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HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL

On 29, 30, and 31 March, over 80 students from Years 7-11 were involved in our production of High School Musical. Starting with auditions in September, our students took on roles as actors, dancers, choreographers, musicians, technicians, back stage crew and front of house assistants. The musical was incredibly well received, and the students had a fantastic time preparing and rehearsing for the show.

The performance follows the story of two students who fall in love at East High School in America. The lead roles of Troy and Gabriella were skillfully played by Ciaran Hatcher-Devlin and Annie Marvin who showed us the struggle of identity and young love. Their voices blended beautifully throughout the musical numbers. The performance included a live student band (led by Mr Donnelly on the piano) made up of top musicians from the College who played with energy and precision as they accompanied the songs and action.

The whole cast and crew were amazing and it was particularly encouraging to see such talent among the younger students knowing that we have so much to look forward to in the future.

The finale of this musical extravaganza was a Megamix of all the songs from the show, accompanied by confetti cannons and a balloon drop, much to the surprise and joy of the audience.

Special mentions go to Olivia Hunnikin for her imaginative portrayal of Ms Darbus; to Eden Cousens and Jack Monaghan for their comedy duo of Sharpay and Ryan; and to Lucie McKie for the humourously informative delivery of her character Jackie Scott.

Along with Mr Macdonald's support, the Technical Team, led by Matthew Miles, James Connor and James Ward were highly successful in running the sound and lighting for the production.

The performing arts team would like to thank everyone who was involved in this production, and we look forward to seeing you at our performances over the coming months.





YEAR 9 NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY TRIP

The day began with an introduction to university life. Then we walked around the campus to the different departments, looked in the two main libraries, and then went to the lecture halls to find out what they looked like. After lunch we took part in a poster challenge where we had to design a university.

I thought the trip really helped me to understand what life was like at university, how it worked and what it was all about. They explained how many different societies there were such as the literature society, the LEGO society and the sky diving society. There were so many, ranging from education to skills to enjoyment. It really encouraged me to go to university not only to get a degree or masters, but to make new friendships, learn to support myself and understand what life is like as an adult. I really enjoyed it and it gave me an in-depth view of what university is like. It only scratched the surface of the amazing possibilities university can offer.

Alanta Bunt



HOUSE SYSTEM UPDATE

Congratulations to the following students who were the "Most Valuable Players" for term 4. Well done. Don't forget to check on your own personalised house page to see what badge you are up to and how far away you are from your next one.

THIS TERM'S TOP STUDENTS

BARNSDALE

Mylo Robey (42)
Owen Jarvis (41)
Samantha Willard (41)
Kate Parkinson (41)
Evie Harris (41)
Amy Stewart (40)
Molly Black (39)
Mia Joyce (39)
Kitty Redmond (38)
William McCabe (38)
Eloise Ramsey (38)
Archie Burrows (37)
Daniel Law (37)
Owen Lightfoot (37)
Alice Burton (37)
Annie Marvin (37)
Alexa Foley (36)
Hannah Thornley (36)
Ella Withers (35)
Oliver Williams (35)
James Bunker (35)
Charlotte Jeal (35)
Jacob Lewendon (35)

BURLEY

Holly Perril (53)
Kate Randle (42)
Monique Price (41)
Erin Palmer (40)
Kacey Robson (39)
Emily Raine (39)
Clara Hayward (39)
Libby Rawlings (39)
Oliver Lamb (39)
Martha Dryell (38)
Philippa Goatham (38)
Rhys Mellors (38)
Arrabella Brown (37)
Maisie Smith (37)
Holly Pell (36)
Ashleigh Heaney (36)
Georgia McNeill (36)
Baylie Mitchell (36)
Taylor Chamberlain (36)
Erin Haines (35)
Niamh Middleton (35)
Edward Allen (35)

