



Newsletter

The White Hills Park Trust

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New Build Update - Official Press Release from NCC

I know many of you have been waiting for news about our new school building. I am delighted to share a press release that we have agreed with Nottinghamshire County Council following a meeting of the Policy Committee this week.

Land agreement paves the way for new secondary school in Bramcote

County Councillors have agreed to enter into a partnership with the White Hills Park Trust which will see the construction of a new secondary school in Bramcote.

Nottinghamshire County Council's Policy Committee gave the go ahead to the proposals for a new school at its meeting on 14 November which will be funded through the sale of nearby land for new housing.

The new school, which will be built on the same site as the current Bramcote College at Moor Lane, will have provision for 600 places initially with capacity to expand by a further 150 places, depending on future demand. A new 200-place sixth form college will also be built as part of the development.

It is anticipated that the sale of the housing land will generate a substantial capital receipt which will be reinvested into the construction of the new school and other infrastructure improvements across Nottinghamshire through the County Council's capital programme.

The land off Coventry Lane, to the north of Bramcote College, has been earmarked for housing in Broxtowe Borough Council's local plan. Proposals for 500 new homes, which will incorporate green access and views for local residents, will be brought forward after councillors agreed to commit £500,000 for planning and land preparation.

Many of the current Bramcote College school buildings are in a poor condition and the Leader of Nottinghamshire County Council, Councillor Kay Cutts, said a new secondary school for Bramcote was much needed.

Councillor Cutts said: "Providing a high-quality learning environment for children can have a hugely positive impact on attainment levels, so this is fantastic news for teachers, parents and children at Bramcote College who have performed valiantly in conditions which are not ideal Working in partnership with The White Hills Park Trust, I am delighted that we have been able to reach an agreement which will see the construction of a much-needed new school and housing, as well as funding for other infrastructure projects.

This is part of our ambitious countywide schools building and improvement programme, which will see the creation of hundreds of school places and improvements to school buildings across Nottinghamshire."

Paul Heery, Executive Principal, said: "We are delighted to be working with the County Council to provide a new school for Bramcote that the whole community can be proud of.

The school has made great strides in recent years, with record levels of attainment and a Good rating from Ofsted, and this news gives us the opportunity to look forward to a very bright future. Our vision is of a school at the centre of its community, and we will work with students, parents and the local community to ensure that this is what we deliver."

A copy of the report, approved by Policy Committee on 14 November, is available to download from the [Nottinghamshire County Council website](#).

Paul Heery

Executive Principal

Dates for your Diary

November	TRUST	AWS	BC	BC6F
20th	Year 12 University Trip - Loughborough All Day			
21st	Year 7 Meet the Tutor 16:00 - 18:30			
22nd	Chinese Music Recital 13:00 - 14:00			
22nd	Bramcote's Got Talent 18:30 - 20:30			
22nd	BBC News - School Report All Day			
27th	National Council for Young Women Annual Inter-schools Seminar			
28th	Year 8 Parents' Evening 16:00 - 18:30			
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28th	Parents' Forum 18:45 - 20:00			

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

Channel 4 Employability Workshop



Thanks to Bramcote College Sixth Form, I was fortunate enough to attend a Channel 4 workshop at The Albert Hall this week, aimed at both college and university students and those interested in apprenticeships.

The morning session was very beneficial when it came to finding out what the expectations of CVs and Personal Statements are as well as learning key networking skills and how to perfect the perfect handshake. Working in groups having to identify features about ourselves - creating snapshots, a short four lines or so and then them wanting a selection of people to present their snapshots was great fun and I learned a lot about myself and what others think of me.

I tried really hard in the morning session to make a good impression, which apparently worked as towards end of the morning I was one of the few student to achieve the 'Rising Star Award'. This recognised that I had got fully involved with the questions and the tasks and also I had made a really positive impression.

The afternoon session was a lot more creative; each group had to create a factual entertainment show and then present their ideas to everybody around the room. It was interesting to see all the different ideas that the

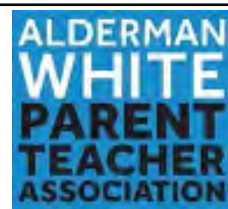
individual groups created from the brief. Towards the end of the session current apprentices of Channel 4 did a Q&A that was extremely insightful and allowed me to gather a lot of notes guiding me for when I want to apply. As a result of my award, I have been invited to go to visit Channel 4 in London for two days early next year to gain some work experience in various departments – an amazing opportunity for me.

