



Newsletter

The White Hills Park Trust

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Welcome to the Summer Term

Firstly, welcome back to the new term. I hope that you are well. Although the Easter holiday was not like any that we can remember, we are still trying to maintain the rhythm of our school terms. Our focus this half term would very much be on preparing Year 11 and Year 13 students for the exam season, and obviously this term will be very different. However, we will still work very closely with all of the students to make sure they have an appropriate good-quality destination for next year, whether that is a university, an apprenticeship, a place at Bramcote College 6th Form or another provider, or another suitable education or training place.

For all other year groups, school continues, albeit in a very different format than the one we're used to. Teachers are working hard to make sure that the lessons they are planning for students are suitable to be completed at home and fit in well with the scheme of work. Whenever we do return to school, our intention is to make sure that we can pick up with as little interruption to learning as possible, so it is important that students are carrying out the lessons as diligently as they can, just as if they were attending school in person.

You may have seen news items about educational resources, including online lessons - for example those provided by BBC Bitesize, or Oak Academy. This is just a small selection of the huge volume of online resources for learning available - websites with downloadable resources, youtube channels, social media learning groups and so on. Whilst they can offer some engaging and valuable materials, particularly if your child has a particular area of interest, we would encourage you to focus first of all on the materials provided by our schools, which have been chosen by the teachers who know your children and the place they are in their learning journey.

We do of course recognise that these are not normal times, and if there is any additional support that you need, please let us know. For example, if you are finding either that there is not enough to do, or that there is so much that it is difficult to manage, then we may be able to offer some advice or point you to some additional resources. If you are struggling with access to technology or learning resources, we may be able to help, and in particular if you or your children are feeling overwhelmed or unable to cope, then please contact us and we will do what we can.

Finally, we are also conscious that there is much media speculation about the date for a potential re-opening of schools. Our position is clear - we want our schools to be open for students, and for normal life to be resumed, just as soon as it is safe to do so for students, staff and the wider community. We will follow guidance but our first priority is the safety and wellbeing of our school community. In the meantime, we will do everything we can to make sure that learning continues and that we are well-planned for every eventuality,

Stay safe,

Paul Heery
Chief Executive Officer

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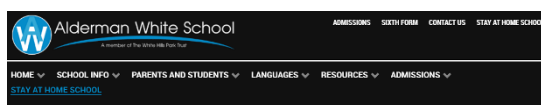
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Alderman White Stay at Home School

Please see the menu to the right (at the bottom on a phone) for useful links, resources and communications from school.

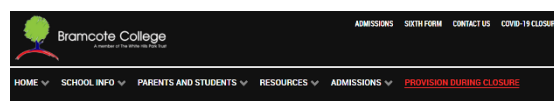
From Monday 23rd March until further notice, the school site will be closed at the direction of the government, as a key part of the social distancing strategy to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

Please DO NOT arrive at the site unless by prior arrangement as you will not be allowed on site. If you need to make contact with school, email the school office on white@whpttrust.org and we will reply by email or phone call.

This is a massive adjustment for us all to make very suddenly. We will now operate our Stay at Home School model until we are asked to reopen our site by the government. At the minute, there is no indication of the timescale for this, although the cancellation of exams implies that it is likely to extend into the summer term.

- Stay At Home School Info
- Home Learning Poster
- 5 Ways to Wellbeing at Home
- Supporting Children with Learning Difficulties
- Stay At Home School Diary
- Stay At Home School Diary - Instructions
- Accessing Your Files: OneDrive
- Accessing Go 4 Schools
- Using Google Classroom

[Bramcote College:
Information and
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Please see below for key information during this period of school closure.

Scroll down or use the links below to jump to a specific section:

- Contacting Us
- Keyworker Information
- Key Stage 3 Resources and Things to Do
- Key Stage 4 Resources and Things to Do
- Key Stage 5 Information
- Guides, Instructions and Resources
- Safeguarding
- Online Safety
- Letters and Communications to Parents

See our [Exams page](#) for information regarding the cancellation of examinations this summer.

Doing our bit to support the NHS and Care Workers

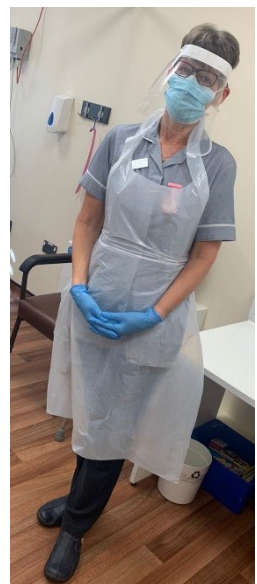
As you may have already seen on [Bramcote College's social media pages](#), Mr Ramsden and his lovely assistants have worked incredibly hard in school over Easter producing hundreds of PPE visors and delivering them to frontline workers at the QMC, City Hospital, and local care homes to help support the amazing work being done by NHS and Care staff.

