



# Newsletter

The White Hills Park Trust

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## The Role of the Trust, and a Positive Start to the Year

I am very pleased to report that we have had a really positive start to the school year. New Year 7s have settled in, along with an exceptionally high number of new students coming to other year groups. All of our new staff have made a really good start to their time here, and over the last couple of weeks, we have been joined by a very strong group of teaching practice students, who will work alongside teachers, learning their craft, but also making a very good contribution. Enrichment activities are already in full swing – following another outstandingly successful German exchange visit, we have a large group of students in Madrid this weekend, a wide range of sports fixtures are now taking place, there are record numbers in Alderman White Swing Band, and first rehearsals have begun for our upcoming productions – Annie at Bramcote College, and Romeo and Juliet at Alderman White. Year 11 and Year 13 students have returned with obvious determination to achieve well this year, and the atmosphere around both schools is calm and purposeful, with excellent behaviour on show consistently. Following the Year 7 Open Evenings, we have been showing a large number of parents and children around, and receiving universally positive feedback.

You may remember that towards the end of last year, I wrote about the way that we have changed the way we are operating as a Trust, and the relationship between the individual schools and the Trust as a whole. Mrs Mellors and Mrs Gale, in their roles as respective Heads of School, work closely with the Trust team as a whole, but are also establishing their school's unique identity and ethos. Bramcote College now incorporates Bramcote College 6th Form, which is led by Mrs Parker Dennis, as part of Mrs Gale's senior leadership team. This strengthens the capacity of our 6th Form team, as well as allowing the positive influence of our 6th Form students to benefit the school as a whole. Although the daily experience of 6th Form students is different from their younger colleagues – use of the common room, flexible timetables etc – they are a vital part of our school community, and we have been delighted with the way they have engaged with changes.

The role of the Trust team is to make sure that our schools have all the tools they need to be successful in their vital role of ensuring excellent teaching and learning. As Executive Principal, I work closely with the Heads of School, and provide advice and support. James Macdonald has taken on the role of Operations Director – he works with the support teams to ensure that we manage finance and Human Resources efficiently, that we provide data and exams support to the schools, that our site teams and admin support are operating well. We have a small expert team at Trust level who support governance, manage IT, look after finance, HR, recruitment and so on. We believe that this allows the schools to be fully focussed on their important core business.

At a Trust level we have a number of key priorities this year. As you know, we are preparing to expand the Trust by welcoming the first of our new schools, and ensuring we have the right governance and support systems. We are working to secure our new building at Bramcote, and plan for the provision of excellent buildings at Alderman White. We are working with a group of other Trusts to provide a high-quality approach to school improvement and professional development. We are making sure that we are well placed to manage future financial challenges.

These changes will make little difference to the experience of students or parents – we hope and expect that you will continue to be very happy with the provision that we offer. Behind the scenes, we are working to ensure that as a Trust, we can provide the conditions that make this possible and are well placed to meet the challenges of the future.

*Paul Heery*

Executive Principal

## Dates for your Diary

October	TRUST	AWS	BC	BC6F
4th - 8th	Trip to Madrid			
8th	School Photographs AW - Years 7 and 11 BC - All Years			
11th	PTA Welcome Meeting 18:30			
12th	Year 8 Trip: National Space Centre			
15th	Year 11 English and Maths Mock Exams Begin			
17th	Year 13 Spectroscopy Visit Nottingham University			
18th	Duke of Edinburgh's Award Information Evening Alderman White School Hall 18:00 - 20:30			
22nd - 24th	Year 7 Residential Walesby Forest			
24th - 26th	Year 7 Residential Walesby Forest			

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

## Trip to the Christmas Markets of Cologne and Phantasialand: 29th November - 2nd December

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Applications for this year's trip to the stunning Christmas Markets of Cologne and the theme park, Phantasialand, should be handed in as soon as possible. Letters and application forms are available from Reception at both Alderman White and Bramcote College.

**Mr K Stephan**

### Sport

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#### Football

The Year 8 Girls' Football team from Bramcote College played in their first game this week. Being drawn against Joseph Whitaker school from Rainworth in the County Cup meant the girls were having to play a school much larger than Bramcote. The game started with Joe Whit forcing a number of corners which were easily dealt with by the Bramcote team. Although Bramcote were being pushed back, they were able to regularly break and launch attacks which meant the game was very finely balanced. After the half time break Bramcote became the more dominant team and a fantastic long distance goal by man (lady) of the match Sophie saw Bramcote take the lead. Bramcote were then tenacious in keeping their lead and another fantastic long range effort from Kira saw Bramcote lead by 2. Joe Whit pushed forward and only a great save by Omera kept Bramcote;s 2 goal lead. Bramcote then saw out the game and go into the next round with lots of confidence.

