

BRAMCOTE COLLEGE Prospectus





Welcome to Bramcote College

Headteacher Mrs Gale

At Bramcote College we want the very best for your child, so we have the highest expectations for all of our students. We work with you to ensure that their time with us is happy and successful, so they achieve the qualifications and develop the personal attributes to build a positive, successful adult life. We do recognise how important academic performance is, however, Bramcote College is about much more than exam success alone. We develop our young people and place high value on enrichment and on providing learning opportunities that inspire our students both in and outside the classroom.

We are exceptionally proud of the achievements of the school. In recent years we have built a record of improvement and success, recognised by the Ofsted 'GOOD' judgement in our most recent inspection. Our latest Ofsted report states that 'Leaders are determined that only the best is good enough for pupils at the school. They have introduced an aspirational culture, which pupils and staff have embraced.' Our students go on to attend colleges and universities, including Oxbridge and Russell Group universities in growing numbers, alongside students who secure higher level apprenticeships with companies like Rolls Royce and successfully enter the world of work.

Young people at Bramcote College are known by name and their individual potential and needs are supported and encouraged. There is a huge range of opportunities available to enrich the high quality of education provided in lessons, including the chance to take part in sports teams, drama productions, the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, residential trips, charitable activity, university visits and much, much more.

We are proud of the school we are and excited about the school we are becoming.

The Bramcote College Senior Team is:

Headteacher: Heidi Gale

Deputy Headteacher; Raising Standards: Jo Cooper

Assistant Headteacher; Curriculum and Learning: Jenny Read

Assistant Headteacher; Character and Culture: Simon Morton

Assistant Headteacher; Head of Sixth Form: Faye Parker Dennis

SENCo and Inclusion Leader; Mary Kirby

We look forward to welcoming you and your child to Bramcote College as they enter the next stage of their educational journey.

Mrs Gale

Headteacher

Bramcote College

White Hills Park Trust

“The leadership of the senior team has ensured that the school has rapidly improved. It is now good, and continues to improve across all areas of the school.” Ofsted 2017





What our students say

From the very first day, I found Bramcote College to be a friendly and welcoming place. I thought I would be overwhelmed by moving between classrooms, trying not to get lost and with all the new things that come with starting secondary school, however, the teachers and students at Bramcote College made the transition incredibly easy and quickly swept away any worries I had.

Over time my relationships with the teachers and other students grew and I quickly began to feel like the school was more of a family than just a school, as the small size means you get to know most of the staff quickly and they get to know you. I have always felt cared for at Bramcote College and I have always had friends and teachers who I trust to turn to for help or advice.

Once I started Years 10 and 11, I was impressed by how much extra help the school provides to support students in the build up to exams. Guidance was always available for any student who needed help on a topic or subject and the school provided so much help with revision for those who felt they needed it, as well as providing support for students when the pressure got to them. This made the stressful process of taking GCSEs at the end of Year 11 so much easier.

I am excited about the new experiences I will meet when I start at Bramcote College 6th Form in September, and I look forward to my next two years at Bramcote College 6th Form.



Character and Culture at Bramcote College



At Bramcote College, the success, well being and happiness of our students is at the heart of everything we do.

Our Student Support team works closely with students, staff and parents and carers to build students' confidence and resilience, encouraging them to work hard, be well and do well. Based on these three principles, students are supported and challenged to set their aspirations high and to work hard to achieve them. The Student Support team sees each of our students as individuals and focusses on providing the personalised advice and opportunities students may need during their time at Bramcote College.

We also encourage students to have a broader experience of school. We expect them to put their best efforts into the classwork and homework and we support them in doing so, in order to achieve the best possible academic outcomes and opportunities in the future. We also encourage students to get fully involved in the wider life of the school. Students can broaden their horizons by joining teams and clubs, participating in events and going on a tremendous range of trips and visits. These experiences, combined with quality first teaching and excellent pastoral support enthuse and inspire students and set them on the path to being life long learners.

"I thought the change from primary school would be difficult because I thought I might get lost and wouldn't know many people but at the (three) induction days in Year 6, I made new friends and realised that the school isn't really that big after all."

