



Newsletter

The White Hills Park Trust

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Parents' Forums

Yesterday evening, we held this term's Parents' Forum at Alderman White. The subjects discussed ranged from the sugar content of the drinks sold in the canteen to the preparation for Year 11 exams. As ever, we had a large and well-informed group of parents and carers who were there to find out more and raise issues, but always in a spirit of collaboration and partnership.

Both schools run a Parents' Forum, and the next one at Bramcote College will be held on November 20th. (Amongst other topics, we will be able to share the designs for the new school building at this meeting). They were originally set up several years ago to give a way for parents to discuss issues that were not necessarily directly related to their child, but that related to school policy or performance in a wider context. They have always been somewhere where honest and open dialogue can take place, and they are highly valued by school leadership teams as an opportunity to have direct communication and feedback.

Over the years, the views of parents and carers have been influential on decisions the school has taken on many issues, such as homework, the graduation system, trips and enrichment activity, uniform and so on. We know how engaged and supportive our parents are and welcome the spirit that has developed between school and home. I hope that your experience of our schools is that we are keen to communicate with you and work in partnership, whatever the issue.

We are very aware of the importance of parental engagement on student outcomes – study after study has shown the correlation between parents' positive involvement in their child's schooling and excellent rates of progress, stronger than almost any other factor. Parents and carers are the first and most important educators of their children, and all of our success is built upon your work. The attendance at Parents' Evenings or at events such as the 'Help your child succeed in exams' evening show the keen interest that parents and carers show in their child's progress. We saw another example yesterday at Bramcote College, with parents of Year 7 students visiting for a coffee and a chance to meet informally with staff, establishing relationships that will be so important over the coming years.

We are also grateful for the way our parents and carers support us in many other ways – our parent governors, our amazing PTAs, your attendance at shows, concerts and sporting fixtures and so on. Later this year, we will be carrying out another parent survey, and we will be very keen to hear your views.

Paul Heery
Executive Principal

Dates for your Diary

October		TRUST	AWS	BC	BC6F
9th - 23rd	Year 13 Trip to China				
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				
5th	Year 7 Photographs				
7th	Year 11 Parents' Evening				
20th	GCSE Awards Evening 19:30 - 21:00				
20th	Parents' Forum 19:00 - 20:00				
20th	Y12 / Y13 Parents' Evening 16:00 - 18:30				
21st	PTA Meeting 18:00				
22nd	PTA Christmas Fayre 18:00 - 20:00				
26th	BC6F Open Evening 18:00 - 20:30				

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

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Trips and Visits

Trust Tip to Madrid

It hardly seems credible that our students were soaking up the Madrid sunshine just a few days ago.



39 students from Alderman White and Bramcote College enjoyed 3 days in Spain's capital city, appreciating both its culture and cuisine, from the amazing Bernabeu stadium with its perfectly manicured pitch to Picasso's iconic anti-war painting Guernica, depicting the gruesome bombing of the Basque town in 1937, a morning's rowing in the famous Retiro park and a range of culinary delights which included a meal at the famous Hard Rock Cafe and Tapas at one of the many restaurants near the hotel. Despite the very full programme, our students seemed to enjoy the very relaxed way of life enjoyed by the 'Madrilenos' (the inhabitants of Madrid). My thanks go to Ms Garcia, Ms Bosley and Ms Philpot for their invaluable help in ensuring that everyone had a great time.

Mr K Stephan

Alderman White Triple Science Trip to Alton Towers

The Year 10s from Alderman White had a wonderful trip to Alton towers last Friday. They all actively engaged in an exciting workshop on the Science of rollercoasters, where they built rollercoasters using physics concepts & maths skills. They also got to go on some rides & everyone truly enjoyed it.



Mr R Mistry

Cologne - November 2019

There are still just a few places on this year's trip to the Christmas Markets of Cologne and the amazing theme-park, Phantasialand. Please contact Mr Stephan as soon as possible if you would like to take part. We are also planning a trip to Paris in 2020 but the number of places is likely to be limited to about 40 across the two schools.

Mr K Stephan

STEM Trip, and an Appearance on the news

On Tuesday, a group of female students from Bramcote College and Alderman White were selected to represent the Trust at 'Ada Lovelace Day'. Ada Lovelace day is a celebration of women in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths) and promotion of STEM careers for women, in honour of the world's first computer programmer.

During the morning students participated in activities run by STEM ambassadors, Bio-City and Boots. After lunch students were given the opportunity to develop their own ideas for promoting STEM careers back at school. Students from Alderman White have created an assembly for their year group and Bramcote College students have devised a media campaign including posters to display around school.



