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YEAR 9 DESIGN CHALLENGE

Students in Year 9 were asked to recommend a new development for Oakham, this needed to be beneficial to the local population, and should fit on a plot of land equivalent to a football stadium.

Teams presented their recommendation during a 5 minute presentation on Wednesday 6 February. Richard Pope, training manager from C3 Construction Ltd, judged the challenge and was impressed with the ideas all students presented.

The final winners were Theia, Niamh, Mateusz, Charlie and Luis.
Well done everyone!



ARCHITECTURE ELECTIVE

Students in Year 9 and 10 have been taking part in the Architecture Elective during term four. This has been organised by The Royal Institute of Architecture and led by Tom Allen, a professional architect from Melton Mowbray. Students have been able to gain first hand experience, as well as designing their own 'beach house'. They have researched, planned and created models to the same specification as real architects, which has been a fantastic experience for all involved. We are all now really excited to see what the future holds for our budding architects!



BTEC CHILD'S PLAY & DEVELOPMENT

Congratulations to our four Year 10 students currently working towards their BTEC in Child's Play and Development. They have all successfully completed their First Aid training course with Karen Stoodley for Adults and Young Children and have been awarded their certificates.

They have also been working incredibly hard this term on creating 'Inclusion matters' posters as part of their Unit 3 coursework. A fantastic message.





MATILDA PERFORMANCE

In September last year, 150 Year 7 students visited the Cambridge Theatre in London to watch the musical 'Matilda'. Students spent the next few months working on a song in their Drama and Music lessons to perform to a packed Hellerup on Thursday 28 March. There is a wealth of talent in Year 7 and our Music and Drama teams have been very encouraged working with them on this project. We hope that everyone who came enjoyed their performances.

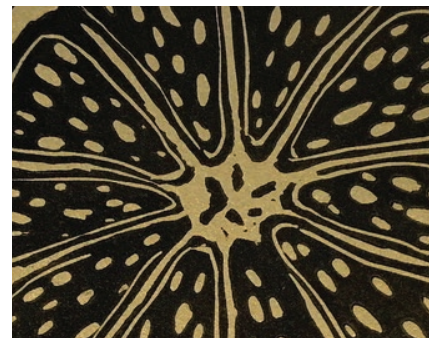


LEICESTER PRINTWORKSHOP

On Wednesday 27 March, Year 11 students studying GCSE and BTEC Art and Design visited The Leicester Print Workshop to take part in a unique experience, 'The New Custodian' Lottery Funded project.

Students had professional tuition and technique support from printmakers Theo and Katy. They produced intricate lino cuts from their current coursework photographs, then printed using a rare and restored 1840's Columbian printing press.

All of the students were pleased to have been able to produce a number of successful lino prints, using traditional tools and mark making skills to create individual outcomes for their current portfolios.



LEICESTER RIDERS TRIP

On Friday 29 March, students from Year 7 travelled to The Morningside Arena to watch the Leicester Riders play. All thoroughly enjoyed the experience and witnessed some awesome displays of basketball. After the match had finished, students were allowed onto court where they had the opportunity to meet the players and get autographs.



YEAR 7 FOOTBALL

The Year 7 team travelled to Belvoir for their 1st football match as a team this week. During the 1st half, they were down 1-0, but then they came back strong to equalise just before half time. Belvoir scored early in the second half, but excellent demonstrations of teamwork and determination saw them score again to equalise. Bethany scored her third goal of the game in the last 5 minutes to bring Catmose into the lead. A huge well done and a big thank you to Isla for coaching them this term.



LA ROCHELLE TRIP

A group of Year 8 students travelled to La Rochelle from 1 - 4 March. While we were there, we had many great experiences that I think will stay with everyone as incredible memories.

When we arrived on the Friday, we explored our surroundings and settled into our hostel, L' Auberge de Jeunesse. On our second day we went to see a lighthouse and sampled the seaside, chips and crepes.

As well as going to see the lighthouse we also visited a honey farm where we learnt about different types of bees and tried all of the different types of honey. Also, during our visit to La Rochelle, we were given some free time and had the opportunity to take in all of our beautiful surroundings, as well as buying souvenirs for our family and friends.

