



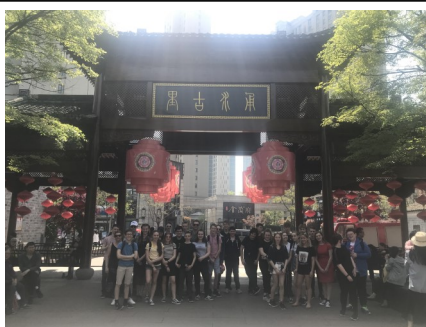
Newsletter

The White Hills Park Trust

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Our links with China and the Confucius Institute

Enabling our students to gain an understanding of the wider world, including the world beyond our own country, is a key part of the vision of the White Hills Park Trust. One of the features of our work over recent years has been our links with China. This has developed in a number of ways, both within the formal curriculum and beyond. It has led to unprecedented and life-changing opportunities for many of our pupils and it is something that we are very keen to continue.



A key element is the Confucius Classroom, which is run through a partnership with the Confucius Institute, based in this region at Nottingham University. As a result of this partnership, we have been able to provide extra-curricular Chinese language tuition to a large number of our students, we have run cultural events and activities, such as Chinese New Year celebrations, Tai Chi, and calligraphy, and we have introduced Mandarin into the timetable for some students at Alderman White.

This builds upon the success of the Chinese School, which runs at Alderman White and recently celebrated its 20th anniversary. 250 students from all over Nottingham's Chinese community attend every Saturday and take part in language and culture classes. It has led to close links between the school and the community, and is one of the distinctive features of our Trust.

Through the Confucius Classroom link, we have now had three 6th Form visits to China. This has been an unforgettable experience for the students involved. They have learnt language skills and had the opportunity to experience a different culture at first hand, as well as visiting some amazing and iconic sights, including the Great Wall, the Shanghai Tower, and the pandas at Beijing Zoo.

Over the last two years, we have also welcomed students from China to our schools. It has been a great pleasure for our students to show them what life in Nottingham is like and to work with them in our schools.



We now begin the next chapter of our China links. I am delighted to announce that we are now planning our next Key Stage 3 and 4 trip to China, which will take place in March – April 2021. This follows the successful trip in 2018, when 30 pupils and 3 staff spent 10 days in Shanghai and Ningbo, and visited our sister school, Jiangshan High. Our 2021 trip is open to students from both Bramcote College and Alderman White, and although the cost is relatively high, we have been able to extend the scope of the visit to include some time in Beijing as well as all the elements from the last visit. Letters about the trip will be available from main reception at both schools from Tuesday.

On Wednesday January 29th we will be holding two meetings to give parents and students more details about the visit, and explain the application process. The meetings will take place at Bramcote College at 5.30 and at Alderman White at 7.00pm. Following the meetings, we will place all the information on our websites for anyone who is unable to make the meeting. We look forward to seeing you there.

Paul Heery
Executive Principal

Dates for your Diary

January	TRUST	AWS	BC	BC6F
20th	Auditions for School Production, 'No Strings' 18:00 - 19:30			
21st	Year 5 & 6 Auditions for School Production, 'No Strings' 18:00 - 19:30			
22nd	Year 9 Taster Morning: KS4 Specialisms			
22nd	Year 11 Reports Published			
22nd	Brilliant Book Award Year 7 Author Visit			
23rd	Year 9 Options Evening 16:00 - 18:30			
23rd	Year 7 Indoor Athletics Event Hall Park Academy 12:00 - 15:30			
28th	Specialisms Morning			
28th	Year 9 Options Evening 16:00 - 18:30			
29th	KS3 & KS4 2021 Trip to China Introductory Meeting 17:30 - 18:30			
29th	KS3 & KS4 2021 Trip to China Introductory Meeting 19:00 - 20:00			
30th	Year 8 Indoor Athletics Event Hall Park Academy 12:00 - 15:30			

February

4th	Year 8 Hagg Farm Information Evening 18:00 - 18:30
5th	Year 8 Hagg Farm Information Evening 18:00 - 18:30

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

A Night at the Theatre

Over 70 students took part in the Performing Arts showcase at Alderman White, 'A Night at the Theatre'. From stunning vocal performances to spectacular dance acts and brilliantly acted scenes from Macbeth, this was an evening's entertainment which had a very broad appeal. Special thanks go to all the students who directed and choreographed the various acts as well as to Mrs Armitage-Giles for masterminding the evening and to Mr Armitage-Giles and Lewis Viaene for their technical expertise.

Mr K Stephan



Girls Active Conference

This week Alderman White and Bramcote College GLAMS attended the first Girls Active conference at Eastwood Hall Hotel. The conference involved the girls working with athlete mentor Jade Windley to explore the reasons why girls need to be more active. The girls attended workshops involving their role as leaders and positive role models in school, and how they can motivate other girls to increase their participation in sport and exercise.

