



Newsletter

The White Hills Park Trust

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German Exchange: Welcoming students from Gütersloh

Over the last week, our schools have welcomed 16 students from the Städtische Gymnasium in Gütersloh, Germany for the UK leg of the annual exchange visit. The students will spend 10 days here, staying with host families and experiencing life in Nottinghamshire. They are accompanied by Mr. Brayley, who has visited us many times and is a great friend to our schools, and Ms. Grosseschallau, who is on her first exchange visit. I am delighted that this year we have students from both of our schools taking part, so that this is an event that permeates across the whole of the Trust.

The German Exchange has been part of our school life for well over 3 decades – lifelong friendships have been formed and countless students have learnt about another culture and language. The bonds between our schools have become very strong. I had the privilege of visiting a couple of years ago, and was overwhelmed by the warmth of the welcome I received. It was fascinating to talk to see around a German school, and talk to teachers and students about their experiences of education and schooling.

Mr Stephan has put together a varied and fascinating programme for our guests. By the time they return to Germany, they will have visited London, Stratford-upon-Avon (students pictured outside Shakespeare's birthplace), the Black Country Museum in Dudley and Alton Towers. They will have been bowling, had a disco evening and spent time in Nottingham with their host families. They have met with the Mayor of Broxtowe, Councillor Michael Brown, who officially welcomed them to the borough. I'm sure they will take back many memories and some great photos.



However, I suspect that the days they spend in school will be among their most memorable. They have taken part in normal lessons, spent time around the school at break and lunch times, and got a feel for life as a young person in the UK. I know our students have made them feel very welcome., and our visitors always find it fascinating to experience different styles of teaching and learning.

I would like to give a special mention to the host families, who show such generosity and warmth every year. It can be a daunting experience for a young person to stay with a family you have never met before in a strange country, but by the end of the visit, the students are always very sad to say goodbye, and appreciative of the way they have been looked after. I am also very grateful to Mr Stephan for his leadership of the visits, ably supported by Ms Dalton.

Obviously, the exchange is a great opportunity to develop language skills, and knowledge of a different culture. We know that our students benefit hugely from the German leg of the exchange in February in this regard. However, the importance of the exchange runs deeper. It reinforces some absolutely crucial values that we want our school communities to embody. We are an open and welcoming community, and we place huge value on the spirit of friendship with people from other countries. Although the world is a big place, these friendships can make it feel a little smaller, and our bonds a little stronger.

This message runs through many of the special things we do, including the exchange with Jiangshan School in Ningbo, and our many international visits, as well as the work we do with the students who come to our schools from overseas. I am delighted that our latest exchange has been such a success, and look forward to many more memorable visits in the future.

Paul Heery
Executive Principal

Dates for your Diary

October	TRUST	AWS	BC	BC6F
2nd	PTA Welcome Meeting for New Members 18:30 - 20:00			
3rd	PTA Meeting and Welcome for New Members 18:00 - 19:00			
3rd - 7th	Trip to Madrid			
8th	Year 7 and 11 Photos			
8th	Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award Open Evening 18:00 - 19:00			
8th	Year 10 & Year 12 Duke of Edinburgh's Silver Award Open Evening 19:00 - 20:00 Alderman White School			
9th - 23rd	Year 13 Trip to China			
10th	Parents' Forum 18:30 - 20:00			
10th	Y7 Parents Coffee Afternoon 14:00 - 15:20			
11th	Year 8 Trip: The National Space Centre			
11th	Year 11 Careers Fair			
14th	Year 8-11 Photographs			
14th - 18th	Work Experience Week			
14th - 16th	Year 7 Walesby Residential			
16th - 18th	Year 7 Walesby Residential			
18th	GCSE & A Level Art Trip			
21st	Half Term Holiday Begins			

November

4th	Schools Re-open
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Please see the My Ed app or our websites for a full calendar of upcoming events and important dates.



A busy week at Alderman White for Football fixtures

On Monday, the U14 Girls team travelled to George Spencer to start their South Notts Cup campaign against our local sporting rivals. The girls gelled well after their summer break, having trained all year last season it didn't take them long to find their stride. Their passing game was tight and they had several opportunities on goal. Captain Chloe Barks made some inspiring diving saves and kept the score neutral for the first 15 minutes. Unfortunately, the opposition's performance outclassed us and before long we conceded. George Spencer took the game in the end.



