



Newsletter

The White Hills Park Federation Trust

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Go 4 Schools - Latest Developments and Viewing Grades

We have written to parents this week to let you know about the latest developments with Go 4 Schools. As you know, the system is up and running. You can log on by visiting go4schools.com and clicking on the Parent button at the top right hand side of the web page – follow the instructions for a First-time User. You must use the e-mail address registered with the school. If you have an email address but it is not registered with us, please can you let us know as soon as possible.

INSPIRE points and homework are already visible. You can see the homework that has been set, and also all the occasions that your son or daughter has been awarded INSPIRE points to recognise their excellent work and attitude. Although we have not shown progress data yet, teachers are now beginning to enter results from the first half term and so grades will be appearing over the next two weeks.

Once completed, the grades are then fixed for that time (a November snapshot) – they will be available on-line for you to see for the rest of the year. Teachers will then update them at any time in the year – we have two more snapshots planned for January and June, plus the usual year report (with comments) and exam data sheets.

The snapshot published grades available will include the new Key Stage 3 “Progress beyond Levels” grades Emerging, Developing, Secure and Mastery (please see website for further information);

Aspirational target – A target based on prior performance that goes a beyond expected progress. This is used to set high expectations.

Predicted - The band/grade the student will achieve at the end of the Y7, 8 or 9, or end of course for Y10 to 13, if they continue at the current rate of progress.

Current grade –The band/grade achieved in recently assessed work.

Attitude to Learning – Excellent, Good, Requires Improvement, Concern.

Alongside this data, students’ exercise books contain the most detailed information about progress and improvement to complement the grades data. We hope that this represents a major step forward in our drive to share information openly with students and parents, and to work with you to achieve the best possible results.

Paul Heery

Executive Headteacher

Tom Hyland

Deputy Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

October FED AWS TBS BC

24th -28th Half Term Holiday
Schools re-open on Monday 31st October

November

1st Apprenticeship Sessions
Bramcote College

2nd PTA Meeting
18:30 - 20:00
AW Meeting Room

3rd Olympian Visit

3rd Debate Mate Launch Event
12:30 - 15:30
University of Nottingham

8th UK Maths Challenge - Senior

10th G&T Trip
Houses Of Parliament, London

10th Candlelight Evening
18:30 - 21:30
The Bramcote School

11th Oxjam Classical Concert
Rehearsal
10:00 - 12:00
Alderman White School

17th Parents’ Forum
18:30 - 20:00
The Bramcote School

17th Cologne Trip
Information Evening
19:00 - 20:00
Alderman White School

23rd Theatre Trip
07:30 - 21:00
London

Please see our websites or login to our free app to view a full calendar of events and important dates.

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Change of Date - Alderman White Parents' Forum

Please note: The Parents' Forum at Alderman White School will now be taking place on Thursday 24th November, not Wednesday 23rd as originally published.

Mrs N Caley

Sports News

The Year 10 Netball team from The Bramcote School continued in good form this week, playing in their 2nd round match in the National Cup. The team travelled to Queen Elizabeth School Ashbourne, not quite at full strength due to some injuries but in good spirits and confident they could win through. After the "high school musical" warm up the team started slowly, making some silly mistakes but went into the end of the first quarter in the lead 8-2. The team then kicked into overdrive and for the next 30 minutes the opposition were chasing shadows. A comprehensive 43-8 win means the team move into the 3rd round of the Cup and now are the only representatives left from either Nottinghamshire or Derbyshire. They have now scored 111 points in 2 games and conceded only 11! The next game is after the half term break against Caistor Grammar School, Lincolnshire.

The Year 9 Netball team have continued the success of the Netball teams from The Bramcote School this week. They travelled to Emmanuel School to play in the finals of the Nottinghamshire Central Venue league and played exceptionally well. They played in a round robin competition against the other 3 top teams, Emmanuel, George Spencer and West Bridgford. The Competition started well with a strong performance against Emmanuel defeating them 15-3. They then played George Spencer Academy and again quick passing and superb shooting meant they won 11-5. This put the team into the final against a very strong West Bridgford School who were also going into the match unbeaten. A close game followed but unfortunately The Bramcote team were just edged out 9-7 in the final. A fantastic effort by all those who played, some for the very first time.