YEAR 7 STUDENT





Supporting all students

At Bramcote College we have a highly inclusive approach to teaching students with special educational needs. All students are offered access to a broad curriculum, and provision is then tailored to meet individuals' needs. We inspire and enthuse our students by supporting them in class through a range of differentiated teaching approaches, with additional support from teaching assistants where required. In addition to this, we run highly successful and engaging intervention programmes in literacy, numeracy and social skills to meet individual students' needs. We are also launching our Forest School in September 2020 with the aim of building students' confidence and developing their practical and social skills in a new environment.

At Key Stage 4 we offer a large range of appropriate courses to meet students' needs and prepare them for the wider world. At the start of their GCSE courses (in Year 10) students are assessed for access arrangements in examinations to ensure that they are fully supported throughout Years 10 and 11 to allow them to perform to the best of their abilities both in class and under exam conditions.

In the identification and support of children with SEND a graduated response is followed and reviewed regularly in consultation with parents and the student. We make sure that they have the right provision to continue to support their needs and encourage development.

"Teachers are committed to providing the best quality education for all pupils. Consequently, pupils are making faster progress and their attainment is improving." Ofsted 2017





How the Trust and Bramcote College 6th Form benefit our students

Our 6th Form facilities and links with Alderman White School allow us to achieve the feel of a small school with the advantages of a larger establishment by sharing facilities, specialist staff and running joint events to enhance the learning and experiences of our students.

The Trust allows us to share expertise and provide a richer education to all of our students. We maintain the advantages of each school having its own identity and combine this with the strengths of a larger organisation to provide a broad range of facilities and to attract a variety of specialist staff.

The advantage for our students is that they are treated as an individual in a small secondary school whilst studying a greater range of courses and taking part in more extra-curricular events and overseas visits.

After their GCSE exams, students can continue their studies at Bramcote College 6th Form which embodies the strengths of the Trust: a broad curriculum tailored to meet the needs of every one of our students, which is delivered by staff who know them well and can engage and inspire them in small teaching groups.

In 2020 94% of Bramcote College 6th Form students got into their first-choice university (building on 85% in 2019), many of which are Russell Group universities. Students also secured places on Higher Level Apprenticeships in areas as diverse as the Police Force, Rolls Royce and Experian. We are especially proud to secure such successes for our students, many of whom who have been with us for seven years of their education and delighted to see them progressing into adulthood as confident, resilient, and enthusiastic people.





Curriculum

"[Leadership] have introduced an aspirational culture which pupils and staff have embraced."
Ofsted 2017

At the White Hills Park Trust we pride ourselves on the breadth and choice within the curriculum. We develop the attitudes and skills for every student that support a healthy and fulfilled life together with the confidence for a lifetime of learning.

At Key Stage 3 we lay the foundations to make our students confident and enthused learners, ready to make informed choices about their future. As Bramcote College is a member of the larger White Hills Park Trust, when students are ready to choose their options we are able to offer courses as diverse as Photography, Psychology and Business Studies to name just a few, alongside more traditional subjects.

We believe that as students move through the school, they need to be able to select courses that stimulate their interest, support their future aspirations and give them a strong foundation for their future education and career choices. This commitment to a wide range of courses, coupled with high quality teaching and learning within each course, supports students' achievement and helps them gain the best possible results.

We are home to the Confucius Classroom, an exciting joint project between the College and the Confucius Institute at the University of Nottingham, enabling us to be one the first schools in the area to offer Mandarin. The Confucius Classroom also provides a range of cultural experiences throughout the year.

**"Relationships between staff and pupils are very positive. Pupils trust their teachers to help them do the best that they can."
Ofsted 2017**



Achievement at Bramcote College



We are delighted to say that results at Bramcote College continue to reflect the excellent progress made by our students, with year on year record breaking results and a clear pattern of consolidation and consistency of strong results.

