



Newsletter

The White Hills Park Trust

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Gaming and Off-Rolling

For most parents, Ofsted inspection reports are not at the forefront of their minds when choosing a school and their judgements about a school will be based much more on their own experience of the school than a report by inspectors. This is even more the case when it is a few years since the last inspection took place. Alderman White and Bramcote College were both inspected in Spring 2017, within a few weeks of each other. Both were judged Good, and we are confident that as a result of the progress both schools have made since then, we can expect at least the same judgement when we are next inspected.

You may be aware, especially if you work in the field of education, that at the start of the school year, Ofsted introduced a new framework to guide the way that they inspect schools. The framework is a statutory document which is updated regularly, normally every three years, and there are always new things for schools to absorb and respond to. The current framework probably represented the biggest change since Ofsted came into being. The headline changes included a greatly increased focus on curriculum, a lack of emphasis on raw student achievement data, and a focus on teacher workload. The changes in curriculum alone have encouraged a fundamental reappraisal of the purposes and structure of the curriculum in many schools.

Another change that has received a lot of attention is the focus in the new framework on the practices of 'gaming' and 'off-rolling'. Although it is a minority of schools that are guilty of these practices, when they occur, they can be damaging for students. Gaming is where students are entered for courses that are not in their educational best interests, in order to boost the school's league table results. For example, there have been occasions highlighted where all students in the school were entered for a qualification that is clearly targeted at a particular group, such as English as an additional language.

Off-rolling is defined by Ofsted as the practice of removing a pupil from the school roll where this is primarily in the interests of the school, not the pupil. There are a number of ways that this can happen, including encouraging a parent to remove their child, or using an alternative provider to register the child, thereby removing them from the school roll. This may be done to boost the school's results, or to avoid the expense and bureaucracy of an exclusion.

In our Trust, our philosophy is very clear. We strive at all times to maintain the highest ethical standards and always act in our students' best interests. Our schools serve the whole of their local community, and are inclusive and welcoming. We make sure that our curriculum is broad enough to serve the needs of all students and we have a continuum of provision available for students who find it more difficult to access mainstream classes all the time. I am very pleased that the new Ofsted framework has identified and challenged practices that are working against student interests. The vision for our schools is about so much more than chasing an inspection grade, and we will never do anything that is not in your children's interests in order to please Ofsted or gain an advantage in school league tables.

Paul Heery
Chief Executive Officer

Dates for your Diary

March	TRUST	AWS	BC	BC6F
2nd - 13th	Year 11 Mock Exams			
2nd - 13th	Year 10 Mock Exams			
4th - 7th	Year 8 Hagg Farm Residential			
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			
11th	BBC Young Reporter Event			
11th	Project Trust Event			
12th	CANCELLED PTA Fashion Show			
12th	Year 11 Parents' Evening			
13th	Y12 & 13 IT Masterclass Breeze IT - Colwick 09:00 - 13:00			
14th	Rehearsals for School Production, 'No Strings'			
14th	Visit to Halle Orchestra Concert			
15th	All-day rehearsal - School Production, 'No Strings'			
16th	Y8 Careers Visit Veolia MRF Centre, Mansfield 09:00 - 13:00			
17th	Y7 Brilliant Book Award Interschool Quiz The Becket School 09:00 - 12:50			
18th	BC & BC6F DofE Expedition Information Evening Bramcote College Bronze Award (Y9): 6pm Silver (Y10) / Gold (Y12): 7pm			

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

Meet Nellie, Bramcote College's Wellbeing Dog

Meet Nellie. Nellie has been 'on probation', visiting school one day a week since January. She is Mrs Gale's Irish Red Setter puppy and is currently undergoing The Pet's Trust Puppy training, with a view to certifying over the next few years as a Therapy Dog. She seems very well suited to the school environment and is proving a real hit with staff and students alike. She is fully insured and vaccinated and has also been risk-assessed. She is always on a lead (unless she is in a confined area or in a staff office) and supervised by an adult. Sixth formers can take care of Nellie without additional supervision. Nellie has spent most of her time with school staff and has gradually been introduced to working with small groups of students. One of these is Lilia in Year 7, who has written a small article about Nellie.



