



Newsletter

The White Hills Park Trust

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Open Evenings for Year 5 and 6 children

It always seems strange to welcome our new Year 7s at the start of a new school year and immediately start thinking about the next year's cohort, but that is the reality every September as we prepare for our Open Evenings. Over the last few weeks, we have held Open Evenings at both Alderman White and Bramcote College, and invited children from Year 5 and 6 and their parents to sample life at secondary school.

The first thing to say about both events was how amazed we were to see so many people attending. We know that the numbers applying for our schools have been rising steeply over the last couple of years, and it was likely that the very good results recorded across the Trust this year would add to that interest. Even so, it was amazing to see just how many parents and children came. Both halls were absolutely packed for the main presentation with standing room only, and the evenings ran over time as we tried to accommodate as many visitors as possible.



During the evening, children had the chance to take part in Science experiments and PE activities; to listen to school bands and try out new languages; to sample food from the canteen and use school computers; to meet our students and hear first-hand about their experience of school; to find out about secondary school History, Geography, and many other subjects. There was a lovely buzz around the school, and we had very positive feedback. We were also very impressed with the young

people who visited, and are looking forward to welcoming them next year – our primary school colleagues are clearly preparing them well!

You may recall that last year we held a consultation to reduce our pupil admission numbers to 145 each year at Alderman White and 130 each year at Bramcote. This was to recognise the physical limitations of both sites and ensure that we can deliver a high-quality curriculum in a safe environment. These new numbers come into force from September next year, and although our year groups have not been at these levels in recent years, we are now above these numbers in the current Alderman White Year 7, and very close at Bramcote College. The high levels of interest we have had and the large numbers present on Open Evenings indicate that there is a very good chance that we will be oversubscribed in Year 7 next year. I would therefore urge parents of Year 6 children that if they want to secure a place at Alderman White or Bramcote College next year, then that is clearly reflected in the application form. Forms must be completed by 31st October on the Nottinghamshire County Council [website](#).

Paul Heery
Executive Principal

Dates for your Diary

October	TRUST	AWS	BC	BC6F
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.

BC6F Year 11 Taster Day

At Bramcote College 6th Form we have been delighted to open our doors in July and again last week to Year 11s from Alderman White and Bramcote College to get a taster experience of what it's like to be a Year 12 in the run up to our **Open Evening on Tuesday 26th November**. Students have enjoyed taster lessons in our typically small groups in a range of subjects offered at BC6F, including Media Studies, English Language, Further Maths, Science, Geography, Social Sciences, Business Studies, Computing, Photography and Government and Politics to name a few. They also found out about the amazing future pathways that BC6F students have started on, at a range of universities and higher level apprenticeships and jobs.



Miss J Cooper

Careers Fair at Bramcote College

Next Friday Bramcote College will be hosting its first annual Careers Fair for students in Years 11, 12 and 13. Representatives from industry, apprenticeship providers, Further and Higher Education Institutions will be attending to provide information and advice about the different routes on offer both post 16 and post 18. This will be a great opportunity for our students to explore some of the options available to them once they leave Bramcote College and Bramcote College 6th Form. The fair will be hosting representatives from: DeVere Hotel Group, BCM Analytical Service Team, Nottinghamshire NHS, University of Nottingham, Sheffield Hallam University, Staffordshire University, Nottingham Trent University, Loughborough University, Ask Apprenticeships, Nottingham College and Confetti, amongst others.

If any parents or carers would like to visit the fair, or would like to host a stall on behalf of their organisation or workplace, please contact Miss Barnett (vicky.barnett@whptrust.org).

Miss V Barnett

Bramcote College Y7 Parents' Coffee Afternoon - Thursday 10th October, 2:00pm - 3:20pm

The informal afternoon will provide opportunities to have a chat with key members of staff, and there will also be a chance to ask any last minute questions about the residential trip to Walesby Forest which takes place a few days later. Please drop in if you have any questions or concerns, or would just like a chat to see how your son/daughter is settling in.

