



Newsletter

The White Hills Park Trust

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A busy and rewarding term

We have come to the end of another term, and one that has been particularly successful for our schools. Starting with the wonderful summer results, there have been so many achievements and successes for our schools. Numbers continue to rise, we have welcomed outstanding new teachers to our team, and there have been some memorable events, including the 6th form trip to China, the Hustings a couple of weeks ago, real progress with our new build and many trips and events. I am always amazed when I read the Newsletter and see the range and extent of activity our students participate in, and the wonderful achievements of so many. Just last week, I was spellbound watching a magnificent performance of A Midsummer Night's Dream at Alderman White – among the best school performances of Shakespeare I have ever seen (and I've seen a few!).

One of the most significant events that has happened this term has been our developing partnership with Brookhill Leys Primary School in Eastwood. Brookhill Leys is an ideal primary partner for us – led by the Head Teacher, Mrs Jacque Sainsbury, and her team, it is a high performing, successful school that shares the values of our Trust – inclusive, high-quality education, based on a broad and rich curriculum, outward-looking but rooted in its community.

I am delighted to let you know that Brookhill Leys have made a formal application to the Regional Schools Commissioner to extend our partnership by joining the White Hills Park Trust. They will become a full partner with Alderman White and Bramcote College, and we will share capacity and expertise. As well as the benefits that we will get through economies of scale and sharing of services, this is a very exciting move as we develop our curriculum offer for all pupils. We know that secondary and primary sectors have much to learn from each other, and that the closer we can work together, the better.

We expect the decision to be confirmed in January, and the formal move to take place late Spring. In time, we are hoping to welcome more schools into the Trust, both primary and secondary, and the leadership capacity that we will gain from Brookhill Leys will help this ambition. However, I would assure parents that we will not pursue expansion for its own sake, and the values and ethos of any future partner, as well as the capacity of our own schools to manage the change, will always be paramount.

There is always a bittersweet element to the end of a term as we say goodbye to some staff who are moving on, and this term is no exception. Ms Howard, from the Maths team at Alderman White, and Mr Remon, from Bramcote College Science, are both heading overseas for exciting new challenges. I would like to thank them and wish them luck. We are also saying a temporary farewell to three of our teachers who begin maternity leave at the end of term – Ms Arnold, Ms Anderson and Ms Shiers – I'm sure you will join with me in wishing them luck at this exciting time.

Finally, I would like to give a special mention to Julie Francis who retires today after almost 20 years in our schools, in a variety of roles, most recently as Progress Leader at Alderman White. As well as being a wonderful teacher and colleague, Julie has been the heart of our schools for many years, and there are generations of students and parents who are grateful for her skill and kindness. She will keep very close links to our schools and I know we will see her often, but I would like to wish her and her family all the very best.

Paul Heery
Executive Principal

Dates for your Diary

January	TRUST	AWS	BC	BC6F
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			
28th	Specialisms Morning			

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