Please be assured that no children will be 'made' to work with Nellie although we would hope that many would see the benefits of having a school dog. If you have any concerns about allergies or contact with the dog, please contact Mrs Gale. The risk assessment document will be available on the school website.

Nellie was also successful in gaining a role in the Wizard of Oz... she will be the biggest Toto anyone has ever seen, and we are slightly nervous of how she will 'perform' in her first school production!

Mrs H Gale

I have been visiting Nellie - Mrs Gale's dog, every Thursday for the past few weeks to help socialise her. Nellie is a very well-behaved dog, although she can sometimes get a bit excited!!! Even though she is still a puppy, she is really calm and I think she will be a great dog for school. I have really enjoyed spending time with Nellie and trying to teach her some new tricks and am looking forward to seeing her again soon.

Lilia, Year 7

Sports

Dodge, duck, dip, dive, and dodge. On Wednesday the 4th of March, five Alderman White students went to Kimberley School to take part in an inclusive sports festival.

When they arrived they were split into teams and the events were explained to them. They took part in several different events such as dodgeball, curling and basketball. They were very excited about taking part in the curling event as it was something new.

They were competing against Kimberley School and George Spencer. The girls started with dodgeball and the boys started with basketball. The girls managed to win their match. The boys then moved onto curling and managed to beat both George Spencer and Kimberley School.

They all had a great time and were a credit to the school.

Mr B Parker

The Alderman White Haven Football team played in extreme weather last Friday at the Forest Sports zone. Despite the weather being very wet the team played some excellent football, drawing 3 games and losing one. The team made up of Marshall, Georgia, Ben W, Harleigh D, Kenzo D, Matilda and Eve S were a great credit to the school and the Haven.

The Year 7 Football team played in the 3rd round of the South Notts cup this week away at Carlton Academy. Playing on an excellent 4G pitch both teams were able to play some excellent football. Alderman White took an early lead with a close range effort from Sam S, Carlton replied with 2 quick goals. Losing 2-1 at half time, the AW team started the 2nd half playing some quick passing football which allowed them to equalise through Fin who then scored a tremendous free kick. Still playing a high tempo Will B fired in a 4th. The tempo started to affect the team who were without any fit subs due to injury. Carlton then scored a break away goal and scrambled a 4th to take the game into extra time. Unfortunately it was Carlton who pinched a late winner in extra time to go through 5-4. A great game played by the excellent teams.

Mr R Bateman

This week Bramcote College sports leaders have been involved with leading a primary schools orienteering competition in collaboration with Rushcliffe Orienteering Club and Broxtowe Active Schools. The event was held on Bramcote Park fields and involved over 150 children from our primary feeder schools. The primary children participating had to find different points plotted around the field, mark them off and then run to a check point to be marked off. A very successful event in sub zero conditions. Well done to those involved.

Miss G King

International Women's Day at Experian

A group of Year 9 girls from Alderman White celebrated International Women's Day early on Thursday with a trip to Experian's base at Ruddington. The event was to celebrate the role of women alongside promoting STEM careers and finding out more about working at Experian.

The day started with an introduction by Gemma to Experian and the building with lots of facts and figures about what they do. A big feature of this was about the processing of and security of the data they hold as Ruddington is one of their big data centres. On the way in we noticed the big retractable barriers for entering and leaving the car park. We were told that these were 'tank proof' and that the walls were 'bomb proof', such is the value of the data they hold.

Our facilitators for the day then introduced themselves and told us about their career journeys and their roles within Experian. All the girls were encouraged to ask the facilitators questions during the day as well. This was followed by a quiz to see what they had taken in from the initial presentation! Well done to Rhinos, the winning team!

