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# BURGHLEY HOUSE ART TRIP

This term, students in Year 7 visited the magnificent Burghley House in Stamford. During the day they experienced a carousel of art activities. These included a very informative guided tour of the house, observing some of the finest historical artefacts. A sculpture workshop using a range of wire techniques to create a dragonfly, and walking around the beautiful landscaped gardens, sketching and observing an array of sculptures.



# CROSS COUNTRY SEASON STARTING STRONG

On Saturday 28 September our cross country teams travelled to Prestwold Hall for the first cross country meet of the season. All students did themselves and the college proud showing great resilience and sportsmanship. These great results will stand us in a good position for the overall team results.

Intermediate boys:

Archie - 6th

Junior girls:

Lucy - 1 7th / Isla - 28th / Madeleine - 35th

Jemima - 41st / Charlotte - 42nd / Lily - 43rd

Sally - 54th / Scarlett - 56th

Junior boys:

Will - 41st / Louis - 47th / Daniel - 48th / James - 51st

Year 7 girls:

Scarlett - 22nd / Hannah - 23rd Lily - 24th

Helena - 32nd / Phoebe - 41st / Laura - 48th

Year 7 boys:

Buddy - 32nd / Monty - 34th / Kieran - 61st / Leo - 71st

There are three more races in this league taking place on: Saturday 26th October, Saturday 23rd November and Saturday 7th December. For more information on these please email Mrs Nicholls: [knicholls@catmosecollege.com](mailto:knicholls@catmosecollege.com)



# ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

For at least 6 years now Catmose College have been offering students academic scholarships. These scholarships give students the opportunity to develop their interests outside the constraints of the curriculum with the support of a subject mentor and their department teams.

Mr Coupe has done an amazing job managing this over the last three years, organising the applications, supporting the mentors, arranging speakers and planning enrichment activities. The students on the scholarship program have fostered a trusting partnership with him and really appreciate all his efforts, this is often reflected in feedback and praise. We wish him all the best in his new role as Assistant Team Leader in Languages.

This year I have taken the role as lead of the scholarship program, and can only hope to maintain the quality the students have come to expect as well as developing the scope of the scholarship. I have big shoes to fill.

We are delighted to now be able to offer Academic Scholarships to Year 8 students, where previously it has only been open to Year 9 and 10. This new addition will be known as a pre-scholarship and not be subject specific.

This will give younger students the opportunity to experience the scholarship program and prepare for a full subject specific scholarship in Year 9.

Our mentors this year are:

Scholarship Lead - Mrs Deacon

Pre-Scholarship - Mrs Deacon

Maths - Mr Ward & Mr Peveritt

English - Ms Winter

Science - Dr Merrill

Humanities - Mr Hughes

Computer Science - Mr Gray & Mrs Deacon

Art & Design - Mrs Magrath and her team

Languages - Mr Coupe

Drama - Ms Veli

Applications have flooded in and I am working my way through them. Students should hear from individual mentors by mid-November.

Good Luck Everybody

Mrs Deacon

## LEON LLOYD VISIT

I don't think it would be overstating to say that, as a former England rugby international and Leicester tigers player who has gone on to be successful in the business world, Leon Lloyd has had a very interesting career. Getting the opportunity to have a talk and gain an insight into what life was, and is, like at both the top of the sporting and business world would be valuable for anyone. It allowed us to see the resilience and mental fortitude it takes, along with both the highs and the lows experienced at the top of these unique places. I think the message this talk left me with is that everybody and everyone will have lows and losses but if you can get past these with resilience and a positive attitude the highs will be even greater.

Review from Ben, Head Student



## ESCAPE ROOMS

All Year 10 scholars had the opportunity to attend the Escape Rooms in Leicester. This was a reward for the student's hard work and dedication. Although it was a treat, it was also a lesson in problem solving and team work. Leaders very quickly showed themselves, however as the sessions continued students got involved and shared their strengths, though not all who entered, managed to escape. Thank you to all staff who gave their time to take the students on this trip.



## YEAR 7 BUSHCRAFT RESIDENTIAL

As part of the Catmose College transition programme, we were privileged to be able to take 114 very excited Year 7 students on a 3 day Bushcraft experience to Rockingham Forest from 18-20 September.

They learnt so many new skills such as fire lighting, shelter building, first aid, then putting these skills to the test in rescuing teachers from a mock plane crash, camouflage and concealment, making their own bracelets using para chord, team building challenges, cooking their own pizzas and burgers amongst many other things. A surprise Bushtucker Trial was even done by willing volunteers.

The Bushcraft Company staff were professional, knowledgeable and caring which made the experience all the more enjoyable. The trip was extremely successful with the students making new friends and really making the most from the opportunities available.



# PIED PIPER PERFORMANCE

We are honoured to have been part of Rutland in Concert at the De Montfort Hall in Leicester on Tuesday 15 October, bringing together all of the schools in Rutland for the first time.

Our chamber choir performed their four songs beautifully, directed by our music teacher Ben Stevenson. In the second half of the concert students premiered Peter Davis' new work Pied Piper, with some of our students taking lead roles in the performance.

The performance was a culmination of a large scale project involving nearly 500 young people from all schools in Rutland.



# LEICESTER PRINT WORKSHOP TRIP

On Friday 4 October, 15 Year 11 graphics students attended a screen printing workshop at the Leicester Print Workshop. As part of their Graphics GCSE all students need to complete a range of final products which present their digital imagery. During the workshop all students created their final t-shirt designs. As well as completing a t-shirt they also created some excellent final pieces. Well done to all involved.



