



# Newsletter

The White Hills Park Trust

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## Celebrating our Diversity

One of the things about our schools of which I am most proud is that we are 'comprehensive' schools in every sense of the word. Despite our relatively small size compared to most secondary schools, we take students from a huge variety of backgrounds, cultures and abilities. All of our students, staff and families become part of our Alderman White and Bramcote College 'family'.

This variety includes students from all corners of the globe – a highlight each year is the international food evening held at Alderman White where students from many different countries cook traditional dishes and invite staff to sample them. We celebrate the many home languages that are spoken by our students and our unique language college status allows students to continue to develop their skills in these languages and secure formal recognition of their achievements.

We also celebrate the diverse range of students through the inclusive approach we have towards students of all abilities and needs, and towards students with disabilities. I am always struck by the welcoming and non-judgemental attitude that our students have towards their peers, and the way that they understand and help those who need extra support to access the curriculum.

Another very important area in which we celebrate the diversity of our community is the area of religious faith. As you might expect, among our students there are many different religions represented, as well as many students who don't observe a religious faith. We believe that more than ever, it is our job to nurture in our students an understanding and a respect for the beliefs of others.

We have excellent relationship with local churches and religious groups and ask them for advice and support. This might be support with delivering curriculum-related activities, for example, the Easter Experience presented at both schools, or it might be supporting our students in the observance of their faith, for example the Christian Union group at Alderman White. Two local churches, Emmanuel Church at Bramcote College and the Vineyard Church at Alderman White, use our schools as their base, and our students visit local places of worship.

This week has been an important one for our Muslim students and staff. Ramadan, the holiest month of the Islamic calendar, began on Monday 6th May. It is observed as a requirement of The Five Pillars of Islam followed by Muslims as a request from the Prophet Muhammad and involves a period of fasting (food and drink including water) during daylight hours to reflect upon those who experience hardship and poverty. Muslims who fast rise before sunrise to eat/drink and will likely not sleep until after sunset – which means that for many students the days may be very long and tiring. We support students by providing a room that can be used as a prayer room, and by understanding and supporting those students who are fasting. This is particularly the case for students who have exams during the next few weeks.

I would like to wish Ramadan Mubarak to our Moslem families.

*Paul Heery*  
Executive Principal

## Dates for your Diary

May	TRUST	AWS	BC	BC6F
10th	PTA Fashion Show and Clothes Sale			
13th	Beginning of GCSE and A Level Exams			
15th	Parents' E-Safety Event			
16th	AW Music Ensemble - Concert, Beeston			
24th	Last Day of Half Term			
28th - 31st	Half Term Break			

## June

3rd	Schools Reopen Following Half Term Break
4th	DofE Y9 Expedition Open Evening 18:00 - 19:00
4th	DofE Y12 Silver Expedition Evening 19:30 - 20:30

Please see the My Ed app or our websites for a full calendar of upcoming events and important dates.

## Follow us Online



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Bramcote College  
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## Crowne Plaza

As a Trust we are very pleased to be developing a very good working relationship with the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Nottingham. The most recent manifestation of this was that they hosted two visits from Year 10 students at the end of April. As soon as we walked in to the lobby the students were amazed at the grandeur of the hotel. It was not what they had been expecting from the outside!

Luke, our 'guide' met us in Reception and took us up to one of the Conference rooms so that we could leave all our bags and coats. He gave us an introductory talk about the hotel and its working life before taking us on a tour. We started out in the banqueting area where they are able to host up to 400 people, and get them all served with dinner within an hour! We saw behind the scenes in the food service area where Luke explained there would be eight chefs behind the counter plating up and queues of waiting staff ready to pick them up. From there we went to see one of the 'premium' guest rooms on the top floor. Whilst there Luke explained that they are regularly 'quality' checked and about how high the standards are that they have to meet. Should they fall below these standards then they are likely to lose their Crowne Plaza 'branding'.



Next on the tour was the breakfast area and kitchens. We were astounded by the number of eggs and packs of bacon they get through in a day! We also saw the hectic area that is 'room service'. The room service staff work in a very small area and are busy non-stop from the moment they come on duty. Woe betide anyone who gets in their way!

Once we had taken a look at where the other conference rooms were we finished our tour with a visit to the Spa area, which smelt lovely. Luke explained that this had been a real growth area for the hotel over recent years because as well as being open to guests they also offer Spa Days and packages as well as membership. He said they had quite a large number of members who work in Nottingham and use the gym and pool during their lunch time or on their way home from work. Unfortunately we didn't have time for a treatment!

Luke was a wonderful host and gave us a real insight in to work in the hospitality industry.

**Ms C Welch**

## FREE Talk: Keeping Your Child Safe on the Internet

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### Keeping Your Child Safe On The Internet

Wednesday 15th May 7:00pm - 8:30pm  
Limited places available

Dangers of Technology • Technologies Used  
The Hidden Costs to Parents • Potential Consequences  
Practical Tips on Parental Control  
Gaming, Social Media and Apps

Alderman White School are hosting a FREE talk, open to anyone and presented by Jumpstart I.T. Education Ltd, specialists in Internet Safety and Training.

Although the evening is free to attendees, places are limited due to capacity so registration is essential. Read more and reserve your place now at the following link:

[eventbrite.co.uk/e/keeping-your-child-safe-on-the-internet-tickets-58432100987](https://eventbrite.co.uk/e/keeping-your-child-safe-on-the-internet-tickets-58432100987)

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# GCSE Thought For The Week

A lovely calm thing to look at to relax you.

Come along to exam focus sessions.  
Keep talking to your teachers.  
Get enough rest.  
Keep calm and carry on!  
We believe in you!

Next week  
► The exams start

7  
► weeks to go until the exams  
FINISH !!!