



Newsletter

The White Hills Park Federation Trust

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Exams and Revision

This week, exam season began in earnest for both Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5 students, and this picks up pace next week, particularly for Key Stage 4. On Monday, we have the first of the GCSE English exams, which will involve Year 11 and Year 10 students, followed later in the week by some Geography, Maths and another English paper, amongst others. There are also some key 6th Form exams next week, and then following half term, we have another very busy couple of weeks.

We have done a great deal of work with all of our students to ensure that they know how to be prepared. It is important that they are confident and well-informed, that they feel they have done enough revision and practice to do themselves justice in the exam. It is also important that they have had enough sleep, and have had something to eat and drink before they go into the exam.

I would stress the importance of punctuality on the day of the exam – there will be staff who will be there to greet students, and help with final preparations, and who will ensure the students are calm and in a state of readiness. Obviously, attendance is required – in almost all circumstances, non-attendance on the day of the exam will lead to failure, there is no facility to sit the exam on a different day.

Likewise, attendance in the run-up to exams is important. After half term, we would only expect students to come in for the lessons in which they still have exams to sit, but attendance at these lessons remains compulsory – if in doubt, please contact us.

Even at this stage, revision and preparation can make a big difference. You will be aware that we are providing a range of additional sessions, across all subjects, and there are lots of revision materials available for students, both from the class teacher and on our website. Our website also has details of timetables, regulations and other information, but please contact the school if you have any questions or queries.

We are exceptionally proud of our students across the Federation – this year's exam cohorts have been working incredibly hard. Attendance at intervention and revision sessions has been at record levels, and we are very confident this will be reflected in their results this Summer. I would like to wish all of our students the very best of luck over the next few weeks.

Finally, parents of Bramcote School students will be aware that we have had an Ofsted inspection this week. We now await the report, which we expect to receive in the next couple of weeks.

Paul Heery

Executive Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

May	FED	AWS	TBS	BC
23rd - 26th	PGL Leadership Trip Barton Hall, Devon			
26th	Last Day of Half Term			
June				
5th	Return to School and College			
6th	Duke of Edinburgh's Award Information Evening Year 9: 18:00 - 19:00 Year 12: 19:30 - 20:30 Alderman White School Hall			
9th	Duke of Edinburgh's Award Year 10 Route Planning Day Alderman White School			
17th - 18th	Duke of Edinburgh's Award Year 10 Qualifying Expedition Peak District			
24th	Summer Fair 11:00 - 14:00 The Bramcote School			
24th - 25th	Duke of Edinburgh's Award Silver Paddling Training			
27th	Year 7 Reports Issued			
28th	Bramcote College Induction Day			
30th	Year 11 Graduation Prom 18:30 - 23:30 Ramada Hotel, Nottingham			
30th	INSET Day Schools closed to students			

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

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Broxtowe Athletics Competition

On Wednesday, athletes representing both The Bramcote School and Alderman White School travelled to Harvey Hadden Stadium to compete at the Broxtowe 2017 Athletics Competition. This is not only a inter-school competition but also a great opportunity, as a good performance will lead to being selected for the Broxtowe team to compete against the other districts of the county.

Despite the incredibly wet weather, it was a fantastic day with students competing exceptionally well in numerous track and field events. The students displayed their athletic prowess and all students showed excellent behaviour and sportsmanship.

The Bramcote School's junior team excelled and came 2nd overall to George Spencer Academy. We are now waiting for the Broxtowe team to be selected and hopefully many of our young athletes will be selected to represent their district.

A special mention to the students who came 1st place in their events:

From Alderman White School: Megan Taylor 100m, Millie Rajecki Javelin, Brandon Ground Triple Jump, Danny Sullivan 800m, Daniel Thomas 200m, Priscilla Akinleye High Jump and Alice Williams-Hann in Triple Jump.

From The Bramcote School: Alex Cooper 300m + Long Jump, Caitlyn McDonald 200m + Javelin, Glory Onwuteaka Discus, Holly Roome Shot Put, Jenna White Triple Jump.

Well done to all that took part!



A Taste of Refereeing For Year 9 Boys

"Awesome, brilliant, fantastic ambassadors" is just some of the praise that five Year 9 students from The Bramcote School received as they refereed the fixtures of the South Broxtowe Football Tournament, which had over 16 primary schools involved. Although it was their first experience of officiating they were outstanding and took to it as naturals, taking charge of the matches, scoring, recording and timekeeping. A massive well done to Jack, Jonah, James, Rocco and Ashton.

