



Newsletter

The White Hills Park Trust

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Coronavirus (COVID-19): Preparing for all eventualities

In many years of teaching, this has been one of the most unusual weeks I can remember. Although we are still unsure what is likely to happen in the coming days, schools have been advised to stay open, unless they are given specific advice to close. However, it's clear that we are still at the early stages of the crisis – the impact of coronavirus may lead to school closures and the disruption of many of our normal ways of working. We are updating our website advice as the situation develops and will contact you as soon as we know of any changes. The current Public Health England advice is that you should stay at home for 7 days if you have either a high temperature or a new continuous cough., and our policy is that this should extend to more general cold or flu symptoms. Students, staff, parents and members of the community should also not come to the school site if they know or believe that they may have coronavirus (COVID-19), have been a close contact of someone with a diagnosis or symptoms of COVID-19.

As you would expect, we have been preparing in detail for all eventualities. This includes making sure we have materials available for students to access from home and giving particular consideration to students in Year 11 and Year 13 who are approaching exams. We will also look at events, trips and activities that are taking place and make a decision in line with the expert advice. We have been considering how we may manage if we have reduced student attendance or absences from key staff, and we are continuing to protect the school environment through enhanced and targeted cleaning. We will communicate with you in a timely and detailed manner.

Everything we have heard about coronavirus tells us that healthy young people are the least likely to be affected. The majority will experience mild symptoms and will make a rapid recovery. However, this does not mean that we can expect to be immune from the effect of the outbreak – not only do we have members of the school community who are in more vulnerable groups, but we all know that our students are in contact with elderly relatives and others in the local community, and so we have a duty to ensure that we limit the spread of the virus as much as possible.

Our Inspire values are the bedrock of the schools in the White Hills Park Trust. They describe the things that are most important to us, the things about which we remain steadfast, even when we are challenged and times are difficult. One of our key values is that of Responsibility. We expect all of our students to understand their own individual responsibility in the measures taken to fight the spread of disease. That includes following sensible hand-washing advice, using tissues and so on. It also includes taking more responsibility at home if family members are unwell, coping with changes in routines and responding with maturity to advice and requests.

Another of our Inspire Values is Nurture – the way we show care and compassion for others. Students might show this by keeping an eye out for friends who are worried or anxious, by helping elderly relatives and neighbours who are isolated at home, or by showing kindness and care in their local community, for example by donating to food banks. It is a truism that difficult moments often bring out the best in communities, and I know our students will rise to the challenges that face them.

I'd like to end by offering my best wishes for your continuing good health.

Paul Heery
Chief Executive Officer

Dates for your Diary

March	TRUST	AWS	BC	BC6F
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			
19th 20th 21st	Alderman White School Production: 'No Strings' 19:00 - 21:30			

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





Quarter finals of the Cup

On Tuesday the 10th of March a Year 9 team with a few Year 8 players went up against Newark Academy in the quarter finals of the cup.

We went into the game ready for a challenge but were optimistic of the result. We started the game with vigour and determination and put them under a great deal of pressure. The back three were cleaning up any chances and gave our goalkeeper very little to do. Eventually the pressure paid off and we had a shot on goal that was saved but fumbled over the line. We were 1-0 up. We continued to play well but we were unable to add more to the tally. We knew the second half was going to be tough as we would be playing up hill against the wind. Half time 1-0.

We started the second half well but we were struggling to contain them. Some great clearances from the defence and a couple of amazing saves kept us in the game. However, they caught us on the break and levelled the score. Our heads didn't go down and we continued to try to get the lead. A great clearance from the defence set up our forward who slotted the ball past the keeper. We were 2-1 up.

Our players were getting tired and we had a couple of knocks and injuries that left TJ upfront by himself. Then another player went down and we were down to 10 men. Newark capitalised upon this and brought the score back to 2-2. We kept pushing but they took the lead and went up 3-2 then 4-2. We pulled one back to 4-3 but they piled on the pressure and we conceded another to make the final score 5-3.

The students represented the school with maturity and were a credit to the school. They worked really hard in this competition and did well to reach the quarter final. We are not going to settle for anything less than the finals next year. Well done boys.

Mr B Parker

Its been a busy couple of weeks of Football fixtures at Bramcote College.



The Year 9 girls eventually completed their County Cup Quarter Final vs Becket after various postponements due to the weather. In a fairly even battle, the girls put in a resilient performance in tough conditions. Bramcote dominated the early exchanges with plenty of possession, however their promising build up play was broken up time and time again by a strong Becket defence.

With both defences seeming impenetrable, it was clear this wasn't going to be a goal fest. Just before half time Becket scored the first goal of the game as their striker scored from a well worked corner.