All representatives of the Trust were fantastic and really threw themselves into the activities. They even impressed the BBC and ITV and you may have witnessed them this week on TV!

Miss V Barnett

Sixth Form China Trip

The 2019 Sixth Form Trip to China has today made it to Ningbo, following an exhausting couple of days of travelling; transferring in Dubai followed by a night in Shanghai once they had made it safely to China.

We wish the trip well, follow the BC6F social media accounts for updates and photos as we receive them from the group's busy schedule over the next two weeks.

Bramcote College Sixth Form



It's not quite China but...

On Wednesday, Nottingham city centre was the classroom for a group of Year 12 and 13 photographers. On a rare sunny afternoon BC6F Photography students hopped on the bus into Nottingham and met up at the iconic Left Lion to start an afternoon of creative photography which included fashion shoots, forced perspective and beautiful architectural images of our fabulous city!



Miss J Cooper

Christmas is coming!

Bramcote College PTA would like to remind you that there are just 75 days until Christmas ... over the past few weeks Year 7, 8 and 9 pupils have been busy designing their own Christmas card which you'll soon be able to order in professionally printed packs, so look out for the order form after half term. The printers are making a contribution to our PTA for every pack purchased. Last year our amazing PTA raised just over £3,000 by running various events throughout the year which has paid for film equipment, microscopes, outdoor table tennis tables and most recently



we have been able to order 5 new picnic tables.

Miss J Cooper

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Sport

Football

A busy couple of weeks for the younger football teams at Alderman White.

The Y7 Boys have played 2 9-aside fixtures and competed in a futsal tournament. In the first game they travelled to South Notts Academy, a poor start saw South Notts take a 3-0 lead before Freddie Pitts scored a great left footed goal to give the team a chance. 2 quick goals saw South Notts push on but another left footed strike from Olly Ellis again gave Alderman White hope. They then hit the post and cross bar before South Notts scored their 6th. In their second game, 2 teams travelled to Colonel Frank Seely. Team 2 worked hard against a strong opposition but were overwhelmed losing 9 nil. Team 1 played some excellent football in patches and won 3 nil with goals from Finn O'Flynn, Will Bowness and Freddie Pitts.

The Y8 Boys football team traveled all the way to Newark Academy in the South Notts cup. A strong start by Newark saw Alderman White go behind, this sparked some great football from Alderman White with Yuad Omar and Will Teece scoring 3 times between them. Some very good defending from Frankie Russell, Sam May and Nick Gardiner held Newark at bay. Unfortunately Newark quickly scored 2 goals at the start of the 2nd half. This again caused Alderman White play some excellent football. Eventually a 4th goal was scored by Jake Willoughby and despite some more chances to extend their lead, Alderman White won 4-3 and play National Academy Hucknall in the next round.

Alderman White's U13 girls squad travelled to Becket School to compete in Round 2 of the South Notts Cup. The team spirit the girls showed was inspirational with a plethora of positive comments being shared from everyone on the team, despite feeling the pressure from the opposition. Phoebe Mellor, goalkeeper, made some great saves, tipping one Becket effort over the top of the cross bar. The defensive back 3 did their job in closing down attacks, but it wasn't enough to stop Becket from pulling away by 3 goals before half time. The second half brought with it some breaks from our attack, but we fell just short of converting them. Despite losing the game the girls clearly enjoyed every minute of the match, which was evident from their smiles. We are now waiting to learn who our opponents are in the 3rd round of the County cup, when either Hall Park or Redhill travel to Alderman White for a Home match.



Mr R Bateman & Mrs A Kilbane

Futsal

On Wednesday both Alderman White and Bramcote College attended a Year 7 Futsal competition at the George Spencer Academy, involving 6 teams.

Both schools performed exceptionally well to get through to the knockout stages.

Overall, Alderman White finished 3rd after comfortably beating a strong George Spencer team in the 3rd and 4th place play off, and Bramcote College lost out in the final to an excellent Hall Park team.

All players performed well and were great ambassadors for their schools.

Mr P Broadley

Netball

Bramcote College played Nottingham High School on Friday 4th Oct in the National Schools Cup.

The girls took a bit of time to settle into things, but were looking very much in control by the end of the first half. Nottingham High School started to come back into things in the second half, but the girls hung on and held their own under increasing pressure, pulling ahead at the end for a clear 35-31 win. Our new players made an outstanding contribution and we had amazing support from parents and family members - at times it felt like our home game!

Many thanks to J.P Carty and both Bramcote College and Alderman White PTAs for their support in purchasing new netball dresses for the team. The girls designed the dresses themselves. It was great to see the girls proudly sporting the WHP Trust colours.

Our next fixture will be against Kesteven and Grantham Girls School in Round 3.

Mrs K Wood