The rest of the morning was spent working with some fantastic kit - LEGO robots. Emily did a training session about the elements of the kit and how to programme the commands and the girls then had time to be creative and write a programme for their robot. Each team then demonstrated what their robot could do - the winning team was a robot who could do the 'Cha Cha Slide' with singing. Amazing! Thanks to the Derbyshire Education Business Partnership for lending Experian the kit.

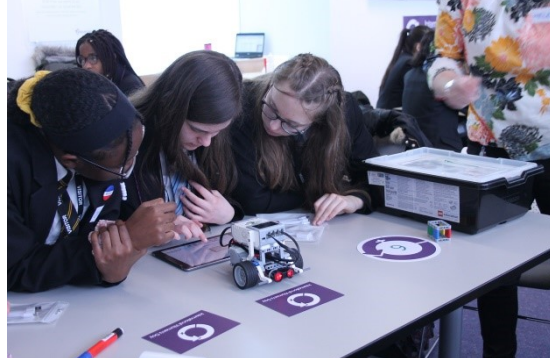
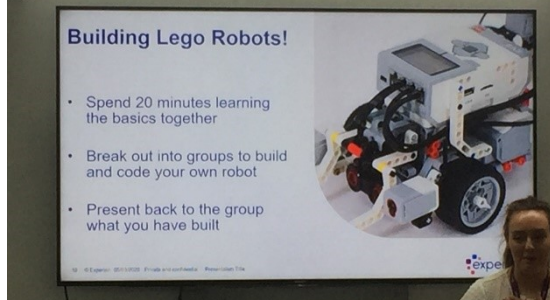
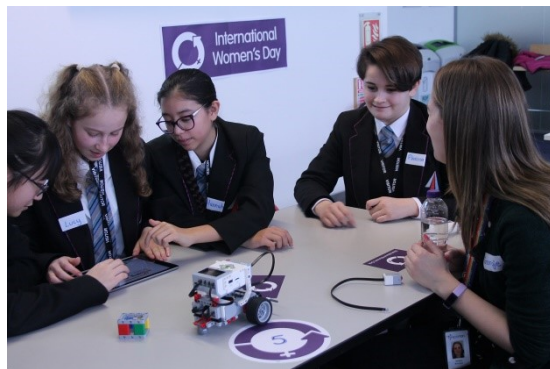
After lunch the girls continued working in teams. The first task was completing a timeline of women in history during the last 120 years. I think some of the events really took them by surprise - they certainly had women being allowed on the floor of the stock exchange much earlier than 1973! The final team activity was designed to get the girls thinking more about some of the job roles within Experian. They had a card sort with job titles, explanations of job roles and photos of women who do those roles, most of whom they had met earlier in the day. I have to say this was a very hard task with a lot of discussion. I know I got myself in to trouble with one group by steering them in the wrong direction! However, the activity was more about getting the girls to think about those roles within Experian than getting the answers right (that's my defence and I'm sticking to it!!).

Our day concluded with a tour of the data halls tucked away behind metre thick walls. The girls were amazed by the value of the data Experian hold and the speed with which transactions happen. They were also impressed with the storage capacity which Cain, our guide, compared to iPads. We also saw the 'mainframe' which Ellie had heard of through watching spy movies! However, their favourite part of the tour was going in to the 'cold' area.

On returning to school there was a general consensus that they best part of the day had been working with the robots as it was fun to get 'hands on' and creative with technology.

We would like to say a massive thank you to Gemma, Sarah, Georgie, Helen, Aimee, Claire, Caz, Alpa, Emily and Miranda for taking the time to plan and deliver this fantastic day for us. (I hope I haven't forgotten anyone.) Thanks also to Mr Young for organising the trip.

