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THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD BRONZE EXPEDITION

Students from Catmose College took part and successfully completed their Duke of Edinburgh's Award bronze practice expedition during weekends of 6 - 7 May and 20 - 21 May. The Bronze practice expeditions took place around the Leicestershire area over a duration of 2 days and 1 night. This involved at least 6 hours of planned activity each day of which at least 3 hours must be spent journeying by foot. Teams of between four and seven students walked an average 12-15km each day unaccompanied, self-reliant with an agreed aim. The whole experience gave them laughs, arguments, joy and frustration along the way. But, by the end, they had better team and leadership skills, not to mention bags full of more confidence and a rucksack full of great memories!

All of our students are now looking forward to their assessed qualifying expedition in early September, taking place in the Beaumanor/Bradgate park locality. Upon completion of the expedition students will have acquired many valuable skills such as leadership, teamwork, self-motivation, communication, confidence, consideration and the ability to learn. After they have completed their assessed expedition students will give a final presentation of their expedition aim, experiences and achievements to the DoFE group.

SILVER EXPEDITION

On the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Silver practice expedition during the weekend of 27 - 29 May Students from Catmose College and Harington School took part and successfully completed their Duke of Edinburgh's Award Silver practice expedition. The expedition took place in the Cannock Chase area over a duration of 3 days and 2 nights. This involved at least 7 hours of planned activity each day of which at least 3 1/2 hours must be spent journeying. Teams of between four and seven students walked an average 15km each day unaccompanied, self-reliant with an agreed aim. The expedition section principle is for students to participate in shared experiences in the outdoor environment developing many things such as initiative, teamwork, communication, leadership, problem solving and organisation skills.

Students are now looking forward to their assessed qualifying expedition in July, taking place in the Peak District.



YEAR 10 ART TRIP TO VENICE

On Wednesday 17 May 2017, we left school early in the morning to begin our journey to Venice. Unfortunately, due to heavy traffic we spent 4 hours on the coach and almost missed our flight! We ran through Gatwick, skipped all the queues for check-in, thankfully managed to get all our baggage checked ready to go through security and made it just on time!

After a good flight, we landed in Venice and travelled via bus and 'people mover' to our hotel. Once we arrived, we settled into our rooms before going out to eat amazing pizzas and gelato!

Our first day was very busy; we walked to St Mark's Square and went up St Mark's Campanile where we saw amazing views of Venice, went into Doge's Palace and took some fabulous photos, visited St Mark's Basilica and viewed the intricate mosaics across the ceilings, walked to the Rialto Bridge which is also known as the 'Kissing Bridge', and finally visited the Natural History Museum where we saw lots of different exhibitions, from taxidermy animals to dinosaur bones!

On Friday morning, we went on a boat trip to Murano Island where we saw an amazing glass blowing demonstration. Once back, we hunted down Lorenzo Quinn's creation for the Venice Art Biennale titled 'Support', which shows giant hands coming out from the canal holding up the hotel. This piece draws attention to the issues surrounding global warming and rising sea levels.

In the afternoon, we had some free time looking around the local food market before returning to our hotel. On the morning of our last day, we went to a Damien Hirst exhibition showing 'Treasures from the Wreck' which was stunning and insightful. It was by far the best exhibition!

After a safe flight home, we all felt like we had earned a rest after the 40K of walking we had done over the past three days!

By Charlotte Wells and Maisie Ray



HOUSE SYSTEM UPDATE

Congratulations to the following students who were the "Most Valuable Players" for term 5. 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.

TERM 5'S TOP STUDENTS

BARNSDALE

Mevis Wang (15)
Owen Jarvis (15)
Isabel Andrews (15)
Annie Marvin (14)
Alice Aylward (14)
Mylo Robey (14)
Megan Kemp (14)
Imogen Mould (13)
Ella Withers (13)
Harry Bloxham (13)
Eloise Ramsey (13)
Amy Rowlatt (13)
Archie Sawyer (13)

BURLEY

Holly Perril (20)
Erin Palmer (17)
Monique Price (16)
Edward Allen (16)
Libby Rawlings (14)
Spencer Hex (14)
Florence Wolstenholme (14)
Georgia McNeill (13)
Arrabella Brown (13)
Francesca Halford (13)
Samuel Pollock (13)
Niamh Middleton (13)
Kimberley Humphreys Clapton (13)
Clara Hayward (13)
Louise Fisher (13)

HAMBLETON

Mary Tomblin (16)
Georgia Gilbert (15)
Jessica Roythorne (15)
Matthew Barker (14)
Reema Morjaria (14)
Dylan Treadwell (13)
Sophie North (13)
Harvey Hester (13)
Elizabeth Peace (13)
Karl Trueman (13)
Ji Weston (13)

ART COMPETITION

There was a great response to the art department's recent house competition "Reflections" with a wide variety of artwork including paintings, digital images and a 3 dimensional artwork being submitted. The submissions were entered into the Rotary Club's local art competition and we are pleased to announce that there were several winners. The artwork was of a high standard and we were very pleased to receive such original and skillful work. Congratulations to the successful entrants and thank you to everyone that took part.

