

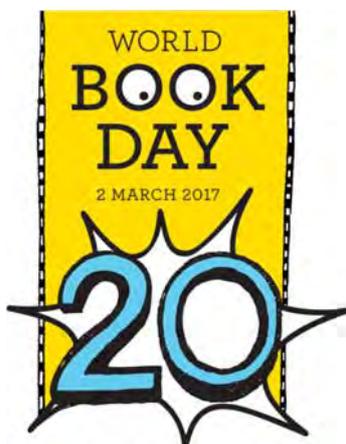


# Newsletter

The White Hills Park Federation Trust

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## World Book Day



You will probably be aware that yesterday was World Book Day, a very important day in our school year. World Book Day is a celebration of authors, illustrators, books and (most importantly) it's a celebration of reading. In fact, it's the biggest celebration of its kind, designated by UNESCO as a worldwide celebration of books and reading, and marked in over 100 countries all over the world.

This is the 20th year there's been a World Book Day. The main aim of World Book Day is to encourage children to explore the pleasures of books and reading and to share their positive experiences of books. We want to help create a generation of young

people who read for pleasure and the satisfaction of sharing a great story, or understanding another's unique point of view.

Research sponsored by UNESCO found that a love of reading was one of the strongest predictors of educational success, stronger even than other factors such as deprivation (although a lack of access to books can link the two). Although it is true that young people today have access to many other sources for information and entertainment, there remains something unique and irreplaceable about the experience of reading a book. This is why we have been part of the celebration.

Amongst the special activities that have taken place, we have had students and staff at Alderman White dressing up as a favourite book character, staff at The Bramcote School have been sharing their favourite book, we have



had classes writing 100-word instant short stories together, we have clips of authors talking about their work, quizzes and book-related films, and we have made sure that displays reflect the many things taking place. We also distributed WBD vouchers to students – I hope they lead to many hours of happy reading. I am sure students enjoyed the day and got a lot from it, and I would like to thank our English teams and Caryn Welch, our Federation Librarian for their hard work in organising this.

Although these were special events, we promote reading all year round. Every day starts with DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) time, a time for quiet reading for pleasure, our libraries are at the heart of our schools, well-stocked and staffed by expert school librarians, we run special reading events, such as The Carnegie Awards, and the Brilliant Book Awards, and we have targeted ongoing reading programmes such as Accelerated Reader and Lexia. Look out for more details about our World Book Day events elsewhere in the Newsletter, and more in next week's edition.

