

## THANK YOU



I would like to express my thanks to both parents and students for their continued support and efforts during the recent adverse weather conditions.

I particularly appreciate the support of parents in getting students into college at a time when it is difficult to move around. We will keep you informed of any changes to college routines if they occur through the college website.

Our students have responded well in getting around the site safely and remaining calm during lessons.

- Stuart Williams

## CATMOSE CAMPUS UPDATE

The work on our new building continues as does our planning to prepare for what will be somewhat more difficult than the average house move. In the last few weeks we have been choosing room names for the new building. Staff and students were set the challenge to name each room in the new build by choosing historical figures which inspire them. This has led to some debate about who should and should not be included; Jackson (Michael) was a hot favourite amongst some students but ultimately didn't make it onto the final list. The final list of room names include: Picasso, Brunel, Vivaldi, Wilde, Darwin, Babbage, Tolkien, Cromwell and Mobius. As part of our induction programme to the college new students will be finding out about the people whom our rooms are named after and why they continue to inspire us.

I will in due course share more detailed plans regarding the move once we are out of the poor weather which has inevitably caused some delays.

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## TRANSPORT TO COLLEGE

The bus companies have advised the college that if a bus is unable to pick up your child in the morning due to extreme weather conditions and you chose to bring your child to college, you will also need to take your child home at the end of the day.



Catmose Campus Panoramic - 11th January 2010

## POST 16

Catmose College has been involved in discussions over a number of years around the future of post-16 in Rutland; an area of provision that has increasingly caused many of our parents concern. We believed that a close partnership between all three secondary colleges and the staff of Rutland College would lead to better provision for all young people in Rutland.

We were excluded from the most recent discussions which led to the County Council's current proposals to place post-16 learning under the control of Casterton Business and Enterprise College advised by a trust. It is stated by Rutland County Council that the trust will be 'the group of organisations responsible for the new college' (<http://www.rutland.gov.uk/pp/pressrelease/pressdetail.asp?id=8461>); this will in fact not be the case. The trust can act only in an advisory capacity; the final decision on all post-16 matters in Rutland will rest with Casterton's governing body. The Rutland County College will exist in name only.

It is the view of Catmose College governors that all three 11-16 schools should be responsible for the governance of post-16 provision in order to ensure its success and viability. We are concerned that only one of the county's secondary schools will be involved in this crucial aspect of our children's education and do not know the reasons for this decision. We are advised that a number of other options could have been considered by the County Council including the creation of a genuine 'new college' or the conversion of all three 11-16 colleges into post-16 providers. We continue to believe that an independent post-16 college situated in Oakham, with its own principal but governed through the 11-16 colleges remains the best solution in the long term.

Alongside these reorganisation proposals it is anticipated by the County Council that the land of Rutland College will be sold by Tresham College who purchased it for £1 in 2001. We are uncertain of Tresham's intentions regarding the proceeds of this sale but have been led to believe that most of the money will leave the county. The Council as a result is proposing to build a new post-16 learning centre but with no identified site and with only around £5m there

will be limited choice for students once the existing buildings are demolished. The wider aspects of good post-16 provision are likely to be lacking including adequate sports, drama or music facilities. We would anticipate that at least £10m would be required to fund the construction of a building catering for the predicted three hundred students; more if there is no suitable land available. We are concerned that Oakham will have significantly more housing as a result, but not the high quality educational facilities the students of Rutland deserve.

The anticipated decision by Tresham to withdraw from Rutland College within the next couple of years no doubt precipitated the County Council's decision to act so quickly on their proposals. This haste has led to proposals that we believe are not in the best interests of all Rutland students.

Catmose College and Uppingham Community College raised these concerns at the council meeting of 7 December. The Council voted to consult the public on these proposals at the beginning of January for four weeks. This is an important debate for Rutland and we would urge you to get involved whatever your view. There are two public meetings at 6.30pm on Wednesday 27 January at Oakham Museum and at 6.30pm on Thursday 4 February at Casterton Business & Enterprise College .

For our part, the Governors of Catmose College wish to be closely involved with the development of a broad high quality provision of post 16 education in Rutland. We will not be partners in any scheme, like the current proposal, which falls so far short of that aspiration.

- Stuart Williams

## GALLERY



### EXHIBITIONS

Captured - 8 January - 10 February 2010

Our first show of 2010 examines four creative approaches to the figure within the three disciplines of painting, textiles and sculpture.

We are extremely proud to be introducing for the first time to Rutland four new exceptional paintings of Italian artist Michele del Campo who is represented by Mark Jason Gallery, London. Del Campo's paintings are well-known for

capturing young urbanites in dynamic compositions and his fresh painterly approach enthuses the portraits with an energy and realism that won him Spain's most prestigious award for painting - the XXI Premio BMW de Pintura in 2006.

Both Burgess and Del Campo create large-scale paintings based on snap-shots of passer-bys and both prefer to use strong natural light. Trevor Burgess's loose and expressive painterly technique, seen here in recent paintings, gently nods towards the abstract.

Linda Miller is the UK's leading contemporary exponent of machine embroidered images and for Catmose she is exhibiting four recent works. Using her distinct, unique style, she creates rich, colourful, naive and humourous embroideries which contain figures set in the outdoors, always happy and smiling, and usually depicted within a story. Linda will be running a workshop on the Saturday 16 January 10am - 4pm and a free drop-in 'Chat and Make' event on Friday 15 January 6 -8pm, please contact the Arts Office.