We have been overwhelmed by the amazing support from the Bramcote College community, with a record number of likes and shares resulting in this story reaching over 20,000 people on Facebook alone!



Our brilliant Mr Ramsden has now spent two days making PPE visors for the amazing staff at the QMC ... thanks to his models for quality control too ... we're all doing our bit in the BC community ❤️❤️BC ... we're proud of you and proud to helping the NHS 🌈❤️

Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust



Melbourne Park Medical Centre in Aspley have kindly been in touch to send their thanks and to show the visors being used by their practice nurses and by Dr Harte, the clinical director of the BACHS Primary Care Network that covers the North West of the City, for assessing suspected coronavirus patients.

A huge thank you to Mr Ramsden from all of us at Bramcote College.

As Dr Harte said in an email to us: "Thank you for your sterling effort".

Miss J Cooper



Individual Careers Support during Lockdown

The schools may be closed, but we are still offering careers support to students. Luckily most of the individual meetings for Year 11s with a qualified careers advisor had already taken place before the schools closed. There was a bit of follow up work required and a few students were on the list to have a face to face meeting.

Fortunately I had run apprenticeships workshops with Year 13 a couple of weeks earlier but had not seen the Year 11s interested in apprenticeships as it was still a little early for vacancies that they could apply for appearing. Following the school closure, all Year 11s interested in the apprenticeship route have been sent a set of resources and support materials which will put them in a really good position for making successful applications once they have worked through them.

The Year 13s interested in the apprenticeship route are currently brushing up their CVs and working through the support materials. They will be submitting their CVs prior to individual remote meetings with our careers advisors from ideas4careers, Katherine and Zoe. They have been asked to think beforehand exactly what they would like support with so that these meetings can be as productive as possible for them.

We have also set up a specific email address for individual queries, monitored and responded to by relevant staff. (careershelp@whptrust.org). If Year 11 or Year 13 students have individual careers concerns they should be encouraged to seek support by using this email address. We may not be in school but we are still here to support our students.

Ms C Welch

Books Online

Every day, our students in years 7-10 read for 15 minutes after lunch. They should also be reading for 20 minutes in the evening. This is a great habit, and one that will help your children despite the school closure.

With libraries shut, it is more difficult to find books that your child will enjoy. Fortunately, many organisations have made books available online and free of charge:

For students reading at gold, silver and blue levels, free online books are available at: readon.myon.co.uk

For students who need more challenge, classic texts of British and American Literature are free to read or listen to online from the **US Library of Congress** at: read.gov/books

For students with younger children at home, the **BookTrust** has a daily updated website with a range of reading-based activities that your teenager can use to help you entertain the younger children – it's worth a try! booktrust.org.uk

Amazon are offering 3 months' free trial of **Audible** – their audio book company, but be aware that if you do not cancel, they will charge £7.99 per month after the initial offer ends.

For all students, keeping going with creative writing is really important – as well as being worth 25% of their English Language GCSE, **creative writing** supports students' mental well-being and encourages mindful escapes into other worlds. It will also help students to practise their handwriting, ready for when we no longer have to stay at home. pobble365.com has a new picture-based stimulus every day and easy-to-follow activities that also support grammar and technical accuracy skills.

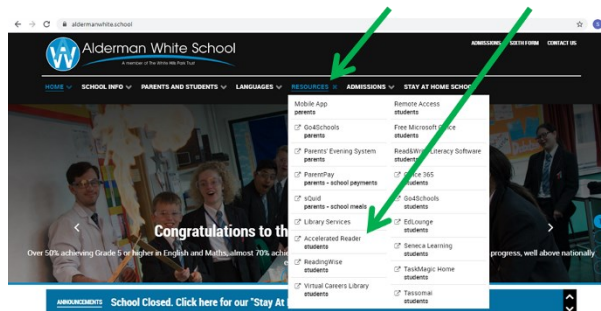
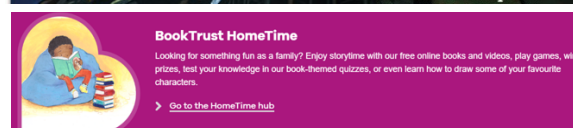
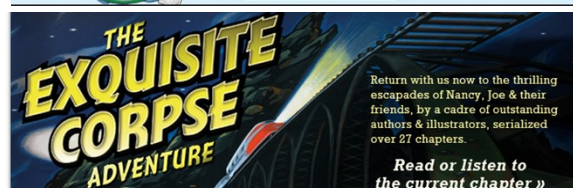
Accelerated Reader: Students can quiz on their reading via the school websites – Resources – Accelerated Reader. They will see the familiar log-in screen, and must use their school username. The password is their library-specific one. They type in the title of the book they have read in the usual way, and off they go!