Mrs J Read

Say No to Hate

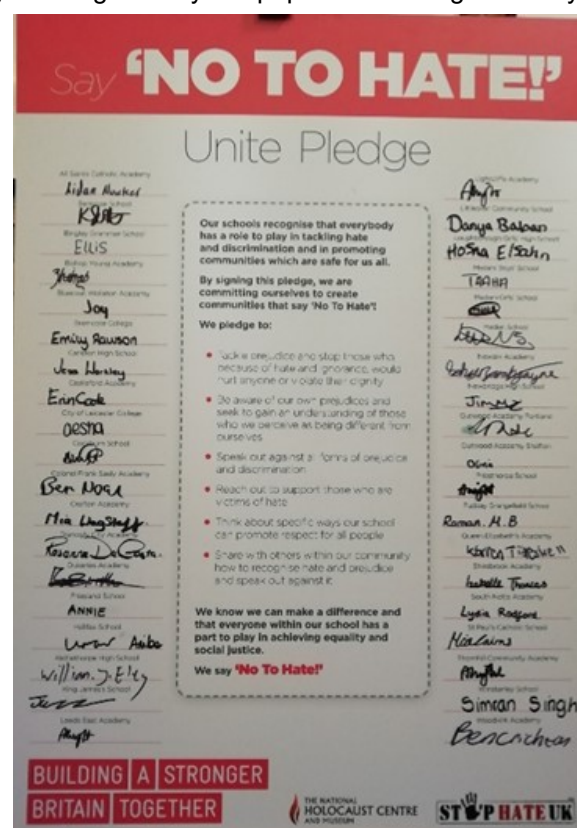


On Friday 27th September eight Bramcote College pupils went to visit the Holocaust Centre (Laxton, Nottinghamshire) to take part in a 'No Hate' awareness day. During the day our pupils were being filmed by the 'Simply Thrilled' film company as part of a promotional campaign about 'No Hate'.

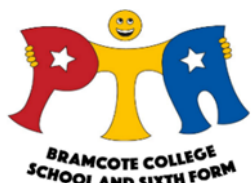
We had some powerful talks from the 'Sophie Lancaster foundation' and a person who had got himself radicalised by the English Defence League. During the afternoon our pupils came up with their version of different messages about how to stop hate within our society, especially to become an up-stander not a by-stander.

We even had a little bit of down time in our busy schedule and we had a look around the fantastic Holocaust centre and museum. In the afternoon our school has committed to spread the word about Hate in our society and we will be conducting various assemblies to all of the different year groups in November. As you can see from the photo, we have signed on behalf of Bramcote College the 'Say to No Hate' pledge with 38 other schools from around the country.

Mr D Ramsden



Bramcote College PTA have done it again!



The amazing PTA at Bramcote College have smashed their target set for fundraising last year through hard work and a lot of fun. The PTA have organised Discos, Easter egg and Christmas chocolate tombolas (with thanks to kind donations from Sainsbury's Wollaton, M&S and the BP petrol station, Toton Tesco and Boots to name a few of our kind supporters); they have also supported sports day and our amazing production of Annie with refreshments and run a fabulous fashion show, all aimed at raising money for the school. The money raised has paid for a huge range of items to enhance students' time at BC, including paying for table tennis tables, camcorders, visualisers, microscopes, keyboards in music, toasters for the study lounge and their latest purchase of 5 recycled plastic picnic benches for the playground. The staff and students would like to take this opportunity to say a HUGE THANK YOU to the PTA for doing all of this for us!

Miss J Cooper

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Football



On Wednesday 2nd October the Year 7 Bramcote College Football Team played at Ashfield School in the County Cup. The team battled well against an exceptionally talented Ashfield side, and lost 8-0. Despite the score line the team battled from start to finish and were a real credit to the school. They were led by Captain Elliot Hurst and there were some great individual performances from Grace Tideswell and Zac Wilkins. The squad also included Bailey Martin, Charlie Johnson, Fadzi Shoko, Jaidan Allsop, Keelan Anderton, Matthew Emery, Oliver Pascual, Ranvir Singh, Rian Sarsfield and Skye Semenytysh Wright.

On Wednesday 9th October we take a Year 7 squad of 7 players to a Futsal Competition at George Spencer.

Mr P Broadley

London Theatre Trip

Students from both Alderman White and Bramcote College had a great time in London this week!



The students had a chance to enjoy a bit of shopping as well as a show and a trip to see Harry Potter props and scenes up close! Amazing.

Miss J Cooper



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