



Newsletter

The White Hills Park Trust

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Working closely with other schools

One of the ways in which education has changed in recent years is that opportunities for schools to work together no longer happen automatically through the Local Authority. This has led to a danger that schools can become isolated, and there are fewer opportunities to work together and learn from each other's practice. In our Trust, we believe that schools are strongest when they work together. It is therefore increasingly important that schools are outward-looking and collaborative, and that we recognise that whilst we have much to offer others, there is always a lot we can learn. The news that I shared with you recently, that Brookhill Leys Primary School are joining the Trust gives us a wonderful opportunity to develop our collaborative approach across the different phases of education, and we are in discussion with other schools who have also expressed an interest in being part of White Hills Park.

Beyond our Trust schools, we collaborate in a number of ways. Firstly, we are part of a formal collaboration with our feeder primary schools. We share professional development, including work with newly-qualified teachers, governors and middle leaders, as well as a well-established Head Teacher network. Along with the opportunity to work with colleagues from other schools, this gives us the chance to ensure that we have a strong transition programme from primary to secondary.

Another example of our collaborative ethos is the work we do with Chilwell School. As Chilwell is one of our closest neighbours, we know that our schools share many similarities and challenges. We have always worked closely together as part of the local Behaviour and attendance Partnership to ensure that we have a co-ordinated approach across the area, and we have recently extended this partnership to look at issues of teaching and curriculum with staff from all three schools working together to share ideas and expertise.

We are part of a number of other partnerships and collaborations. For example, we work with 4 other local Multi-Academy Trusts to deliver formal training in the National Qualifications for Head Teachers, and Senior and Middle Leaders; we support the Broxtowe Active Schools Partnership; and we work with a network of schools to co-ordinate provision for students with special educational needs and disabilities. In all these areas, we are able to achieve more by working together.

You will be aware that our schools are closed for an Inset day next Friday. On this day, all of our teaching staff are visiting other schools, to meet colleagues in a different setting, observe and share good practice. We will then bring that knowledge back to our school and use it to reflect on our own practice. It is an excellent example of our commitment to working with others for the benefit of us all.

Paul Heery
Executive Principal

Dates for your Diary

February	TRUST	AWS	BC	BC6F
10th - 14th	Trip to Portugal			
10th	Specialism Choices Deadline			
10th	Year 9 Sports Leadership Event			
10th - 14th	Year 11 Mock Exams			
12th	Year 10 & 11 Theatre Trip: An Inspector Calls			
13th - 25th	German Exchange Trip			
14th	INSET Day Schools Closed to students			
17th - 21st	Half Term Break			
24th	Schools Reopen			
27th	Year 10 Parents' Evening 16:00 - 18:30			
28th	What Career/University Live NEC, Birmingham			
March				
2nd	Go4Set Engineering Project Launch			
2nd - 6th	Year 7 Easter Experience Workshops			
2nd - 12th	Year 11 Mock Exams			

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

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Meet The Employer at NTU

Earlier this week we took a group of Year 13 students to Nottingham Trent University's Meet the Employer event.

This 'careers fair' style event gave students who are looking at alternatives to the traditional university route to talk to businesses who were looking to take on higher and degree apprentices. All of the businesses attending work with Nottingham Trent University as the provider for the theoretical and academic element of the training for their apprentices. On completion young people either have a Foundation of Bachelor's degree.

Our students were able to talk to business representatives about the opportunities they were looking to fill, to discover the skills and qualities they were looking for and to find out about the application process. Most students came away with leads to follow up.

In this National Apprenticeship Week we also had students attend Hays Travel Apprenticeship evening in Nottingham and Nottingham College's Apprenticeship Fair.



Ms C Welch

Trips to Paris and Madrid

There has been an unprecedented response to this year's trip to Paris with almost 100 applications received. Luckily we have managed to book a second trip in June which will allow an additional 40 students to take part. A provisional list of successful applicants will be posted in both schools on Monday.