Mr R Bateman

Celebrating Black History Month

On Saturday 15th October We welcomed Nottingham's Caribbean Heritage Museum into Alderman White School for interactive story telling and stories in a suitcase. 'Home to Home' - we shared the Windrush migration story through the eyes of a child, whilst sampling Jamaican patties, buns, cheese and tropical fruit juices.

The Museum would like to thank everyone who attended and were particularly excited to share their stories with other ethnicities for the first time, and particularly families from the Muslim community who attend Alderman White School.

Miss J Francis

English Study Guides

Thank you to all parents of students in Years 9-11 who have returned their requests for study guides and texts. Texts are currently in school and will be distributed to students during lessons. The Study Guides need to be ordered by us from the publishers. We shall be placing an initial order for study guides before half term, however, if you have not returned an order, don't worry. Please continue to send in orders until 14th November, and we shall place an additional order to meet your requests.

Mrs S Gardiner

ICCAMS Maths - Increasing Competence and Confidence in Algebra and Multiplicative Structures

All the Year 7 groups at The Bramcote School have now received the first two ICCAMS lessons in Mathematics. As the project title implies, the lessons are designed to help our students increase their competence and confidence in Algebra and Multiplicative structures.



ICCAMS Maths is a collaborative project between the University of Nottingham and Durham University and is being evaluated by the University of Manchester. Many schools around the country are taking part in the project and there are 40 lessons in total which start in Year 7 and continue into Year 8. Mr Mallard and Mr Marsden attended the initial training and have another training session in November.

Mrs D Marsden

Uniform At The Bramcote School

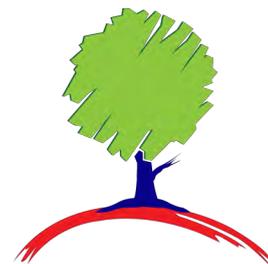
We would like to thank all parents for your support with the introduction of the new school uniform. The start of the year has been fantastic and we wish to ensure all students maintain these high standards.

The Bramcote School Uniform Card

In order to reinforce these standards, coupled with our continued drive for excellence and improving standards, we will be introducing a uniform card after October half term which all students will carry.

If there are any issues regarding school uniform a student will hand over their card for the teacher to sign – if a student receives 3 or more signatures for the same uniform concern the card is removed and they will be issued with a 60 minute detention for the following night.

In support of this we would like to draw to your attention to the expectations we have regarding school uniform, which is also available both within the student planner and on the school website.



UNIFORM POLICY

Students and parents should observe the following:

- ◇ Students are expected to wear a Federation blazer.
- ◇ School tie.
- ◇ Plain white shirt or blouse which buttons up to the collar (can be long or short sleeved) (any vest/T shirt or bra worn under the shirt must be plain white with no logos).
- ◇ Plain, black standard school trousers or skirt. (No jeans, cargo styles with pockets or trousers which are tight fitting, skirts should be knee length and appropriate for school. Pencil/tube skirts with elastane are not acceptable). Tracksuit bottoms should not be worn under school trousers).
- ◇ Black school jumper/cardigan with school logo are optional and maybe worn underneath blazers
- ◇ Low heeled, all black, sensible footwear with no logos or markings (trainers, trainer shoes, plimsolls, pumps and canvas footwear of any kind are not allowed). Open toe or backless footwear should not be worn on the grounds of health and safety and all shoe laces should be tied correctly.
- ◇ One small plain ear-stud or small sleeper in each ear lobe and a wristwatch. No other jewellery or face/body piercings are allowed.
- ◇ Appropriate black, waterproof coat.
- ◇ Hoodies, tracksuit type tops and other non-school tops are not allowed in school.
- ◇ No caps or hats of any kind can be worn on the school premises.
- ◇ Plain black belts can be worn but no fashion belts.
- ◇ No make-up and clear nail varnish only may be worn. False nails are not acceptable.
- ◇ Extreme hairstyles are not permitted (this includes shaven or partially shaven heads or eyebrows, tram lines or other markings, unnatural hair colours).
- ◇ Mobile phones / smart 'Apple' type watches or similar electronic devices should not be seen or heard on the school premises, without specific permission from a member of staff.