# UPCOMING TRIPS

We see trips and visits as a crucial part of the Catmose experience, offering opportunities to develop independence and wider skills that go alongside experiencing different cultures and events that are not possible within the confines of a classroom. Information for each trip including payment details will be included in a letter which you will receive from the College via groupcall. Payments for trips are usually non refundable unless specified, although we make every effort to find replacement students which would thus render the payments refundable. Further information on trips and how to apply for financial support can be found on our website [www.catmosecollege.com/trips-visits](http://www.catmosecollege.com/trips-visits)

## NOVEMBER 2019

YEAR 11 - GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK TRIP TO LEICESTER  
 YEAR 10 - COMPTON ART GALLERY  
 YEAR 11 - ACADEMIC SCHOLARS TRIP TO ST CATHERINE'S COLLEGE  
 YEARS 10 & 11 - LEICESTER UNIVERSITY TRIP

## DECEMBER 2019

YEAR 11 - HISTORY OF MEDICINE, LONDON

## JANUARY 2020

YEARS - 11 & 13 - SKI TRIP TO CANADA  
 YEAR 7 - LION KING THE MUSICAL, LONDON

## FEBRUARY 2020

YEARS 10 & 11 - PHOTOGRAPHY TRIP TO ICELAND  
 YEAR 10 - COMPUTER SCIENCE TRIP TO DISNEYLAND PARIS  
 YEAR 11 - AN INSPECTOR CALLS THEATRE TRIP, NOTTINGHAM

## MARCH 2020

YEAR 9 - HISTORY TRIP TO THE BATTLEFIELDS OF NORMANDY  
 YEAR 8 - FRENCH TRIP TO WARSY

## APRIL 2020

YEARS 8 & 9 - MALAYSIA EXPEDITION

## MAY 2020

YEAR 10 - ART TRIP TO MADRID

## JULY 2020

YEAR 8 - WINMARLEIGH HALL RESIDENTIAL

## 2020/2021

### OCTOBER 2020

YEARS 8 & 9 - MALAYSIA EXPEDITION

### APRIL 2021

YEAR 10 - MATHS TRIP TO NEW YORK



# NETBALL SUCCESS

It has been a fantastic start to the College year for our Netballers, with over 60 participants attending training sessions each week! This has also kicked off a competitive start for our Varsity teams.

Most excitingly, the new Year 7 team enjoyed their first competitive game of netball against John Ferneley College, winning by 1 goal just before the final whistle. The girls came away with lots to work on and settled quickly into their practice, working hard to make improvements up in the attacking circle. This hard work certainly paid off with them finishing their second match against Belvoir Academy with a strong 13-9 win. They now face UCC, Longfield Academy and Casterton College in the coming weeks.

The Year 8 team, the reigning Leicestershire champions, have also settled well into this year's season, showing real strength in the diversity of all team members being able to play multiple positions on court, allowing for lots of options when meeting different oppositions. They have achieved strong wins against both John Ferneley and Casterton College, and this week also came out successful over Belvoir Academy in their most challenging match yet. The girls should be proud of their training efforts and focus this year.

Year 9 have also enjoyed success, they responded well to changes in player positions this year to bring more speed to the attacking half, recording wins of a greater goal difference than previous years against John Ferneley and Casterton College. A great achievement, this week the Year 9 team faced a strong Belvoir team and showed tremendous resilience to come back from being down 1 goal at half time to secure the win.

Year 10 lost out during their first matches this term, but have shown promising play. They have been working hard during training sessions to ensure consistent good play on court for the second half of the term.

Year 11 have secured good wins over John Ferneley, Casterton and Belvoir to start the year, they should be praised for their continued commitment to training sessions and attitude towards sport in what is undoubtedly a busy year for them. Having them train alongside and play against our current Year 8 and 9 teams has been particularly useful in providing good quality competitive training game.



## BLOOD BROTHERS THEATRE TRIP

On Wednesday 9 October, Drama students from Year 10 and 11 visited the Hippodrome in Birmingham to see the renowned production of Blood Brothers. Blood Brothers tells the story of the two Johnstone twins separated at birth, who grew up on opposite sides of the social tracks without realising their fraternity. The production was very moving and connected with the audience. Students and staff thoroughly enjoyed the performance and it was fantastic to see how characters were portrayed, supporting research and understanding of the GCSE set text. It also helped to develop the student's analytical skills and how to improve their portrayal of Blood Brothers.



## OAKHAM CASTLE HISTORY TRIP

On Thursday 10 October and Tuesday 15 October, Year 7 students were taken back in time to explore Oakham Castle. Students celebrated the 953rd anniversary of the Battle of Hastings by being split into three rival groups, the Vikings, the Saxons and the Normans. They were trained in the tactics of their specific region and learnt about why their representative should be the King in 1066. This culminated in a re-enactment of the Battle of Hastings, students were enthusiastic and enjoyed learning about the different types of soldiers and how they impacted on the battle.

Students also learnt more about Norman life in general and the changes the Norman conquerors made to the lives of the Saxon people. This involved learning about the new types of trials and how the lives of the Saxon people became more restricted under the Normans. The day was a fun and engaging way for students to learn about topics within the Year 7 curriculum that they will be studying throughout the year.

