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# YOUNG MAGISTRATES TRIP

On Saturday 29 February, a group of students took part in a mock trial where they played the part of magistrates, lawyers, defendants and witnesses with other schools from the area. It was a fantastic opportunity to be in a Crown Court and experience the world of law first hand.



# SCIENCE WRITING COMPETITION

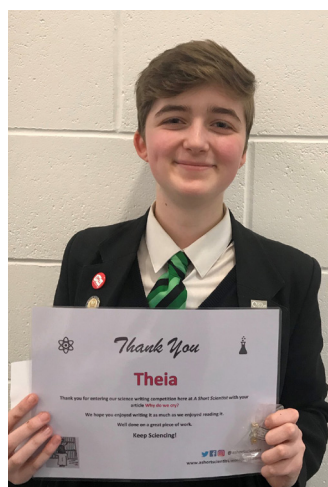
During February, students from Catmose College put their pens to paper to take part in an international Science writing competition ran by the Science blog A Short Scientist

There were many fantastic entries across Years 7 to 11. The College Science Team selected 5 winning students from each year group who were awarded certificates and prizes.

We are incredibly proud that 4 of our students have also won prizes in the international blog competition. Sam and Sophie, both in Year 8, won their age categories, 13-15 and 10-12, against hundreds of other applicants. Their blogs, coincidentally both written about DNA and genetics, will be published this week as it is British Science Week. Theia and Daniel, were runners up for the 13-15 and 10-12 age category respectively and their blogs have been published online.

All 4 students have received a Science badge in recognition of their amazing achievement and the winners, Sam and Sophie, will be receiving a goodie bag full of Science prizes from Lauren Nelson at 'AShortScientist'! To read the winning blog entries go to <https://ashortscientist.wordpress.com/>

We are very proud of our students, representing the College on an international level and promoting their love for Science and Technology. Happy Science Week 2020!



# ACRO TEAM

Our team recently competed in the Acro and Tumbling Competition at The Priory Academy LSST in Lincoln. Each student completed 3 different runs/tumbles which had to include 5 different skills.

Jack placed 1st in the under 14s boys category and has qualified to go through to National Finals.

Holly placed 3rd out of 21 competitors in the under 14 category and Daisy also placed 5th in the same category.

Jess placed 5th in the under 19 category.

All other gymnastics placed within the top 18 of their category, congratulations to all who took part.



# GYMNASTICS TEAM MAKE NATIONAL FINALS

Our Gymnastics teams travelled to the National Finals recently, and all put on great performances. We are the first team from Rutland to ever compete at this event in its history! The Under 13 mixed trio finished a fantastic 5th, with their group routine placing 3rd overall. The Under 16 girls team put on a polished performance against some incredibly strong opposition and we look forward to getting their result through later this week.

An amazing time was had by all and they've come away with so much extra knowledge for next year!



# ARKWRIGHT ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP

Year 11 Design and Technology student Sam has been shortlisted for a prestigious Arkwright Engineering scholarship.

Sam has already been through a rigorous selection process to get to this stage. If successful the Engineering Scholarships will support Sam with his plans to study A levels at Harington School, followed by Nuclear Physics at University.



# ICELAND PHOTOGRAPHY TRIP

This trip was incredible! And the place its self couldn't be more different from England. I would recommend this trip to anyone.

Iceland's culture is so vivid. The legends or saga as they would call them are very interesting, and riddled with tales of elves and trolls inhabiting the freezing island. If you look into the mountains you can see the faces of the trolls that stayed out partying too long and got turned to stone by the sun. You will learn about these creatures and a lot more! The city is beautiful, bright coloured buildings and amazing architecture surrounded by a tidal cove which is towered over by a breath taking mountain range. This area is perfect for street photography and will make a huge difference in your photo shoots rather than boring old England all the time.

As you leave Reykjavik and go into the beyond it is rather like being in the middle of nowhere. However this is quickly forgotten as the views of the open countryside are spectacular! Any chance you get to take photos of it do. A lot of our time in Iceland was spent in the wilderness, and it was so worth it. Everything we did there was a photo opportunity and as a photography student it was

very useful. There are so many wonderful landscapes and scenery like nothing you have ever seen before.