Our Centre Assessed Grades (CAGs) for summer 2020 reflect the hard work and dedication of our students and staff in developing students' understanding and stretching their knowledge and skills in preparation for the next stage in their education or training. These GCSE outcomes reflect the progress our students have made during their time with us, with a number of students achieving Grade 9s across the board and more achieving Grades 8 and 9 in all subjects. We are proud that the progress of previous years has been maintained with 75% of our students achieving Grade 4 or above in English and 78% in Maths. This reflects the strong progress made in exam outcomes across all subjects over previous years, as well as supporting the integrity of our 2020 CAGs. Portfolio based subjects which have been assessed throughout Years 10 and 11 such as Art and Photography have continued to be successful with over 70% of our Photographers achieving grade 5 to 9 and 100% of our Art students achieving grade 6 to 9 this year. In addition to this, newer subjects such as Computer Science have enjoyed success with nearly 80% of students achieving grade 7 to 9. As our school continues to become increasingly diverse, we celebrate the language skills of our students by successfully supported students in achieving qualifications in their home languages.

Our 2019 exam results reflected a year on year pattern of record breaking GCSE results. Students achieved the school's best ever outcomes, with 68% achieving Grade 4 or above in both English and Maths, up from 50% in 2017 and 63% in 2018. 73% of students achieved Grade 4 or above in Maths, 50% achieved Grade 5 or above and 23% achieved Grades 7 to 9 (A*/A). Similarly, English results remained strong with 76% achieving Grade 4 or above in English. The past two years have also seen particular success in the Sciences, with 56% of students achieving Grades 7 to 9 in Biology, 26% achieving Grades 7 to 9 in Chemistry and 24% achieving Grades 7 to 9 in Physics. Other subjects which continue to secure strong outcomes are Spanish, with 36% of students achieving Grades 7 to 9, History and Geography achieving 20% and 18% Grades 7 to 9. There were also some fantastic individual performances, with 11% of students achieving 5 or more Grades 7 to 9.



Ofsted 2017

"Leaders are determined that only the best is good enough for pupils at the school." Ofsted 2017

"Pupils know the high standards of behaviour expected of them. As a result, they behave well." Ofsted 2017

The outcome of our most recent Ofsted inspection (May 2017) is that we are providing a 'Good' standard of education for our students, recognising the hard work and dedication of teachers, support staff, Governors and, of course, students in improving our school. We were delighted that Inspectors spoke positively about the progress we have made, and are continuing to make.

The report identified that we are 'determined that only the best is good enough for pupils at the school' and praised the 'aspirational culture' of the school. Leadership at all levels was praised and the quality of teaching was also recognised as a major strength, and something that we have worked very hard to improve through 'excellent' support and professional development.

We were proud to see that our students' behaviour was described so positively in the Ofsted report, and that our students were described as confident learners. Parents who completed surveys for the Inspectors were overwhelmingly positive and supportive; as the report says: 'The vast majority of parents... were extremely positive about the school and the recent improvements and would recommend the school to other parents.'

We are using this report as a springboard to continue our improvement; we have the highest aspirations for the students of The Bramcote School, and we will build on this success in the coming years. We are proud to serve our young people, their families and our wider community.

A link to the full report is on our website:
<http://www.bramcote.college/index.php/school-info/ofsted>



Extra-Curricular Activities



Extra-curricular and enrichment activities play a pivotal role in the life of the college, offering a blend of experiences, clubs, courses, competitions and educational trips which both complement and extend the curriculum, while developing a wide range of skills including team-work and leadership. Here is just a small selection of the wealth of opportunities on offer:

PERFORMING ARTS

Students' experiences range from seeing musical shows to Shakespeare and they have the chance to perform in our annual dance festival and candlelit evenings. To build on students' performance experiences Bramcote College is working with Nottingham Playhouse, running a weekly after school youth theatre. Staff and students from all years in the school enjoy our annual productions which have been as diverse as Footloose, Annie and the Wizard of Oz.

SPORT

The extensive range of sports-clubs and teams on offer includes: football, rugby, tennis, table-tennis, basketball, athletics, archery and our tremendously successful netball teams. Lunch time sports clubs also give students the chance to enjoy a range of sports.