Information about our planned trip to Madrid in October will be available in March.

Mr K Stephan

International Cuisine

It's been an amazing week for culinary delights at Alderman White, from Year 8 students in Ms McLaughlin's class creating their own recipes to students making and tasting traditional Chinese New Year dumplings with Ms Wang in a special lunchtime workshop.

Food Technology at its creative and international best!

Mr K Stephan



British Sign Language Classes

We are delighted to offer a Level 1 course in British Sign Language for all Trust students. The course will run at Bramcote College from 3.40pm – 5.15pm every Thursday. There are a limited number of spaces available.

The reasons for wanting to learn sign language are many and varied, from having had contact with a deaf person or wanting to communicate and assist the speech or hearing impaired community. British Sign Language (BSL) has its own grammatical rules and structure, which are completely different from English. It uses hand gestures, movements and facial expressions to convey meaning.



Doing a basic course in sign language will help you to understand and use a range of simple words and sentences, allowing you to follow and give simple directions or instructions. It could also open up a new career path as a sign language interpreter. There is a huge shortage in the UK and interpreters are always in high demand. Finally- it will be a real asset on your CV and / or UCAS Personal Statement.

Tuition fees - for all Trust Students lessons are funded by the Trust.

For students new to BSL a registration fee of £25.00 is payable at the beginning of the course and is non-refundable. If you continue to study additional units there will be an additional £25.00 registration fee per unit.

Interested? Please see Melissa Rigley at Bramcote College for an application form, or email college@whptrust.org.

Mrs M Rigley

A busy week of sport at Alderman White

Row, row, row, your boat

On the 6th of February students across all year groups at Alderman White competed in a rowing competition held at George Spencer School. Lots of the students had been rowing in lessons and had been involved in the inter-form competitions that had been held in the last half term. They went with a spring in their step ready to do well.

We started the events off with each year group rowing as far as they could in a time limit. We then competed in a team relay for 8 minutes. It was a KS3 team and a KS4 team. They decided how to split the minutes. Their change overs were well practiced with stroke coaching from Emile, and KS4 won by just 19 metres. It was then the turn of KS3. They rowed super hard and just lost by only a few metres.

The KS4 team won and KS3 came second. Everyone worked super hard and had a really good time. Well done everyone.

Mr B Parker

Netball

This Wednesday evening, the Alderman White Year 8 Netball squad played their second set of fixtures at Nottingham University Samworth Academy in the County central venue league.

The first game, against Becket, allowed the girls to showcase their strong passing skills. They rarely lost possession or their goal flow and didn't allow the opposition opportunity to play. They took the game 4-2.

Mentally and physically prepared from the previous game, the girls found themselves in a positive frame of mind to confront Rushcliffe, well aware that this would be a tough meet since their defeat last month. The game was high octane, with the opposition playing 5 County players. Rushcliffe monopolised play leaving us no breathing space and eventually won easily.

With our spirits remaining high, we went on to play Hall Park. A much closer game, we took the lead early on, followed by a swift return goal from the opposition. The score remained this way until Hall Park edged away and finally took the game 4-1.

Despite two loses, the girls clung on to that victory and walked off the courts with their spirits high.

Mrs A Kilbane

Rugby

Alderman Whites newly formed Y7 Y8 Rugby team made the short trip to George Spencer Academy this week to play in a friendly fixture. The team were confident after their first game against Hall Park a couple of weeks ago but realised this would be a bigger challenge. The Spencer team were made up of mainly Y8 pupils and this age and size difference certainly made the game a tough one. The game was played at high speed and high intensity with both team making big tackles and big gains with some direct running. Although scores were not important both teams were able to score a number of tries and this kept the game very competitive. A fair result of a draw was probably the best result for an excellent advert for the game of rugby from 2 eager teams. A big thank you to Nottingham Casuals Rugby Club who refereed the game and offered coaching within the game. Hopefully there will be some more games in the near future.