We will also be exhibiting for the first time, the fine sculptures of Bulgarian artist and teacher at Oakham School, Vladimir Pamihov, whose outstanding skill has earned his membership of the exclusive Royal Society of Sculptors.

### CATMOSE FILMS

Cherry Blossom (15) - Wed 13 January 7.30pm

Drama / Romance, German  
(English subtitles) 2008 127mins



When Trudi learns that her husband Rudi is terminally ill, she suggests visiting their children in Berlin without telling him the truth. Suddenly, Trudi dies and Rudi has no

idea what to do next. He learns that Trudi's love for him had led her to forego the life that she had wanted to live in Japan, and vows to make up for her lost life. Director Doris Dörrie reconfirms her exceptional talent with this tender, emotionally intense and profoundly moving story of marital love.

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The Red Balloon (U) - Sat 6 February 2.00pm

Short / Fantasy / Family, French (English subtitles) (1955) 34mins

Perfect for all ages, this beautiful French film is a short film with music and sound but little dialogue. The focal point is a bright red balloon, the psychological companion of a young French boy as he goes to school and plays with his friends. This classic won an Oscar for Best Original Screenplay. Director: Albert Lamorisse.



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Sleeping Beauty (U) - Sat 6 February 2.00pm

Animation / Fantasy / Family, USA  
(English) (1959) 75mins

Adaptation of the classic fairy tale of the same name. Princess Aurora is cursed by the evil witch Maleficent - who

declares that before Aurora reaches her 16th birthday she will die by a poisoned spinning-wheel. To try to prevent this, the king places her into hiding, in the care of three goodnatured - but not too bright - fairies.

## SPORT NEWS



Term	Sport	Gender	Group	Rutland SSP						
				CC	CBEC	UCC				
1	Football	Boys	Y7	4	2	4				
			Y8	5	4	7				
			Y9	5	5	5				
			Y10	4	1	5				
			Y11	4	4	6				
	Netball	Girls	Y7	4	3	5				
			Y8	2	6	5				
			Y9	5	5	5				
			Y10	4	5	6				
			Y11	6	4	5				
			2	Basketball	Boys	Y7	6	6	2	
Y8	5	4				3				
Y9	2	4				3				
Y10	5	2				3				
Football	Girls	Y7		6	0	0				
		Y8		6	0	0				
		Y9		6	0	5				
		Y10		0	0	0				
		Y11		7	0	6				
		KS3		0	0	0				
		KS4		6	0	0				
Rowing	Mixed									
<b>Total:</b>				<b>92</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>75</b>				
<b>Total (ex Y11):</b>				<b>75</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>58</b>				

Catmose College has started 2010 riding high in the newly formed Melton and Rutland Schools Sports League. The college is leading all of Rutland Schools, with an impressive ninety two point total, following two terms of competition.

In the two terms so far, football and basketball have been the main boys sports and the girls sports are netball and football. The year eleven girls impressively won their football league, also finishing second in the netball competition. Recent second place finishes by the year seven boys basketball team and Key Stage Four Rowing squad have added to the overall points total.

Team Leader of Sport, James Husbands, is delighted with the current league position and said "Leading the Rutland schools in the Varsity competition is fully deserved and a great reward for the hard work and efforts of the college students. We offer sports teams in all year groups and

activities. Students attend training sessions at lunch times, with over twenty five percent of students taking part in regular inter-school competitions. I hope that we can build upon the excellent start in the remaining terms".

Points in the overall Varsity competition are awarded based upon the finishing position of individual year teams in their league. Leading the Rutland Schools, Catmose are in third place overall behind the leaders, John Ferneley and Longfield. It is hoped that the impressive Catmose result will be built upon this year. The sports in focus this term are boys hockey and girls basketball.

## SPORTS FIXTURES TERM 3

Venue	Date	Sport	Opposition	Yr 11	Yr 10	Yr 9	Yr 8	Yr 7	Kick Off	Departure	Finish/Return	
	<b>January</b>											
KE7	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Hockey	CBEC, KE7, JFS, LFS				Away	Away	3:30	2:30	6:00	
NCL	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Trampoline	Leicester Schools	Away	Away	Away	Away	Away	3:30	2:00	7:00	
JFS	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Basketball	JFS		Away		Away		4:15	3:30	6:15	
CBEC	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Athletics	CBEC, UCC					Away	4:00	3:30	6:30	
KE7	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Hockey	CBEC, KE7, JFS, LFS				Away	Away	3:30	2:30	6:00	
KE7	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Basketball	KE7		Away		Away		4:15	3:30	6:15	
UCC	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Athletics	UCC, CBEC				Away		4:00	3:30	6:30	
CC	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Basketball	BHS		Home		Home		4:00		5:30	
	<b>February</b>											
KE7	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Hockey	CBEC, KE7, JFS, LFS				Away	Away	3:30	2:30	6:00	
LFS	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Basketball	LFS		Away		Away		4:00	3:30	6:15	
CC	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Rugby	Ivanhoe				Home		3:30		4:45	