Anya Turner (Year 13)

Alderman White School Christmas Fair

The PTA are holding their very popular Christmas Fair on Friday 7th December from 6 - 8.30pm. We understand parents lead very busy lives juggling work with supporting the many and varied activities that their children are involved in.

However, if you have not been able to join the PTA we would ask that you consider volunteering and supporting this event. Even a half hour slot would be a great help to us. We are looking for help between 5pm and 8.30 pm. Please contact julie.francis@whpfederation.org if you can spare any time at all.



Miss J Francis

German Exchange 2019



Letters and application-forms for next year's German Exchange will be available from next week. This long-running exchange has transformed many lives over the 30+ years and has frequently been described as one of the most memorable experiences of students' school-career.

The exchange is open to students in Years 9 & 10 and this year we are encouraging students from Bramcote College to apply even though they may not be learning German. All the German exchange students speak really good English as do many of their parents.

The 11 day stay in Germany allows our students to experience school in another European country as well as take part in a two-day residential trip. Our partnership is with the Staedtisches Gymnasium, a secondary-school, in Guetersloh in North Germany and is part of the official twinning with the borough of Broxtowe. There will be a chance for students and parents to find out more about this

amazing opportunity at an information-evening on Thursday 6th December. In the meantime letters and application forms will be available from Reception in both schools or from me.

We also have an additional place on \Christmas Markets of Cologne and Phantasialand trip taking place between 29th November and 2nd December. Anyone interested in going should contact me as soon as possible (karsten.stephan@whpfederation.org).

Mr K Stephan

Skills Show Live

Thanks On Thursday 15th November a group students from Years 11, 12 and 13 participated in a trip to the World Skills Show Live at the Birmingham NEC. The event was event is divided into four areas, each providing a focus on particular industry sectors: Construction and Infrastructure. Health, Hospitality and Lifestyle. Digital, Business and Creative and Engineering and Technology.

Here's what some of our students had to say about the trip:

"It was a really helpful trip, being able to talk to so many different people in hundreds of different career paths that I hadn't previously considered. It was also really interactive and we were able to see people making and designing things before presenting the finished product, giving us more of an idea about what their job entailed." :- Katie.

"It was very helpful for me for the future, great advice to get me to where I want to be." :- Lauren.

"It made me realise how many different career opportunities there are out there and helped me think about college options more. It also made me want to look further into different careers. Overall a really fun, interesting experience that has opened my eyes to a different and more wide range of careers." :- Oli

"It opened my mind to a lot of career opportunities and gave me a chance to try things I could think of doing at University." :- Victoria.

Ms V Barnet

Badminton

Alderman White School took their Badminton Team to Chilwell Olympia on Thursday evening to play in the Broxtowe Central Venue League, a doubles tournament which feeds into the County Winter Games. Tom Evans and Sam Hay played together in the boys doubles event, along with Ken Kinsley and Ben Bishop. Representing the girls was Alesha Hobster and Martha Gale, along with Gemma Riley and Alexia Holland-Pass.

Competition was tough, with opposition including apparent club players but this didn't stop our determination or grit. In the end we walked away with a couple of wins, and lots of smiles.

Mrs A Kilbane



Beeston Methodist Church, Chilwell Road



THURSDAY 22ND NOVEMBER
SHOW STARTS AT 7:00PM

AN EVENING OF FUN AND ENTERTAINMENT
TOMBOLA | REFRESHMENTS | LICENCED BAR

£2 ADULTS
UNDER 18'S FREE



An Interview with Mrs. Mellors

As part of our build up towards BBC School Report students have been honing their skills in reporting the news. Here is one of the articles written by our students that gives an insight into our new Headteacher, Mrs Mellors :-



The new head teacher of Alderman White, Mrs Mellors, joined our school at the start of term in September. Mrs Mellors has previously revealed that she was drawn to Alderman White by the Inspire values and the overall mood of the school (more revealed later). So far, Mrs Mellors has boosted Alderman White's high achievement and wide opportunity policy. We all agree that Mrs Mellors was the best candidate for the job. We asked her a few questions...

What is your favourite part of being the head of Alderman White?

The first thing has been getting to know the staff, students and parents. I set myself a challenge of getting to know the names of all the students by the end of the year. I really like showing visitors around the school because I feel really proud of all of the work we are doing. I also, and this sounds a little bit cheesy, but I really like arriving at school in the morning which I do at about half past 7. It's all really peaceful and I feel really excited about the day ahead when I arrive. I also love listening to the swing band rehearse.

What is your history of teaching?

