

# Newsletter

The White Hills Park Trust

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## German Exchange - Open to All

Whenever I talk to people about the unique ethos of our Trust, and the many aspects of which we are very proud, it is not long before the conversation comes round to the German Exchange. Now well into its fourth decade, the exchange has had a huge impact on generations of our students – its purpose is nothing less than ‘Transforming lives and developing international friendships’.

Our partner school is the Städtische Gymnasium, in the town of Gütersloh, not far from the cities of Münster and Düsseldorf. Gütersloh has many connections with the UK, as a result of a British Army base located in the town, and the school has much in common with our own schools.

The exchange gives a deeper experience than any conventional school trip. In February each year, our students travel to Germany, they meet the student who will be their partner for the exchange and they stay in their family home. They always speak warmly about the welcome they receive and the way that they are treated as part of the family during their stay. They have an amazing programme of events, with visits to cities such as Berlin and Hamburg, a civic reception with the mayor, and evening entertainment. When the return visit happens, in September, the same things happen in reverse including trips to destinations such as London, Stratford-upon-Avon and Cambridge, and the students from Germany stay with their partner families here.

Despite these unforgettable activities, the real value of the trip comes elsewhere, in the friendships that develop when young people get to know each other and share each other’s lives for a few days, spending time in their school, socializing with them, sharing their ideas and experiences. There have been so many lifelong friendships that have come from this, that we know we have done our bit to further the cause of international understanding. We also find that it is a memorable occasion for the whole family involved, not just the individual.

Although for most of its existence, the exchange has been focused on Alderman White, we have now extended it to Bramcote College, and this year it has involved students from both schools. It is not focused on language, and you may not be surprised to know that the majority of the German students and families speak good English, so does not depend on students studying German at school.

The purpose of the article is to make sure that we have extended the invitation to all of our families. We held an information evening recently, but unfortunately it coincided with the very worst of the bad weather, so I know that some people were unable to make the meeting – this does not mean that your son or daughter cannot take part. Because accommodation is provided by the host family, we are able to keep the cost to £350 which covers the 12-day trip to Germany as well as the return visit in September, which is incredibly good value, as I’m sure you will agree.

If you are interested in finding out more, we have made the presentation available via the Extra Curricular Activities pages of our school websites (AWS [here](#), BC [here](#)).

Please feel free to contact Mr Stephan at Alderman White on [karsten.stephan@whptrust.org](mailto:karsten.stephan@whptrust.org)

*Paul Heery*  
Executive Principal

## Dates for your Diary

November	TRUST	AWS	BC	BC6F
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) 17:00 - 18:00			
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 - 17:30			
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.*

## Alderman White School Christmas Fayre - TONIGHT!

Here are some of the amazing Christmas hampers, crackers and stockings produced by tutor-groups for tonight's Christmas Fayre on a range of themes from ecology to winter survival and anything made of chocolate!

The Alderman White Christmas Fayre starts at 6.00 pm tonight.

**Mr K Stephan**



## 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**



## Vacancies

### Cleaners

**NJE Grade 1 - £9.00 to £9.18 per hour (FTE)**

**Variable hours**

**Term-time only**

The White Hills Park Trust is looking to employ additional cleaners to further enhance the cleaning standards on the Bramcote College and Alderman White sites with immediate effect.

We are looking for candidates who enjoy working in a busy environment, are flexible and adaptable, who can work well as part of a team and who are able to communicate at all levels. Experience is desirable but not essential as training will be given. Duties will include: cleaning a variety of floor surfaces using manual and electrical appliances; cleaning toilets and wash rooms, emptying office and classroom litter bins; cleaning glass in doorways/partitions and dusting in areas determined by the Cleaning Supervisor.

Further details and an application form are available on our website: [whptrust.org/vacancies](http://whptrust.org/vacancies)

Applications should be sent to [recruitment@whptrust.org](mailto:recruitment@whptrust.org)

**Mrs K Sims**



at Beeston Methodist Church,  
Chilwell Road

**Tuesday 10th December, 7pm**

*Suggested entrance donation: £2.50*



## Supporting your child with Apprenticeships

Over the last few years apprenticeships have changed dramatically, with some amazing opportunities being available for the right candidate.

If you want to find out more about apprenticeships and help your child to become the 'right candidate' then a great place to start is by downloading and reading the November Parent Pack produced by the National Apprenticeship Service, which can be found on our [Virtual Careers Library](#)

Ms C Welch



# SHOP LOCAL THIS CHRISTMAS

ART & CRAFT FAIR  
UNIQUE HANDMADE GIFTS  
BEESTON AREA ARTISANS

**FREE ENTRY**  
Saturday 23rd November, 10.30 - 4.30  
@  
6th Beeston Scouts, 5 Middle Street  
(NG9 1FZ)  
near Tram Station/Crown Inn/ Tesco's



