

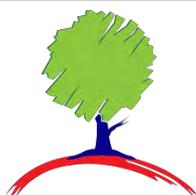


Newsletter

The White Hills Park Federation Trust

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Ofsted Inspection: The Bramcote School is a Good School



The Bramcote School
A member of The White Hills Park Federation Trust

- ◇ **Leaders are determined that only the best is good enough for pupils at the school.**
- ◇ **They have introduced an aspirational culture which pupils and staff have embraced.**
- ◇ **A total commitment to continuing improvement permeates the school.**
- ◇ **School leaders and governors have established a culture of high vigilance.**
- ◇ **Pupils know the high standards of behaviour expected of them. As a result, they behave well in lessons.**
- ◇ **Current pupils are making dramatically better progress (in English and Maths).**

Three weeks ago, the Bramcote School received its latest inspection. The full report can be found [here](#), but the overall judgement is that we are providing a good standard of education for our children. This is the first time that The Bramcote School has received a Good Ofsted judgement and it is very gratifying that the hard work and dedication of teachers, support staff, Governors and, of course, students is recognised in such a positive way. We are delighted that inspectors speak so positively about the progress we have made, and are continuing to make. The fact that this follows so quickly on the back of our excellent Ofsted report into Alderman White and Bramcote College is doubly pleasing, and a great boost to our Federation.

Of the four main areas, Leadership and Management is judged Good, Teaching is Good, Behaviour, and Welfare is Good, and although Outcomes are judged to require improvement based on historic results, inspectors are clear that they are improving rapidly.

Inspectors have recognised much of the excellent work that takes place at the school. They are confident that the progress our students are making is good or strongly improving. Progress in a range of subjects is praised, including science, humanities and Spanish, and although the inspectors pointed out that progress in maths and English has been weaker in the past, they highlight the 'effective action' taken and describe current progress as 'dramatically better'.

The report finds that we are 'determined that only the best is good enough for pupils at the school' and praise the 'aspirational culture'. Leadership at all levels is praised, including the leadership shown by Directors, as well as senior and middle leaders across the board. The quality of teaching is also recognised as a major strength, and something that we have worked very hard to improve to such high levels, through 'excellent' support and professional development.

We are delighted and proud that our students' behaviour is described so positively, and that they are confident learners. We are also very pleased that the work we do to promote personal development and students' safety is praised so highly, and our success with vulnerable students and those with special educational needs is highlighted. I would also like to thank all the parents who completed surveys for the Inspectors, which were overwhelmingly positive and supportive. As the report says: 'The vast majority of parents... were extremely positive about the school and the recent improvements and would recommend the school to other parents.'

I would like to assure parents that we will use this report as a springboard to continue our improvement – we have the highest aspirations for students across the Federation, and we will build on this success in the coming months and years.

Paul Heery

Executive Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

June	FED	AWS	TBS	BC
9th				Year 7 Quiz Night 18:00 - 21:00
17th - 18th				Duke of Edinburgh's Award Year 10 Qualifying Expedition Peak District
24th				Summer Fair 14:00 - 16:00 The Bramcote School
23rd - 26th				PGL Leadership Trip Barton Hall, Devon
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

July

1st				Duke Of Edinburgh's Award Silver Paddling Training
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Please see our websites or login to our free app to view a full calendar of events and important dates.

Safeguarding

You may have seen on the national news this week raised concerns about the music apps 'musical.ly' and 'live.ly' which may make your child more susceptible to online exploitation.

Please see [the link here](#) for further information.

If this raises any concerns please do not hesitate to contact the Designated Safeguarding Lead at your child's school, as detailed below.

Regards,

Mr P Broadley
The Bramcote School
Ms S Plimmer
Alderman White School
Mr J Macdonald
Bramcote College



Pride Of Broxtowe Youth Voice

On Wednesday I attended a meeting of Broxtowe Youth Voice and was very proud to be accompanied by Alderman White students James Baird, Alfie Russell, Jake Glover, Oliver Leask and Nathan Taylor. I would like to thank all of the students for their maturity, pro-activity and professionalism. I would also like to congratulate Alfie Russell upon being elected as vice-chair and Nathan Taylor upon being elected as secretary. They join Yamam Alsudani, who is currently Deputy Youth Mayor of Broxtowe and Ranea Saad (The Bramcote School), who is the member of the Youth Parliament for Broxtowe.

