



Newsletter

The White Hills Park Trust

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General Election

The General Election campaign is now in full swing. The parties have selected their candidates and are now desperately seeking our votes. All the commentators agree that this election is very different from recent votes, from the time of year it's taking place to the fact that it is dominated by a single issue, to the unpredictable impact of new parties.



Although the vast majority of our students are too young to vote in the current system, it does not mean that the election is irrelevant to them. Their lives will undoubtedly be affected by the policies introduced by the next government, many of which may lead to radical changes in our country.

Our students are certainly interested in political issues, although they perhaps approach them in a different way than previous generations, focusing on issues, rather than party loyalty. I have had many conversations with students about current topics that arouse passionate interest, including climate change and the environment; the rights of women; gender identity; racism and religious prejudice; homelessness; support for mental health; international aid and disaster relief – they are very much aware of things taking place in the modern world. Sometimes that's because we have discussed it in school, but they will also be talking to you at home, and hearing about issues in the media and the wider world.

Our constituency of Broxtowe is a particularly fascinating one in this election. In the last election, it was one of the most marginal seats in the UK and since then, it has become even more unpredictable as our current MP is standing as part of The Independent Group for Change, alongside candidates from both Conservative and Labour parties, as well as a number of other candidates. We know that events in Broxtowe over the next few weeks will generate a lot of interest.

Given this interest and importance of the vote in December, I am delighted to let you know that on Monday 2nd December at 4pm, we will be hosting a General Election hustings event, particularly aimed at young people in the constituency. Bramcote College will be visited by Anna Soubry, standing in this election for The Independent Group for Change, Greg Marshall, standing as the Labour Party Candidate, Darren Henry for the Conservative Party, and Cat Boettge, for the Green Party. We will be inviting all of our 6th Form students and KS4 students from both schools, as well as 6th Form students from other local schools. During the evening, we will be hearing from each of the candidates and students will have the chance to pose some questions.

It is a great opportunity for our students to become involved in the local and national debate, and I am very grateful for the candidates who have been so willing to take part. We will make sure we share the highlights with you in a future newsletter.

Paul Heery
Executive Principal

Dates for your Diary

November	TRUST	AWS	BC	BC6F
20th	Parents' Forum 19:00 - 20:00			
20th	Y12 / Y13 Parents' Evening 16:00 - 18:30			
21st	PTA Meeting 18:00			
22nd	PTA Christmas Fayre 18:00 - 20:00			
26th	BC6F Open Evening 18:00 - 20:30			
27th	GCSE Certificate Collection (Last year's Year 11 students) 16:00 - 17:00			
28th -1st Dec	Trip to Cologne Christmas Markets and Phantasialand			
29th	A Level Business Trip Birmingham			

December

2nd	General Election Hustings Bramcote College 16:00
5th	Year 8 Parents' Evening
5th	Year 11 Parents' Evening
6th	Year 9 Reports Published
6th	Alderman White Swingband Ensemble - Performance Sainsbury's Beeston 13:30 - 16:00
7th	School Production Weekend Rehearsal
9th	PTA Community Christmas Tea 14:00 - 15:00
12th 13th 14th	School Production: Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' 19:00 - 22:00

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

Bramcote College Parents' Forum

Mrs Gale and Miss Cooper would like to extend an invitation to all parents and carers of Bramcote College students to come to our Parents' Forum on Wednesday 20th November from 7:00pm. Topics for discussion include the new building, key points of the School Improvement Plan, results and feelings about the two week half term. We look forward to seeing you there.

Miss J Cooper

BC6F Open Evening - Tuesday 26th November

We are excited to be opening the doors of BC6F for our 6th Form Open Evening on November 26th to WHP students and their parents and carers, as well as Year 11 students from other schools. The evening offers a great chance to come along and discuss plans for the future with staff (you already know) and students (you probably know) at BC6F. Whether you're undecided about your course choices, or you've known since you were 5 what you wanted to do; if you're BC6F 100% of the way, or you want to speak to our students to find out why they chose to spend 2 years at BC6F, instead of going to (or staying at) other colleges, this is a great chance to chat about it and find some inspiration for September 2020. We look forward to seeing you there!

Faye Parker Dennis, Jo Cooper & Melissa Rigley



Healthy Schools Champion Conference

On Wednesday the 13th of November, 12 students from across the Trust went to Worcester to be involved in a Healthy Schools Champion Conference.

The point of the day was to receive training so they would be able to lead a festival that would actively get students involved in trying new activities. Following this, they are then required to lead a 10 week programme that will be aimed at providing opportunities to students that do not always take part in clubs and extracurricular activity.

