

# Newsletter

The White Hills Park Trust

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## Developing the Trust

You may recall that at the end of the last school year, I wrote in the Newsletter about our plans to develop the White Hills Park Trust as an all-through collaborative group of schools, providing the highest quality education to local children and young people from the age of 3 to 18. We therefore invited our feeder primary schools to consider joining the Trust, and discussions have taken place in response to this invitation.

I am delighted to let you know that as a result of these discussions, the Governing Body of Round Hill Primary School have decided to register their interest with the Department for Education to join the White Hills Park Multi Academy Trust. At a Round Hill Governors' meeting on Tuesday, Adam Bird, our Chair of Trustees and I set out the formal offer and answered questions. The meeting also received reports from Round Hill governors, who have been exploring the proposal with White Hills Park in order to gain a better understanding of what membership might mean and governors considered correspondence on the issue from parents and staff.

This decision means that a period of engagement and consultation will follow, and a formal process begins in which all stakeholders, including parents, staff and representatives of the wider community, can join the debate and participate in a meaningful conversation about the future of our schools. We will obviously work closely with Round Hill in this process, and invite parents and staff of Alderman White and Bramcote College to give their views.

Round Hill have written to all parents to inform them of the decision and to let them know the process and next steps. There remain a number of formal steps to be taken before formal approval is given to the proposals, and so it is important to stress that this is not by any means a final decision. However, this period of consultation will give us the opportunity to fully set out the benefits which this change might bring. These include the provision of an inspiring and exciting curriculum and enrichment programme which will benefit all our children and young people, the opportunity to make significant savings and provide more funds directly to our schools, and the ability to run our schools with maximum efficiency and effectiveness by working together. I will keep you informed as we move through this process.

## End of an Era

At the end of this academic year, Mr Hyland will be leaving Alderman White School, following 28 years working in the schools that now form our Trust. His contribution to students over this time has been immense, as a teacher and a school leader, never more so than last year, when he guided the school during his period of Acting Headship. He has been a hugely valued colleague and friend, and will be missed by everyone at Alderman White, and in our Trust. He will be pursuing his many interests outside teaching, and I'm sure we will keep in touch. Arrangements are now in hand to secure a new Deputy Head for Alderman White for September.

*Paul Heery*  
Executive Principal

## Dates for your Diary

| February    | TRUST  | AWS | BC | BC6F |
|-------------|--|-----|----|------|
| 13th - 25th | German Exchange Visit  |     |    |      |
| 18th - 22nd | Half Term  |     |    |      |
| 25th        | INSET Day<br>Schools Closed  |     |    |      |
| 26th        | Schools Reopen   |     |    |      |
| 27th        | BC6F Breakfast Seminar:<br>English   |     |    |      |
| 27th        | Year 8 Challenge Event<br>Sutton Scholars<br>Nottingham University                               |     |    |      |
| 28th        | Help Your Child To Succeed<br>Years 10-13<br>18:00 - 19:30                                       |     |    |      |
| 28th        | Talk : 'Parenting girls safely<br>through their teens'<br>19:00 - 20:30<br>Alderman White School |     |    |      |

## March

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| 1st         | Swingband Rehearsal                            |
| 6th         | PTA Meeting                                    |
| 6th         | Year 7 Brilliant Book Award<br>Author Trip     |
| 6th         | Year 11 Food Practical Exam                    |
| 7th         | PTA Meeting<br>18:00<br>Bramcote College       |
| 7th         | Year 8 Brilliant Book Award<br>Author Trip     |
| 10th - 13th | Year 8 Hagg Farm Residential<br>Trip           |
| 11th - 26th | Year 10 Mock Exams                             |
| 11th        | Year 12 Trust Project<br>Gap Year Presentation |
| 13th - 16th | Year 8 Hagg Farm Residential<br>Trip           |

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

## Stewart Foster and the Brilliant Book Award

Since December a group of keen readers in Year 7 has been reading the six books shortlisted for this year's Brilliant Book Award. The Brilliant Book Award is a local book award that schools in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire take part in. Wednesday morning saw our first author trip of the year when the fifteen who had read and quizzed on the most books went to Chilwell School to hear Stewart Foster talk about his shortlisted book, *All the Things That Could Go Wrong*.

Stewart's talk was very thought-provoking as he talked about his friend, John, who was the main inspiration behind the book. John, and the character Alex, both have OCD and this book helped to give us a greater understanding and empathy for those with OCD. He explained that he had discussions with John about what he could use in the book; John was happy if it was directly related to his OCD, but not the rest of his life!

The questions at the end were also thought provoking. Stewart was asked if there had been any other working titles for the book and he said that he had wanted to call it *One of Us is Broken*, but that his publishers felt that was too negative. He also gave some good advice for aspiring writers. He advised writers to only share their work with people that they really trust, that if we were giving feedback on someone else's writing not to say 'you could do this, you could do that ...' as that means you are intruding on the story. Stewart said it was better to ask 'what if' questions.

We finished the morning with the unusual experience of Stewart signing books in the car park as they had run out in the school!

Ms C Welch



## Bramcote College PTA - We Won!



Last Christmas one of our supporters won an Easyfundraising competition - a massive £250 donation!!

That money has already been donated to the school to provide start up funds for the gardening club and for e-readers for the library.


