



Newsletter

The White Hills Park Trust

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General Election Hustings

As you probably know, on Monday, we held our Broxtowe Hustings. The venue was Bramcote College, but it was truly a Trust-wide event, with excellent representation from Alderman White students, as well as many from KS4 and KS5 at Bramcote College. We also had young people from Bilborough College and George Spencer who came along to join the debate, as well as some members of the local community.

Four candidates took part – Anna Soubry, representing the Independent Group for Change, Greg Marshall, representing Labour, Kat Boettge from the Green Party and Darren Henry from the Conservative Party. Each had the opportunity to set out their core beliefs and policies, before answering a range of questions put by our audience. The event lasted for an hour and a half, but we could have continued for much longer, given the level of interest.

In my view, the quality of the questioning and interaction from our students was outstanding, and really impressed the candidates. Questions ranged from the respective parties' spending plans, to the importance of understanding the area they were representing, to the way we deal with foreign regimes with questionable human rights' records. They very skilfully teased out the differences between the policies and approaches of the respective parties.

One other notable aspect of the event was the interest and respect shown to all the candidates. It was clear to see how students were considering each answer seriously and maintaining an open mind, despite the fact that they came along with their own views. I felt that this engaged and respectful manner was reflected on the platform – although the candidates clearly have long-standing and deeply-held differences of opinion, the debate was about policies, not personalities, and everyone was given the chance to speak.

I have had a lot of feedback from students about the event, over the last few days. Almost all have been positive about the opportunity to hear the debate at first hand and felt that it has helped to make their mind up about which candidate or which party they favour. It's also been interesting for me to hear about the things that resonated with the students, and the way their judgement was swayed one way or another.

There was a considerable amount of interest in the event. As you know, our constituency has been keenly contested and this is one of the only occasions in the whole campaign that the majority of candidates have debated together. The whole event, including interviews and responses, was filmed by Emma Snow, a student on the Broadcast Journalism course at NTU, and Emma will be making the final recording available in due course. We also had a crew from East Midlands Today filming, and I believe a report will be carried one day next week. As well as that, there were many reports and comments on social media, they can be found under the hashtag [#BC6FHustings](#). For a comprehensive and detailed account of the event, you can visit the [Bramcote Today](#) website.

In a week's time, we will know the identity of our MP, and the make-up of the next Parliament. Although many people have commented on some of the less positive aspects of the campaign, I genuinely believe that young people have been engaged with political issues in this election in a constructive and enthusiastic way. It was a real source of pride that our college and our students were able to play such an important role in the constituency.

Paul Heery
Executive Principal



Dates for your Diary

December	TRUST	AWS	BC	BC6F
9th	Business Christmas Market 09:00 - 12:00			
9th	PTA Community Christmas Tea 14:00 - 15:00			
10th	Christmas Carol Concert Chilwell Methodist Church 19:00 - 20:00			
12th	School Production: 13th 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' 14th 19:00 - 22:00			
17th	Year 9 Trip Science Museum, Bradford			
18th	Year 7 Christmas Party 15:45 - 17:30			
18th	Year 9 Reports Issued			
19th	PTA Year 7/8 Christmas Disco 14:00 - 16:00			
19th	Swingband Festive Concert 19:00 - 21:00			
23rd	Christmas Holidays Begin Schools Closed			

January

6th	Schools Reopen
22nd	Year 11 Reports Published
23rd	Year 9 Options Evening 16:00 - 19:00
28th	Year 9 Options Evening 16:00 - 18:30

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

Alderman White's position with regard to Youth Climate Strikes



The Youth Climate Strikes this year have presented the school (and me) with an interesting dilemma; whilst I hugely value the importance of education and see strike action as a last resort, so too do the students who have taken part, and their parents / carers. As always, the safety and wellbeing of our students is paramount; we only allow students to leave school to attend a youth climate strike with a written request from a parent stating that they will be responsible for them during this time. We also operate within attendance procedures and policies, so any absence for strike action is unauthorised – it has to be, otherwise it would undermine the fact that it is strike action. However, students are usually present for morning and afternoon registration before and after the strike. We have an active group of Environment Ambassadors in school who are working hard to make our school more environmentally aware and reduce our environmental impact, and we always encourage students taking part in a youth climate strike to be part of this group too. Whilst we do not promote or encourage strike action, as a school we are very committed to working in partnership with parents / carers and students. The students who have taken this action are highly committed to their education and our INSPIRE values, and make a valued contribution to our school community and enrichment programme. Therefore, so far we have allowed parents / carers to remove their child from school to participate in youth climate strikes.

“There is no PLANet B”

Xanthe, in Year 8, is interviewed by her mum, Siân, about the Climate Strike, which they both attended in Market Square Nottingham on Friday 29th November.



So, Xanthe, what are these Climate Strikes about?

