



Newsletter

The White Hills Park Federation Trust

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Team Work!

It's hard to imagine now, but there was a time when the number of staff in school who weren't teachers was very small – school secretary and caretaker, and possibly a welfare assistant or two. These days, we depend on a fantastic team of staff without whom teaching would be very different, and a lot less effective. Sometimes, they have a much lower profile, but I know that many of you will have had occasion to be grateful for their expertise and care.

Firstly, the staff who work directly with students, primarily teaching assistants and learning mentors. We have a very dedicated and skilled team who support students in many ways – this might be sitting with an individual or group in class, withdrawing them to give additional support, working alongside the class teacher to support learning, or running programmes such as the Individual Mentoring Programme. They are often the people who know our children the best, and are crucial in enabling them to access school successfully.

We have a highly-skilled finance and administration team who work largely behind the scenes. They ensure that things run smoothly, that we manage our budget well, recruit and support staff effectively, deal with a whole host of issues such as pupil data and admissions, communications and liaison with outside agencies, as well as organising day to day admin duties, such as supporting senior leaders, answering the phone and manning Reception, reprographics, organising letters, collecting money and so on.

We have a number of teams who provide support for teachers and students in a range of ways – our specialist librarians, Science and Technology technicians, attendance officers, school nurse, counsellor, EAL (English as an Additional Language) support, exams officers supported by a whole group of invigilators, and our IT team, who provide support for curriculum and for admin.

Last but not least, we have the people who keep us safe, warm and well-fed – our cooks and midday staff, and our site team. They play a vital role in keeping everything up and running, and are often the first to arrive and the last to leave.

In total, there are over 200 full and part-time staff employed across the White Hills Park Federation Trust, and the achievements of our students depend on them all. I am very grateful that we have such a dedicated and hard-working team.

Paul Heery

Executive Principal

Dates for your Diary

January	FED	AWS	BC	BC6F
30th	Debate Mate Competition 15:20 Nottingham Girls Academy			
30th	Poetry Live Event			
31st	KS5 Spectrometry Visit			
February				
1st	UK Intermediate Maths Challenge			
5th	Year 11 English Language / Maths Mock Exams begin			
6th	Year 11 GCSE Food Practical Exam			
8th	KS3 & 4 Paris and Disneyland Paris Trip Information Evening 19.00 Alderman White School Hall			
8th	KS4 & 5 Theatre Visit 19:30 Derby Theatre			
12th - 16th	Year 12 / 13 Trip To Portugal			
13th	Year 12 and 13 Reports Issued			
15th	Year 10 Parents' Evening 16:00 - 18:30			

Please see our websites to view a full calendar of events and important dates.

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Once installed, search for Alderman White or Bramcote College and follow the simple instructions to identify yourself.

Representatives from the Teacher Inspiring Programme, from Beijing, Visit Alderman White!

We had the privilege of welcoming a group of young teachers from China last week. WHP Director and Professor of Education at the University of Nottingham, Chris Day, introduced the group to us and explained that they were taking part in some action research with the university. Gifts were exchanged and we had a lovely morning of discussion around pedagogy at Alderman White and the British education system, compared to Chinese schools. Thank you to Seth Puddy and Mia Bramley for their help in showing our guests around school.



A quick update on our China link. We are in the final stages of organising dates and letters ready for the launch of the trip. The initial meeting to explain the process of applying for the student trip to Shanghai and give details of the once in a lifetime trip will be the evening of the 28th February. So, pencil this in your diary - more details to follow.

Mrs N Caley

TeachMeet

This week Bramcote College hosted the wider White Hills Park family of schools' subject leaders' TeachMeet. With around 100 primary and secondary school teachers from nine primary, infant and junior schools at the event, there was a real buzz at Bramcote. Fourteen brave colleagues had three minutes each to present to the group, sharing a creative or effective teaching technique, ranging from 'Pobble' to 'The 4 Bs' and 'Graffiti Maths', with many more great ideas. We also had a guest speaker who outlined 'The Big Question' as a method for planning and progression in teaching. It was great to get so many local colleagues together to share their best practice in teaching.



Thanks to Mr Scruton, Headteacher at Eskdale Juniors and Mr Allen, Headteacher at Albany Infants, for helping to make the event such a success.