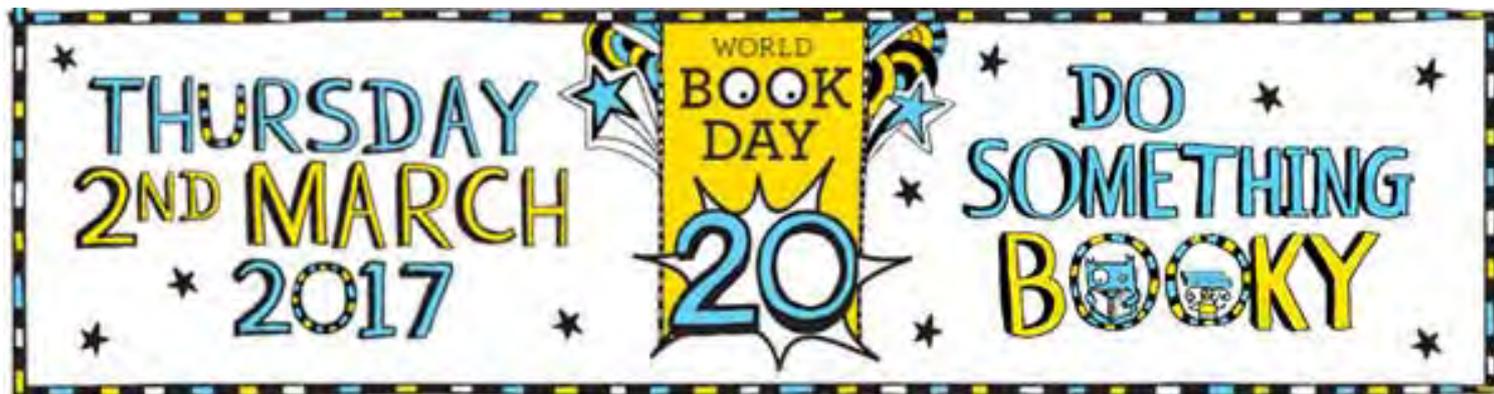
*Paul Heery* - Executive Headteacher

## Dates for your Diary

March	FED	AWS	TBS	BC
4th - 7th				Psychology Live Conference Disneyland Paris
7th				Year 10 Parents' Evening 16:00 - 18:30 Alderman White / Bramcote College
7th				PTA Meeting 18:30 - 19:30 School Meeting Room
8th				NHS Careers Event 09:30 - 13:30 Leicester Racecourse
8th				Maths Feast Event 11:30 - 16:30 University Of Nottingham
13th				Eco Schools Recycling Centre Visit 08:30 - 13:00 Mansfield
15th				Rehearsals - Primary Production All Day Alderman White School
16th				TBS PTA Meeting 18:00 Alderman White School
16th 17th				Primary School Production 19:00 - 21:30 Alderman White School
21st				Business Breakfast - STEAM Workshop 07:30 - 09:00 Bramcote College
22nd				Shakespeare Drama Workshop All Day Royal Shakespeare Company
22nd				PTA Easter Egg Tombola Lunchtime The Bramcote School
22nd				Federation Dance Festival 19:00 - 20:30 The Bramcote School
23rd				Year 7 Parents' Evening 16:00 - 18:00 Alderman White / Bramcote College
23rd				Paris and Disneyland Paris Trip All Day Paris, France

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

## World Book Day



### Dressed to Impress

At Alderman White school we had everyone from Alice in Wonderland to Zorro, as students and staff shared in celebrating World Book Day. We entered into the spirit of celebration by dressing up as fictional characters. Many thanks are due to the library staff who gave each class a short story to be read in instalments throughout the day, as well as organising World Book Day vouchers for all students.



**Shirley Gardiner**  
Head of English - Alderman White School

### Passing the Baton

At the Bramcote School, year 7 and 8 classes were part of a Story Relay for World Book Day. A member of each class was responsible for 'passing the baton' (handing the story) to each teacher they had that day and the teachers read the next part of the story with each section ending on a bit of a cliff-hanger. The response from students and staff involved was fantastic. We also had over 100 students in the Library at lunchtime (pictured below).



**Caryn Welch**  
Federation Librarian and Careers Manager

### Author Visit

Last week a small group of Year 7 students from both schools went to hear a talk by Mark Huckerby and Nick Ostler who have written a book called Defender of the Realm, which is short-listed for this year's Brilliant Book Award.

Although this is their first book, Mark and Nick have been writing together for more than twenty years and have written scripts for the new Dangermouse and Thunderbirds and episodes of Shaun the Sheep amongst many other things.

We learned how much time they spend talking and working through their ideas before putting pen to paper and picked up tips for structuring our own stories - start with asking yourself 'what if...?', 'but...!' and 'therefore...!'. They explained that if you structure your story before you start it stops you repeatedly writing 'and then' as ideas come to you.

We had a truly fantastic morning and were all excited about the experience on the return journey.

**Caryn Welch**  
Federation Librarian and Careers Manager



## Be as 'booky' as you can be - World Book Day at TBS

March 2<sup>nd</sup> was the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of World Book Day and the worldwide celebration of the written word. Here at The Bramcote School, staff and students got involved and did something 'booky.' Staff and students shared their favourite books and watched authors read extracts of their books each lesson. World Book Day aimed to 'read to a million kids' and the online authors included Johnny Duddle and Holly Smale.

Every form made a book cover for their door and the winner was Learning Support with a team including Jamie L. and Megan L. and led by Miss Harrison. Their version of 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' held an imaginative secret that impressed us all.

Year 7 made origami bookworms before watching the most recent adaptation of 'Paddington' with popcorn and refreshments. Hopefully, this might open a door into wider reading for reluctant readers who were encouraged to take out a DVD from the library and read the accompanying book too.

At lunch, there were activities in the library and students shared both their current reads and future choices from the 'free book' list using their voucher. This can be exchanged at any WH Smith, including Beeston. It gives students a free WBD short book or £1 off any book. There were also quizzes and a chance to #strikeapose with a book you were hooked on. Look out for a future display.