Senior Section

1st place: India Hunnikln,
2nd place: Elle Snow

Intermediate Section

1st place: George Clithero
2nd place: Alice Eley
3rd place: Louise Kelly



India Hunnikln's artwork



YEAR 10 HISTORY TRIP - BERLIN

When we arrived in Berlin on Wednesday, despite all being a bit dazed by the early start, we were very excited for the day ahead.

We began sight-seeing the historical roots of Berlin, including the Memorial for the murdered Jews, the Cathedrals of Berlin, the University of Berlin, the TV tower and the Reichstag. We also had a museum tour in which we saw artefacts and memoirs from Kaiser Wilhelm II's rule, to the Weimar Republic and the rise of Nazism.

On Thursday, we went by train to Sachsenhausen. At the concentration camp, our tour guide Andrew spoke to us about the imprisonment and forced labour of the innocent people forced to live there. This was a very emotional morning for all of the students and staff. Later that day, we visited the Olympic Stadium of Berlin, in which the 1936 Olympics were held. We had a guided tour of the site, including the VIP section, the warm-up room and the changing rooms. In the evening, we visited the Reichstag and walked all the way around the top of the central glass dome – its recognisable and quite unique feature. When we got to the top, we could see Berlin in its entirety and it was a great chance to get some cracking pictures!

On the final day, we visited the remains and memorials of the Berlin Wall and our guide told us all about the history of the wall, before we went on to see two short films about it. We later continued and completed the walking tour of Berlin, before some free-time to get some food and go shopping, before heading home.

Despite the use of public transport on the way to the airport being extremely stressful, everybody had a wonderful time, creating wonderful memories! I would like to thank all students and staff who attended for making the experience a great one!

Joe Betts 10T



DRAMA FESTIVAL

On the evening of Thursday 15 June twenty nine students performed monologues, duologues and group scenes at the Drama Festival in Catmose Theatre. This was our second Drama festival and will hopefully continue to be an annual event, following on from the success of this year. Students prepared and rehearsed their performances during Electives, lunchtime and after school clubs. Adjudicating the event was Mark Peachey, a professional actor from Leicestershire. Mark has recently finished performing in the UK Tour of 'Mamma Mia' and is about to perform in the Tour of 'Legally Blonde'. He has also recently done some filming for Hollyoaks. It was a privilege to welcome Mark to our festival and have him judge and hand out the awards. Mark's keen eye and insightful evaluation of each of the performances made the evening an interesting learning experience for all involved.

The monologue section was extremely strong and gave Mark a very difficult job in judging them. All of the students in this category performed exceptionally well and took the audience through a roller-coaster of emotions. Janie-Lea's realism drew the audience into her oppressive story and Jack amused the audience with his storytelling, playing several different characters along the way. Special mention should also go to Isobel Van Den Berg Blake, who, although not winning an award, performed a sinister character and held the audience in her hands as she delivered her monologue.

In the Junior Duologue and Group scenes, students in Year 7 and 8 demonstrated their strong acting ability in a variety of performances. The winners of the Junior Duologue: Mollie and Lia performed 'Fault', about two students blaming each other for an incident. Their characterisation and relationship was clear and consistent throughout as they convinced the audience of the severity of the situation. In the same section Lauryn and Verity amused the audience through their strong physical skills in their performance of 'Good Wives'. The Group scenes were put together well and were creative in their presentation. Useful feedback was given on how these could be developed further.

Both of the Senior duologues were very strong and were totally different. This contrast made it difficult to decide on the winner. Emilia and Daisy had the audience in stitches with their performance of 'Pain Scale'. However, they were just pipped to the post by Oliver and Freya who were awarded first place through their consistency of character and development of story throughout the scene.

Three students in the competition had written and devised their own pieces and were congratulated for this by the judge. Millie Taylor's piece which was performed to a high standard had real depth and looked at racism and different opinions of it. Katie and Lianne devised a creative piece taking us into a fantasy where the image in the mirror spoke back.