Miss J Cooper

Sport

Netball

The Bramcote College Year 11 Netball team play in potentially their last tournament this weekend as they represent not only the school but also Nottinghamshire in the East Midlands regional competition at Emmanuel school. The team have had remarkable success over the last 3 years. They have been crowned county champions 3 years in a row and won numerous other competitions. Hopefully they go out with a bang this weekend and qualify for National finals. Good luck girls.

Athletics

Well done to the 2 Year 7 indoor athletics teams who competed at the Broxtowe Active Schools Sports competition this week. Both schools had teams entered into the competition and were excited to see how they would do against the other schools of Broxtowe. The teams had to compete in both field and track events and both schools showed some excellent promise for the future. The final results saw the boys from Bramcote College just beat Alderman White into 4th place. In the girls competition, the Alderman White girls also came 5th with the Bramcote College girls really excelling and finishing a close 2nd, just behind the winners from George Spencer.



Mr R Bateman

Year 8 Sutton Scholars

The Year 8 Sutton Scholars from both Bramcote College and Alderman White have been on another university visit today, setting off this morning for a day at the University of Nottingham's Sutton Bonnington campus.

Students spent the day discussing their hopes for future careers, and how the GCSE options they have to think about next year will get them closer to achieving their long-term career ambitions.

Students also had the chance to see the campus, see what life was like for the students studying there, and look for the cat that lives in the library.

Miss J Cooper



Cheerleading at Alderman White - Kit Sponsors Wanted!

Our Cheerleaders are coached by Anna Hatton from INSPIRE Gymnastics every Monday evening from 3:30 - 5pm. Currently we have in the region of 25 - 30 students attending regularly, 22 of which are competition ready. Cheerleading is a mixture of both acrobatics and gymnastics and promotes self-esteem, builds confidence, and forms friendships. Since its introduction, our club has helped many Alderman White students feel included and valued as well as develop a strong sense of responsibility and self-discipline.

We have an upcoming competition in February and are looking for kit sponsors. We have approached Beeston Round Table initially, as the cost of buying the kit has worked out at £44 per student. We want our team to look the part and feel important, and want to support them in their efforts. If you can offer help please contact Julie.francis@whpfederation.org

Miss J Francis

Alderman White French - Bon Appetit!

Over 300 people are now learning languages at Alderman White - after school, in the evenings and on Saturdays. The school is enjoying its busiest season ever with more people signing up every month to study a wide range of different languages including Arabic, Mandarin Chinese, French, German, Greek, Italian, Japanese and Spanish.

This week Dani Wilks, who teaches our Beginners French class, organised a French Raclette evening - as you can see from the photo, this proved to be a highly enjoyable linguistic and gastronomic experience!

Anyone who would like more information or to join one of our really popular language classes should email us at: languages@whpfederation.org

Mr K Stephan



Earthquake!

On Monday, 50 Year 6 pupils from Albany Junior School spent the day at Bramcote College working with teachers and Year 7s investigating how to survive if an earthquake strikes. Pupils did workshops on disaster planning, designing earthquake-proof buildings and survival Apps, and used drama to understand the experiences of survivors and the emergency services. It also gave the Year 6s another chance to experience secondary school before they move up at the end of the school year. It was a pleasure hosting Albany students at Bramcote College.

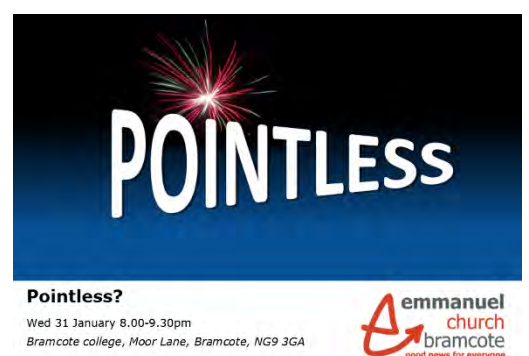
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Emmanuel Church - Pointless Quiz Evening, Wednesday 31st January

On Wednesday evening of next week, Emmanuel Church Bramcote is holding a Pointless quiz evening (a quiz with all the questions in the style of the BBC show 'Pointless'). It's a quiz where obscure knowledge is rewarded! All Pointless fans are very welcome. Admission is free and there are drinks and nibbles on arrival and through the evening. You can come as a team or as an individual. There is a 10-minute talk midway through the evening on "is searching for contentment pointless?" More details at www.bramcote.church. The evening starts at 8.00pm and finishes around 9.30 and is at Bramcote College.

