

# Newsletter

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**The White Hills Park Trust**

*A Culture of Excellence*

## **Kevin Dean**

**1960-2022**

Last week, I received a phone call, informing of the sad news of the death of Kevin Dean. Kevin was my predecessor at the White Hills Park Trust, and had a huge influence on our history, particularly in the early years of the White Hills Park Federation.

In 2007, Alderman White, Bramcote Park and Bramcote Hills came together to form the White Hills Park Federation. Kevin was appointed to the post of Executive Headteacher in 2007 and had to steer the schools through a difficult period, including the sudden closure of a large part of Bramcote Hills School as a result of the discovery of significant building problems. Over time, under his leadership, the partnership of schools developed its unique identity and began to thrive.

In 2012, Kevin led the move to academy status, leading to the establishment of the White Hills Park Trust. He had the foresight to make the significant change which allowed us to expand our partnership and has directly led to the strong collaborative group of schools that we have today.

During his time here, he worked tirelessly to move our schools forward and prepare us for the future. Many of the superb staff that we have at Alderman White and Bramcote College were appointed or promoted by him, and many of our staff, pupils and parents have good reason to be grateful for his support and kindness. He was exceptionally generous to me when I took up post, and I appreciated his wise advice and support. Staff who worked with him tell me that he believed that 'teaching is the most important job that anyone can do' and he stuck to that mantra throughout his professional life.

Kevin retired in 2013, and spent much of the first few years of his retirement travelling the world. In recent years, Kevin developed pulmonary fibrosis, a lung condition that affects breathing and progressively worsens over time. It affects around 70,000 people in the UK. Kevin's family have requested that if people feel able, they may want to consider donating to Action for Pulmonary Fibrosis, a patient-driven charity that provides support for patients and their families, and funds research and awareness campaigns. Donations can be made through the Action for Pulmonary Fibrosis website: [actionpf.org/get-involved/donate](http://actionpf.org/get-involved/donate)

On behalf of everyone in our Trust, I would like to offer our condolences to Kevin's wife, Cath, and his family and friends, and express our gratitude for his many years of public service.

**Dr. Paul Heery**

Chief Executive Officer



# Vacancies

*career opportunities within the Trust and our academies*

We currently have five job vacancies within the Trust, in a variety of roles. Please see [whptrust.org/vacancies](http://whptrust.org/vacancies) for more information and application details.



## **Head Teacher**

Springbank Academy, Eastwood

Closing date for applications: 9am, Monday 9th May 2022



## **Teacher of Maths**

Alderman White School, Bramcote

Closing date for applications: 3pm, Monday 9th May 2022



## **Teacher of Science**

Bramcote College, Bramcote

Closing date for applications: 10am, Monday 9th May 2022

## **Teacher of Technology**

Bramcote College, Bramcote

Closing date for applications: 10am, Monday 9th May 2022



## **Finance Assistant**

The White Hills Park Trust, Bramcote College, Bramcote

Closing date for applications: 10am, Monday 23rd May 2022



## Summer Festival - Save the date!

The Bramcote College School & 6th Form PTA  
welcomes you to our

# Summer Festival 2022

Friday 15th July 6pm - 8pm

Local craft stalls, live music, disco dome,  
bungee run, penalty shoot out, sumo suits  
and lots of family fun.

## FREE ENTRY

🐕 Dog friendly 🐕

For more info contact: [pta@bramcote.college](mailto:pta@bramcote.college)  
Bramcote College, Moor Lane, Bramcote, N9 3GA

## Water Bottles



Please remember that all children should be bringing a refillable water bottle to school every day, which is especially important with the forecast heatwave on the way! Bottles can quickly and easily be filled up before school and at break/lunch time at the water trough outside, and it's much easier (and cheaper) than queueing to buy a drink from the canteen.

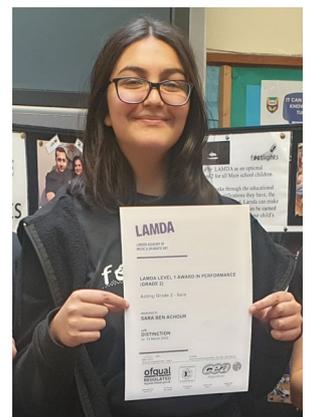
**Mrs Mansfield**

## Well Done Sara!

Sara Ben Achour attends stage school Footlights Theatre Nottingham outside of college, and she recently took her Grade 2 LAMDA (London Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts) exam and passed with a distinction, scoring a whopping 92/100.

LAMDA exams are very strictly marked and getting such a high mark is the result of intense hard work and dedication on Sara's part.

A huge well done from everyone at BC!



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## Fantastic Success for Year 12 Engineers

This week saw the final presentations made by the Engineering Students from across the country to real engineers for the assessment of their EDT project.

Our team of four, led by Sadie, did exceptionally well and were nominated for the best teamwork across the Midlands area! They have completed 20 weeks of work, including a trip to meet our mentor at Boots and to have a tour of the Beeston site, working on a project to modernise and make the lighting for Boots Fragrance Cabinets more environmentally friendly, writing up and finally presenting their work to a panel of engineers.

On June 27th the team will go to the final celebration event in Coventry, alongside the other 150 or so teams from the Midlands, to find out which of the 4 nominees will be awarded the prize!

Well done, and good luck, to Sadie Dermody-Foran, Anya Perry-Slack, Molly Kiroaska and Tabitha Graham.

**Mrs Colley**