The group are currently looking at mental health and young people and discussing the Nottinghamshire Young People's Board work upon 'Prevent'. They will soon be involved in assessing applications for the Nottinghamshire 4UTH awards, from the 6 areas other than Broxtowe.

Miss J Francis

Mock Election

On Thursday 8th students of The White Hills Park Federation also took to the polls to make their voices heard and have their say on how they think their country should be run.

In the days leading up to the election, students discussed and engaged with the manifestos from the five political parties standing in our local constituencies and watched the party political broadcasts; they also explored how General Elections are run, the aims and reasons for voting, and how politics shapes our country. Before polling day students also had to register in order to be eligible to vote, making the election process as true to life as possible.

Voter registration and turnout across the Federation was above the national average, with the majority of students keen to make their voices heard. The result as you can see below was a landslide victory across the Federation for The Labour Party; students now wait to see how this compares to the real national and local results.



	Alderman White School	The Bramcote School	Bramcote College
The Conservatives	8%	9%	18%
The Green Party	14%	18%	5%
The Labour Party	57%	54%	60%
The Liberal Democrats	10%	4%	12%
UKIP	11%	15%	5%

Mrs D Crouch

Head Boy Oliver Walker To Cut His Hair For Charity

Oliver Walker is the head boy at The Bramcote School and on 24th June he's having his hair cut off at the Summer Fair. He's donating his hair to The Little Princess Trust to be used towards making a wig for a child who needs one. He's also splitting any sponsorship money 50/50 between the Stroke Association and Young Minds, which is a teenage mental health charity.

If you would like to sponsor Oliver, [his online sponsorship page is here](#), and there will be a paper form in school.

Thank you,

Jane Walker



Volunteers and Cake Bakers Needed!

The Bramcote School Summer Celebration is almost here!

The PTA are always looking for more volunteers to help to run this popular event, the last on the current site of The Bramcote School, and anyone who could spare some time to help set up, run stalls, or tidy up afterwards would be warmly welcomed and greatly appreciated!

We are also selling cakes and scones on the day, in addition to running a stall selling plants. We would greatly appreciate any more donations of these, could we ask any willing bakers or anyone willing to donate a plant to please drop off any donations at the school reception on Friday 23rd June or bring them to the Summer Celebration itself from 12 noon, before the doors open to guests.

Many thanks for your continued support.

The Bramcote School PTA



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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National Citizen Service

The National Citizen Service (NCS) programme has now been introduced to all of our Year 11 students.

It is great to see that twenty four have already signed up to the programme this summer, with a further seventy other students showing signs of interest.



The government-backed NCS programme includes exciting outdoor activities, meeting new friends, project planning, and learning new skills. All of these are great for boosting your CV and UCAS Personal Statement, and shows employers and universities that you've got great teamwork, leadership and communication skills.

The programme lasts for approximately 4 weeks, and costs just £50.00. This covers all food, activities, accommodation, transport and equipment. Financial assistance is also available.

I could not recommend the programme enough. National Citizen Service is an experience you really do not want to miss. This is your chance to embark on exhilarating challenges, make new friends, and build useful life skills. More than 275,000 young people have already said YES to NCS!

For more information and to see the dates available have a look on their website: ncsingeus.co.uk.

Mr P Foster



SAVE THE DATE!

It's

ALDERMAN WHITE SCHOOL
SUMMER FEST
on **SATURDAY 8th July**

TIME: 12 noon - 3.00 pm

VENUE: The Courtyard, Alderman White School

ENTERTAINMENT: SummerFest Brass Band
Dance Acts * Nott^m Chinese School Performers

Bouncy Castle * Coconut shy * Giant games
Model Car Grand Prix * Virtual games
Hot snacks * Cakes and Ices * Strawberries and cream * Pimms * Hamper Raffle *
Craft stalls * Plant stall * Face painting * Henna

TRY YOUR LUCK at Play your Cards Right * Bag a Tube * Bottle raffle * Tombola * Wang the Welly
and much much more!

Only &1 Adults * Students & Children Free