



Bramcote College

A member of The White Hills Park Trust

15th December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It seems somewhat unreal to be saying that the last week of term is already here and 2025 is almost over. It is absolutely true that time seems to fly when you're having fun, or very busy and we certainly have been both throughout the Autumn term.

While our building has kept us busy for both exciting and frustrating reasons, our students and staff have achieved a tremendous amount, ranging from Year 7s settling into secondary school and Years 10 and 12 starting their chosen courses, to D of E expeditions and preparation for our performances of Matilda in the spring to name just a few. We are also especially impressed by the start Years 11 and 13 have made to their bug exams year; both years have had mocks this term and have tackled them with determination and confidence. Students have also participated in a range of extra curricular and enrichment activities including theatre and university visits, sports fixtures and a Design trip to Ikea.

I would also like to highlight the work of our PTA this term; each year the wider community looks forward to the Christmas Market which creates an opportunity for us to support local producers and creative makers in the run up to Christmas. The event also raises money for the school and this year raised almost £500. The PTA also ran one of their twice annual chocolate tombolas in December, with thanks to donations from parents and carers, as well as Beeston Tesco and M&S in Wollaton which raised another £270. Money raised has gone towards supporting a range of after school clubs, as well as buying a few more picnic benches to be set up in the spring. We are also looking forward to the Year 7 and 8 Disco which is being run by the PTA and Heads of Year on Thursday 18th December during lesson 4. It is unusual for a secondary school to have such an active and effective PTA, so we feel very lucky to have such a great one. If you might be interested in volunteering any amount of time to support the PTA, please email them at pta@bramcote.college.

Arrangements for the last week of term

Towards the end of the last week we have got plans for some festive events:

Wednesday 17th December: Christmas Lunch – The catering team always work especially hard to produce a fantastic Christmas feast which is very much enjoyed by those who choose to have it. Students have already been asked to choose between a Christmas lunch (meat or veggie), a sandwich from the canteen, or bring their own packed lunch and will be given their Christmas lunch tickets in tutor time on Wednesday.

Thursday 18th December: Years 7 and 8 will be in non-uniform because of the Christmas disco during Lesson 4. Drinks and snacks will be on sale from the PTA.

Friday 19th December: All students can come in wearing their own clothes. Students will be going home at 1:00pm on Friday 19th December.

During the last week of term, we are also supporting the Hope reverse advent calendar which is outlined on Facebook and Instagram. Donations will be very gratefully received, and we are planning on taking all donations to Hope on Friday morning. It would be wonderful if we could support Hope because of all the

amazing support that they offer to families in our community, so please try to make a donation. Large, or small, all are welcome!

Back to school in 2026

As we welcome in a new year, school will restart on Monday January 5th. Please ensure that any nail art, false eyelashes or unnatural hair colours are not on display when students return to school.

In 2026 we look forward to further progress with the new school building, as well as our much-anticipated performances of Matilda (16th-20th March).



Tickets are now available by scanning this QR code, or by following this link:
<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whptrust>

We are also starting to build momentum towards the summer exams for **Years 11 and 13, with our Exam Success evening on January 28th** (6-7:30pm). Parents, Carers and students are encouraged to come along to discuss revision techniques, coping with the pressures of exams and how to revise using online platforms as well as the old fashioned way! This is also a chance to discuss exam arrangements and dates with Jo Cooper.

Another important event in January is the **Year 9 Options Evening on January 22nd**; parents, carers and students will have a chance to book personal appointments with Maths, English and Science teachers and to discuss GCSE choices with all other subject teachers. There will also be a presentation by Jenny Read outlining the options process. In early January students will be given a booklet with all of the course outlines and other key information in it and students will have plenty of chances to discuss their thoughts with their form tutors and subject teachers. Students will also have the opportunity to participate in some taster lessons for new subjects which they may be thinking of choosing but would benefit from knowing more about.

Other key dates for the Spring term:

January 15th - Year 13/12 Parents' Evening

January 22nd – Year 9 Options Evening

January 28th – Exam Success

January 28th – 2pm finish for students due to staff training

February 5th – Year 11 Parents' Evening

March 5th – 2pm finish due to staff training & Parents' Forum

March 12th – Year 7 Parents' Evening

March 16th – 20th – Matilda performances

Mocks

Year 11 – February 24th – March 6th

Year 13 – March 9th – 20th

Finally, I wanted to draw your attention to the Times newspaper Parent power list, which places Bramcote College as 10th best comprehensive school in the East Midlands top 10 schools (which we shared in Facebook and Instagram last week). We are really proud of our students and staff and all that they have achieved during their time at Bramcote College.

Warm regards and best wishes for a peaceful holiday and a happy new year.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'H. Gale', with a stylized, flowing line extending to the right.

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