The second half was frustrating for Bramcote as time and time again the Becket defence and goalkeeper stood strong despite Grace and Beth both having half chances. With time running out Bramcote went for a more attacking formation to take the game to extra-time, however time ran out with the final result being 1-0 to Becket. Well done to all the girls involved including two players from Year 7 who didn't look out of place.



The Sixth form football side faced cup favourites Toot Hill in the Quarter Final of their county cup at home. Bramcote, with a variety of players from Years 12 and 13 started well but in conditions bordering on unplayable found themselves unable to play their passing game. Toot Hill, with the gale force wind behind them pegged Bramcote back in their own half and with a speculative effort, wind assisted took the lead.

Bramcote didn't give in and almost immediately equalised as a ball flashed across the Toot Hill six yard box, unfortunately, Jack's contact was not enough to hit the back of the net.

In the second half the conditions deteriorated and to make matters worse a change in wind direction made it impossible for Bramcote to clear the ball well when under pressure. With much of the game being played in the Bramcote half it was hard to break out and despite a couple of half chances Bramcote couldn't find the equaliser, Toot Hill eventually scoring a second following a scramble after a corner. The game eventually finished 2-0.

Bramcote's final chances of landing any silverware this year lie with the Year 11 team as they look to face Minster at home in the coming weeks in the South Notts Cup Quarter Final.

Mr K Warner

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GCSE Thought For The Week



Snuggling sea otters

A lovely calm thing to look at to relax you.

Make sure they have got the **notes you need to revise**. Do you have notes on **case study facts**, **important events**. The best revision is **active revision**. Don't just read your notes, **do something** with them e.g. flash cards, mind maps. **Include practice exam questions to check** if you can **match what you know to how the questions are asked**. **quotes and facts?**

9

weeks to go until the exams start

16

weeks to go until the exams FINISH !!!

Alderman White supports Silly Sock Day!

Alderman White will be participating in the 3rd annual Silly Sock Day on Friday 3rd April 2020, to raise valuable funds for Autism East Midlands during Autism Awareness Week.

We are asking for 50p donations to wear your silliest socks on the day. There will also be a raffle at break and lunchtime with fantastic prizes to be won.

Please bring money to participate and please consider donating Easter Eggs to our raffle which will be gratefully received!

Mrs S Neal

Bramcote College School Production



Bramcote College PTA Easter Egg Tombola



Alderman White School Production



Travel & Tourism Trip to Nottingham

The Year 11 Travel & Tourism group from Bramcote College went to visit tourist attractions in Nottingham and has a brilliant time! Well worth a visit for anyone. The group researched what is on offer in Nottingham and how important customer service is to any business.



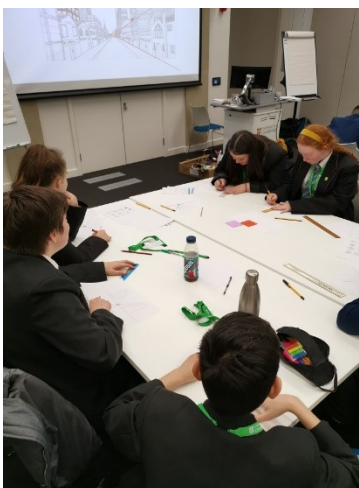
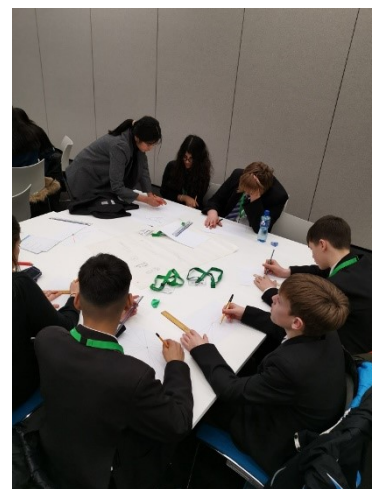
From interactive activities, scary prison wardens, prisoners, and exploring caves under the busy city above, the trip proved perfect for gathering information and experiencing Nottingham in a different way.

Mrs S Cotterill

Alderman White and Bramcote College Year 9 Sutton Scholars visit to Cambridge University.

On Tuesday 10th March, some of our Year 9 students involved in the 'Sutton Scholars' program had an insight into life at Cambridge University.

We were greeted by the 'Cambassadors', current Cambridge students who gave our pupils a fantastic insight to this small city. We learned that they are not allowed to work while they are at university as they believe study is important, and they talked to us about the many bicycles that can be seen on the streets and about the fantastic architecture that dates back to 1209.



This also involved a question and answer session with the cambassadors, before our pupils not only had a tour of one of the colleges within the University but also enjoyed a seminar from a PhD student studying Architecture, learning how to draw using different types of perspective.

Well done to everyone involved for making the trip a fantastic and successful experience.

Mr D Ramsden and Ms A McLoughlin