



# Newsletter

The White Hills Park Trust

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## A Musical Christmas Period

At this time of year, as we approach Christmas and the end of the autumn term, we start to get very busy with a range of special events in school. For example, yesterday evening Bramcote College students presented Bramcote's Got Talent, an amazing evening featuring brilliant performances from singers, dancers and musicians. As well as this, musicians from Alderman White, including the Swing Band, will take part in our annual Carol Service on the 18th December, the Alderman White Theatre company are presenting 'Romeo and Juliet' from the 13th - 15th December with live orchestral accompaniment, Bramcote students will be continuing their rehearsals for the production of 'Annie' in the new year, and if previous years are anything to go by, I am sure that both schools will be full of music and celebration as we approach Christmas.

In my experience, music is something that has a central place in great schools. It enriches our school community, and if we can engender an interest in music and an opportunity to develop musical talent, then we have given our students an amazing gift. Some of my best experiences as a teacher have been watching wonderful musical performances from amazingly talented young people. Many of them honed their skills thanks to the expert help of our instrumental teachers. We currently have 93 students receiving music tuition, on instruments as diverse as French Horn, Saxophone, Flute, Cello, Guitar, Violin, Piano among others, as well as singing tuition – no wonder we produce so many talented performers.

As well as giving opportunities for those particularly talented youngsters to perform, music has an important place in the curriculum for all students. All classes study music until the end of Year 9, and lessons have a balance between theory and practice, so it is not uncommon to go into a class and see all the students practicing their keyboard skills. We also have students studying music at GCSE and offer it as an A level subject. Although money is tight in schools, we try and invest in instruments, and in music teaching, as well as benefitting from gifts and donations, and talented members of staff who give their time to support bands and orchestras. I am particularly grateful to Claire Franklin, Gill Colley, Amanda Hebbs, Mandy Holling and Cameron Wedgeworth for leading and inspiring our young musicians.

I know that many of our students and ex-students have used their musical gifts to contribute to the whole community. A very recent example was last Saturday, when the Classical Oxjam concert featured stunning performances from ex-students, among other local musicians, and there are many occasions throughout the year when they will be performing all over Nottinghamshire with choirs, orchestras and bands, playing everything from violin and double bass, to drums and electric guitars.

I hope you have the opportunity to hear some of our talented musicians at some point – we're very proud of them all.

*Paul Heery*  
Executive Principal

## Keep Up-to-Date, Follow Us Online

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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## Dates for your Diary

November	TRUST	AWS	BC	BC6F
27th	National Council for Young Women Annual Inter-schools Seminar			
28th	Year 8 Parents' Evening 16:00 - 18:30			
28th	Year 8 Parents' Evening 16:00 - 18:30			
28th	Parents' Forum 18:45 - 20:00			
29th	Trip to Cologne and Phantasialand			

## December

3rd	Year 7 Christmas Experience All Week			
3rd	Year 10 Sutton Scholars Visit			
5th	Family Christmas Concert 17:00 - 18:00			
6th	Year 12 & 13 Parents' Evening 16:00 - 18:30			
6th	BC6F Parents Forum Meeting 19:00 - 20:00			
7th	PTA Christmas Fayre			

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

## German Exchange 2019



Letters and application forms for next year's German Exchange are now available. 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 at 7:00pm. In the meantime letters and application forms will be available from Reception in both schools or from me.

**Mr K Stephan**

## Zhejiang Conservatory of Music



As part of the ongoing Confucius Classroom initiative at Alderman White School, 23 musicians and learners of Mandarin were invited to attend a special lunchtime concert given by students from the renowned Zhejiang Conservatory of Music. Accompanied by Ms Hebbs and Cameron Wedgeworth, the group enjoyed an hour long concert given by these amazing musicians. This was followed by a question and answer session with the musicians themselves. Simply inspirational!

**Mr K Stephan**

## Beeston RAF Air Cadets

Year 8 and 9 students were treated to an inspirational presentation given by James Slater (a former Alderman White School student) and Gemma Riley (Year 10) on the superb opportunities offered by the Royal Airforce Air Cadets in Beeston. They spoke passionately about all the experiences and challenges on offer which include a range of adventure activities from raft building to rock climbing. Their talk was so well received that many of our students stayed behind to ask for more details. More information is available here for anyone else interested [www.raf.mod.uk/aircadets](http://www.raf.mod.uk/aircadets)

**Mr K Stephan**



## Awards for Local Heroes

This week, we heard good news about a couple of people very closely associated with our schools. Firstly Stan Heptinstall OBE has received the title of Honorary Alderman of Broxtowe. Stan represented Bramcote on Broxtowe Council for 24 years and was also a County Councillor. He had a hugely distinguished academic career as Professor of Thrombosis and Haemostasis at the University of Nottingham and was a Governor and great supporter of the Trust for many years, always speaking with wisdom and authority. It is a richly deserved honour for someone who has given so much service.

