

# Newsletter

# The White Hills Park Trust

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#### **Parent Feedback Survey**

One of the strengths of our schools is the relationship we have with parents and carers, and I know that this has been a major contributor to the progress we have made in recent years. It's always good to get feedback from parents, and I appreciate the time you take to let us know how things are going. Our Parents' Forum, which runs at each school, is enormously helpful in finding things out from your perspective, and we regularly receive emails or phone calls. It is particularly appreciated when parents give us positive feedback and thanks, as well as raising concerns that hopefully we can deal with swiftly.

Parents evenings and Open Evenings are always really well attended and positive occasions (not least the hugely successful 6th Form Open Evening this week), and we know that many parents engage with Go4Schools information to provide support and encouragement for their child. We are developing our websites to increase and improve the information we give you about our curriculum offer, and we always try and make sure that the Newsletter keeps you informed about the life of our schools.

Our relationship with parents and carers extends well beyond the formal curriculum links. It is extremely unusual to have two such active and supportive PTAs at secondary school level, and it is great to see their events so enthusiastically supported, the latest example being the magnificent turnout at Alderman White for the Christmas Fayre last week. All of our school shows and performances play to large and appreciative audiences of parents and family members, and you give great support to trips and extra-curricular activities.

You may recall that on occasion we ask you for your views about our schools and the way things are going from your perspective, through a survey. The outcomes of this are extremely useful, and have an impact on the areas that we focus on in our future planning. We primarily use the questions that Ofsted ask parents when they visit, so that by keeping a consistent format, we can look at trends and changes over time, but also welcome any other feedback that you would like to provide. The survey asks how much you agree or disagree with the following statements, and then gives a space for any additional comments.

- My child is happy at this school.
- Mv child feels safe at this school.
- ♦ The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.
- My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively.
- ♦ The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.
- When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly.
- My child has SEND, and the school gives them the support they need to succeed
- ♦ The school has high expectations for my child.
- My child does well at this school.
- ♦ The school lets me know how my child is doing.
- ♦ There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school.
- My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school.
- ♦ The school supports my child's wider personal development.
- ◊ I would recommend this school to another parent

If you click on the link below, it will take you through to the survey online. It will be open for the next two weeks, and I will report the outcomes in the Newsletter. http://a.whptrust.org/survey

Paul Heery
Executive Principal

# **Dates for your Diary**

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2nd	General Election Hustings Bramcote College 16:00 - 17:30
5th	Year 8 Parents' Evening
5th	Year 11 Parents' Evening
6th	Year 9 Reports Published
6th	Alderman White Swingband Ensemble - Performance Sainsbury's Beeston 13:30 - 16:00
7th	School Production Weekend Rehearsal
9th	Business Christmas Market 09:00 - 12:00
9th	PTA Community Christmas Tea 14:00 - 15:00
10th	Christmas Carol Concert Chilwell Methodist Church 19:00 - 20:00
12th 13th 14th	School Production: Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' 19:00 - 22:00
18th	Year 9 Reports Issued
19th	PTA Year 7 & 8 Christmas Disco 14:00 - 16:00
23rd	Christmas Holidays Begin Schools Closed

# January

6th	Schools Reopen
22nd	Year 11 Reports Published
23rd	Year 9 Options Evening 16:00 - 19:00
28th	Year 9 Options Evening 16:00 - 18:30

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

## **Alternatives to University**

At Bramcote College Sixth Form we want to ensure that our students are aware of the full range of progression paths open to them once they have completed their A levels and Level 3 BTECs. One of the ways we have done that this year was by inviting all Year 12 and Year 13 students to an event on Wednesday afternoon of this week.

We welcomed representatives from The Land Registry, HMRC, Europa Worldwide Group and Meller Ltd. They had come in to talk to the students about their companies, the roles that they recruited young people in to, the kind of people they were looking for and their recruitment processes.









About twenty students attended and were engaged throughout. We divided them in to four groups and they rotated after fifteen minutes with a provider giving them enough time to find out about the company and to ask questions. I was impressed when the bell went for the end of the day and the students just carried on until the end of the session at 3.30pm. Quite a number of them are intending to explore these options further.

We would like to thank The Land Registry, HMRC, Europa Worldwide Group and Meller Ltd for joining us for this event.

# Ms C Welch

# **Alderman White School Christmas Fayre**

Last Friday saw our most successful annual Christmas Fayre with over 40 festive gift and craft stalls and entertainment from the fabulous Swingband, Year 7 and Year 8 dance groups. Both the hall and gym were brimming and we raised over £1,480 which will go to projects around school.



Thank you to everyone who came along, took part, provided



stocking/cracker donations, volunteered or made cakes for the event. Special thanks goes to Mr Stephan who kindly donated

the Christmas tree and seems to be everywhere all at once to make this and every event happen!

#### **Alderman White School PTA**

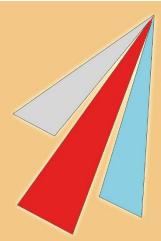
# New Kit for the U19 Netball Squad Thanks to Sponsorship

Here is the Bramcote College U19 netball squad in their brand new kit. Huge thanks to our sponsors, electrical contractors JP Carty, as well as both the Bramcote College and Alderman White School PTAs. The girls, together with Kate Wood (member of staff responsible for the team) designed the dress to reflect the Trust colours and I'm sure you'll agree they look fantastic. Their conduct and play in every way matches the professional image. They are hard working, always persevere and work brilliantly together as a team.