With thanks and best wishes

Richard Hopkins, Senior Minister of Emmanuel Church Bramcote



Alderman White Year 9 Students at the Broxtowe Holocaust Memorial Day Ceremony

The Broxtowe Holocaust Memorial Day Ceremony in the Walled Garden in Bramcote Park was a moving reminder of the millions of people who were murdered in the Holocaust and in subsequent genocides across the world. The Deputy Mayor of Broxtowe gave a powerful address on the theme of this year's event, 'The Power of Words'.

Alfie Russell, Broxtowe's Youth Mayor, a Year 9 Alderman White student, read an extract from The Diary of Anne Frank to the assembled congregation - a timeless testimony to the power of words and their ability to have impact on successive generations. William Mee, who is also in Year 9 and is Broxtowe's Deputy Youth Mayor, then read two poems written by Bart Chambers and Katie Taylor about the Holocaust. In total, 12 poems from Ms Scurrah's Year 9 History class have been laminated and displayed in the park for members of the public to view. Not only are we very proud of Alfie's and William's contributions this morning to the ceremony, we are also so impressed with the quality of the writing produced by our Year 9 students. So many members of the community stayed to read our students' work and commented on the poignancy of their writing.

Thank you to all our students who submitted poems about the Holocaust; the following deserve a particular mention as their poems were selected to be displayed in the Walled Garden: Bart Chambers, Katie Taylor, Ellie Knight, William Tarr, Alfie Russell, Edie Lowe, Ken Kinsley, Harriet Waterton, Gemma Griffin, James Baird and Arabella Gardiner.

Mr K Stephan



Holocaust Memorial

*Throughout the terrors of the Second World War,
The Jews and their supporters oppression saw,
They witnessed the rise of the Aryan race,
The Nazis made Germany a dangerous place.*

*Hitler blamed Jews for Germany's weakness,
Leaving their race all but helpless
As soldiers came and took them to camps
To live out their lives and the cold and damp.*

*But while the holocaust was unprovoked wrath,
And Germany was rent in two as a cloth,
The resilience of Jews in their perilous plights,
Inspires us on to greater heights.*

*Hitler changed lives through ruthless bullying,
'It's only a number' said Joseph Stalin.
But even today we remember the pain
Of a people we hope won't suffer again.*

Bart Chambers

Year 9

Alderman White School

You Remember Us

*We can't write our stories
The dead tell no lies,
We have no glory
But you heard our cries.*

*Our world was shattered
Our bones ground to dust,
Our ashes were scattered
Our homes left to rust.*

*We had no hope
And we were lost,
But you heard our cries
You remember the Holocaust.*

So you remember us.

Katie Taylor

Year 9

Alderman White School

Course For Parents

Building Self Confidence

Dates: Wednesday 25th April until
Wednesday 23rd May 2018.

Time: 5.30 pm until 7.30 pm.

Venue: Alderman White School Library

Cost: £30 per person.
FREE if in receipt of means tested benefits.

This course focuses on inner confidence rather than behaviour to share strategies that will enable you to identify your strengths and qualities in order to live well and maintain your wellbeing.

The course is available to parents with children at any of our Schools, however we require a minimum of 8 parents to make a course viable to run.

Please contact Julie.francis@whpfederation.org for more information or to book a place.

Miss J Francis

Family Support Drop-In

Are you needing a little bit of parenting guidance with any of the following.....

Managing behaviour!

Sleep (or lack of it!)

Toilet training?

Eating?

Or any other issue that is causing you stress with your children and you need new ideas?

A Family Support Worker from Sure Start Children's Centres South Broxtowe will be at The Haven Centre, Wadsworth Road, Stapleford,

NG9 8BD during the Super Tots session

15th Feb, 1st March, 20th April, 8th May,

7th June and 6th July 2018

Please pop in if you need some advice!



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**Oliver- Adaptation- Youth cast-
Blood Bros- Youth Adaptation-**

Audition Info -Sunday the 4th of February 2018
College Street Centre, College Street,
Nottingham NG1 5AQ
12 Noon -1pm
Informal Group Workshop, Open Audition

To book a place please email us at classactteam@aol.com or visit

<https://classactdrama.wixsite.com/classactdramacentre/nottingham-open-auditions>

Candidates will need to be aged 7-17 years to apply. Parental permission to attend will be required. Auditions will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Booking is essential

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