Mr P Broadley

Stamp Collection

Our local Hemlockstone Lions Club, always at the forefront of community issues, is now launching an appeal to buy an assistance dog for the hearing impaired. To buy and train one dog costs £18,000 and each district of Lions Clubs across the UK have set themselves the target of buying a dog with the money raised from collecting used postage stamps.

These dogs are a vital lifeline to people with hearing difficulties, enabling them to get out and about as well as helping them live safe and independent lives at home, alerting their owner to the telephone when it rings, the doorbell and more importantly smoke and fire alarms, amongst supporting other vital daily tasks.

If you would like to help the Hemlockstone Lions with their quest please send in any USED postage stamps in a large envelope/packet marked clearly, and hand in to any reception. (Please cut around the stamps carefully leaving a margin of envelope to make them acceptable to the company that eventually will exchange for the stamps for money).

The Hemlockstone Lions would like to thank everyone across the Federation for the on-going support of all their projects.

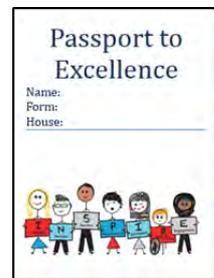
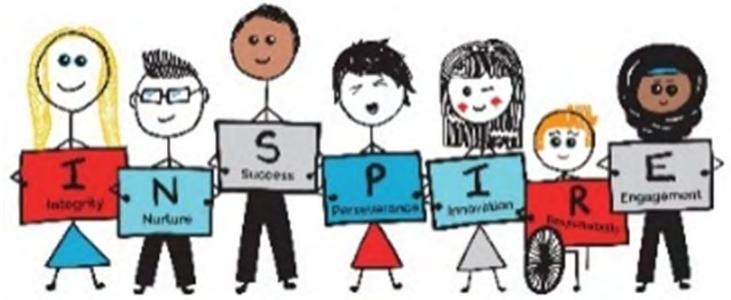
Mrs J Boott

Celebrating Excellence at The Bramcote School

Following the very successful Awards Evening at The Bramcote School we thought we would share with you an overview of the rewards that regularly take place at The Bramcote School. We like to reward students at every opportunity and recognise their achievements. Please remember you can always log on to Go 4 Schools to see how they are getting on.

Daily Rewards

INSPIRE points - offered on our electronic Go 4 Schools system daily - form the foundations of our effective rewards system here at The Bramcote School. The beauty of INSPIRE points is that they provide instant recognition of a pupil's achievement in school. From an outstanding piece of classwork/homework, to an exceptional effort in a lesson, or from an act of kindness or generosity to a demonstration of superb progress – linked to the principles of INSPIRE (Integrity, Nurture, Success, Perseverance, Innovation, Responsibility and Engagement). INSPIRE points are used consistently and fairly across the whole school and are regularly monitored and celebrated by the Senior Leadership Team, Inclusion Teams and Form Tutors. Pupils value this system and therefore strive to collect INSPIRE points in order to achieve further rewards. This not only encourages healthy competition amongst our pupils, but also motivates and inspires them to go above and beyond the norm in becoming successful learners.



Pupils are issued with an INSPIRE passport that encourages them to demonstrate behaviours specifically linked to INSPIRE and our 'Culture of Excellence'.

Pupils will be encouraged to have their passport stickered/stamped to recognise their achievement and receive INSPIRE points. This will link into a prize draw each half term.

INSPIRE points along with academic achievement and participation in any extra-curricular activities a student has taken part in over the year feed into our annual Graduation programme.



Weekly Rewards

In order to acknowledge and celebrate INSPIRE points regularly amongst individual year groups at The Bramcote School, we use our weekly electronic records to recognise our Student of the Week. Our winning pupils are identified in each year group as having achieved the highest number of INSPIRE points in one week. These pupils are presented with a Student of the Week certificate. This highly successful method is another means of consistently and regularly supporting, recognising and celebrating pupils in their everyday learning and behaviour.

