



Newsletter

The White Hills Park Trust

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Unfortunately, this edition of our Newsletter carries some sad news.

A couple of weeks ago, Kate Bates, who was one of our team of exam invigilators in school, as well as a parent and friend to our schools, died suddenly in tragic circumstances (not linked to coronavirus). Kate was the mother of three children, including past and present pupils. In her role as an exam invigilator she was a valued colleague and part of our team. She performed a vital and often undervalued role which benefitted so many of our students, and always did it with efficiency, kindness and skill.

As a parent, Kate gave support and encouragement to the work of our schools and was a regular and positive contributor to Parents' Forum, and supporter of school events.

Many of you will know Kate, and some of you will have known her very well. She was a warm, kind and generous member of our community, and all of our sympathy and best wishes goes out to her husband Adrian, her children, and all her family and friends.

In the unusual and difficult circumstances in which we all find ourselves at the moment, I know that it may not be possible to respond in the way we normally would to sad and upsetting news. I am also aware that the consequences of the current situation have begun to touch our school community more and more, and a number of families of our staff and students have suffered a bereavement, some directly or indirectly linked to Covid-19. I am conscious that the support we would now be putting in place for staff and students is not so easy to provide. In particular, we do not have the ability to spend some time together, sharing memories and comforting one another. However, the lack of physical proximity does not mean that people should feel alone. I would ask all of you please to let us know if you would like any support from school or the Trust, either formally or informally.



Our schools and our Trust are entwined with their community – Kate represented that completely in all the roles she performed within our schools. I am sure that the strength of that community will be invaluable to Kate's family, as well as colleagues, students and friends.

Take care,

Paul Heery
Chief Executive Officer

Bringing our School Community together online

We are really pleased to announce two additional initiatives at Alderman White which are designed to extend our current online teaching provision to the areas of enrichment and language-learning for the wider community.

This week saw the first online evening class in Spanish for adult learners and over the next few weeks we shall be rolling out additional classes in a range of languages including Arabic, French, Japanese, Italian and Mandarin. Over 250 people take part in evening and Saturday language classes at Alderman White and we hope we shall be able to use online teaching to support this great community of learners.

At the same time we have launched an online version of our annual Cabaret (#StayAtHome Cabaret) where we hope to recreate the familiar mix of comedy, song and dance in a digital format. If you would like to find out more about these projects, please contact me using this email address: karsten.stephan@whptrust.org

Mr K Stephan

Photography for pre-GCSE Year 9: Can you tell what they are?

Year 9s at Bramcote College have started to be set some pre-GCSE work with the instruction to use unusual camera angles and positions, as well as zooming and cropping to take photos of everyday objects that you might have to stop and think about when you look at them. Can you tell what they are? Well done to the photographers.



Miss J Cooper

In the Spotlight!



Many congratulations to Tom Green (Year 10, Alderman White) who has successfully auditioned for the National Youth Theatre. Competition is very fierce with 6,000 auditions taking place each year. Tom attended an all-day audition in March where he worked with others to create a short scene based on an embarrassing story. He also had to prepare a solo-audition and performed a monologue from Miriam Battye's play 'Electricity' in the style of a children's TV presenter. Tom is a very talented performer who has been a regular member of the Alderman White Theatre Company, performing a wide variety of roles over many years and entertaining us with his great comic-timing, lively vocals and fine musicianship. Although in the current circumstances Tom's initial course will be run on-line, we hope that he will be treading the boards at the NYT very soon.

Mr K Stephan

#StayAtHome with Alderman White on YouTube

Who can you spot in the Alderman White #StayAtHome Choir?

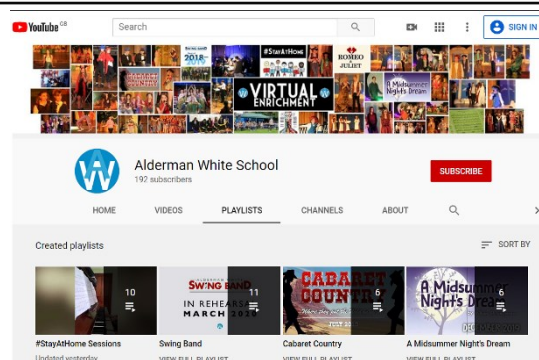
Who's playing in the #StayAtHome Swing Band?

What's the latest of the #StayAtHome Sessions?

Don't forget to check out the Alderman White Virtual Enrichment YouTube Channel – new content recorded by students from home is being uploaded regularly. Why not add some #SwingBand to your Bank Holiday and VE Day celebrations? Can we get past 200 subscribers before Monday?

<http://aldermanwhite.school/youtube>

Mr C Wedgeworth



Alderman White students 'Get Cooking' at home

Well done to all AW Food Technology pupils and families who have managed to get ingredients to enable you to carry on cooking at home. A few photos to get your taste buds tingling and apologies to the many others who have sent in photos- keep them coming!



We're looking forward to creating fantastic food dishes with you again at school when it is safe but, until then, 'Keep on Cooking'!

Mrs K Buckland

Eggs-cellent work Bramcote College PTA and Friends

After donating £1,500 to Bramcote College for the purchase of picnic benches, we planned to host a chocolate tombola at the end of March to raise further funds for outside equipment. Not wanting the lovely donations to go to waste we decided instead to share these chocolatey treats with Hope Nottingham, the Bramcote Hills Care Home and the NHS.



Thank you to all the lovely families and staff who provided donations!

Don't forget you can help us fundraise by shopping on line through the [easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) website. Easyfundraising doesn't cost you a penny, but clicking through their website before shopping online as usual allows us to collect a small donation without spending a penny more than you would anyway, and we've already raised over £900 through this alone.

If you'd like more information, or would like to get in touch with offers or help, you can reach us by emailing pta@bramcote.college. Every penny and minute of time given helps our amazing school!

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