Ms C Welch



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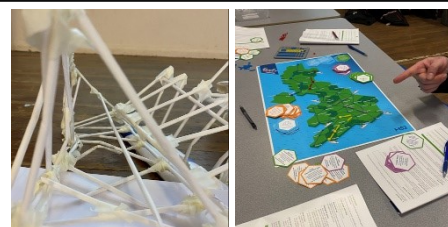
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Year 8 STEM event at Bramcote College

Year 8s had a fantastic day on Thursday thinking creatively about engineering for transport networks, specifically designing bridges and tunnels and looking at their structural integrity and design aesthetic.

Well done Year 8 and thanks to Miss Barnett for organising it.

Miss J Cooper



Bramcote really does have Talent

Performers gathered on Thursday evening to share the wealth of their talents at the Bramcote College PTA and school event where friends and family enjoyed performances from students in Years 7 to 12 including singing, dancing, boom whacking, cup percussion and trying not to blow up the amplifiers! The standard of performance was fabulous and we are very proud of our talented youngsters at BC. Thanks to the BC PTA, Owen and Dean, Mrs Franklin, Mrs Colley, Miss Heydon, Mr Stephan and so many more colleagues, parents and students - must stop now, otherwise it will sound like an Oscars speech!

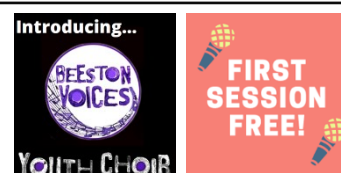
Miss J Cooper



Beeston Voices Youth Choir

Aged 9-12? Love singing?

Beeston Voices Youth Choir meet every Tuesday in term time, 4:30pm - 5:30pm, at John Clifford Primary School. For more information or to register your interest, visit bvyc.org.uk or call Becky Howes on 07342853150. Only £3 per session, and the first is Free!



Bramcote College PTA Easter Egg Tombola



Alderman White School Production



Sutton Scholars in Year 8 go to Sutton Bonnington Campus

The Bramcote College Year 8s on the Sutton Scholars scheme had a fantastic day out at the University of Nottingham's Sutton Bonnington Campus at the end of last week. Students toured the campus and had a chance to explore the veterinary facilities, including working on the University's favourite canine dummy to get some hands on veterinary experience. Well done Year 8 and Miss Gulshan.

Miss J Cooper



Vacancies

There are currently a number of vacancies within the Trust. Please see whptrust.org/vacancies for more information.

Alternative Provision & Outdoor Learning Leader - Bramcote College - Closing Date: 10am Thursday 19th March

Teacher of Maths - Alderman White School - Closing Date: 10am Wednesday 18th March

Teacher of RE (Maternity Cover) - Alderman White School - Closing Date: 10am Wednesday 18th March

Teacher of Social Science/Psychology (Maternity Cover) - Bramcote College - Closing Date: 10am Thursday 19th March

Revision has begun in a big way at Bramcote College

Year 11 students and their parents / carers have received this week the first weekly 'how to survive exams' advice email. Every week a new email will be sent out with handy hints and tips for revision methods, as well as advice on mindfulness and staying well throughout the exam period. We are also holding an exam advice evening for parents on March 19th - we look forward to seeing you there!

Miss J Cooper

Exam Success Evening March 19th 18:00-19:30
at Bramcote College


You are invited to choose from a range of 15minute workshops offering advice and ideas to help your child to succeed in their exams, including sessions on:


- ✓ Maths
- ✓ English
- ✓ Science

GCSE revision advice


- ✓ Great ways to revise anything
- ✓ Independent & effective revision
- ✓ SEND friendly revision
- ✓ Mindfulness
- ✓ Nutrition & exercise
- ✓ Preparing for A Levels and beyond

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GCSE Thought For The Week




A lovely calm thing to look at to relax you.

For each subject you should have a 'to do' list – colour code your lists ... **Green = Happy**, **Yellow = needs some work**, **Red = I have no idea** ... that way you know what to revise first ... get confident with the red parts ... and mix in some yellow & green if you're running out of energy.

10
weeks to go until the exams start

17
weeks to go until the exams FINISH !!!

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