They're making a statement about how the government needs to start opening its eyes to the issues that affect our planet. These issues include climate change, global warming, ice melting in Antarctica, extreme weather conditions, the huge increase in the extinction of species, and the threat to human life.

Why do you think these strikes take place during the week rather than at the weekend?

It takes students missing vital lessons to get the attention of the public and politicians. The reason the strikes are having such an impact is because they are taking place during the week and disrupting usual routines.

Why are you going on these strikes?

I feel that even though school is very important, and lessons will help me get good grades in GCSEs, climate change is even more important. If we wait another 8 years, or another 6 years, or even another 2 years, we still won't have enough time to prevent the devastating effects of climate change becoming irreversible. We need to act now, and me going on these strikes means one extra person making a difference.

What do you hope the climate strikes will achieve?

I hope these protests will grow even bigger, and that millions of people across the world will attend these strikes, who will go on to participate in environmental movements, which put pressure on governments across the world to make the significant changes that are needed.

What do you think of the Swedish climate activist, Greta Thunberg?

I think she's doing a good thing for the environment. She's inspirational because she has encouraged millions of people to strike, but then again, we shouldn't give her all the credit because there are many other activists involved who are not spotlighted.



Mrs A Mellors

Christmas in Cologne

35 students from Alderman White and Bramcote College enjoyed a festive weekend in Cologne, which boasts Northern Europe's largest Gothic cathedral. Our students are pictured on the square in front of this awe-inspiring building which also houses a golden shrine containing the relics of the Three Kings, which has made it a place of pilgrimage across the centuries.

The tour of the old part of the town touched on the important tradition of 'Karneval' in this area of Germany, often known as the year's fifth season, famous for its exuberant celebrations and processions as well as its mockery of local politicians as illustrated by some of the irreverent stone figures featured on the buildings.

The Christmas markets attract visitors from all over the world with their dazzling array of crafts and Christmas delicacies. The Lindt chocolate factory provided a fascinating insight into the art of chocolate-making with the chocolate fountain taking pride of place- is it any wonder that no European country consumes more chocolate than Germany!

The visit to Phantasialand on the Saturday offered a multicultural experience alongside the array of white-knuckle rides, not to mention the spectacular lights and the fireworks at the end of the day. My thanks go to Ms Holling, Ms Palmer and Ms Wilks for accompanying the trip and to the students themselves who made the visit so worthwhile.

Mr K Stephan



Bramcote College Parents' Forum

Bramcote College re-launched the Parents Forum a couple of weeks ago, an opportunity to meet with senior staff and the Chair of the Local Governing Body to discuss any concerns you have, any good practice you would like to encourage and any developments the school is planning. The forum will meet once a term on a weekday evening in school.

All parents and carers are welcome to attend our Parents' Forum, with the next meeting set to take place on 13th February in school.

The views of parents and carers are welcomed by the school and the Parent's Forum plays a crucial role allowing direct positive communication between parents, carers and the school's senior leadership. The forum has been set up to contribute positively to the way Bramcote College is run, and we hope you can join us in helping the school create the best possible environment for your child.

To submit agenda items for our next meeting, or for any further information, please contact us via email: parents@bramcote.college.

Please see [our page on the school website](#) if you would like to read the notes from our first meeting.

Bramcote College

Christmas Carol Service
Orchestra ★ Choir ★ Carols
Readings ★ Soloists
CrossTeach

at Beeston Methodist Church,
Chilwell Road

Tuesday 10th December, 7pm
Suggested entrance donation: £2.50



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Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award

This award is for both Alderman White and Bramcote College pupils in Year 11. As soon as you have had your 16th birthday, you are able to register for the Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award Scheme. You do not need to have completed this award before.

- You can register for as little as £29, through registration you will receive your DofE log book, DofE discount card giving your 10% off at selected retailers and your online eDofE account. You can then start your volunteering, skills and physical sections.
- For the Gold Award you will need attend a residential. The NCS (National citizenship scheme), offers this through local universities at a great discounted price.
- At Bramcote College we offer training for your practice expedition in Year 12 (Peak and Lake District). In Year 13 we offer training for your final expedition.
- You will have until your 25th birthday to complete your award.

If you would like any more information or you would like to register please contact Mr Ramsden at david.ramsden@whptrust.org

Sport

Football

On a cold Monday afternoon the Year 10 football team had a match against Carlton Academy. They were eager to play and had high hopes on the way to the game.

They won the toss and chose to play with the sun on their side to give themselves an advantage. They started well and put the opposition under pressure. There were several attempts from Uzair, Harvey Hornidge and Aidan. The keeper made some excellent saves and denied us the lead. Unfortunately, they caught us on the counter attack and took the lead.



Carlton started to gain momentum however, the strong defensive skills of Freddie, Endrit, Liam and Jacob kept them at bay. Finn made some excellent saves to keep the score down so we had a chance of a comeback.