We saw a lot of spectacular sights, glittering waterfalls, monstrous mountains, lava caves that immerse you into darkness, glaciers, geysers, horses and so much more. My favourite and not yet mentioned was the beaches. They had black sand which created a beautiful contrast to the ferocious waves that almost drenched us, as a result of a photo opportunity for Mr Williams. But these beaches where so pretty and well worth the blustery winds that froze a finger or two.

Some of the hotel choices where... questionable, but this didn't matter much because at the end of the day a good meal and bed was much appreciated.

Every experience in Iceland was incredible and it really is a once in a life time opportunity! Not to mention the difference it makes to your course work. Bring a couple of radiators and jumpers and you will have the time of your life.

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# HIGH SHERIFF'S PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Students from Catmose College achieved huge success in the recent High Sheriff's Photography Competition. The Prize winners' Presentation was held last night at the Goldmark Gallery in Uppingham. Thomas in Year 10 was the competition's overall winner with his beautiful image of Oakham's All Saints' Church. Other winners included Ellen, Charlie, Jake and Erin.

Their photographs showed a variety of creative themes including water, wildlife, historic buildings, Rutland Water and sport to win over the judges and have their work framed and displayed at the exhibition. The High Sheriff and judges were overwhelmed with the number of high-quality entries and praised our students on their winning submissions.



# THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD PRESENTATION EVENING

On Wednesday 5 February, we celebrated the success of over 80 students from Catmose College and Harington School achieving their Duke of Edinburgh's Award. The awards take up to 12 months to achieve which requires dedication and commitment. Students select and set their own objectives, goals and aims across 5 different areas; volunteering, physical, skills, expedition and a residential section for the Gold award. The programmes are at three progressive levels, Bronze, Silver and Gold and are aimed at inspiring, guiding and supporting young people in their self-development. These awards have challenged our students and allowed them to discover the wider world around them whilst providing them with invaluable skills and experiences to improve employment prospects. They have taken part in activities that have built their confidence, resilience, independence and character.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is a fantastic programme giving our students the opportunity to make a difference to other people's lives. Through their volunteering students have given back an incredible 2301 hours to our local community. This rewarding experience allowed students the chance to get involved with the wider community, volunteering in charity shops or local community organisations, working and spending time with the elderly

and mentoring or coaching younger people in schools and clubs. Throughout their DofE journey, students have gained important skills such as communication, team work, self-motivation, commitment, resilience, leadership and a positive attitude to work, which is as crucial to their future success as academic achievement, and preparing them for life outside of the academic environment.

The expedition section promotes physical activity, positive mental health and focus. Spending time outdoors encourages our students to become more aware of environmental issues and how they can make a difference. It is important to recognise the achievements that each of our students have made, congratulations and well done to everyone who achieved their award. We do hope that our Gold award holders have an enjoyable day at their awards ceremony which will be held at either Buckingham palace or St James's Palace later this year.

A huge thank you to all of our DofE staff for their invaluable help with delivering each of the awards. Staff have found it rewarding helping our students overcome barriers and working outside of the classroom has also allowed them to build better working relationships with them.



# RUGBY SUCCESSES

Congratulations to Phoenix, Charlotte and Abbie who have all successfully made it through the Under 15 Girls Rugby trials and went on to represent Leicestershire over the weekend. The three of them put in outstanding performances, in some interesting conditions, to assist Leicestershire in beating Warwickshire 15-12 and Staffordshire 30-10.

It is the first season that Phoenix and Charlotte have been old enough to have been considered for the squad and they beat off tough opposition (60 girls trialled) to secure their places. Abbie represented Leicestershire u15's last season and has been selected as Vice-Captain for this season.



# RUTLAND ARTS COMPETITION

Catmose College and Harington School dominated the prizes at the recent Rutland Arts Competition by winning eight of the ten categories. Two of our students were also presented with highly commended prizes, a phenomenal achievement by all. The theme for the competition was 'into the light'. In total we entered 29 pieces of work ranging from ceramics, photography, paintings, charcoal, Lino prints, water colour, oils and ceramics.

The organisers of the event were incredibly impressed with high standard of work.



# CATMOSE DANCE SHOW 2020

On Wednesday 11 March, dancers from the College, along with pupils from Catmose Primary took part in the 5th Catmose Dance Show.

Performances ranged from emotional ballet pieces, to high energy group street dances. All dancers performed spectacularly in front of a full theatre audience.