So I did my teacher training at Nottingham University. I've taught at five different schools before coming to Alderman White and those schools have been in Nottingham, Derby and Leicester. One of those schools was Bramcote Hills which is where Bramcote College is now. So that's the same building. In my career, I've been Head of Geography, the Head of Year, then I've been Assistant Head and finally Deputy Head at my last school before coming here. I have also worked out I've taught eight different subjects in total. So I've taught; Geography, History, RE, humanities, PSHE, Health and Social care, Child Care and Maths.

Do you have any ambitions for Alderman White in the future?

I do, and I said this in the assemblies I did right at the start of the year. I want every single student to be the best that they can be. By that I mean leaving school with the best qualifications but also being confident in themselves, ambitious and also have a love of learning but also being nice people and good citizens who actually treat each other in the right way and are considerate to others. I want people to go on to achieve amazing things but also to be really happy as well.

What was your reaction to the power cut and alarm failure that happened before the half term?

Right, my first concern was to find out exactly what had happened. So on Monday when it happened we weren't quite sure what the alarm was. We thought it was better to evacuate the New Block and get everybody out on to the field. As soon as we knew it was safe to do so, we wanted to get everybody back inside because it was really miserable weather, really cold and wet. I have been told today the problem is now sorted it was a Western Power issue and they have sorted it and it's not going to happen again.

What attracted you to Alderman White?

First of all the really strong sense of community here because I think that is very important. I really wanted to come and work at a small school as I like the fact that every student is known personally. There are very strong values here and it's a very friendly school as well. That was one thing that attracted me. I was also very impressed by the staff and that's the teachers and also the other support staff as well. There are amazing opportunities here as well so for me, education isn't just about lessons and learning in the class rooms, it's all the other things that go along side that. So I really liked that there's a balance here between those two things.

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For more news and messages you can follow our accounts on Twitter and Facebook. Also, we encourage parents to download our free mobile app if you haven't already to quickly receive messages we send out, have your child's timetable, attendance data and key school information at your fingertips, send us messages & fill in reply slips quickly and securely, plus much more.



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#StaplefordRemembers

I like to thank The Bramcote College for taking part in #StaplefordRemembers.

Not only was it a nice assembly I attended on the Thursday it was good that the School took part in the Wear Red Day on the Friday.



I would also like to thank Adam Burton who kindly laid the Wreath on Sunday on behalf of Stapleford Community Group.

Councillor Richard MacRae

Black History Month

On Tuesday 13th November we had the absolute honour of participating in three workshops with The Broxtowe African Caribbean Elders Group in order to celebrate Black History Month. A series of stories shared with 12-15 year olds marked an inspirational inter generational extravaganza. Students were inquisitive in their questioning and respectful



of shared experiences and shared knowledge. It was a reflection of not only our INSPIRE values but embracing the true British values of tolerance and mutual respect.

Miss J Francis

THE ALDERMAN WHITE CHRISTMAS PLAY

William Shakespeare's



ROMEO & JULIET

director: Geoff Liptrot

musical director: Cameron Wedgeworth

with live orchestra

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Thursday 13th, Friday 14th, Saturday 15th
December, 7.00pm

Tickets £5 - from Reception, Mr Stephan or via Parentpay

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**Saturday 17th of November 10am - 5pm &
Sunday 18th of November 10am - 4pm**



Jewellery, Glass, Stained Glass and Copper Pipe Objects, Fabric Bags, Felting and Paintings

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Broxtowe Community Celebration

SEASON OF LIGHTS EVENT

Saturday 1st December 2018
2:00pm - 4:00pm

At Beeston Methodist Church
Chilwell Road, Beeston, NG9 1EH
Lots of **FREE** activities for all ages!

- International dance performances
- Local community choirs
- Festive foods from around the world
- Activities based on seasonal celebrations such as Diwali, Hanukkah, Advent, Milad and more

Performances and activities will take place throughout the event
Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult
For further information contact Andrea on 07974995390 or email
sajada.akbar@broxtowe.gov.uk

Event organised by Broxtowe Community
Celebration Group



BRAMCOTE COLLEGE

ROLLER DISCO

YEARS 10 - 11 - 12 - 13
WEDNESDAY 12TH DECEMBER
6:00PM - 7:30PM

TICKETS £4
FROM MAIN RECEPTION
SKATE HIRE INCLUDED



Bramcote College

KEY STAGE 3

CHRISTMAS PARTY

TICKETS £2 FROM RECEPTION

WEDNESDAY 19TH DECEMBER 6:00 - 8:00 PM