We continued to fight and made some excellent chances but were unable to finish and get the goal that would have gotten us back into the game. There were some excellent displays of skill by Chino and Marshall but it just wasn't enough. TJ dominated the wing and was putting their right back was unable to deal with him.

Harvey Shelley and Korey cam on in the second half and had an immediate impact but we were unable to contain some of their key players.

The team worked really hard and had to deal with some extreme conditions. They are looking forward to their next game.

Mr B Parker

Primary Agility Festival

On Monday, Alderman White hosted a primary Agility festival which involved Foundation and Year 1 students from many of our feeder schools. John Clifford, The Lanes, Wadsworth Fields, Trowell and Roundhill were amongst the schools that were involved.

The event was delivered by Year 10 and 11 sports leaders who led the children through a circuit consisting of several stations based on agility. The infants were given the opportunity to demonstrate many other skills such as team building, resilience and communication.

In total we welcomed over 120 students all of whom had a fun experience. The sports leaders were able to put their leadership training into practice and considered the experience something which they could discuss at college interviews.



Futsal

On Wednesday, both Bramcote College and Alderman White Year 7 Girls Futsal teams travelled to George Spencer to take part in the annual District competition, the winners of which would go on to represent Broxtowe at



the County finals. Both schools have had a massive intake of Year 7 girl footballers all of whom train weekly, so we were able to enter 3 teams. The atmosphere had a sense of camaraderie, with the girls from all the schools cheering each other on. There was an abundance of goals and near misses making it all the more exciting. Bramcote College finished in 3rd place, with Alderman White's A&B teams following up just behind.

Mrs A Kilbane

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

Careers: Spotlight on Retail, Transport and Logistics



Finding the ladder you want to climb

As part of a regular monthly feature in our Newsletter, we will highlight different career sectors to provide information for students and parents/carers. This will include: what careers are available, labour market information and advice and guidance surrounding further and higher education courses. This month's focus is retail, transport and logistics.

An integral part of the UK economy is the retail sector, with over 319,000 retail businesses generating more than £395 billion of sales each year. Inextricably linked to the retail sector is the Transport and Logistics sector which, in a nutshell, is the process of moving things from one area to another. However, within this sector are many sub industries, such as passenger transport, freight, planning and management, with opportunities to work in a variety of different areas, from air craft cabin crew, or coach driver to marketing, HR and IT.

Whereas not all jobs in this area require higher education qualifications, it is a growing sector with the East Midlands predicting an increase of 47,000 jobs by 2024 in key areas which include wholesale and retail and transport and storage. A resulting factor of such growth could mean that as the sector grows there will be a demand for more highly-skilled employees which would mean any higher education qualification would put you at an advantage of securing a position.

So what are my next steps?
Bramcote College 6th Form has a range of post 16 options available to help you take the next steps towards your dream career in Retail, Transport and Logistics, such as Business A Level or Business Cambridge Technical Level 3. Supporting subjects such as, IT, Maths, Computer Science, Media, and Modern Foreign Languages would also be useful to study. 42% of logistics and transport professionals studied business and management at University before entering the sector.

Many large companies offer graduate employment schemes, with the retail sector paying some of the highest graduate starting salaries with an average figure of £30,000 however some pay considerably more. Lidl's Graduate Trainee Area Manager Scheme has a starting salary of £46,000, whereas Aldi's Area Manager Programme pays £44,000, which rises to £75,360 after just 4 years!

If you want to know more about progressing to a career in Retail, Transport or Logistics check out the following web links, or alternatively speak to Miss Barnett or Ms Welch at Bramcote College or Alderman White.

retailchoice.com

prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/job-sectors/retail/jobs-in-retail

allaboutcareers.com/careers/industry/transport-logistics

prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/job-sectors/transport-and-logistics/graduate-jobs-in-transport-and-logistics

On 26th Feb 2020, I will be taking a group of Year 10 students to visit the Advanced Transport and Infrastructure National College Taster Day in Doncaster. This will give students the opportunity to find out more about further education courses in rail, transport and infrastructure at the college in Doncaster and their sister college in Birmingham. Courses at the college allow students to develop specialist skills in areas such as civil engineering, systems engineering and digital design. With average starting salaries for junior or graduate engineers at £30,557 and British businesses expected to need 203,000 skilled engineers every year until 2024, this will be a great experience!

If you are interested in attending the taster day, and are a student in Year 10 at Alderman White, or Bramcote College, please email vicky.barnett@whptrust.org to secure your place as spaces are limited.

Miss V Barnett

Surplus Food Donations

Stapleford Aldi will be donating surplus food to Stapleford Community Group on Christmas Eve for collection by those in need as part of the Stapleford Food Project. This has been a very successful initiative over the last few years, please see the [Stapleford Community Group website](#) for more information.

Donna MacRae - Stapleford Community Group

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.