



# Newsletter

The White Hills Park Federation Trust

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## Celebrating Achievements

We have many reasons to be very proud of our students, and regular readers of our Newsletter see details of these on a weekly basis. Very often it's their academic performance we celebrate or an achievement linked to the curriculum, but there are a whole range of things that our students excel at that it's easy to become blasé.

In last week's Newsletter, for example we reported how Alderman White students, including the Broxtowe Youth Mayor, Alfie Russell, and the Deputy Youth Mayor, William Mee, played a leading role in the Broxtowe Holocaust Memorial Day ceremony. It is a great honour to have both roles filled by Alderman White students, and the majority of the postholders in the last few years have come from the Federation.

You may also have read in the Nottingham Post last week that an Alderman White student, Max Wright, has been involved in testing and evaluating a breakthrough treatment for asthma at QMC, called the Prolab – as well as giving the benefit of his opinion, Max has donated his birthday present money to raising money for equipment to help sick children – well done Max!

Also in the last week, we have had some amazing news from Bramcote College, who triumphed against some incredibly stiff competition last weekend – thank you to Mr Macdonald for the following report:

*Paul Heery* - Executive Principal

## Bramcote College - Regional Netball Champions

Bramcote College's Netball Team certainly didn't let the awful wind and rain stop them last weekend at Emmanuel School as they competed in the East Midlands Netball Regional Finals.

Their first group game was against Bannovale School from Lincolnshire in which Bramcote College started slowly before a strong second half saw them win 8-4. They then blitzed Littleover School in their second game 12-6. The third game against Northants High School saw the strength and power of our girls as they held on to win 8-6 which guaranteed them a semi-final spot. Although we lost the final group game against Oakham School this was no more than a dead rubber. The semi-final game itself against Loughborough High School was a nail-biting affair with never more than one score in it. Fortunately the team had played at this stage before and their experience showed as they won a close game 6-5. The final was against Repton School who had beaten Oakham School in the other semi-final. Without a doubt the girls put on their best performance of the year. Once they scored the first goal they never lost the lead and ran out 10-6 winners.



This awesome performance saw the team crowned the East Midlands Netball Champions to add to the County Championship won last term. This means that they will now represent the East Midlands in the national finals over the weekend of March 17th -18th in Welwyn Garden City. It was a real privilege to be there on Saturday and the College is incredibly proud of our girls – they were skilful and competitive on-court but humble and gracious in victory. A particular mention should go to Richard Bateman (recently awarded 'Inspirational Teacher of the Year' in the Nottingham Post's Education Awards for his work with this team) alongside Emma Peebles who has assisted with the coaching. To put their achievement into context, Bramcote College are now ranked as one of the top 18 schools in the country at U16 level out of over 500 entries. The girls are now training for the National Finals – they are determined to not only be the best state school in the country but the best school in the country.



I'd like to thank all the parents, students and staff who came along to support our girls but, most of all, I'd like to commend our girls for becoming Regional Champions. They deserve every bit of credit that comes their way for their achievement. In so many ways they showed all the attributes we want all our students across the Trust to develop and display: **Bravery; Resilience; Attitude; Motivation; Commitment; Organisation; Talent; Energy.** In a word – **BRAMCOTE.**

### Bramcote College's Winning Team:

Holly Roome, Hollie Weedon, Jenna White, Beth Rontree, Ella Bird,  
Jodie Pease, Chloe Peebles, Caitlyn McDonald

**James Macdonald**

**Trust Operations Director (and a convert to Netball too)**

## Music Tuition

Music tuition lessons are available to all students. We have a fantastic team of tutors offering a wide range of instruments, including: Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Drums, Guitar, Violin, Trumpet, Trombone, Horn, Keyboard and Piano as well as Vocal lessons.

If your child would like to take advantage of this opportunity please complete and return the booking form which can be downloaded from our website or collected from reception.

All Year 7 students at Bramcote College were given the opportunity to try a music tuition taster lesson in January, were given a letter to take home with a booking form attached.

If you require any further information please contact either [wendy.leedham@whpfederation.org](mailto:wendy.leedham@whpfederation.org) or Head of Music Mrs Franklin, [claire.franklin@whpfederation.org](mailto:claire.franklin@whpfederation.org).

This is a fantastic opportunity to learn to play an instrument whilst at school.

**Mrs W Leedham**

## Chinese New Year

As we approach Chinese New Year celebrations and enter the Year of the Dog, Alderman White students and Bramcote College sixth-formers have been sampling some of the traditional food in China at this time of year, in particular Chinese New Year dumplings with a range of fillings.



Our two Confucius Classroom teachers, Jing Xie and Zhen Zhang, with the help of our Food Technology staff, introduced students to some of the culinary traditions at this time of year which were followed by the all-important tasting! Judging by the smiles and the 'relative' silence around the table, the dumplings seem to have gone down rather well! It was just a question of mastering the art of eating with chopsticks!



Next week at both Alderman White and Bramcote College students can try to make their own Chinese style dumplings in two extra after-school classes. The first of these is at Alderman White on Tuesday at 3.30pm - the class for Bramcote College students is at the same time on Thursday.