In the afternoon the girls experienced workshops in Zumba, Drumba, Yoga and Boxercise as alternative activities which may be introduced into our schools.

Miss G King



Bramcote College PTA

Congratulations to the BC PTA and Mrs Crouch and the Student Leaders who raised £370 at the Christmas disco for Years 7 and 8. It was a great event with lots of dancing, games and a fabulous DJ. Students enjoyed 90s retro face paints, party games and the amazing chocolate tombola.



BC PTA's next big event is Bramcote's Got Talent on Thursday 5th March.

If you've got any unwanted Christmas smells or presents that you would like to donate to the tombola for that evening, they would be gratefully received (please drop donations off at reception).

Thanks to the PTA for all of their hard work and supporting BC students through a range of events all year round.

Miss J Cooper



THURSDAY 5TH MARCH
SHOW STARTS AT 7:00PM

AN EVENING OF FUN AND ENTERTAINMENT
TOMBOLA ☆ REFRESHMENTS
£2 ADULTS ☆ UNDER 18'S FREE



Auditions for AW Spring Production - 'No Strings'

Auditions for this term's musical production, 'No Strings' take place on Monday 20th January at 6.00 pm in the AW Hall. Geoff Liptrot will once again be directing this fast-moving show with Cameron Wedgeworth and the live band ensuring that there will be plenty of musical highlights. Actors, comedians, singers, dancers, 'newbies and old-hands' - all welcome. We are also inviting Year 5 & 6 pupils from local primary schools to a separate audition on Tuesday at 6pm.



"No Strings"

The AW Spring 2020 Production

*A Show full of Comedy,
Music & Dance*

Auditions: Monday 20th January 6.00 – 7.15 pm
AW Hall

See Mr Stephan or Reception for a letter

Mr K Stephan

Subject Specialists

This week we held our annual Subject Specialists events at both schools. This is where the students in Year 9 get to hear the students-eye view of what subjects are like in Key Stage 4 to help them with making their decisions about their GCSE curriculum. These are always great events with Key Stage 4 students being the 'experts' on their subjects. We have a couple of students representing each of the 'specialism' subjects. They come ready with work and information such as what they learn about, what the exams are like and what a typical lesson is like. It's great to see these committed students talking so animatedly about their subjects. The Year 9s can be a bit baffled by the event at the start, and perhaps feel a bit reticent, but they soon get the hang of it: it's rather like 'speed dating' with students staying with a subject for five minutes until my timer goes off and I ask them all to move on to another subject. They were all engaged and took home lots of notes to help them remember what they had found out. Let's hope they all make sound, well-informed decisions when the process is complete.



Ms C Welch

Sport at Alderman White

The Year 8 Handball teams from Alderman White travelled to Hall Park Academy to play in the Broxtowe tournament this week. Despite not having a lot of experience in the game, spirits were high and they were confident of a successful tournament. Playing on a round robin competition against Hall Park the A team made it through to the 3rd and 4th play off whilst the B team made it through to play for 1st place. The A team were just defeated by Hall Park B 2-1 whilst the B team ran convincing winners against Hall Park A, 5-2. Due to this success more games are being arranged.

Another first this week was the first ever rugby fixture for some of Year 8 and Year 7, also against Hall Park. Playing on a full pitch against a physical Year 8 team saw the Alderman White team show some excellent perseverance and eventual success. The game ebbed and flowed with Hall Park taking an early 2 converted try lead. Alderman White then came back strongly, scoring twice. Only to concede again. In the 2nd half the more physical Hall Park team started to tire, and the speed and agility of the Alderman White team started to shine. Three unanswered tries put the game very close. A final converted try saw Alderman White lead for the first time and they held on to the lead, winning 37 - 33. An excellent game played by both teams and a rematch is on the cards.



Mr R Bateman

Exam Invigilators Wanted

Are you interested in becoming an Examination Invigilator for The White Hills Park Trust?

We are seeking to recruit new Exam Invigilators to work with the existing team in the running of all internal examinations at our schools during our main exam season in May and June.

The post would be ideally suited to applicants who feel a sense of responsibility for today's young people and who are able to work flexible daytime hours. Full training will be provided and working hours will be negotiated for each exam period.

The role may include scribing or reading for students who have qualified for access arrangements because of special educational needs and disabilities. Training will be provided.

Interested? We would love to hear from you, visits prior to application/interview are welcome.

For more information and an application form, please see our website: a.whptrust.org/jobs.

If you'd like to discuss anything, or if you wish to make arrangements to visit the premises, please feel free to get in touch:

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