The winners of the 'Find the Book' competition are Tabitha G. (7MAL) and Eve T. (7MAL). The winners of the 'Who let the Gods out' challenge were Kia W. (8REU) and Charlotte T-R (7MAL). Well done to them and a prize is on its way.

World Book Day was a fantastic experience and we can't wait until next year.

### The English Team at TBS



## Easter Youth Theatre for Deaf and Disabled Young People

Nottingham Playhouse's Easter Youth Theatre is for D/deaf and disabled young people aged 13 – 19 years. The sessions will focus on East End Tales by Fin Kennedy as we explore the unique stories within a community and work towards a small performance. The week will be an introduction to the Playhouse and we hope will help the participants to feel more confident about taking part in other Playhouse activities too.

**Dates:** Monday 10 – Thursday 14 April, 10am – 4pm,

**Cost:** £70 (bursary places available)



Wheelchair accessible and BSL interpretation is available. Assistance dogs are also welcome.

We want disabled children who enjoy drama to get the chance to experience the youth theatre here at the Playhouse. We know that sometimes it is difficult for disabled children to feel they can access this kind of activity, so this is an opportunity to give it a go!

Please contact Laura on [luarag@nottinghamplayhouse.co.uk](mailto:luarag@nottinghamplayhouse.co.uk) or on 0115 873 6223 for further information.

## Course For Parents - Building Resilience And Self Esteem

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Following on from the success of our course earlier in the year about dealing with anxiety as a parent, and following requests from parents in our community, our next course: 'Building Resilience and Self Esteem' will run after Easter.

The course is available to parents of all students within the Federation, from Alderman White School, The Bramcote School, or Bramcote College.

# Building Resilience and Self Esteem Parent Course

Alderman White School, Chilwell Lane, Bramcote, NG9 3DU

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April – 24<sup>th</sup> May 2017  
17:30 – 19:30 for 6 weeks

**We are not born with resilience but we can learn to develop the necessary strengths to protect ourselves through challenging times.**

**Join us to discover how you can manage the ups and downs of everyday life without feeling overwhelmed.**

This course is funded for parents who have a child in receipt of free school meals or free if you are in receipt of a means tested benefit. Otherwise the cost is £35, to be paid on enrolment.

This course aims to teach the knowledge and skills we need to build our self esteem and resilience. Parents will learn about developing a strong sense of self to be able to:

- ◇ Improve relationships
- ◇ Develop positive coping strategies
- ◇ Discover ways to manage difficulty emotions

If you would like a place on this course or are a parent of a child eligible for free funding please contact Julie Francis via email: [Julie.Francis@whpfederation.org](mailto:Julie.Francis@whpfederation.org)

**Julie Francis**

## The Bramcote School Sports News

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The Year 8 football team from The Bramcote School played their South Notts Cup fixture against Hall Park School this week. This was the first time that the team had played together and this showed in the first few minutes of the game when they went behind by 2 goals. A change in personnel and tactics saw Bramcote come back strong as they managed to pinch a goal. Hall Park then scored again only for Bramcote to score twice to take the score to 3 - 3. This meant the game moved into extra time, when the extra strength that the Bramcote team then started to show, with 2 quick goals. With Hall Parks' head dropping Bramcote confirmed their passage into the next round with a 6th goal, finally winning 6 -3.

The Year 10 Netball team from The Bramcote School were again in action this week at the Nottinghamshire under 15 County Tournament. As always with this team, hopes were high as they won the county tournament at U14 level last year and were ranked as the number 1 team in the county.

The team were drawn against Rushcliffe School, Chilwell School and Nottingham Girls High School B team in their league. Some excellent play and top defending saw the team fly past these 3 opponents, beating Rushcliffe 17 - 1, Chilwell 18 - 1 and Nottingham Girls High School B 22 - 5.

This put them into the semi finals where they were drawn to play against West Bridgford School. In a error strewn game with both teams making uncharacteristic errors the teams were never more than 1 goal apart. In a thrilling last 20 seconds of the game Bramcote scored the winning goal as the whistle went for full time, winning the semi final 9 - 8. This meant for the second year running they met Nottingham Girls High School A team in the county final. With the nerves gone from the semi final, the girls relaxed and played to the standard that they are fully capable of. A convincing 13 - 2 win in the final meant the Year 10 Bramcote School Netball team became County champions for the second year running. They have not been beaten by a state school in the East Midlands for over 2 years, a fantastic achievement! Many thanks to our parents that come and help out and support.