Mrs S Gardiner

Chester Zoo Virtual Tours

Although they are closed, Chester Zoo are doing live tours of animals every Friday with thousands of online visitors.. You can find them on their [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/user/ChesterZoo) page or [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/ChesterZoo) page.

Miss C Leyland

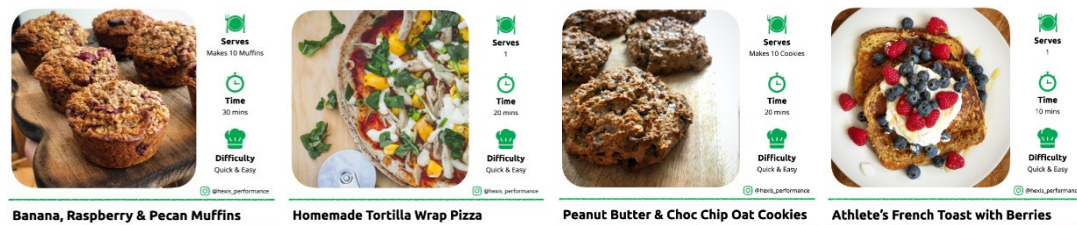


Recipes

Are you an athlete looking for some healthy recipes to try during lockdown?

You'll find some great options here:

[instagram.com/hexis_performance](https://www.instagram.com/hexis_performance)



Here are some high protein meals, as well as some oat based snacks, to help you fuel and recover from your quarantine workouts next week! twitter.com/thenutritionisr/status/1251934996945920000

Mr R Bateman

At Bramcote College we are very proud to be working closely with Hope Nottingham, and have put together some quick and easy recipes we have come up with which use a combination of fresh and tinned ingredients and other flavours you might have readily available in your cupboards.

Healthy and tasty meals which are easy to cook.

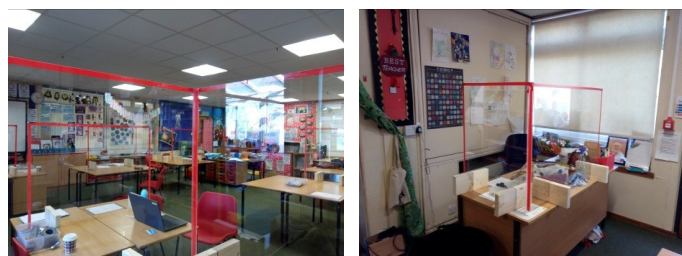
Available via our Facebook page, or website [here](#).

Miss J Cooper



Alderman White Supervision Room Screens

Based on the screens now appearing at supermarket checkouts, Mr Simkins, our DT Teacher, was asked if he had any ideas about how we could source some screens for our supervision room. Within 2 days he had produced a design, adapted his design based on the materials available, ordered and collected the things he needed and made these great acrylic screens for our supervision room, using all the equipment in our school workshop. Whilst they don't replace hand washing and social distancing, they are a good reminder for staff and students, and make it easier to move around the room safely. They can also easily be taken apart and moved which is a great design feature!



Mrs A Mellors

Alderman White Virtual Enrichment Gathers Momentum!

At time of writing there are now 28 videos on the **Alderman White YouTube channel**! Catch whole-cast performances from our productions of A Midsummer Night's Dream, Cabaret Country and Romeo & Juliet, exclusive tracks from the Swing Band CD, plus the **#StayAtHome Sessions**, loads of brilliant performances the students have recently recorded from home.

Still to come...

- ◇ The debut performance from our **#StayAtHome Choir** – AW staff and students have been recording themselves singing at home and soon we'll be able to hear them singing as a group (virtually, of course).
- ◇ The **#StayAtHome Swing Band**, where over 30 staff and students have joined forces to create an instrumental/vocal version of a very uplifting track.
- ◇ More **#StayAtHome Sessions** every week!

Don't miss out. Subscribe to our channel for all the content: [youtube.com/channel/UC1eGZTUdyhphiAjw9CNWGSg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1eGZTUdyhphiAjw9CNWGSg)

Mr C Wedgeworth

Alderman White Stay At Home School: Learning Diaries

When you have completed your Stay at Home Learning Diary, please upload it to your tutor via Google Classroom. Please do not upload them to your year group. If the upload doesn't work, you can alternatively email it to your tutor.