The day went really well and the students were a credit to the Trust. They have come away with lots of ideas and are excited to get started.

Be on the lookout for posters and announcements in tutor time. They will be making themselves available so you can come and see them if you want a club or activity that is not already running.

A highlight of the day was when Mr Broadley averted disaster by making an impromptu stop, one student in particular was very relieved.

Mr B Parker and Mr P Broadley



A poster for Musical Instrument Lessons. The background is white with a collage of various musical instruments including a double bass, trumpet, trombone, saxophone, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, piano, guitar, and violin. A large blue circle on the left side contains the text 'Music @ BC' in a white, stylized font. To the right of the instruments, the text 'Musical Instrument Lessons' is written in a large, black, sans-serif font. Below this, the text 'Available on:' is followed by a list of instruments: Trumpet, Trombone, Tuba, French Horn, Piano, Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass, Guitar, Bass Guitar, Voice, Flute, Saxophones, Oboe, Clarinet, Bassoon, Percussion, and more!. At the bottom left, there is a small white box with the text 'Talk to Mrs Franklin'.

A poster for a Christmas Carol Service. The background is white with a green laurel wreath border. At the top center, there is a blue circular logo with a white 'W'. Below the logo, the text 'Christmas Carol Service' is written in a large, black, serif font. Underneath, the text 'Orchestra ★ Choir ★ Carols Readings ★ Soloists CrossTeach' is written in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. At the bottom, the text 'at Beeston Methodist Church, Chilwell Road' is written in a black, sans-serif font. Below that, the text 'Tuesday 10th December, 7pm' is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. At the very bottom, the text 'Suggested entrance donation: £2.50' is written in a smaller, black, sans-serif font.

Sport

Badminton

On Thursday the 7th of November Alderman White School KS3 boys and girls took part in a Badminton tournament at Chilwell School. They were very nervous and some of them had not played as a doubles pair before and definitely had never played in a tournament, however, watching them warm up they grew in confidence. They started their matches, focussed on the task ahead of them and did not look back. Both girls and boys managed to win their games and won the tournament and will now go onto the next round. They worked really hard and they are looking forward to the next stage.

On Thursday the 14th it was KS4's turn. Unfortunately, due to the weather and flooding only Alderman White and Hall Park Academy showed up. This didn't stop us, as several of the students were being filmed for their GCSE moderation. We stayed and managed to get some great footage. The tournament is to be rearranged, so hopefully we can carry on the success of the KS3 teams.

Mr B Parker



Year 8 Girls Netball Tournament

The weather remained dry for us last Wednesday evening, as the Alderman White Year 8 girls netball team travelled to NUSA to compete in the Nottinghamshire central venue league. One of three events happening this year. Despite being a cold night, the girls made their best efforts to remain upbeat and keep warmed up ahead of their matches. The first match was against Bramcote College. The girls came out with determination to win and this showed when Lola scored their first goal within the first minute of game play. The girls played well and eventually won 5-2.

The next match was against Rushcliffe. Although the girls played with conviction, Rushcliffe were very strong opponents. Our girls demonstrated some strong defence and had a few shots on goal, but unfortunately they didn't quite get the win they wanted.

Next up was against Becket, which was a very high octave game, with both teams having equal possession. Final score: 1-1. Finally we took on Hall Park, yet again a close game between two evenly matched teams. The girls exhibited some strong defence and attack, but unfortunately failed to score. Having said that, neither did Hall Park. Final score 0-0.

Bramcote College also found the tournament challenging, unfortunately losing to Rushcliffe, Fernwood and Alderman White before recording a win against Becket.

Girls Active Training

This week, a select group of girls from both Alderman White School & Bramcote College Year 9 attended The Youth Sports Trust Girls Active training. The project will allow them to develop their leadership and team building skills, but also consider how they can market and promote events within school. In addition the project will address the issues of inactivity amongst some girls, and their increased indifference towards PE as they enter year 10/11. The GLAMS (Girls Leadership and Marketing Squad) will ultimately be responsible for working with The PE Department, to design a purposeful curriculum intent aimed at inspiring girls to be more active in lessons. They will also consider how they can increase the participation rate by promoting girls only extra curricular clubs.

Mrs A Kilbane

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ALDERMAN WHITE
SWING BAND
presents...

A Festive Celebration

Mince pies, mulled wine and music.

Thursday 19th December, 7pm, School Hall

Suggested entrance donation: £2.50