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**Richard Bateman - PE Teacher**

## LGBTQ+ History Month

Whilst amazing work has been done around the world to improve the quality of lives of LGBTQ+ people, and fantastic progress has been made in terms of safety, respect, tolerance, diversity, and equality, there is still more work to be done.

Millions of people continue to live in places that outlaw same-sex relationships and prosecute people for being gay. In seven countries, homosexuality is still punishable with the death penalty, while a further 70 imprison citizens because of their sexual orientation. Here in Europe, Lithuania is currently debating imposing fines on anyone publicly displaying behaviour that “defies traditional family values”, and Russia has laws “prohibiting the positive mention of homosexuality in the presence of minors [including on the internet]”. The level of state sponsored homophobia and censorship in this burgeoning era of post globalisation is terrifying, and reminds us of the poem by Martin Niemöller: “First they came for the Socialists”. This embodies the fear felt by so many.

The wonderful progress that's been made has been made gradually and sometimes painfully slowly, with generation after generation 'doing their bit' to evolve the philosophies of the masses. With the rise of populist politics and the far right in Europe and its closest allies, many worry that the human rights so hard fought for will be erased with broad legal brush strokes. It is imperative, therefore, that campaigns like LGBTQ History Month take place; to remind everyone that the fight isn't over. We would like to thank the staff of the Federation for displaying posters in their teaching rooms, and the students who have engaged with the posters and entered into fantastic discussions with their peers and staff.

## Celebrating British Values Working Party

**Media**

**LGBTQ+ HISTORY MONTH**

**SUE PERKINS**

(1959-)

English comedian, presenter, conductor, actress and writer...

(lesbian)

Whilst reading English at Cambridge University, Perkins formed a comedy partnership with Mel Giedroyc and started writing for the French and Saunders show. Soon after, the popular TV comedy show Mel & Sue began and ran for several years. Perkins has found success presenting TV shows ranging from a documentary on Charles Dickens to the hugely popular Great British Bake Off. Perkins once said that "being a lesbian is only about the 47th most interesting thing about me".

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**Politics**

**LGBTQ+ HISTORY MONTH**

**KEZIA DUGDALE**

(1981-)

Leader of the Scottish Labour Party...

(lesbian)

Dugdale studied Law at Aberdeen University, followed by a masters in Policy Studies at the University of Edinburgh. In just ten years she progressed from a Labour Party junior office manager to leader of the third largest political party in Scotland, aged just 39. Dugdale and her partner Louise Riddell were seen together as a couple for the first time in 2016, making her the second leader of a major Scottish political party to come out in just two years.

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**Mathematics**

**LGBTQ+ HISTORY MONTH**

**ALAN TURING**

(1912-1954)

Computer scientist, mathematician, logician, cryptanalyst and theoretical biologist...

(gay)

Alan Turing (1912-1954) is considered to be the father of theoretical computer science and artificial intelligence. During World War II, Turing worked for the Government Code and Cypher School (GC&CS) at Bletchley Park, Britain's codebreaking centre and it has been estimated that this work shortened the war in Europe by more than two years and saved over fourteen million lives. Turing was prosecuted in 1952 for homosexual acts and was chemically castrated for his punishment. Turing committed suicide. The Queen issued a royal pardon in 2014.

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## Alderman White School Sports News

The Alderman White School Year 8 netball team played in the Notts Schools finals this Wednesday evening.

Unlike previous weeks, the finals were a knock out format with 8 teams in the pool. We met West Bridgford in our first game. With an excellent reputation we knew it was going to be a tough match. It was neck and neck and with the low sun being a disadvantage there was some missed goal opportunities. We did however take advantage in the second half and pulled away winning 12 - 9.

Next to face us in the quarter finals was George Spencer who were last year's County Champs. They had beaten us in previous matches earlier in the tournament so we knew this was going to be tough. We went in nevertheless with confidence. This game proved to be very tense indeed - we were neck and neck throughout. Once we lost the centre pass possession, we lost scoring momentum and Spencer pulled away with a 7 goal lead. However the last 4 minutes of play our girls showed true grit and managed to narrow the gap losing only 11-14.

Having lost that game we went on to play Girls High School for 3rd place. This playoff was just too close to call. After a very frustrating umpire decision we missed a vital scoring opportunity which resulted in a 12-13 loss!! So close.