Mr P Foster

Trip Refunds

Whilst we endeavour to reschedule our school trips, we are now in a position to process refunds for the following activities:

Aberystwyth | **Alter Rock** | **Paris** (April and June) | **PGL** | **Alton Towers** (Bramcote College) | **Drayton Manor** (Bramcote College)

Please email finance@whptrust.org including information as below:

Email Subject line: Activities Refund
In body of email: Name of Student and Form
Trip(s)
Bank Account Name
Bank Account Number: xxxxxxxx (8-digit account number)
Bank Sort Code: xx-xx-xx

Thank you,

Mrs S Lightwing

Original Creative Writing

This amazing piece below was written by one of our students who is still coming into school. She is an avid reader and loves a thrilling read and this is the result of hours and hours of reading, a talent for creative writing, and a creative and dramatic imagination. Phew!

Miss J Cooper

The sky spat down angrily at me, the trees danced as the wind whistled a song of mockery. I ran but the rain was faster; it chased me through the woods. Branches snapped beneath my feet but I kept running, leaving them to die. The rain came down heavier now, pouring and pouring. There was no escape. Lightning lit up the sky, running faster through the rain than I could ever imagine. One second there, the next it was gone. Then bang. The rain was blurred and bitter, the taste of salty blood filled my mouth. The rain was different now, it was sympathetic and soft. I heard a scream for help, then realised that was my scream. The trees stood straight and still. The rain apologised and the lightning laughed. Everything was a blur. The world had stopped. The rain threw itself at me, attempting to comfort and help me. The thunder had been silenced, the rain had stopped, the trees stood still and I lay almost dead.

The lightning had won the race.

Year 9 Student, Bramcote College

Rainbows and Messages of Hope from Alderman White students

It has been great to see Alderman White students and families create and share rainbow messages of hope and support for NHS and keyworkers. A number of students including Martha and Esme painted their messages on pebbles which have been found in various locations around Beeston and Chilwell and re-hidden!



The messages of hope that many of our students created for people self-isolating at home or in our local community during the last week that school was open have now been laminated and distributed to various local community partners.

Well done and thank you to all the students involved in producing these – after 5 weeks of Stay at Home they are really going to cheer people up!

Mrs A Mellors

The Making of the Alderman White Staff Video Message

Over the holidays our partner school in Gütersloh shared a video message with us that the staff had made for their students. We loved it so much that we decided to have a go at doing one ourselves. Last week, Mr Stephan translated the Gütersloh message for us. Mrs Mellors wrote a similar one that linked to the start of term and our INSPIRE values, and asked staff if they would like to be involved. If they replied "yes please" they were sent a word, and the task of taking a photo of themselves with the word – pets and family members were allowed to join in too! The photos were sent back to Mrs Mellors and were saved in a folder – there were 78 photos all together to save in order with the correct label, so it took a bit of organisation! By Tuesday of this week the photos were ready to go. Mrs Mellors took a few attempts to record a selfie video to introduce it – as you will know if you have watched it to the end! Then Mr Wedgeworth put the video introduction, the photos and the Swing Band soundtrack that he had selected together to create the video – the musically minded may notice that the photo always changes on the first beat of the bar! There was just enough of Mr Bluesky left for Mr Wedgeworth to include a couple of outtakes too! We launched the video on our YouTube Channel and Facebook page at 8pm on Tuesday, and to date it has had over 1,600 views on YouTube and over 1,100 engagements on Facebook!



Thank you to the people who have thanked us on Facebook – you are right, we did enjoy making it, but the message is very important – we are still here for you and these days will pass.

If you want to see our inspiration, have a look here: [sg-guetersloh.de](https://www.sg-guetersloh.de). It is a great reminder that we are not alone and still part of a wider global community.

Mrs A Mellors

High Street Community Hub, Chilwell Road, Beeston

Are you, or is somebody you know, struggling to get food shopping during the Covid-19 outbreak? Broxtowe Labour Hub are delivering free food parcels of bread, milk, eggs, fresh fruit & vegetables and store cupboard basics to anyone in the Broxtowe area. To request delivery of a food parcel, contact the Hub team via Facebook Messenger [facebook.com/TheHighStreetHub/](https://www.facebook.com/TheHighStreetHub/), phone/text Jane on 07970070159 or Colette on 07735723432, or email: broxtowelabourhub@gmail.com. Although it is run by the local Labour Party, the Hub offers advice, support and friendship to all in the local community.



Mutual Aid Groups have also been set up across Broxtowe to support residents during this difficult time. The groups are up & running in Beeston, Chilwell & Attenborough, and Stapleford & Surrounding Areas. These groups may be of assistance to families who are perhaps self isolating and need assistance in collecting shopping or a prescription.

Beeston, Chilwell & Attenborough: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/262907364704981/>

Stapleford & Surrounding Areas: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1328370980685242/>

Broxtowe Labour High Street Hub