



# Bramcote College

A member of The White Hills Park Trust

Dear students, parents, carers and staff,

We are half-way through our first 'learning and working from home week'. I wanted to get in touch to say thank you for how hard we are all working to pull together as we try to find a 'new normal' in very uncertain times. No doubt there will be challenges for all in the coming weeks and months. Our priority continues to be ensuring that our young people are cared for and that families in our community and school staff feel supported. Many in our community are facing personal challenges and we will continue to offer support in whatever way we can.

For families with children on FSM, we are working in partnership with *Hope Nottingham* to make arrangements. You will receive communication today from us explaining how you can sign up for support to receive a weekly food delivery. In addition, students in the Sixth Form have been emailed regarding access to potential bursary funds if they need some support.

Students will continue to receive daily emails from teachers guiding them in their 'learning from home'. Details of the daily timetable are on our website and in the 'Things to do' newsletter sent to all students and parents and carers this week.

We are aware of the anxieties that many Year 11 and 13s face as we await the detail on how grades will be granted. As soon as we receive detail about the next steps, we will let you know. Miss Cooper and Ms Parker-Dennis will be writing to Year 11 students in the coming week about BC6F. For the time being, the advice is to keep on completing the work set by teachers, particularly in English and Maths and also for those subjects which have an element of coursework and the subjects students intend to carry on with either at GCSE, BTech, A Level or at University, apprenticeships or in future careers. At BC, our motto is Work Hard, Be Well, Do well; students should still be working hard and developing independent learning, in preparation for the next stage or their education or professional training.

We have started to think what tomorrow might look like and create a provision that will meet students' needs and help students to achieve well. We will be setting up a virtual parent and staff forum as we 'create' this provision so we can discuss planning with all stakeholders.

If you need to contact school please email the school office on [bramcote@whptrust.org](mailto:bramcote@whptrust.org) in the first instance. We will get back to you via email or telephone as soon as possible. Please also keep checking Bramcote College Facebook and our website for regular updates.

When we launched our new school motto a few years ago, we were keen to put 'Be well' at the centre of the phrase and at the centre of our school ethos. Wellbeing is at the core of who we are and of what we do. Being well in these challenging times is as much about learning to rest and supporting one another as it is about staying home whenever possible and keeping well. It is also about being kind to ourselves when we feel the pressure and accepting that in our current circumstances, 'good enough' is better than striving for perfection.

With kindest regards

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