Mr Foster out on the right and Mr. Sutton out on the left with the captains armband on. This left Mr. Palmer up with Mr. Haigh as the front two.

In the first opening minutes, the game started off at a fast pace with both teams aiming to get their name on the score sheet. Bramcote started off the game with their first shot on target which ended up going straight into the safe hands of Mr. Thompson. After a tense opening quarter, the players came in to have a quick rest and a change of tactics after Bramcote dominated the overall possession.

Starting off the second quarter, Mr. Hallam and Mr. Fung made a strong tactical change to the game plan to help the progress in the game. Soon after, a bad challenge was made against Mr. Haigh which led to a free kick just outside the box. Unfortunately, Mr. Haigh's brilliant technical free kick just missed the goal and rattled against the cross bar. The score staying at 0-0.

Shortly after the free kick, after many awesome saves from Mr. Thomson, Bramcote unfortunately scored their first goal of the match to take the score to 1-0.



The AW teachers didn't let the goal stop them from finding their way to the net. Mr. Young sends a header to Mr. Hallam who passes the ball through the defenders to the boot of Mr. Palmer to score Alderman White's goal. 1-1

During the third quarter, some changes were made as both teams wanted the win. It was a difficult battle between the two teams and some more amazing saves were made by Mr. Thomson, including two excellent 1 on 1s. One brilliant goal line clearance was made by Mr. Foster who was stood in front of the goal while Mr. Thomson attempted a save. Alderman White's defence was strong throughout the game with Mr. Bateman's awesome goal kicks, Mr. Moore and Mr. Allsopp's impressive tackles, and Mr. Higgins strong runs.

Every player pulled together as a team but unfortunately nearing the end of the match Bramcote managed to get a goal past the team to score their winning goal after they rounded the keeper and hit the bar, but the rebound ended up at the feet of the Bramcote player. - 2-1.

Even though AW lost the match the crowd that travelled to watch were supportive and proud of their teachers all throughout the match. The score ended with the final whistle at 2-1 but all the teachers were proud of the way they performed and had lots of fun.

Written by **Phoebe B, Alex L, Juno D (Y8)**



Joshua Groves 8WTS - London Mini Marathon

Joshua in Y8 has had an incredible cross country season, running at various events and being competitive in every single one. On this occasion, Joshua ended up qualifying in a close second place to represent the East Midlands at the London mini-marathon. Joshua then travelled to London on the marathon weekend and he had a great two days in London, representing the East Midlands at the TCS London Mini Marathon Championships. He ran the end of the main marathon route past major landmarks and finishing on The Mall, running against some of the best young runners in the UK. Some fantastic pictures portray this special weekend for Joshua.



As we now approach the track season, it will be exciting to see how many records Joshua can break at Alderman White!

Mr Sutton



Rugby News

Nottingham Casuals Rugby X Tournament

On Wednesday evening, we made our third visit to the annual Rugby X tournament ran by Nottingham Casuals Rugby Club. We took an impressive 90 pupils ranging from year 7 all the way to year 10. This included 2 teams of boys and 1 team of girls for each year, giving us a whopping 12 teams to battle the other schools with.



The captains of each team had to register their squad and then get them warmed up ready for action. The captains all led their teams brilliantly and earned a well-deserved golden buzzer for their organisation and leadership skills. It's so impressive to see that as a school, we had 12 students capable of captaining a rugby team.

Once the tournament was underway, all teams battled brilliantly with a range of other schools. We took many victories, with every team winning at least 2 games! Some teams even went undefeated.

As the tournament came to an end, each team selected a member to take part in the famous 1v1s with the large crowds supporting. Alderman White was represented fantastically with great performances from year 7s James B and Emma, year 8s Thomas Boyce and Orla, year 9 James and year 10s Lotty and Ethan. The outstanding performances won the school plenty of fantastic rugby equipment, including some training poles and brand-new balls!

Huge thanks as always to the team at Casuals for putting on the tournament, with mentions to Liz and Miles. Super thanks as well to the AW staff team of Miss. Trimble, Miss Griffiths, Ms Kilbane, Mr. Jameson, Mr. Wedgeworth and Mr. Bateman who all came to the tournament, giving up their evening to help support and whom without, we wouldn't have been able to go! It was also great to see so many parents come and support. Finally, a huge well done to all the 90 students who took part and played fantastic rugby throughout the evening.

Mr Sutton



Football News

Y8 vs Y9 Boys

The last game of a long season saw a contest for nothing more than bragging rights. For some this could have been seen as a dead rubber, but not our teams, they both wanted victory. The year 9 team began the game kicking down the hill in the all blue strip, with the year 8 team donning the red and white kit. The year 9 team was Joel in goal behind a back four of Josh, Harry, Leo and Donnay. A midfield of Theo, Will and Oscar. Oli lead the line with Jamie and Ieuan either side of him, a classic 4-3-3. Elliot also made a wonderful cameo throughout. The underdogs sported a tactically sound, 5-3-2 to combat the three forwards, with Ozzy between the sticks. A back 5 of Harry D, T Boyce, Billy, Ben and Alfie played the full game. The fluid three of Josh, Nathan and Luigi sat behind a front two of Harry L and T Beeson. Ismaael came on around half time in place of an injured Luigi.