Well done to all the efforts of the year 8 netball team finishing 4th in the County.

**Andrea Kilbane - PE Teacher**

## Raising Money for QMC

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Sainsbury's Beeston have been a huge support to Alderman White School Breakfast Club thanks to Community Champion Anne Sanders.

Sainsbury's have regularly provided bread for toast that helps to give many of our students the best start to the day.

We are now working upon Healthy Schools in a joint enterprising project that raises money for a new play area at Queens Medical Centre on The Children's Ward. A percentage of our fundraising will also help purchase outdoor table tennis tables for the quad area - to be used as activities during social times. Look out for our Slippers in School day on 31st March.

Many thanks Sainsbury's Beeston and in particular Anne Sanders.

**Julie Francis**

**Community and Engagement Lead**

## Bramcote School PTA Update

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### Design Our Logo

The Bramcote School PTA will soon be applying for Charity Status. This means that it will get recognised as a charity organisation at National Level - that will help with fundraising for both The Bramcote School and Bramcote College.

Could you design an eye-catching logo for the PTA for when it becomes a charity? It must be clear to see at a size of 3cm by 3 cm as it will be used in the Federation Newsletter as well as other fundraising literature and will become recognised nationally! The winner will be chosen from a shortlist to presented to the 40+ attendees at Business Breakfast at the College on the 9th May and a cash prize is on offer.

Please ensure all entries are handed into reception by Friday 24th March.

### Our Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be taking place on Thursday 16th March at 6pm. We are always looking for new members and are a very sociable bunch, so if you would like to try something different and help contribute to your child's school with some of your time and expertise come along and join in..!

### Easter Egg Tombola

On the 22nd march there will be an Easter egg chocolate tombola during the lunch time period within the Bramcote school canteen areas, please send any donations to the reception area of the school marked for the attention of the PTA.

### Federation Dance Festival

Also on Wednesday 22nd March 2017 The PTA will be providing refreshments and a tombola at the Dance festival which starts at 6pm. Please pop over and say hello.

### Fashion Show & Clothes Sale

Friday 5th May 2017 - the ever popular Fashion Show and Clothes Sale from Rislely Fashion House. Doors open at 6.30pm with the show starting at 7pm. There will be refreshments, including a licenced bar (so have a walk up, relax and enjoy the evening). A raffle will be held on the night. Tickets will be available at the main reception.

### Save the Date

Saturday 24th June 2017 - Summer Celebration, our annual Summer Fair, and the last in our current buildings.



Monday 18th December 2017 - KS3 Christmas Party

**The Bramcote School PTA**

## Courses for parents within the Federation

In Partnership with NCN and Middle Street Beeston. All of the following course are located at :-

**Middle Street Resource Centre, 74 Middle Street, Beeston, NG9 2AR.**



Courses are free if you are in receipt of certain means tested benefits, you will need to come into a Central College main site to enrol. If not in receipt of benefits, the listed course fee should be paid and you can enrol by phone. To enrol, call Central College on 0115 914 6414 quote the course code listed.

**Introduction to Counselling** - Wednesday 19th April 2017 for 8 weeks 9:45 – 11:45 OR 12:45 – 14:45

Course code **CC9635LP1Y OR CC9635LP1Y**, Cost £47

This course is suitable for anyone who is interested in the basic principles of Counselling. You will learn about Core Counselling skills and will have a chance to practice these new skills in a safe and supportive environment.

**Beginners Stained Glass** - Wednesday 10:00 – 12:00 19th April – 14th June 2017 for 8 weeks

Course code **CC9757LP3Y**, Cost £47

You will learn the techniques and skills of stained glass crafts, working with coloured glass, copper foil and solder. You can make 2 or 3 sun catchers with options of 3 designs: star, butterfly, bird. All equipment is provided and the cost of materials will be between £8 to £20 depending on the size of the work.

**Improvers Stained Glass** - Tuesday 13:00 – 15:00 18th April – 13th June 2017 for 8 weeks

Course code **CC9592LP2Y**, Cost £52

You can learn additional skills to build on those gained on previous Stained Glass courses. You can make pieces of your own choice: sun catchers, small panels or 3D objects. Total cost of materials will be between £8 and £25 depending on the size of the projects.