ALDERMAN WHITE  
**SWING BAND**  
*presents...*



# A Festive Celebration

*Mince pies, mulled wine and music.*

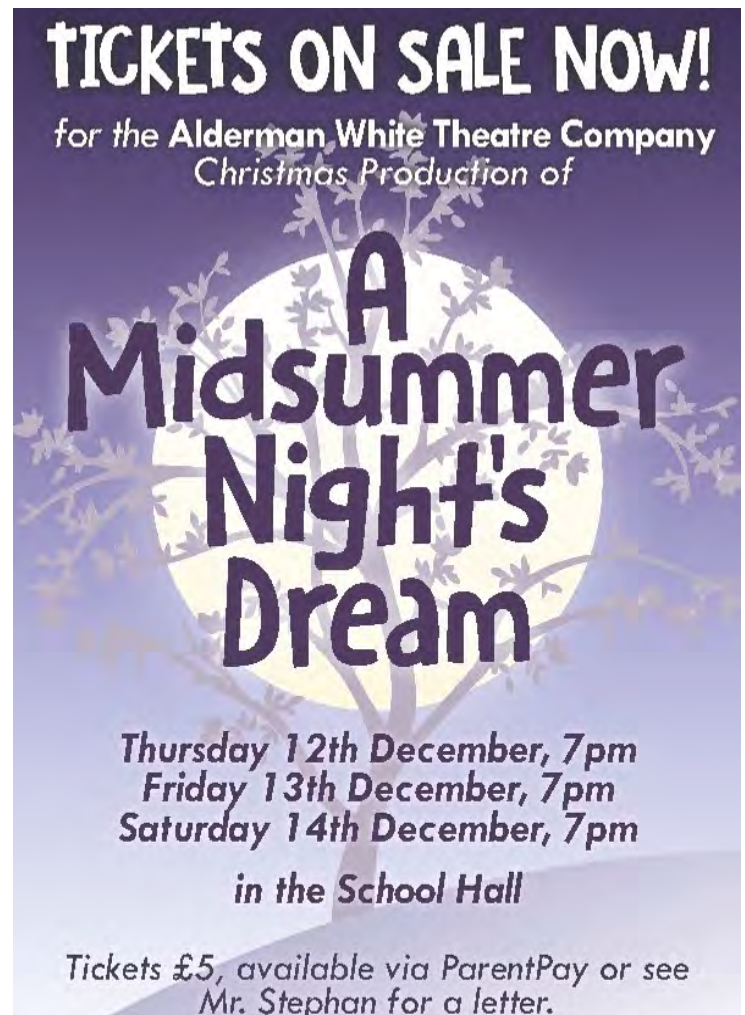
**Thursday 19th December, 7pm, School Hall**  
Suggested entrance donation: £2.50



# BRAMCOTE COLLEGE & BC6F CHRISTMAS LUNCH

**WEDNESDAY 18TH DECEMBER**

SEE YOUR TUTOR TO SIGN UP  
BEFORE THE 4TH OF DECEMBER



# TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

for the Alderman White Theatre Company  
Christmas Production of

# A Midsummer Night's Dream

Thursday 12th December, 7pm  
Friday 13th December, 7pm  
Saturday 14th December, 7pm  
in the School Hall

Tickets £5, available via ParentPay or see Mr. Stephan for a letter.



## Sport

It has been an action packed week for Alderman White School and Bramcote College sports teams with football, netball and rugby teams competing.

### Netball

It was the Alderman White Year 7 Netball team's turn to compete in the County league this Wednesday night. It was the first time the girls had represented their school competitively, and they took on the challenge with vigour. They played Bramcote College first and won 3-1, giving them the confidence to then take on a strong Rushcliffe side. The girls lost 6-4 in the end, but the game was close and could have gone either way. It was a proud moment when they realised what they had achieved given the strength of the Rushcliffe squad. With their confidence growing, they went on to beat Becket 4-1 and then finally beating Hall Park 8-0. Having only conceded 8 nets the entire game, the girls went home on a high.

Bramcote College's Year 7 Netball team played their first round of the League this week. Out of the 4 matches they played the girls did very well winning 2 and losing 2. A great start to their first ever tournament. On to round two!



### Football

Thursday was a busy evening at Alderman White School, with 3 teams competing. The girls Year 8, and boys Year 10 football teams both hosted fixtures at home which meant the school playing fields were a hive of activity.

The girls' County Cup Round 3 opponents were Redhill Academy, who had previously beaten their Round 2 opponents 10-0. They knew it was going to be a tough draw, but tackled the task with positivity. The opening first 10 minutes showed both teams with equal possession and limited opportunities to penetrate the goal mouths. A quick break by Redhill saw them go ahead in the 11th minute. Keeper Phoebe Mellor, put her training into practice by making some great saves, closing the attack down and making herself big against the approaching threat. Alderman looked close to score on a couple of occasions, but couldn't quite wrap the foot around the ball for the final shots. Redhill walked away with the win in the end, but we our girls walked away with their heads held high.



The Bramcote College Year 9 girls travelled over to Bingham on Monday to play The Suthers Academy in the county cup. In cold conditions Bramcote controlled the early stages and tested the Suthers keeper several times. Midway through the half Omera finally poked home after a goalmouth scramble making the score 1-0. Despite Bramcote's dominance it remained 1-0 at HT. Complacency set in early in the 2nd half as Bramcote switched off to allow Suthers to equalise against the run of play.



Spurred on Bramcote regained control of the game, Year 7 student Grace T, playing up two years, scored a fantastic solo goal to take the lead. A late goal from the other Year 7 in the team, Sky, put the game to bed.

It was a great performance from the girls in an entertaining game as they progress to the next round.

### Rugby

Around 40 Bramcote College & Alderman White Students braved the conditions to attend a Rugby festival hosted by Nottingham Casuals Rugby Club on Thursday evening. The mix of Year 7, 8 & 9 boys and girls were treated to a coaching session from the Casuals coaches, helping them develop some of their basic skills and understanding of the game. The sessions culminated in some 'friendly' games to demonstrate what they had learned. As a reward the students were treated to some hot dogs, fruit & hot chocolate in the Casuals clubhouse.

The students had a great time and there will hopefully be a follow-up session in the new year for students to attend too.

**Mrs A Kilbane, Miss G King, Mr K Warner & Mr R Bateman**