Bramcote College Football

The Bramcote College Football team played in the South Notts Cup semi final on Friday evening against East Leake School. The team, weakened by having a couple of key players missing, were still confident that they could progress to the final. Despite a huge downpour just before kick off the teams played some good football with the game being evenly matched. A silly slip up allowed East Leake to take the lead just before half time and they then pushed on in the second half. Another lucky goal saw them take a 2-0 lead before they scored a third in the last couple of minutes as Bramcote pushed for a goal. Although defeat in a semi final is hard to take, East Leake are the reigning champions and have been unbeaten for a couple of years at this age group.

Miss A Farmery, Mr S Dier, and Mr R Bateman

Maths Challenge Success!

Congratulations to Matt Clemmet, Megan Murphy, Isaac Evans, Nathan Taylor, David Bates and Milan Campion who took part in the 'Kangaroos' - the second round of the Maths Challenge. Three of our six entrants finished in the top 25% of all participants, a fantastic achievement! All six students will receive their certificates and UKMT prizes over the next few days.

Mrs G Colley

Paying For School Meals

Our revaluation machines used by students across the Federation to add cash onto their meal accounts have now been upgraded and will now accept the new style plastic £5 notes.

The machines will also now accept new style £1 coins, and will continue to accept the old style £1 coins until they cease to become legal tender in October.

Finance Department

Exams and Revision

As the Exam Season is now well underway, a reminder that exam information, timetables, revision resources, helpful strategies and copies of the current regulations are available on our websites.

Due to the volume of revision materials on offer for each subject at Key Stage 4, we are unable to provide access to every resource directly via the school websites. Any students wishing to access revision materials outside school (other than the general strategies and guides published online) should use our Remote Access facility to access the Federation Student (M) drive.



aldermanwhite.school/index.php/exams



thebramcote.school/index.php/exams



bramcote.college/index.php/students/exams

Mentoring Scheme Celebration

On Wednesday we held an event for some Year 9 students from both Alderman White School and The Bramcote School and Year 12 students from Bramcote College to celebrate their participation and achievements in the mentoring scheme this year. Some areas for focus were revision techniques, exploring futures and confidence building skills in classrooms.

We have run the scheme in collaboration with The University of Nottingham and Nottingham Trent University for three years now and whilst each year has seen extremely positive experiences for the students involved, this year has been an absolute triumph! The feedback from our students and their mentors was overwhelmingly positive with 100% of students and mentors recommending the scheme to others.

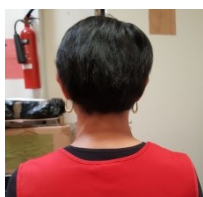


A huge congratulations to Gemini McIntyre, Deshaune Richards, Rohan Singh, Chelsea Heard and Paige Wheelhouse (TBS), Cameron Wand, Macy Day and Drew Swanwick (AWS) and Alice Stephenson, Stacey Beckett, Rosie Hillier and Billy Roe (BC) - well done! I would also like to thank Sam Neal and Adam Brett for their support on school sites.

Miss K Marriott

Donations for QMC & the Little Princess Trust

On Wednesday, Mailee McKenzie who runs the breakfast club at Alderman White School had her long hair cut short for donation to The Little Princess Trust, who provide real hair wigs for children suffering from hair loss.



In addition to the hair cut, we raised money through entrance fees, raffle tickets and donations for the play area on one of the children's cancer wards at The Queens Medical Centre. So far we have raised over £250.

Well done to Mailee and a big thank you to all the staff, parents and students of Alderman White School who donated money, and thank you to Claire for giving up her time for a truly professional cut.

Miss J Francis

Ben Nevis Fundraiser for Boobie Date

In 2010, a friend, Janine Brook was diagnosed with Breast Cancer and in response to this she set up a charity called Boobie Date, to encourage both men and women to check themselves regularly for early signs of cancer.

Since 2010 she has raised over £400,000 for other cancer sufferers. Unfortunately her type of cancer has now evolved and the NHS will not fund the treatment she needs, as her life saving treatment costs approximately £2000 for three weeks worth of lifesaving medication.

Over half term myself, 30 friends, family and kids will be climbing Ben Nevis to raise life saving funds. If you would be kind enough to support this venture it would be really appreciated: goo.gl/Xukg8c

Mr P Broadley

Successful Parenting Courses - Free places available

Our outreach work within the Federation has facilitated many successful collaborative partnerships; one of which is with Central College Nottingham. This year parents have benefitted from advice about dealing with anxiety and building resilience, and feedback has been very positive. Our work has been so successful that parents from outside the Federation have begun to enquire about accessing our courses.

We are now in a position to offer FREE places on our next course, 'Talking with Teens' / 'Connecting with Teens'. The start date is Wednesday 7th June. The course will run for 5 weeks from 5.30pm - 7.30pm and will take place in Alderman White School library. Traditionally, this course is over subscribed, so early expression of interest would be advised.

Please contact Julie.francis@whpfederation.org or phone reception at any site and ask for Julie Francis (ext 430).

