

## **Feedback from Parents**

You will recall that at the end of last term, we invited parents to take part in our parent survey. Thank you so much for those who took the time to do so, your feedback is extremely valuable. We had 160 responses, split roughly equally between the schools. We have collected the results by school and will make them available via individual schools. I would encourage you to take the time to look at them in detail. Although there is a great deal of consistency, the leadership teams from both schools will be carrying out their own analysis and responses.

Across the Trust there were some key patterns that I can share with you. Firstly, we are very pleased that the vast majority of respondents are extremely pleased with the performance of our schools, with an average positive response rate close to 90%. Areas in which parents were particularly complimentary included whether their child was happy and safe in school, the quality of extra-curricular activity and the range of subjects studied. There were also very positive responses to questions about behaviour, progress, communication and personal development. A large majority of parents reported that their child had not been bullied, but on the occasions where this had happened, most parents consider that the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively.

Whilst a high positive response rate is good news for us, we are also conscious that until it reaches 100% then there are some parents who have concerns, and so we will try and respond to those concerns. To that end, the comments made at the end of the survey are particularly valuable. Although they are anonymous, they give us some idea of where parents think we are performing particularly well, but also how we can improve. Please be assured that feedback from parents is a crucial part of the information we use to plan our next steps.

Obviously, this is only one way that we find out your views and suggestions. The Parents Forum at both schools is invaluable and we are always happy to hear from you via email or phone if there is something you wish to discuss. We know that a true partnership between home and school is among the most important factors in your child's success.

Good communication is a two-way process, of course. We try and make sure that our communication with you is prompt, helpful and detailed. As well as our weekly Newsletter, letters from the school and school/Trust websites, we use social media to give regular information about school activities - links can be found on our websites. We also encourage parents to visit your child's Go4Schools page to see information about progress, homework, behaviour and attendance, as well as the most recent annual reports.

> Paul Heery Executive Principal

## **Dates for your Diary**

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February	TRUST AWS BC BC6F
13th - 25th	German Exchange Trip
17th - 21st	Half Term Break
24th	Schools Reopen
27th	Year 10 Parents' Evening 16:00 - 18:30
28th	What Career/University Live NEC, Birmingham
March	
2nd	Go4Set Engineering Project Launch
2nd - 6th	Year 7 Easter Experience Workshops
2nd - 12th	Year 11 Mock Exams
2nd - 13th	Year 10 Mock Exams
4th - 7th	Year 8 Hagg Farm Residential
5th	Bramcote's Got Talent 19:00
9th	National Apprentice Roadshow Milton Keynes
9th	Inspiring Women Conference
9th	Y7 Brilliant Book Award Team Event
10th	Information Evening for April Paris Trip Alderman White School 18:30 - 19:30
11th	Year 8 Reports Published

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





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# Advertising Opportunity - Bramcote College Production

This year we are hoping to promote local businesses in both our programme and a presentation which will be displayed prior to the Wizard Of Oz show and during the interval. This has a potential reach of 500 people if we sell the majority of our tickets. Proceeds will directly fund the show through set design, band equipment etc - Our students need your support!

If you have a business you would like to advertise for £25 please email: <u>kate.marriott@whptrust.org</u> for more details.

#### **Miss K Marriott**

### **German Exchange Update**

Students from both Alderman White and Bramcote College are currently spending 12 days in Germany on the annual exchange.

Today has been their first day in the German school.

Mr K Stephan



## Say No to Hate

Bramcote College Year 9s have been undertaking work with thirty eight other schools to help eradicate hate in our society and help build a stronger Britain. A video, filmed at The National Holocaust Centre and Museum, has been produced alongside other work, and can be viewed here: <u>youtu.be/z06Mud83u-l</u>.

Our Ethos and application of our INSPIRE values alongside the British Values defined by the Government can be found on our <u>website</u>

#### Mr D Ramsden



### Sport

### Sports Leaders

On Monday, Alderman White hosted the second District Sports Leadership Training workshop. Year 9 sports leaders from Alderman White joined visitors from George Spencer, Bramcote College and Chilwell to participate in the training, which was delivered by Broxtowe Active Schools. The leaders built on their skills developed previously in the year, by planning and delivering sessions with an emphasis on time management and engagement. Ultimately they will be planning, organising and delivering a Summer Celebration event where they will need to work as a team, putting their newly acquired skills into practice.

Thank you to BAS for delivering the workshop.

#### Handball

Following the success of winning the District Handball tournament, the Alderman White U13 boys squad went to David Ross Sports Village at The University of Nottingham to represent Broxtowe in the Nottinghamshire Winter Games.

Their first game, against Ashfield, immediately displayed some fast paced passing and movement around the area. A couple of near misses from our forwards left us wanting more only to be disappointed after 3 minutes of play, when our opponents scored in the top corner from a powerful shot. 5 minutes later, they scored again. Overall, this game would have been an even performance had it not been for those 2 powerful Ashfield shots, which were the only thing separating the sides.



Our 2nd meet was Carlton Academy. With much of the same fast paced action, our boys had got the hang of passing wide to draw out the defence then whip it in centrally to attack the middle ground. Again we just lacked that ultimate power behind the shot on target. In the last seconds of the game Nick Gardiner scored a cracking equaliser. Final score 1-1.

The final game of the group was against Outwood in Worksop. In the first minute we had 2 cracking shots on target, but the keeper did well to deny us. Outwood caught us on the break and went ahead. Our hard work and perseverance paid off though by an outstanding save by keeper Joe Allen, with the equaliser coming from Jake Willoughby Feasey. Final Score 2-2

As we narrowly missed out on qualifying for the 1st-4th place fixtures, we went on to compete for 5th out of a further 4 Districts. Beating a rather rough playing Mansfield District we went on to play Carlton for the second time that day for 5th/6th place. A high octane match and 100% grit and determination from our boys, meant that we came out victorious and went home in 5th place. It was a fantastic achievement for our lads to reach the Winter Games, and we all went home happy having taken 5th place.

### Mrs A Kilbane

# **Duke of Edinburgh's Award Fundraising Event**

As part of their Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award students have to spend six months on their volunteering section. Alice Bauder and Hema Atwal are completing their volunteering section by fundraising for additional equipment and the cost of hiring a mini bus . Due to the increased numbers this year for the award we will require an additional mini bus to transport students to and from their qualifying expedition. With this is mind, Hema and Alice, pictured alongside Ava Waring, and other silver participants have been running fund raising events each month. This Wednesday at break time they ran a 'Name the Valentine bear', how many sweets in a jar, as well as making chocolate dipped fruit skewers to sell to students.

A big thankyou to everyone who donated sweets and Sainsbury's for their kind donation of fruit and chocolate.

Saturday 7th March we are bag packing at Sainsbury's, Castle Marina, from 10am until 2pm. If you are shopping in Sainsbury's please come along and support our fundraising event

Miss A McLoughlin **Mrs S Orchard-Robson** 





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