



Newsletter

The White Hills Park Trust

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Welcome Back

Welcome back to another school year. It was great to see our students returning so well for the new year, and to hear from students and colleagues about the adventures of the summer holidays.

During the holiday, we were delighted to hear such wonderfully positive news from Y11 and Y13 results days. In recent years, results at both schools have been improving, but this year's results took us to a different level, with significant steps forward in both progress and attainment.

At Alderman White, there were some astonishing results, with over 90 Grade 9s (the highest possible grade), across a range of subjects, and many stunning individual performances. Student progress was significantly above progress nationally, across all areas of the curriculum, and 31% of all grades were 7s, 8s or 9s (previously A or A*). When all figures have been confirmed later in the year, we expect that the progress made by Y11 students in their time at Alderman White will be amongst the highest in the country. The school's success in helping students achieve such high standards is shown by the fact that five former students are starting at Oxford or Cambridge this term.

Meanwhile, at Bramcote College, the improvement was equally as dramatic. The transformation that has taken place in teaching and learning at the school is now clearly showing in results, and progress is now firmly above average, with attainment levels running at or above national averages, demonstrated by almost 70% of students achieving grade 4 or above in both English and maths. We anticipate that the improvement that Bramcote College has made will be amongst the highest anywhere in the country, and we expect it to continue.

We were also delighted to see such a huge step forward for our Y13 students. Almost 80% of A levels achieved at least a C pass, above national and county averages, and the average point score achieved by our students rose by over 20%. Most importantly, of the students who applied, 86% achieved places at their first choice university, and others were able to secure high-quality alternatives.

I would like to pay tribute to the students and their teachers who achieved these results. They should all be very proud.

At this time of year, we always welcome new staff to our schools. This week, we have been joined by a number of new colleagues, who have already settled in well, and are getting to know students and their colleagues. At Alderman White, we said hello to David Farnie, our new Deputy Head, Alex Young, Assistant Head Teacher, Lana Trimble (English) and David Simkins (Tech). At Bramcote, we have welcomed Mary Kirby, our new Senco, Rachel Thomas (Science), Tim Clark (Maths) and Alessia Beneventi (Teaching Assistant). Ms Trimble, Mr Simkins and Mr Clark had some or all of their teacher training placements at the school, so it is great to have them on board.

I am sure they will all make a great contribution in their time in our schools, and I'm delighted to have them on board.

Paul Heery
Executive Principal

Dates for your Diary

September	TRUST	AWS	BC	BC6F
7th 8th	Y9 DofE Qualifying Expedition			
9th	Sixth Form Lessons Begin			
10th	Year 7 Walesby Residential Information Evening 18:00 - 19:00			
11th	Year 7 Walesby Residential Information Evening 18:00 - 19:00			
12th	Madrid Trip Information Evening 19:00 - 20:00			
14th 15th	AW DofE Year 9 Bronze Additional Qualifying Expedition			
16th	Silver DofE Expedition Planning 15:30 - 18:00			
18th - 30th	German Exchange Return Visit			
18th	Y9 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award Information Evening 18:00 - 18:30			
18th	BC Y10 & Y12 Duke of Edinburgh Silver & Gold Awards Information Evening 18:45 - 20:15			
19th	Open Evening 18:30 - 20:30			
20th - 22nd	Silver D of E Qualifying Expedition			
23rd	Bramcote College Y11 BC6F Taster Day			
24th	Open Evening			

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

New Season of Language Classes

We are about to launch a brand new season of language classes through the Alderman White School Language College, open to everyone. There is no better time to start a new language or develop skills in an existing language and at only £5 per week for most classes (pay-as-you learn) it is an opportunity not to be missed! From Arabic to Urdu, there are so many languages on offer! The classes are currently free for students at Alderman White, Bramcote College and BC6F.

Further details are available on the Alderman White website: aldermanwhite.school/index.php/languages/language-college

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Alderman White Production

We're only a few days into the new school year and we are already launching the first auditions for the new season of school productions. Following the great success of last year's production of 'Romeo & Juliet', we continue the Shakespearean theme with a new production of the magical 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'.

AUDITION!
The AWTC Christmas Production:
William Shakespeare's
A Midsummer Night's Dream
'O What Fools These Mortals Be!'
Come along and try out for Shakespeare's hilarious, magical comedy – a riot of non-stop action, with dances, songs, wonderful costumes and make-up. Everyone is welcome – including all you Year 7s!

The auditions will be on Monday 16th and Wednesday 18th September and are open to all students including our new Year 7 students. Letters about the show will be available from Reception. Further details are given below.

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Bramcote College PTA



The next meeting of the Bramcote College PTA will be in school on the **3rd October between 6pm and 7pm.**

We would love to see you there!

A short AGM will take place to review last year's fundraising but more importantly we would love as many parents/carers/friends to pop along to say hello and to give ideas and offers of support for this year.

We can't do this without you!

Please feel free to bring younger children along if you need to - it's all very informal.

Help to raise money and organise some events for this fantastic College.

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DofE at Bramcote College



If you are a Bramcote College student and would like more information on what the Duke of Edinburgh's Award has to offer for you, please come along to our Information Evening on Wednesday 18th September 2019 in the school hall.

The Information Evening will be split into three parts:

Bronze Award @ 6pm for Year 9 Students

Silver Award @ 6:45pm for Year 10 Students

Gold Award @ 7:30pm for Year 12 Students

Mr D Ramsden