Mark wrote the following about his experience of the evening: 'I just wanted to say how impressed I was with the students performances yesterday. The level was extremely high and made my job very difficult. In the end some decisions came down to choice of piece and how well suited they were for the

individuals to show off their talent. For those that didn't pick up an award it is in no way a reflection of their acting ability. I was also really impressed with those that wrote and devised their own pieces and would encourage more of this where possible'.

List of all competitors:

Junior Duologue - Isobel Andrews & Anna Nguyen, Alsiha Hoy & Georgia Mackinlay, Mollie Clithero & Lia Hornby, Matthew Miles & Daniel Terrett, Lianne Jansen & Katie Weston, Lauryn Hata & Verity Rawlings, Verity Allen & Chloe Walters.

Senior Duologues – Daisy Lilley & Emilia Page, Oliver Davies & Freya Stanford.

Monologues – Jack Monaghan, Janie-Lea Jarvis, Declan Ward, Isobel Van Den Berg Blake, Millie Taylor.

Group Scenes – Brooke Palmer, Tia Palmer & Ferne Thornley, Ashlee Carr, Ruby Holton & Annalise Tittensor.

Results:

Junior Duologue

Winner Mollie Clithero & Lia Hornby
 Runner-up Lauryn Hata & Verity Rawlings
 Commended Matthew Miles & Daniel Terrett

Senior Duologue

Winner Oliver Davies & Freya Stanford
 Runner-up Daisy Lilley & Emilia Page

Monologue

Winner Janie-Lea Jarvis
 Runner-up Jack Monaghan

Group Scene

Winner Ashlee Carr, Ruby Holton & Annalise Tittensor
 Runner-up Brooke Palmer, Tia Palmer & Ferne Thornley

Thank you to E Newel who did all of the publicity for the event, the Catering staff for the delicious food, Site team for setting up, Tech team for their help and the Performing Arts team for putting the whole event together.





YEAR 11 LEAVERS ASSEMBLY

On Friday 26 May, Year 11s celebrated their time at Catmose through their Leaver's assembly. The assembly featured performances from the Catmose College Jazz Band, Youth Choir and Mr Austin.

Their achievements were celebrated further through a number of awards to both students and staff.



VARSITY CUP CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to our sport students who won the Varsity Athletics Cup this week for the third year running! 30 students have now been selected to represent the county at Saffron Lane on Saturday 10 June. Well done to all involved.



BEN HIGGINS

Ben Higgins, Year 11, recently competed in the Leicestershire and Rutland County Championships in Nuneaton. Ben entered 5 events, won 5 medals, and achieved new personal bests.

100m - 10.89 pb, Gold medal and broke the championship record which had stood for 41 years since 1976.

200m - 22.16 pb and Silver medal, 3 hundredths of a second behind gold.

400m - Bronze medal

400m Hurdles - Gold medal

100m Hurdles - pb and Gold medal.

Amazing achievement, well done Ben.

UPCOMING TRIPS - 2017/18

- YEAR 7** BURGHLEY HOUSE ART TRIP - 21 SEPTEMBER 2017
- YEAR 9** WW1 COMMEMORATION, MUSIC TRIP - 27 SEPTEMBER 2017
- YEAR 10** V&A MUSIUEM, GRAPHICS TRIP - 2 OCTOBER 2017
- YEARS 8 - 13** LION KING THE MUSICAL - 4 OCTOBER 2017
- YEARS 9 - 11** GERMAN EXCHANGE - 11 - 18 OCTOBER 2017
- YEARS 10 - 11** KNITTING & STITCHING SHOW - 12 OCTOBER 2017
- YEAR 9 & 10** SUMATRA EXPEDITION OCTOBER 2017
- YEAR 10 - 12** CANADA SKI TRIP - 15 - 22 DECEMBER 2017
- YEAR 11** OLD OPERATING THEATRE - 23 JANUARY 2018
- YEAR 11** GCSE PHOTOGRAPHY STUDENTS - ICELAND PHOTOGRAPHY TRIP FEBRUARY 2018
- YEAR 9** SOMME BATTLEFIELDS TRIP - 15 - 17 MARCH 2018
- YEAR 8 & 9** SUMATRA EXPEDITION EASTER 2018
- YEAR 10** VENICE ART TRIP MAY 2018
- YEAR 9 - 11** AMSTERDAM PERFORMING ARTS TOUR - 4 - 8 JULY 2018

CURRENT YEAR 7 & 8 NEPAL EXPEDITION OCTOBER 2018

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