Easyfundraising is a cashback site that allows Bramcote College to receive donations when you shop. There are many retailers available that aren't on other cashback sites such as Quidco so please use this site as you shop – it really won't cost you an extra penny!! This year a PTA FUNDRAISING TARGET OF £3,000 has been set and we REALLY need your help to get there.


The plans for this year so far include fundraising for : **Sports Equipment, Gardening/Eco clubs and activities, Tablets and resources for English, Help towards the "Annie" Production, 6th form College resources**


ALL our children will benefit so PLEASE join in and help when you shop. - [easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/bramcotecollege](https://easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/bramcotecollege)  
And if you can offer any level of help or have ideas for fundraising then please contact [pta@bramcote.college](mailto:pta@bramcote.college).

Thank you

Sned, Gareth and all the PTA Members and Helpers

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 **bramcote college sixth form**

**Year 11 & 13**  
**"Helping Your Child Succeed" Evening**  
**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February**  
**6:00pm - 7:30pm**  
**at Bramcote College**

**FREE sessions**

Reserve your place online:  
<https://goo.gl/rZTmWU>

An evening for parents & carers of Year 11 and Year 13 students to gather advice and suggestions from a range of workshops focusing on how to help your children do well in their exams.

- Diet and exercise advice
- Stress management
- Sleep and relaxation
- Independent & Effective Revision
- and much more ...
- Subject support
- Seneca Explained
- Dyslexia friendly revision
- Revision tips and techniques

ALDERMAN WHITE PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

**THURSDAY 28<sup>th</sup> MARCH 6:30 PM**

**FASHION SHOW & CLOTHES SALE**



**TICKETS**

|                   |                    |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| <b>IN ADVANCE</b> | <b>ON THE DOOR</b> |
| £3 Adults         | £4 Adults          |
| £2 Children       | £3 Children        |

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## Cakes, Easter Eggs, and Tombola Prizes



Attention all cake bakers! The Bramcote College PTA requires donated cakes to sell at the "Annie" production on the 2nd - 4th April. We also require donated Easter Eggs and unwanted tombola gifts. All money raised will go towards the production costs and other expenses. Please leave your fabulous bakes and donations with reception staff prior to the 2nd April.

**Bramcote College PTA**

## Operation Orphan



A huge thank you to our lead campaigners in Year 9 and to the students of Alderman White for their work in fundraising for local charity Operation Orphan.

**Ms J Francis**

## Understanding & Surviving Modern Family Life

I would like to invite parents within The White Hills Park Trust and within Broxtowe to participate in the Course outlined below:

Please email [julie.francis@whpfederation.org](mailto:julie.francis@whpfederation.org).

**A few funded places remain available for after half term.**

**Venue:** Alderman White School Library

**Content to include:** the changing roles and dynamics within families; children- their awareness of rights/ their expectations and how to manage these; rights and responsibilities!; balancing everyone's interests within families; outside influences/keeping safe; generational ideals; tools to manage unreasonable behaviour; play and creativity for family wellbeing.

**Start date:** 13.02.19 Time 5.30pm - 7.30pm

**Followed by:** 27.02.19 - 03.04.19 Time 5.30pm - 7.30pm

**Ms J Francis**



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# GCSE Thought For The Week



A lovely calm thing to look at to relax you.

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**.

12

▶ weeks to go until the exams start

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19

▶ weeks to go until the exams FINISH!!!

Work Hard. Be Well. Do Well.

Bramcote College PTA present an



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@Lunchtime  
Tuesday 2nd April

Tickets  
Three  
for a Pound  
On the Day



#winchocolate



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BRAMCOTE COLLEGE PRESENTS

# Annie

THE MUSICAL

2nd, 3rd & 4th April  
BC School Hall

Show time at 6.45

Doors open at 6.30

Refreshments from 6.00

**Tickets on sale now!**  
£4 each



**Nottinghamshire**  
Road Safety Partnership



## Fix, Track & Road

A safer cycling activity day

Tuesday 09<sup>th</sup> April 09.15 - 15.30



£8 per person, bring a packed lunch

Ages 10 – 14 year olds

At Harvey Hadden Sports Village, Bilborough

**Booking essential. Telephone: 0115 8042151 / 0115 8042114**

You will need to bring a bike and helmet (let us know if you need one provided)

All participants will receive a 'Goody Bag'

For further information please email [autumn.rose@viaem.co.uk](mailto:autumn.rose@viaem.co.uk)



Nottinghamshire  
County Council

Broxtowe District Youth Voice

April 2019 – March 2020

Meeting Dates

1<sup>st</sup> May 2019

17<sup>th</sup> July 2019

25<sup>th</sup> September 2019

27<sup>th</sup> November 2019

22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020

18<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Broxtowe Borough Council

@ 6pm – 8pm

For more information please contact Amy Bedworth:

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from  
daughter  
to woman

PARENTING GIRLS SAFELY THROUGH THEIR TEENS



28 February

7.00pm-8.30pm

Alderman White School, Bramcote, Nottingham

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/parenting-girls-safely-through-their-teens-with-author-kim-mccabe-tickets-54717131413>

Attendance is free of charge. Tickets are available via Eventbrite.

For security reasons, seating is strictly limited to advance-order ticket holders only.

"Here is a friend for the teenage years that will help you in uncountable ways. I can't believe how much depth Kim has put into one book... Kim's work puts back something that should never have been taken away."

- Steve Biddulph, best-selling author of Raising Girls



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