HAMBLETON

Mary Tomblin (44)
Jessica Roythorne (43)
Holly Woolman-Lane (42)
William Law (42)
Sasha Newby (41)
Elvie Halliday-King (41)
Margot Petit (40)
Jessica Purse (40)
Hannah Haywood (40)
Ryan Doyle (40)
Jack Monaghan (39)
Harvey Hester (39)
Jake Wain (38)
Holly Gregory (38)
Georgie Radford (38)
Calum Davies (37)
Annalise Tittensor (37)
Georgie Gilber (37)
Matthew Barker (36)
Oleyssia Jackson (36)
Rosa Burditt (35)
Andrew Smith (35)

BELGIUM BATTLEFIELDS TRIP

On Thursday 9 March, 40 students from Catmose began the journey to visit the battlefields in Belgium. It was an incredibly long journey to Dover, and we travelled to Calais by taking the Euro Shuttle. Once we were in Calais, we continued our voyage until we reached a cemetery. This was an emotional experience for some of the people on the trip, as they had a relative there. Later that day, we visited a German trench and we realised the advantages that they had over the British there. In the evening, we went to a small traditional Belgian restaurant for our dinner, which was a pleasant experience, after which we went to Menin Gate. There was the Last Post Parade, which was very heartfelt, as it is a tradition that has occurred every night without fail.

Over the course of three days, we visited many more memorials, cemeteries and trenches. We had the same reaction that anyone going to these memorials would feel, sympathy, regardless if they were German or British. We also visited cemeteries from the commonwealth, a South African cemetery and a Canadian trench. On our last day in Belgium, we visited the Flanders Field museum in Ypres, which was an interesting experience for all, as we had the opportunity to find out lots of new facts about not just the first world war, but the second too. However, the best moment of the trip was when we had the chance to go into a notorious Belgian Chocolate shop, where we could have vast amounts of Chocolate. Overall, the trip was a sensational adventure and I am grateful that I had the chance to go.

Louise Fisher 9M

FRENCH SPELLING BEE

In Term 1 we held class competitions to find our seven class finalists for the College's competition of the National Foreign Language Spelling Bee. Six of them competed today in front of their entire Year group.

They performed with confidence and skill to give us our three school champions who will go on to compete in the Regional Final at Corby Business Academy in March.

Runners up were Oliver Williams and Tobias Page. The overall winner of the school competition was Sam Terret.



SHOWJUMPING SUCCESS

Demi Bradshaw represented the College recently in showjumping and arena eventing at the Schools Winter Championships. We are ever so proud of her achieving 1st and 3rd place for Catmose in these events.



BADMINTON

The KS3 Badminton Team travelled to Babington Community College for a level 3 Team Leicestershire Final where they faced schools from all over Leicestershire.



BBC SCHOOL NEWS REPORT

Students from Catmose College were invited to the Big Bang Science Fair at the NEC, Birmingham, to work on a live TV assignment as part of BBC News School Report with BBC Breakfast Presenter, Steph McGovern. BBC News School Report is an annual project when the BBC turn over roles and airwaves to budding young journalists.

After an early start, the students arrived at the NEC and found Steph presenting live with a group of the young inventors and engineers featured within the fair. Once the broadcast was over, the students were introduced to Steph and her production team and they began to prepare for their first live broadcast, to take place just 20 minutes later. They were all given allocated slots in which they could help Steph interview the young scientists and engineers at the event. Owen Jarvis, 13, was up first. He worked through the piece with Steph, finding out the names of their interviewees and more about their inventions or roles at the fair. These included the 2016 competition winner and Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock, co-presenter of The Sky at Night. Owen later commented that "The whole experience was once in a lifetime and to meet and work with Steph McGovern was truly inspiring".

Compliments started flying on social media about Owen's performance. These included:- "Offer him a job BBC he's a natural, very composed!", "Well done!", "Well done to that young lad, excellent job but Steph, let him get a word in", "How brilliant is young reporter Owen?!".

Next up was Holly Perril, 14, who not only presented and interviewed but was complimented by BBC presenters Charlie Stayt and Sally Nugent for being able to walk and talk whilst being on live TV. Again comments on social media proclaimed how confident Holly was.