We also went on a boat trip to Fort Boyard, it was a little choppy! On Sunday we all had so much fun as we visited the market and were told to go and buy lunch, we all went our different ways to experience French life and practice our French.

During our trip we did not only visit many places, but we also were able to make lots of friends. On our last day we visited a French school to meet our pen pals for the first time to get to know them. We attended some lessons, which was really interesting as they are so different to ours. Overall, going to France, as many of us would agree, had to be one of the best experiences of our lives.

India, Year 8



NEWTON METER

Year 9 students designed their own Newton meters last week in Science lessons. They won prizes for most inventive, easiest to use and most precise. It's great to see so many future scientists at work.



NATIONAL BRIDGE COMPETITION

On the 16 March, students from Catmose College attended the National Bridge Competition, held at Loughborough Grammar School.

The students played excellently and were an absolute credit to the college, with a number of other schools commenting on their excellent behaviour, sportsmanship and play.

In attendance was the England Schools Bridge Coach as well as a number of England Schools players, it certainly gives the team something to aim for in the future.



UPCOMING TRIPS

YEAR 10 CAMBRIDGE ART TRIP, 2 MAY 2019

YEAR 10 SPARK ENGINEERING TRIP, 3 MAY 2019

YEAR 10 ROME ART TRIP, 16 - 19 MAY 2019

YEAR 7 - BEAUMANOR HALL, 21 & 25 JUNE 2019

YEAR 8,9,10 - GERMAN EXCHANGE, 24 JUNE - 1 JULY 2019

2019/20

YEAR 11 & 13 - SICILY GEOGRAPHY TRIP, 17 - 21 OCT 2019

YEAR 11 - WASHINGTON & NY HISTORY TRIP, 21 - 27 OCT 2019

YEAR 11 & 13 - CANADA SKI TRIP, 1 - 8 JAN 2020

YEAR 7 - LION KING MUSICAL, 15 & 22 JAN 2020

YEAR 10 & 11 - ICELAND PHOTOGRAPHY TRIP, 14 - 18 FEB 2020

More information can be found on our website at www.catmosecollege.com/tripsandvisits



BATTLEFIELDS HISTORY TRIP

The trip to the Battlefields was a great success. The trip involved a wide array of activities and visits to the memorials, museums and cemeteries.

On the first day we visited Lijssenhoek cemetery, seeing the graves of soldiers from across the world. We also had a chance to explore a German trench system, exploring how they Germans we able to take advantage of the high ground above Ypres. After dinner we stopped off at the Menin Gate in Ypres to attend the 8pm last post ceremony. We had the chance to lay a wreath down during the service, it was a truly moving experience.

We visited the South African and Canadian memorials as well as the Somme battlefields. We ended our day in France at the Thiepval memorial, where the names of over 50,000 soldiers with no

known grave are recorded. On the last day we went to a museum in Passchendaele and visited the Tyne Cot cemetery which is the largest World War One cemetery on the planet with 44,000 soldiers buried there.

To conclude I think that everyone involved with this trip would agree that it was an amazing experience.



INDOOR ATHLETICS

This week our Year 7 and Year 8 teams headed to the Leicestershire final of the Indoor Athletics competition, against all other qualifying schools throughout the Leicestershire county. At the beginning of this term 3 teams from Catmose qualified in the area rounds, meaning we represented Rutland in the Year 7 girls, Year 8 girls and Year 8 Boys team competitions.

All of the athletes put in great performances against some very strong opposition. Races on the track were tightly contested with all accumulative points being decided by times rather than just placings in each race, and every cm jumped and thrown counted for points in the field events.

Catmose did Rutland proud finishing off the competition with:

Year 8 Boys – 4th place and winners of Spirit of the Games trophy.

Year 8 Girls – 2nd place medallists and winners of Spirit of the Games trophy.

Year 7 Girls – 2nd place medallists.



OUNDLE MUSIC FESTIVAL

Well done to all our musicians who performed at the Oundle festival of music and drama on Monday 1 April. All performed fantastically and came home with awards.

Hannah and Maddie came 2nd in Vocal Duet (18yrs and under).

Pheobie came 2nd with distinction in Musical Theatre (Under 13s)

Florence came 2nd with distinction in Musical Theatre (14 - 18yrs)

Chamber Choir came first place (KS4 Choir)