Miss J Francis

Team Up to Be Champions, School Breakfasts for Winners

As a Federation we have utilised our outreach partnerships very effectively. One of the opportunities afforded to us as a result of this is that we can access FREE breakfast cereal (510g boxes of Rice Krispies). A letter will go out soon to those students who qualify, which will have a return slip where parents/guardians indicate if they would like to receive one or two boxes for their family's consumption.

In addition we have been able to secure breakfast packs for the Breakfast Clubs at both The Bramcote School and Alderman White School.

We would like to thank Notts County Football Club and the His Church charity for helping us to improve social inclusion and educational attainment through the provision of healthy, good quality breakfast cereal.

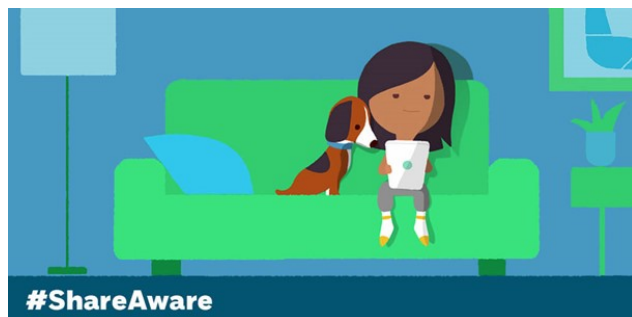
Miss J Francis



Share Aware - Stay Safe Online

Share Aware, from NSPCC and O2, gives parents all the tools they need to have regular and informed conversations with their child about staying safe online. Under 20% of parents discuss online safety regularly with their children but we want to get every family talking about their child's life online, just as they would their day at school.

Parents can sign up to the [Icebreaker email series](#) and become an expert in their child's online world in 6 weeks, follow our four simple steps to keeping kids safe online, watch our film '[Safety advice from a 10 year old](#)' or visit [Net Aware](#) – our guide to your child's social networks apps and games.



The internet is a great place for kids to be, being Share Aware makes it safer.

Just like in real life, kids need our help to stay safe online. Teach your child to be #ShareAware with [step-by-step advice](#) from NSPCC and O2.

- ◇ [Our new TV ad](#) – Safety advice from a 10 year old.
- ◇ [Icebreakers email series](#) – We've teamed up with O2 to create a bespoke email series full of tips and information on different issues eg cyberbullying and inappropriate content, with activities parents can complete with their child.
- ◇ [Mumsnet partnership](#) – Join our Twitter Q&A sessions
- ◇ [Family agreements](#) – We have created a downloadable family agreements document for families to complete and fill in together.
- ◇ [Share Aware homepage](#) - Read our step-by-step guide to being Share Aware and our TEAM (Talk, Explore, Manage, Agree) framework on how to stay safe online in four simple steps.
- ◇ [Net Aware](#) - Our guide to the most popular social networks sites, apps and games that children use. New sites site such as Musical.ly, Kiwi and Pokemon Go have been added this year, along with a breaking news page and top tips from O2 Gurus on blocking, private account settings or in-app purchases. The new Net Aware can be downloaded on both [iOS](#) and [Android](#).
- ◇ [Specialised advice](#) - Advisors at our O2 & NSPCC Online Safety Helpline – 0808 800 5002 – are here to help with any questions, or anyone can make an appointment with a Guru in store.

This article provided by the NSPCC, plus many more useful links, resources, and information for parents about helping children to stay safe online is available in the e-safety section of our school websites:

[aldermanwhite.school/index.php/information/e-safety](http://www.aldermanwhite.school/index.php/information/e-safety)

[thebramcote.school/index.php/information/e-safety](http://www.thebramcote.school/index.php/information/e-safety)

Mr P Broadley

The Bramcote School
Summer Celebration

We are relocating onto the Bramcote College site over the summer, before our anticipated move into new accommodation in 2019.

Come and help us to say goodbye to the building, in which thousands of students have been educated over 69 years on

Saturday 24th June - 2pm until 4pm

Live Entertainment • Disco Dome • Gladiators • Sumo Suits
Soak the Teacher • Sporting Challenges • Games • Stalls
Refreshments • Cream Teas • Ice Cream • Candy Floss
Tombola • School History • And Much, Much More...!

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life is a balancing act
THE MUSICAL
there is no safety net

a Lloyd-Penny and Machell Musical
starring Sarah Jane Carin and Samantha Jny,
Dave Machell and Marlin Lloyd-Penny

"boy meets girl, boy cheats on girl, girl comes out,
THEN it gets complicated..."

World Premiere

Saturday 24 June 2017 6pm (note early start)
Hope House Boundary Road Beeston NG9 2HT

In Aid of the Food Bank Movement

also featuring "The Ballad of Daniel Blake"

*****heart-warming, inspiring...a real joy"

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