We also heard this week that Richard Macrae, who is a local councillor in Stapleford, a parent and a new governor at Bramcote College was runner up for the Nottingham Post Heroes Awards 2018 Good Neighbour Award, for going above and beyond the call of duty. Richard does a huge amount of work to support the local community and this is another richly-deserved recognition.

**Mr. P Heery**

## Sport Leaders



Students from Bramcote College were involved in delivering two Primary School events last week. Sports Leaders from Years 8 & 10 helped organise and run a multi-skills festival for over 100 Primary School pupils from the local area. The event was run by Broxtowe Active Sports as part of their Primary School Sports offer.

The same Sports Leaders also umpired at the Broxtowe Primary Boccia tournament. Boccia is an inclusive sport which many of the Leaders were unfamiliar with, they did incredibly well to learn the rules and successfully umpire throughout the tournament.

**Mr K Warner**

## Year 12 Sport visit to Loughborough University

Students studying BTEC Level 3 Sport at BC6F spent the day visiting the facilities at Loughborough University on Tuesday. Recognised as the best University for Sport in the country students were treated to a tour of the facilities along with practical sessions relevant to their coursework. Part of their visit involved some lab based fitness testing using the same equipment some of the worlds best athletes, including Mo Farah have used to assist their training. Students were also lucky enough to witness the likes of heavyweight boxer Dillian White train and investigate the day to day life of an elite athlete.



**Mr K Warner**

## 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 8.30pm. Please contact [julie.francis@whpfederation.org](mailto:julie.francis@whpfederation.org) for more details.



Beeston Methodist Church, Chilwell Road

Alderman White School

Christmas Fayre

Friday 7th December

6.00pm — 8.30pm

Admission £1.00

Under 16s Free



## Bramcote HAS Got Talent

Congratulations to Lilly Hughes, Miss Armitage, Miss Heydon, Mrs Franklin and all the talented musicians, singers, dancers and performers of Bramcote College who put on a star studded event last night at Bramcote's Got Talent. Thanks also to the PTA for organising, drinks, 'Bake Off' worthy cakes and a raffle which included 'guess the bunny's name'. A super night was had by all. We look forward to the up coming production of Annie in 2019 featuring many of our talented performers.



## Shakespeare Comes to Bramcote

Students in Years 10 and 11 enjoyed the Royal Shakespeare Company's live broadcast of Romeo and Juliet at Bramcote College this week. Over 200 students watched as the tragic story of star crossed loves unfolded in the Hall and English classrooms of Bramcote College.



Also, next Wednesday 28th November is the final deadline for students to order the excellent CGP revision guides from school for English at a reduced cost. They have helped our students to make further progress on many levels. If you don't want to miss this opportunity, simply bring the slip in distributed on parents' evening, or collect a letter this week.

**Mrs Agius & Mrs Lee**

## Sports News

A group of Year 7 footballers from Alderman White travelled to play against South Notts Academy on Wednesday in a friendly fixture. The game was a very close battle with both sides playing some fantastic football in very cold conditions. South Notts took the lead with a fantastic goal, which Lucas in goal had no chance with. This spurred the team on and they deservedly equalised with a great team goal finished by Yuad. The game became end to end with neither team on top. South Notts took the lead again with an unfortunate own goal by Nick. Again Alderman White rallied and a scrambled goal from Denis and Leighton saw them level. The game finished with both teams happy with the draw.

The Year 9 Girls team from Bramcote College travelled to play against Becket School in the South Notts cup this Thursday. With the team made up of mainly Year 8's, this always going to be a tough game. Becket pushed the Bramcote team back with their physical strength and it was only due to Omeras goal keeping skills and the defensive skills of Nina, Molly and Sophie that the scores stayed level. Becket then took the lead with a scrappy goal and extended their lead to 3 - 0 by half time. Bramcote continued to try and play but individual errors and good skill from Becket saw them regularly increase the score. Although the final score was 8 - 0 the Bramcote team kept on playing.

**Mr R Bateman**

## Children in Need Total

The White Hills Park Trust raised a massive £1288.32 for Children in Need.

On the day events were held across both Schools in the Trust including Soak the Teachers (who were placed in stocks...!) at Alderman White School, and a Mega Cake Sale



and Walk for Change at Bramcote College.

Alderman White School raised an impressive £596.68

Bramcote College raised £691.64 including a whopping £235.80 from the Mega Cake sale and almost £80 from Walk for Change.

Well Done to everyone involved.

THE ALDERMAN WHITE CHRISTMAS PLAY

*William Shakespeare's*

# ROMEO & JULIET

director:  
Geoff  
Liptrot

musical director:  
Cameron  
Wedgeworth

*with live orchestra*

A STUNNING NEW PRODUCTION OF THE  
MOST DANGEROUS LOVE STORY EVER TOLD

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

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

**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 19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 6:00 - 8:00 PM**