Any students interested in taking part should contact me in school or email me as soon as possible for more information:

[karsten.stephan@whpfederation.org](mailto:karsten.stephan@whpfederation.org)

**Mr K Stephan**

## Dates for your Diary

February	FED	AWS	BC	BC6F
5th	Year 11 English Language / Maths Mock Exams begin			
6th	Year 11 GCSE Food Practical Exam			
8th	KS3 & 4 Paris and Disneyland Paris Trip Information Evening 19.00 Alderman White School Hall			
8th	KS4 & 5 Theatre Visit 19:30 Derby Theatre			
12th - 16th	Year 12 / 13 Trip To Portugal			
13th	Year 12 and 13 Reports Issued			
15th	Year 10 Parents' Evening 16:00 - 18:30			
15th - 26th	German Exchange Gütersloh, Germany			
19th - 23rd	Half Term Break Schools Closed			
26th	INSET Day Schools Closed to Students			
28th	China Launch Event Information Evening 19:00 Bramcote College			
<b>March</b>				
1st - 4th	KS3 & 4 Paris and Disneyland Paris Trip			
1st	PTA Meeting 18:30 Alderman White School			
3rd - 6th	KS5 Psychology and Media Conference Paris			
8th	Parents' Forum 18:30 - 20:00 Alderman White School			
12th - 27th	Year 10 Mock Exams			
15th 16th 17th	Spring Production 19:00 Alderman White School Hall			
19th	KS4 Criminology Conference Manchester			

Please see our websites to view a full calendar of events and important dates.

## Year 11 Prom at Alderman White School

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Letters are out and it is becoming so important that Yr 11 crack down on fundraising for Prom, as we need to start booking things like venue, a photo booth and any extras we might want. We also need a certain number of people to confirm to be able to run it, so returning letters is very important.

As part of that, we will be doing a cake sale on Thursday 8th February. We need all Yr 11 students to bring cakes or sweets to room 20 at the start of the day, and for everyone else to bring money to buy these goods, which will include some vegan cakes.

We will also be running a film club for KS3 during the lunchtimes in the last week of school before the next half term holiday. We will be showing two films, yet to be decided, in room 19, charging for entry and selling popcorn. Details will be finalised and passed onto you soon.

If you have any questions, or want to get involved, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me:

[A13LStott@students.whpfederation.org](mailto:A13LStott@students.whpfederation.org)

**Lydia Stott**

## Broxtowe Active Schools Launch

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Last week saw the official launch of the Broxtowe Active Schools Network, at Nottingham University; with the event attended by over 50 people, from 25 local schools and other stakeholders.

The active schools network will support schools to increase the number and quality of physical activity opportunities available to young people and their families.

With the network hosted by White Hills Park, there will be many activities accessible to pupils at both Alderman White School, and Bramcote college; including leadership and employability skills training. Anyone interested in leadership and volunteering opportunities, or who would like more information; can contact the network by emailing [bas@whpfederation.org](mailto:bas@whpfederation.org).



**Mr S Benson**

## Stamp Collecting

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Alderman White School have been collecting used stamps this year, and everything collected so far has now been sent to the Hearing Dogs for the Deaf charity. We would like to thank all parents and students who sent in their used stamps, we are still collecting and will welcome any more, which will be sent to a different charity next time.

**Ms S Woolley**

## UK Intermediate Maths Challenge

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Our top thirty Mathematicians from Years 9, 10 and 11 at Bramcote College sat the Intermediate UK Maths Challenge on Thursday, along with a similar amount from Alderman White School. The Challenge is an opportunity for young Mathematicians to compete against students from all over the UK, and successful students are rewarded with Certificates and can progress to further rounds. You can try out past questions for by visiting [ukmt.org.uk](http://ukmt.org.uk) and clicking 'individual challenges' followed by 'Intermediate Challenge'.

**Mr D Marsden**

## Alderman White Food Drive

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9JRR thought it would be great to help the local community, and are organising a food drive at Alderman White School.

We're asking for donations of non-perishable food and toiletries that can be given to a local food bank, for example:  
**Food:** Milk (UHT or powdered), Sugar (500g), Fruit Juice (carton), Soup, Pasta Sauces, Sponge Pudding (Tinned), Tinned spaghetti/macaroni, Cereals, Rice Pudding (Tinned), Tea bags, Instant coffee, Instant Mash Potato, Rice/Pasta, Tinned Meat/ Fish/Vegetables, Tinned Fruit, Jam, Biscuits or snack bars

**Toiletries:** Deodorant, Toilet paper, Shower gel, Shaving gel, Shampoo, Soap, Toothbrushes, Tooth paste, Hand wipes

**Household items:** Laundry liquid detergent, Laundry powder, Washing up liquid

**Feminine products:** Sanitary towels and Tampons

**Baby supplies:** Nappies, Baby wipes and baby food. (Please note, due to advice from UNICEF we cannot take formula milk.)

We aim to hand over the donations to a food bank in Beeston on 16th February Please bring any donations into Miss Jerrett in room W24.

**Miss B Jerrett**

# YOUTH GYM

Thursday 28th September

Then every Thursday (during term time)

Come along with your water bottle, trainers and sportswear and use our gym equipment...taking part in a fun and active programme!

4.30PM-5.30PM

£3.50



Staff Trained By a National Academy of Sports Medicine (NASM) Certified Personal Trainer  
Performance Enhancement Specialist and  
Corrective Exercise Specialist.

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Charity number: 522177

The Pearson Centre for Young People

2 Nuart Road, Beeston

Nottingham NG92NH

0115 9254112

**Ex-chainstore charity**

**Fashion Show & Clothes Sale**

Thursday 19 April  
Alderman White School

Hosted by the  
Risley Fashion House

Doors open at  
6.30pm for 7pm start

Tickets in advance: £3 adults | £2 under 16's  
Tickets on the door: £4 adults | £3 under 16's

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NEAR BRAMCOTE ISLAND

**FASHION SHOW AND CLOTHES SALE**

FRIDAY 11TH MAY  
SHOW STARTS 7PM  
DOORS OPEN 6:30PM  
LICENSED BAR | SOFT DRINKS | TOMBOLA

ADULTS	CHILDREN (UNDER 16)
£3	£2
IN ADVANCE FROM RECEPTION	
£4	£3
ON THE DOOR	

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