The game was fiercely contested with big tackles and surprising composure from the year 8 team, passing with fantastic aplomb. Ieuan caused havoc down the right hand side with winding runs all game. But it was his lovely finish, after Theo headed the ball in behind the back line, that made the score 1-0 to the year 9 team. A few minutes later there was a freekick on the edge of the area, Joel made an excellently save by tipping it over the bar. The resulting corner caused chaos and ultimately led to the ball in the back of the net, 1-1. It has been claimed by Billy. Similarly, another corner caused carnage moments later. The cross was spilled and it found its way to Josh in the box who back heeled it in, the goal was given! The year 8's had turned it around, or so they thought. Mr Sutton heard a voice in his head telling him to delay the restart. Alderman White School's VAR official, Mr Higgins, confirmed that there was an offside with a player on the line interfering with play. Play resumed, and the year 9 team re-asserted their goal advantages with a fabulous run and strike from Jamie into the roof of the net. This spared his blushes from a few minutes before when he managed to sky an effort all the way over the boundary fence! Half time and Mr Sutton was bombarded with angry fans asking about the disallowed goal.



The Year 8 team continued to dominate possession and strung some excellent moves together. Parity was restored when Harry L was put in behind and finished calmly just after the break to make it 2-2. Then the Year 8s were awarded a penalty after Beeson was brought down in the box. He stepped up to take it and what can only be described as a comedy of errors ensued. Beeson hit it to the keepers left, the ball rebounds back off the post and back to him. The crowd holds their breath as he can't quite bring the ball down. Time stands still as he controls the ball and tries to poke it past Joel. What a save! The score remains 2-2. Soon after the unthinkable happens. Out of nowhere, Theo side foot volleys the ball on the edge of the area and it loops over Ozzy who is helpless to stop the score going 3-2 to the year 9 team. The year 9 team gained confidence with excellent runs in behind the back 5. This led to Ieuan popping up again, finishing low to Ozzy's left, after the year 8's failed to clear their lines. 4-2 and surely this is the end. There was still drama to be had after Harry L calmly slotted the ball into the bottom left corner after a winding run between the right back and centre back, making it 4-3. A long ball over the top was played across towards Nathan who broke past the defence and slid in Harry L. The ball was pulled back to Josh who found empty net levelling the score. Stockley park intervened once again, claiming Harry to have been offside in the build-up, Josh is denied again! Destiny would not give up on the year 8 team though as with the last kick of the game Harry L completed his hattrick. A loose clearance landed at his feet and he calmly lobbed it over the sprawling Joel. The game ended an enthralling 4-4.

The resulting penalty shootout ended 5-3 to the year 9 team after a fabulous save by Joel to deny Nathan.

Thank you to all the parents, staff and students who have supported all our AW football teams throughout the season. It is truly appreciated.

Mr Moore

PARENT CARER DROP INS & WORKSHOPS

April – May 2024



Hello from Becki and Helene, the Peer Support Team at Nottinghamshire's Autism and Learning Disability Keyworking Service.





Our sessions are for families of children and young people with autism and/or learning disabilities up to the age of 25 in Nottinghamshire

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Mon 15 th April 11:30-13:00	NETHERFIELD	Loco Centre, 2A Forester St, NG4 2NJ	New Venue! Join us for a light lunch and Jewellery Making
Thurs 18 th April 13:00-14:00	VIRTUAL	Virtual session via Teams Please e-mail thekey@nottsc.gov.uk for link	Please let us know if there is anything you wish to discuss.
Tues 23 rd April 10:00-11:30	MANSFIELD	TuVida Offices, 54a Nottingham Road NG18 1BN (Opposite Water Meadows)	 Workshop led by <u>Contact Support for Siblings</u>
Weds 24 th April 10:00-11:30	MAPPERLEY	Back room @ Bread and Bitter, Woodthorpe Drive NG3 5JL	Coffee & Chat 
Weds 24 th April 19:00-20:00	VIRTUAL	Virtual session via Teams Please e-mail thekey@nottsc.gov.uk for link	Workshop led by <u>Bina Menz @ Estate Planning Ltd</u> Wills & Trusts for Parent Carers
Thurs 25 th April 10:00-11:30	KIMBERLEY	Rumbletums, Victoria Street, NG16 6BA	 Coffee & Chat
Mon 29 th April 10:00-11:30	BEESTON	Upstairs @ Bendigo Lounge 55 High Road, NG9 2JQ	Coffee & Chat 
Weds 1 st May 10:00-11:30	WEST BRIDGFORD	Pine Room @ West Bridgford Library NG2 6AT	 Coffee, Chat & Crafts
Tues 14 th May 10:00-13:00	RETFORD	APTCOO Family Hub, Rectory Road, DN22 7AY	MINI PARENT CARER CONFERENCE Understanding Your Child's Behaviour Getting the Right Support From Schools
Mon 20 th May 10:00-11:30	WORKSOP	Thoresby Room @ Worksop Library S80 2BP	 Coffee, Chat & Crafts
Tues 21 st May 10:00-11:30	HUCKNALL	Byron Room @ John Godber Centre, Ogle Street, NG15 7FE	Workshop led by The Key Getting the Right Support From Schools
Thurs 23 rd May 10:00-11:30	NEWARK	Café @ YMCA, Lord Hawke Way, Newark, NG24 4FH	Coffee & Chat 

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ATTENBOROUGH CC
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OPEN DAY

Attenborough Cricket Club
'Come and Try Cricket for Girls'
Monday 6th May 2024
The Strand,
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3-4pm




Register here

Come and join us as part of our open day celebrations and official opening of our female changing room. We'll be offering fun, free cricket activities for the whole community and a special taster session 3-4pm for girls. We'd love as many people as possible to join us, so why not bring a friend!

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