The girls are all in Year 10 to 13 and are from both Alderman White and Bramcote College. They are really proud to be wearing our colours now and are grateful that the generosity of both JP Carty and both PTAs has made this possible.



#### Kate Bates (U19 Netball Team helper)



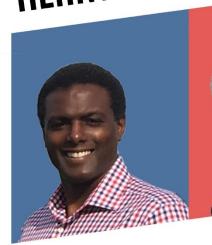
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#### **Sport**

#### **Football**

On Thursday afternoon, in appalling freezing cold and wet conditions, Bramcote College U12's played Carlton Academy in the County Cup.

We went behind to two early goals before Zac Wilkins pulled one back to make the HT score 2-1. A few minutes into the second half we conceded again before Zac Wilkins pulled another one back, 3-2. Carlton were lucky to get 2 further goals before Zac Wilkins scored his hat trick goal from a cleverly taken free kick, final score 5-3.

The team were a credit to the College. There were some outstanding performances from Captain Elliot Hurst, Zac Wilkins, Noah Bagley, Grace Tideswell and Oliver Pascual. The rest of the squad also battled throughout and included Fadzi Shoko, Jaidan Allsop, Bailey Martin, Leo Blaydon, Matthew Emery, Skye Semenytsh Wright and Keelan Anderton.

#### Mr P Broadley

The Year 8 Football team from Alderman White made the long journey to National School, Hucknall, last week to play in the 2nd round of the South Notts cup. Playing on the large astroturf at National allowed the team to play some of the best football seen for many years. The game started with Alderman White dominating possession but lacking the final pass. On their first attack National took the lead with a piledriver from the edge of the area. This didn't stop Alderman White playing and a quick break from a corner allowed Yuad Omar to rifle in the equaliser. The second half started in the same vein as the first with Alderman White pushing forward trying to take the lead. Again National managed to sneak a goal from some poor defending from a corner. Once again Yuad Omar scored the equaliser with a run from the half way line and a confident finish. The pattern of the game continued with National striking again from outside of the area. Alderman White then pushed forward, hitting the post, having a shot cleared from the line and numerous last minute blocks as they tried to equalise again. Unfortunately this left gaps in the defence and National were able to get a fourth just before the end of the match. A fantastic all round performance with the only disappointment the result.

#### Mr R Bateman

#### Basketball

On Thursday the Bramcote College and Alderman White Year 11 Basketball Teams entered the Broxtowe Schools Basketball competition.

Bramcote College lost by 4 points to a strong Kimberley team in the first round, so immediately went into the 'Plate' Competition, where Bramcote College played Hall Park Academy in the semi -finals and won by 8 points.



In the other half of the draw, Alderman White played against a very strong Chilwell team and were unfortunate to lose by 3 points in what was a very closely contested game. This also placed Alderman White into the 'Plate' competition where they also played against another Hall Park Academy side.

The semi final was dominated by Alderman White who came away clear winners, winning by 10 points.

The final was now set....Bramcote College V Alderman White!

The final was extremely competitive, and could have gone either way, but Bramcote College made the most of their chances and came away victors, winning by 4 points.

There were some great performances from individuals on both sides, and all displayed great sportmanship throughout.

The Bramcote College squad consisted of Samuel Cutting, Aadam Saeed, Richard Wright, Callum Meese, Ethan Nogula, Roman Warren and Oliver Thompson, whilst the Alderman White squad consisted of Bilal Zaman, Zquaine Fleming, Izaiah Aduhene, Yusef Azaz, Sulaiman Arif.

#### Mr P Broadley and Mr R Bateman

#### **Sports Leaders**

This week 10 of our sports leaders attended District Leadership Training at George Spencer Academy. The training included how to plan warm ups, cool downs, and full sports activity sessions to other students. Students learnt to lead a variety of sessions including football, badminton and hockey.

# Miss G King





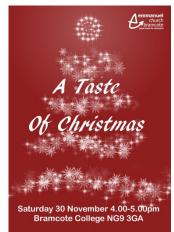
Tuesday 10th December, 7pm

Suggested entrance donation: £2.50



# A Taste of Christmas

Can you tell your Lidl from your Waitrose? Your Iceland from your M&S?



At our 'A Taste of Christmas' event on Saturday there will be a range of Christmas foods from the high end to the bargain basement. Will you be able to tell which is which? Come and decide which ones actually taste the best. A fun, festive food event for everyone, with a short talk on 'a taste of Christmas'. Open to everyone, adults and children, and it's all for free!

Richard Hopkins
Senior Minister of Emmanuel Church Bramcote

#### **NottsWatch**

Anyone aged 13 or over is encouraged to sign up for free NottsWatch alerts: <a href="nottinghamshire.police.uk/alert">nottinghamshire.police.uk/alert</a>. NottsWatch are currently <a href="working with University students">working with University students</a> on a variety or projects linked to community safety and Neighbourhood Watch

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Sue Sambells - Chair, NottsWatch