Mr R Bateman



GLAMS showing #ThisGirlCan at Bramcote College

The Bramcote College Year 9 GLAMS (Girls Leadership and Marketing Squad) have been working hard this year with Miss King in PE on the Girls Active project run by the Youth Sport Trust, to change the outlook and experiences of girls' PE engagement at Bramcote College.

They have produced a video using three powerful songs by iconic female artists (Alicia Keys, Cyndi Lauper and Beyoncé) which they think will grab girls' attention and show them how they could be missing out on the lifelong benefits of sport.

We want to change this, now, for every girl in Bramcote College!

Click to watch the video: youtu.be/AGuRVNgyc6k

Miss G King



Football - Clash of Titans

On Tuesday the 4th of February Alderman White and Bramcote College came together for the next round of the cup. The AW team was made up of a few very talented Yr8 students and a set of strong Yr9's. Bramcote, who were playing their first match of the year and under the direction of new manager Mr Straw won the coin toss and decided to start the match uphill.

Straight from the start AW dominated and kept Bramcotes GK Kevin busy. AW found their rhythm and broke the deadlock with a great pass from the back that Jamie latched onto he slotted the ball past the keeper. AW kept up the pressure and TJ managed to dribble past several players and slot the ball in to make the score 2-0. Bramcote were struggling to contain the Alderman White attack. AW's Frankie hit the ball sweet and it went under the keeper to make 3 -0. The ball very rarely crossed AW halfway line. TJ scored two more goals to make it 5-0. As the half drew to a close, Bramcote did not give in and pulled one back to make it 5-1 at half time.

Alderman White were confident going into the second half with a comfortable lead, changing the team and brought on a few substitutions. Mr Straw's half time team talk focused the Bramcote boys and with the hill advantage they put AW under pressure straight away. They pulled one back to make it 5-2 and they gained momentum. Bramcote grew in confidence and with Akai, playing up from Y8 dictating the tempo of the play, more and more chances fell Bramcotes way. With the sun setting on the horizon the AW defence and goalkeeper struggled to see the ball. Again, Bramcote seized the advantage and pulled back another, and another and another with the equaliser being scored with the last kick of the ball. The score was now 5-5. The full time whistle blew, so it was extra time.

Both teams had a quick talk, gathered themselves and went back out with a new purpose, who would win the battle of the WHP Trust? With both teams keeping their shape team Alderman White snatched the lead as TJ latched onto a through ball to score and take the game to 6-5. Unfortunately, Bramcote, without fresh legs on the bench were burnt out and struggled to make any real chances. Alderman White finished the game 6-5 and have now progressed onto the next round of the cup.

In true cup tie fashion both teams played the game in good spirits and what a spectacle it was.

Mr B Parker

Open Water Education Network

On Wednesday 19th February 2020 the Employability Team at Nottingham Trent University will be doing a sponsored swim at Harvey Hadden Sports Village, hoping to raise as much money as possible to support local initiative OWEN (Open Water Education Network). The team are aiming to swim a minimum of the equivalent of the English Channel in 6 hours, and any money raised will provide water safety delivery packages that will be used to deliver open water safety awareness to children and young people.

[justgiving.com/crowdfunding/owenntu](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/owenntu)

Nottingham Trent University Employability Team



Stapleford Town Deal

In September 2019, it was announced that Stapleford had been chosen as one of 100 towns selected to receive a share of £1bn, being made available to regenerate towns across the UK.

Stapleford will receive funding of up to £25m to invest in delivering projects to address the wider regeneration of the town. Residents, workers and local businesses from Stapleford are invited to think about ways to improve the area.

To have your say, [click here](#).
Deadline: Wednesday 12th February 2020

Cllr Richard MacRae

FASHION SHOW
Alderman White School, Chilwell, Nottingham

and clothes sale

Thursday
12 March 2020
6.30pm for
7pm start
Finish at 9pm

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