**Beginners Painting and Drawing** - Friday 12th May – 7th July 2017 10:00 – 12:00 for 8 weeks

Course code **CC7391LP2Y**, Cost £47

This course aims to provide a supportive atmosphere for learners to develop their drawing and painting skills in a range of media. Using Summer as the theme, still-life and landscape will be explored and several finished drawings and paintings produced. Reference will be made to the work of past and contemporary artists. Please bring an apron and an A3 cartridge paper pad at least 130gsm, a 4B pencil and an eraser. (Cost excluding apron about £10)

**Improvers Painting and Drawing** - Friday 12th May – 7th July 2017 13:30 – 15:30 for 8 weeks

Course code **CC7438LP2Y**, Cost £52

This course aims to provide a supportive atmosphere for learners with some experience to develop their drawing and painting skills further in a range of media. Still-life and landscape will be explored and several finished drawings and paintings produced. Reference will be made to the work of past and contemporary artists. Please bring an A3 cartridge pad at least 130gsm, a 4B pencil and an eraser. (Cost about £10)

**Beginners Mixed Textiles Craft** - Friday 21st April – 16th June 2017 10:00 – 12:00 for 8 weeks

Course code **CC9941LP2Y**, Cost £47

This course is aimed at those with limited sewing experience. The course aims to develop skills using a sewing machine, but there will also be an opportunity to try knitting or crochet. Students on previous courses have made cushion covers, a tote bag and a zip top purse amongst other items.

Students will be expected to bring a basic sewing kit including scissors, pins, needles, tape measure and threads. The projects each week will require a small amount of materials which can either be purchased from a variety of fabric stores, markets or local charity shops.

**Improvers Mixed Textiles Craft** - Friday 21st April – 16th June 2017 13:00 – 15:00 for 8 weeks

Course code **CC7439LP2Y**, Cost £52

You can learn additional skills to build on those gained on previous Sewing and textiles courses. The primary aim of the course is to work on sewing skills using a sewing machine, but there will be the opportunity to try other crafts such as knitting or crochet. Students will be expanding on the previous skills to develop more technical aspects such as applique, button holes and zip pockets in bags.

Students will be expected to bring a basic sewing kit including scissors, pins, needles, tape measure and threads. The projects each week will require a small amount of materials which can either be purchased from a variety of fabric stores, markets or local charity shops.

**Managing Perfectionism One Day Workshop** - Saturday 29th April 10:00 – 15:30

Course code **C9639LP1Y**, Cost £16

This workshop will reflect on perfectionist behaviours and offer techniques to try that may allow a more rational response to life events and challenges. This course will also include elements of confidence building and goal setting with the support of others who are facing similar challenges.

**Time Management One Day Workshop** - Saturday 20th May 10:00 – 15:30

Course code **CC9640LP1Y**, Cost £16

This workshop will be a practical review of a number of time management techniques, using a range of traditional and more modern ideas. It would be useful for anyone who may struggle to prioritise, feels overwhelmed by their commitments or just isn't sure where to start.

**Decision Making One Day Workshop** - Saturday 17th June 10:00 – 15:30

Course code **CC9641LP1Y**, Cost £16

This one day workshop could help you to identify why decision making can become very difficult and it offers a wide range of strategies to try to build up confidence in your decision making skills.



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**Noses are red  
Violets are blue  
Poems are hard  
Friday 24th March.**

**Non-Uniform Day  
£1 (One Pound)  
All money to  
Comic Relief**



**WEAR  
SLIPPERS  
IN  
SCHOOL**



**Friday  
31st March 2017  
Please bring a £1 donation**

Part of the Sainsbury's and  
Alderman White School Enterprise Project

Raising money for QMC Children's Ward  
and outdoor table tennis tables for the quad

**Win a voucher for  
the best slippers...!**



The Bramcote School PTA present an



@Lunchtime

Wednesday 22nd March

Tickets  
Three  
for a Pound  
On the Day



#winchocolate



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**FASHION SHOW  
AND  
CLOTHES SALE**

**FRIDAY 5TH MAY  
SHOW STARTS 7PM**

DOORS OPEN 6:30PM  
LICENSED BAR | SOFT DRINKS | TOMBOLA

**ADULTS CHILDREN  
(UNDER 16)**

£3

IN ADVANCE  
FROM RECEPTION

£2

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ON THE DOOR

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