**Mr R Bateman**

#### Basketball

6 Year 11 Girls from Bramcote College participated in the Broxtowe schools Basketball tournament at George Spencer Academy. The first game was very fast and furious with the girls narrowly missing out on a win against Kimberley. The next four games the girls came back with a fighting spirit and won all 4 games with ease. One game being very victorious against Hall Park Academy with a score of 18-2.

Overall the Year 11 Girls from Bramcote College came second in the tournament.

A very well done ladies!

**Ms G King**

#### Well Done Alexia!

Well done to Alexia, in Year 10 at Alderman White School, who is through to the Karate nationals after recently winning gold (kumite), and silver (KATA) at the regionals. She has been training hard for eight years and amazingly got her black belt aged 13!

**Miss A Hebbs**



### Calculators

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It is expected that all students at Bramcote College have their own calculator and bring it with them to all maths and science lessons. We recommend the Casio Fx83GT Plus or equivalent which has a natural display making calculations involving fractions and surds easier to understand. It also makes teaching more effective and consistent, particularly when using the wider variety of the function buttons. It is particularly important that KS4 students have this model (or one functionally similar such as the Fx85GT Plus, Fx991ES Plus, Fx83ES or FX991EX classwiz) due to the increased use of calculators at GCSE maths. Casio Fx83GT Plus calculators can be purchased from the school for £6.65. Order forms are available from the maths department.

If any student is in doubt about the suitability of their calculator their maths teacher will be able to advise them on this.



**Mr D Devlin**

### Jenny Smith - Alderman White School, 2005-2011

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In the last few days, we have received some very sad news. Jenny Smith, who attended Alderman White school from 2005 to 2011, lost her long battle with cancer a few weeks ago. Jenny was an exceptionally bright student who was heavily involved with music, student council, and a whole host of other things. Ms Franklin saw her earlier this year, and despite obvious pain and difficulty, Jenny was as fiercely brilliant as ever. She spent the last two years of her life both receiving support and care from Maggie's, and campaigning to raising funds for the charity.

We would like to offer our condolences to Jenny's family, and to encourage you to visit Maggie's website: [maggiescentres.org](http://maggiescentres.org). Maggie's is a wonderful charity that provides free practical, emotional and social support to people with cancer and their family and friends. They are always looking for donations and support with fundraising activities.

**Mr P Heery**

## Mr Remon's Gecko

I have bought my Gecko into College and it will be kept in Sc1 during term time. However, she doesn't have a name yet.

We are going to run a college wide competition to name her.

Pupils can pay 50p to suggest a name for her with any money raised being given to the PTA. The official name will be chosen the Thursday before half term at random from all the suggestions.

To suggest a name and make the donation please see Mr Remon during break or lunch.



## Mr G Remon

## 'Make Your Mark - UK Youth Parliament

'Make Your Mark' gives a unique opportunity for young people aged 11 - 18 to decide what members of Youth Parliament debate within the House of Commons. The ballot decides what members of the UK Youth Parliament should debate and vote on to be their campaign for 2019. Last year over 95,000 young people took part, including both Alderman White School and Bramcote College.

This year our student bodies have been voting on 10 key issues; mental health, ending period poverty, votes at 16, putting an end to knife crime, a curriculum to prepare us for life, supporting youth services, equal pay for equal work, tackling homelessness, transport and welcoming refugees to the UK.

For more information please visit - [ukyouthparliament.org.uk/makeyourmark](http://ukyouthparliament.org.uk/makeyourmark)

## Miss J Francis

**BC6F**

# Bramcote College Sixth Form

## Open Evening

Thursday 8th November  
18:00 - 20:30

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in the Sixth Form" - OFSTED

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# The Alderman White School PTA

Wednesday 7th November 7pm - 9pm

## PAMPER AND PROSECCO

Admission: Adults £2  
Under 16s FREE

Tickets Available From Reception

Email: [pta@aldermanwhite.school](mailto:pta@aldermanwhite.school) for further information.

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