The defeat didn't dampen their spirits as the U14 Girls went on to play Nottingham Girls High School in the County Cup on the Wednesday, this time at Home. The girls had a fair few supporters, which was fantastic to see and really demonstrated a sense of pride that our students have for Alderman White. The girls played a strong passing game and applied the pressure from the offset. It took us only 10 mins to score, when Vanessa Ventresca converted a rebound from the keeper. NGHS reacted by slotting some high balls over to our defence, many of which were dealt with by a powerful Ciara Porter kick. Unfortunately, the opposition equalised just before half time. The second half seemed to be more in the favour of the opposition as they took advantage of the low sun. Soon another 2 goals were to go their way. A penalty then made it 4-1. All in all the girls didn't deserve this score line as game play was evenly matched. They went home with huge smiles anyway!

The Y8 Boys Football team played their first game of the season against a very strong team from West Bridgford school this week. The West Bridgford team were made up of many the players who made a couple of cup finals last year, and this showed with their passing and team play. The Alderman White team played some excellent football and defended really well but their opponents scored regularly through the first half. The second half saw the Alderman White team again strive for the goal their play deserved and came close on a couple of occasions. Unfortunately West Bridgford were able to score a couple more goals. Although the final result was a heavy defeat, the team were commended on their perseverance and their team spirit. They hope to have a better result when they travel to Newark next week.

Mrs A Kilbane and Mr R Bateman



Sports Night, Football, Royal Marines, and a trip to Old Trafford

Sports Night: The inaugural Bramcote College 'Sports Night' was a hit last Wednesday night, and over 50 students stayed to participate in the Football, Netball and Running clubs on offer after school as part of our extra-curricular timetable.

The activities on 'Sports night' will change every half term to hopefully offer all students a variety of extra-curricular sports activities throughout the year.

Football: The Bramcote College Year 8 Boys Football team kicked off their season on Monday night with a home fixture vs The National Academy from Hucknall. Despite a positive start the boys went a couple of goals down after some slick passing moves from National. Bramcote came back into the game and had two clear cut chances in a matter of minutes, unfortunately a miss and an unbelievable save from the National keeper kept the scoreline 2-0. National withstood the Bramcote pressure and on the counter attack scored a well worked third, effectively putting the game to bed, Bramcote eventually going into half time 5 down.

Bramcote came out the second half a different side and their work rate got them back into the game with Riley finishing a great team move to score. A late penalty from Akai after National had scored a sixth made the score more respectable. The game finishing 6-2. The boys are in action again next week away vs Quarrydale.

Royal Marine Commandos: This week, the Royal Marine commandos visited the PE department as part of a careers topic. Year 11 were introduced to 2 Marines who talked to them about recruitment, what they could achieve and what the Marines do around the world. Afterwards Year 11 were then given a hardcore beasting in true Royal Marine Commando style to show them a taster if they were to sign up!



Bramcote College hits Old Trafford! Students from both the Year 9 Girls and Boys Football teams travelled to Old Trafford to watch Manchester United play Rochdale on Wednesday evening. It was a fantastic experience entering the ground and seeing a live game with the added bonus of some England players playing too. The game went to a penalty shootout after the score was 1-1 at full time, with Manchester United winning in the end 5-3 on penalties. I'm sure our teams have picked up some footballing tips to use in future games!



Mr K Warner, Ms G King and Mr P Broadley

Bramcote College PTA



The Bramcote College PTA warmly welcome you to our annual AGM this Thursday 3rd October in the college reception area from 6pm .

It is a great opportunity for new parents to the school to come along and see what the PTA does, to meet other parents and to help raise vital funds for our college and students. It is very informal and everyone is welcome, we would love as many parents/carers/friends to pop along to say hello and to give ideas and offers of support for this year. We can't do this without you!

Please feel free to bring younger children along if you need to - it's all very informal.

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Bramcote College PTA

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Nine-Shot Photo Challenge

As part of our support of Macmillan's 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning', I gave Sam in Year 10 a nine-shot challenge in our Photography lesson today... and here is the result! Well done Sam, and thanks to the staff willing to be photographed taking a coffee break!



At the last count we've raised over £130 at Bramcote College for Macmillan, well done to everyone who contributed!

Mrs L Deacon

Vacancies

We currently have a number of vacancies in different roles across the Trust, including Student Support Mentor, Teaching Assistant, Cleaner and Teachers of Maths, English, Science and Social Science..

Please see our website for more information and application details:
a.whptrust.org/jobs



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