The final live segment was handed over to Alanta Blunt, 13, who completed 4 minutes of live interviewing and presenting before handing back to the studio. Alanta commented "It was an incredible experience. I saw what it was like behind the scenes of a show millions of people watch each morning. I am so thankful I was selected for the opportunity".

As well as live presenting, the Catmose students had the opportunity to work alongside the production team, learning

about the technology and equipment utilised in journalism and live transmission. They were taught how to manoeuvre the specialist cameras and tripods to gain insight into filming and they were provided with earpieces and audio headsets in order to learn about sound management and communicate with the studio presenters and production gallery. As well as shadowing the on-site producer, a student was also able to sit in the outside broadcast production van whilst the technical transmission was broadcast. Ryan Doyle, 13, said "I found the whole experience to be completely inspiring". Holly Perril said "It was a fantastic experience for us as budding reporters, encouraging us to learn about the various roles within a renowned journalistic crew such as BBC Breakfast. Through this unique experience, we learnt the value of communication and co-operation within journalism. We had a fantastic time experimenting with different equipment and practicing our presenting skills on camera." Stuart Williams, Executive Principal, commented "I am extremely proud of Alanta, Holly, Ryan and Owen who carried out their allocated roles on live TV with professionalism, showcasing the skills that they have been taught by our enthusiastic Media Team Coordinator and School Report project leader, Beth Smith. They are a credit to the College and to their families."

Year 8 student Benjamin Tylecote, 13, spent three days at the Big Bang Science Fair and won a runners-up prize for his project on cheap versus expensive seismometers that could help Third World countries detect earthquakes and seismic activities. Ben commented that "It was amazing being there and was incredible to be involved with so many brilliant science experiments".





CATMOSE DANCE SHOW

On Tuesday 4 April, we held our annual Catmose Dance Festival. There were performances from pupils at Catmose Primary, students from the College and the Rutland Youth Dance. All dancers performed spectacularly in front of a full theatre audience.

A special thank you to Cassandra Mayes and Sarah Bell for their help choreographing some of the dances.



ART WORKSHOP

For the past two weeks, Oakham Castle and Catmose College Art Department have teamed up to offer an exciting workshop for a group of year 7 students. The session is held after school on a Wednesday and students have researched and been inspired by Norman kite shields with the aim of creating their own.

So far students have met professional Norman Archer John Steels who explained (in full armour), how the shields were used in battle and what the painted designs represented. This was a fantastic experience where students not only were able to see authentic armour, but also tried it on!

It has been a really enjoyable and educational workshop so far and it will be a lovely experience to see the shields being used at public events held at Oakham Castle. It is not often that we get to work with professionals outside of school, but this has been a fantastic opportunity.

Miss Lawrence



RUGBY CHAMPIONS

In a closely fought and intensely competitive match the Catmose U16 Rugby team have been crowned joint champions of the Leicestershire County Plate. Our best ever Rugby performance! Well done to the team and coaches for their hard work and perseverance in winning through.



UPCOMING TRIPS

YEAR 9 HARRY POTTER STUDIO TOUR 24 APRIL 2017
 YEAR 9 JULIUS CAESAR THEATRE TRIP 27 APRIL 2017
 YEAR 10 VENICE ART TRIP 17 - 20 MAY 2017
 YEAR 10 SPANISH EXCHANGE 24 - 31 MAY 2017
 YEAR 10 BERLIN TOUR 7 - 9 JUNE 2017
 YEAR 8 KINGSWOOD TRIP 16 - 19 JUNE 2017

CURRENT YEAR 8 & 9 SUMATRA EXPEDITION OCTOBER 2017
 CURRENT YEAR 10 GCSE PHOTOGRAPHY STUDENTS - ICELAND PHOTOGRAPHY TRIP FEBRUARY 2018
 CURRENT YEAR 7 & 8 SUMATRA EXPEDITION EASTER 2018
 CURRENT YEAR 7 & 8 NEPAL EXPEDITION OCTOBER 2018

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