CLUBS

As well as homework help and clubs run by different subject areas, there is a tremendous range of other activities available. The Carnegie Book Shadowing Scheme and Brilliant Book Award are run by our Library for keen readers. The school works with the University of Nottingham running Debate Mate. Staff also run clubs ranging from Chess Club and Rubik's Cube club to cheer leading and coding club and we participate each year in the BBC Schools Report.





Trips & Enrichment

In addition to the clubs and teams which run every week throughout the year, there is also a variety of annual events that our students can get involved with to enrich their experience of school.

DRAMA

Bramcote College hosts the Nottingham Playhouse Youth Theatre for Broxtowe. There are also regular visits to see local theatre-productions as well as an annual London theatre trip. We have also enjoyed staging annual productions, including Footloose and Annie.

TRIPS AND VISITS

We have offered annual visits abroad include Paris, Madrid and the Christmas markets of Cologne. Residential visits in the UK include outdoor activity centres such as Hagg Farm and Walesby. In 2018 and 2019 Bramcote College students have had the opportunity to visit China and have hosted visiting students from Ningbo on their return trips to Nottingham, establishing our partner school link with Jiangshon Middle School. We hope to make more of these events available to students in the future as restrictions ease and when we are confident that they can be run safely for all involved.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

The school offers Year 9, 10 and 11 students the opportunity to take the highly regarded Bronze and Silver Awards. Students at Bramcote College 6th Form are also able to complete the Gold Award.

There are also many opportunities for students to become involved in the wider community through voluntary work and work-experience placements. The school's Graduation ceremony, which is held every summer, recognizes the importance of extra-curricular and community-engagement. Each year students raise large sums of money for both local and national charities through a range of events.

"Pupils, particularly in key stage 3, enjoy the extra-curricular activities provided for them." Ofsted 2017



Community Links



At Bramcote College we pride ourselves in developing partnerships with both parents and the wider community which we are rooted in.

We have a well-established Parents' Forum which offers parents and carers the opportunity to discuss aspects of their children's experiences at Bramcote College with members of the Senior Team.

Bramcote College PTA is thriving, with a growing membership, we support and run school events in order to benefit projects within the school, ranging from providing microscopes in Science and keyboards in Music to our new project to provide outdoor equipment such as all-weather table tennis tables. The PTA have run a variety of events for students and parents / carers to get involved with, including annual fashion shows, discos and roller discos, as well as supporting Annie and school sports day.

We have successfully collaborated with a diverse range of groups, including The Women's' Institute, Stapleford Community Group, UK Trini and Friends, the SKN Heritage Museum and Pulpfriction.

We work with our students to raise awareness of volunteering, especially through the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. We also support charity fundraising, giving our students the opportunity to take responsibility for running events and activities to raise money and awareness of chosen charities.





Booking a tour of our school

At Bramcote College, we are so proud of the education and experiences our students have every day, that we are delighted to offer personal tours on request. If you would like a tour of the school, please telephone the school or email jo.cooper@whptrust.org and arrangements will be made for a member of our Senior Team to show you around and answer any questions you may have.

Getting in touch with us

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Bramcote College is a member of the White Hills Park Trust

Our Trust is a group of schools in the Broxtowe area who work together to share ideas, experience and resources so that we can provide the very best for our students. All of our schools are successful and high-achieving, with excellent results and positive reports from Ofsted.

Our ethos is based on a strong and consistent set of values, which we live in our schools every day. Central to these are two themes: firstly, we want the very best for every child in all aspects of their development - academically, emotionally, culturally and physically - so that they leave us with their lives enriched and ready to succeed. Secondly, we behave in an ethical way that benefits our schools, as well as our local community.

Our students are at the heart of our Trust. We want their time here to be a time of discovery and excitement; a time of life-changing opportunities and life-enhancing experiences. We want them to realise their ambition to become scientists, musicians, athletes, engineers, teachers, farmers, police officers - wherever their ambition leads them. Most of all, we want them to be positive, productive members of their community, and that is the type of society we model in school.

The role of our Trust team is to support the school, by enabling them to run efficiently and effectively, and by giving them opportunities to be part of a vibrant and supportive educational community.

I hope you enjoy discovering more about Bramcote College and the White Hills Park Trust.

Paul Heery
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White Hills Park Trust





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