Positive postcards are sent home to our pupils and parents to recognise and praise a pupil for a particular achievement, act or effort. Subject teachers, as well as the inclusion teams, use postcards to celebrate achievement, INSPIRE points and a positive Attitude To Learning. Pupils really value receiving postcards as they provide them with a physical reward as recognition of their hard work, effort and commitment.

Half Termly Rewards

Award Assemblies are held half termly and are an excellent opportunity to celebrate achievements in a formal, high profile manner. Through analysis of our Go4Schools Rewards system, individual subject nominations and attendance records we use Award Assemblies to praise and recognise the half term successes of pupils who have consistently and continuously pushed themselves to achieve well and demonstrate excellence. Across the school, our pupils value and appreciate Award Assemblies as a means of being rewarded publicly amongst the year groups. This, therefore, provides our pupils with an invaluable opportunity to support, share and celebrate each other's successes together; which, in turn, promotes an acceptance of positive achievements and excellent behaviour.

There are a wide range of categories that students receive recognition in Award Assemblies. These include rewards for attendance, excellent Attitude To Learning grades (EX), subject achievements and rewards for the number of Go4Schools INSPIRE points achieved. Pupils are also entered into a prize draw.

Yearly Rewards

The Bramcote School Awards Evening is another high profile event within our rewards system. Awards Evenings commend our nominated pupils for going the extra mile in one or more subjects or within the school community as a whole. Pupils can be nominated for an outstanding academic or sporting achievement, for achieving success against the odds or for making an exceptional contribution to the wider school community. This prestigious event is an opportunity to formally invite parents along to join us in celebrating their child's successes and achievements.

Mr P Broadley

EPQ Success at Bramcote College

Another successful year of the EPQ!

The Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) is a standalone qualification designed to extend and develop skills in independent research and project management. It is awarded UCAS points worth half an A-level and is recognised and highly regarded by universities and employers; some leading universities make alternative offers to those students undertaking an EPQ.

Last week our Year 13 EPQ students successfully presented their work to a mixed audience of subject specialists; peers; friends and family. With a broad spectrum of subject areas ranging from the use of technology in the modern day game of basketball, right through to studying scientific data to predict whether or not Pluto experiences aurorae, the audiences were captivated on both evenings.

All of the students have now submitted their projects for marking and their overriding feedback, on their EPQ journey, has been the invaluable learning experience they have had which has prepared them academically for undergraduate study, next academic year. They were a brilliant group of students and I wish them well in their future endeavours.

Ms S Iwanczuk

Have your say

on Nottinghamshire's proposed
school admission arrangements
for the **2018-19** school year



**Monday 3 October to
Sunday 27 November 2016**

Find out more about the
proposed changes for 2018-19
and have your say on
[nottinghamshire.gov.uk/
2018admissionsconsultation](http://nottinghamshire.gov.uk/2018admissionsconsultation)

Key information for 2018-2019

- Oversubscription criteria and in year admission arrangements
- Proposed changes to the number of places offered in each relevant age group at some schools
- How we work together with partners to coordinate admissions arrangements

You can also respond by

- Emailing admissionsconsultations@nottscc.gov.uk quoting "Consultation 2018-2019" in the subject header
- Writing to: School Admissions Consultation, Admissions Working Group, Support to Schools Service, Meadow House, Littleworth, Mansfield, Notts, NG18 2TA

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Breakfast Club



The Bramcote School Breakfast Club!

8:00am - 8:30am every day
Taking place outside the canteen

Toast - 10p
Fresh Fruit - 20p
Hot Chocolate - 50p
Tea/Coffee - 50p
Orange Juice - 20p



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Design your own Christmas Card!

This year, Alderman White PTA has arranged for students' own designs to be produced into Christmas cards that you can order.

During art classes in the first 2 weeks of November, students will be given the opportunity to design a Christmas card.

An order form with the design will be sent home with participating students, and you can order as many packs of cards as you require.

Completed orders forms **must** be returned to school together with artwork and payment by **Monday 14th November** (Estimated delivery for cards is 7th December).

A pack of 12 Christmas cards costs £5.50, additional packs cost £4.50 each.

PLUS: a date for your diary - AW PTA Christmas Fair is on Thursday 8th December.