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# ICELAND PHOTOGRAPHY TRIP

Students from Catmose College travelled to Iceland from 21 – 25 February for a Photography trip on an epic scale. Experiencing snow blizzards, wind and pouring rain, the students visited waterfalls, mud pools & steam vents and were able to take dramatic images of their experience.

The trip included visits to the magnificent waterfall of Skógafoss, with its wide, thundering curtain of water 60m high, and to the small town of Vik, with its huge geometric sea stacks. Other visits included the National Park of Thingvellir, with waterfalls falling into a mile-long gorge, and the glacier of Sólheimajökull. Students met Icelandic ponies and were even lucky enough to see a Geysir erupt! On the final day the group spent time in Reykjavik working on their street photography before flying safely home.

Find out more by reading Mr Williams' blog post <https://spwilliams13.wordpress.com>



# NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY

On Tuesday 30 January, 50 Year 9 students visited the University of Nottingham. Throughout the day, we were lucky enough to have questions answered by current students at the university, have a tour around the campus and learn about the different degrees offered. We also found out about all the societies they offer (everyone loved the idea of a Quidditch Society based on Harry Potter!)

During the afternoon, we worked in groups to design our own degree course and then presented our work to each other. I speak for myself and all the Year 9 students who went when I say what a lovely experience it was and how educational it was for people who are considering going to university later in life. I hope soon we will be able to experience more universities like Nottingham or even go back there as it was a really fun day and a great experience.

By Taiya Caffrey-Hall, Year 9.



# BELGIAN BATTLEFIELDS 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 stopped off at the Menin Gate in Ypres to attend the 8:00 last post ceremony, we had the chance to lay a wreath during the service, it was a truly moving experience.

We visited South African, Indian and other countries memorials as well as the Somme and Ypres battlefields. On the last day we 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.

Mr Russell.





## MADAGASCAR PERFORMANCE

From 14 - 17 March, over 80 students in Years 8 - 10 were involved in our production of Madagascar, A Musical Adventure. Starting with auditions in September, our students took on roles as actors, dancers, choreographers, technicians, back stage crew, refreshments and front of house assistants. The musical was incredibly well received, and the students had a fantastic time preparing and rehearsing for the show.

As the show opens we learn that Marty the zebra is celebrating his tenth birthday at the Central Park Zoo with his friends Alex the lion, Gloria the hippo, and Melman the giraffe, yet he longs to experience life outside of the zoo's walls. The lead roles of Alex, Marty, Melman and Gloria were skilfully played by Tommy Sabberton, George Watt, George Clithero and Flo Rudkin respectively.

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 Beach Party with some energetic dance routines, accompanied by glow sticks and LED balloons, much to the surprise and joy of the audience.

Special mention should go to Ruby Ray, Andrew Smith, Jessie Spry-Shute and Henrietta Gillie for their amusing portrayal of the four penguins. Also, to Michael Mellonie for his comedic and energetic performance of King Julien, Bay Mitchell who played Maurice and Lily Peace for her aggressive portrayal of the Old Lady.

Along with Mr Stone's support, the Technical Team, Matthew Miles, Sam Etchells and Thomas Selby (Lighting) and James Ward, Ji Weston, Thomas Diep and Scarlett Holton (Sound) 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.



# CATMOSE DANCE SHOW 2018

On Tuesday 20 March over 40 dancers from the College along with pupils from Catmose Primary took part in the 3rd Catmose Dance Show.

Performance ranged from emotional contemporary ballet solos, to high energy group dances. All dancers performed spectacularly in front of a full theatre audience.



## SPANISH SKI TRIP

In February half term, Year 8, 9 and 10 students took part in a skiing trip to Sierra Nevada in Spain. Two hours after landing in the famously hot summer destination of Malaga, students arrived at the hotel and unpacked, ready for the week.

While the weather on the first day was ominous – low clouds and heavy snow meant the mountain was cold and icy, and skiers could barely see their hands in front of their faces – the remainder of the week was bathed in glorious sun. From the top of the mountain, the views were spectacular. To the south, the edge of Africa could be seen across the Alboran Sea, and the sweeping plains of Spain stretched on to the horizon in the north.

Skiers spent their days in groups with instructors, starting on the beginner slopes and moving to bigger, more challenging runs as their skills improved. By the penultimate day, all the groups were confidently tackling some of the many red and blue runs that make up the resort.

The final day was an unexpected trip to the beach. The ski resort was closed at short notice due to strike action, so a trip to the historic town of Salobreña was arranged. Students took a walking tour of the castle walls, before eating lunch on the beach and spending the afternoon paddling, relaxing and partaking in a 5-a-side beach football tournament.

As always, the students did the College proud. There were positive comments about their behaviour and attitude from the various reps who assisted with the trip.

By the end, every student in the group, ranging from those who'd never skied before to those who had plenty of experience, had gained from the trip and had memories that will last a lifetime.



## SCHOOL GAMES

Representing College from Year 10 - Amy Rowlett, Harry Dixon and Eloise Taylor competed in the Boccia at the School Games. Although they did not win the competition they gave it their best and won their first game!

Giving it their all; Sam Norman, Rebecca Burrows, Rhianna Gladding from Year 8 joined with Jessica Easson, Tyler Caulton-Saddington and Megan Kemp from Year 9 to compete in the sitting volleyball competition. Although they didn't win, the students loved the experience of playing a new sport and meeting lots of new people. The highlight of the day was being given a short tutorial in wheelchair basketball



## UPCOMING TRIPS

**YEAR 10** CAMBRIDGE BOTANICAL GARDEN, ART, 26 APRIL

**YEARS 9 & 10** SUMATRA EXPEDITION, 30 MARCH - 9 APRIL

**YEAR 10** VIENNA ART TRIP, 9 - 12 MAY 2018

**YEARS 8 - 11** PERFORMING ARTS TOUR, AMSTERDAM, 4 - 8 JULY 2018

**YEARS 8 - 10** NEPAL EXPEDITION, OCTOBER 2018

**YEAR 11** - WASHINGTON & NEW YORK TRIP, 15 - 21 OCTOBER 2018

More information can be found on our website at [www.catmosecollege.com/tripplanner](http://www.catmosecollege.com/tripplanner)



# Oundle Festival of Music and Drama

## MUSIC

On Friday 23 March, a number of our music ensembles competed in the Oundle Festival of Music and Drama. The first group to perform was the Junior Choir, who performed two pieces - 'Just a Single Voice' and 'A Million Dreams'. The choir received fantastic feedback from the adjudicator, and gained a 1st place certificate and a shield. The next group to perform was the Chamber Choir, who were again commended on their overall tone, presentation and intonation. Following in the footsteps of the Junior Choir, the Chamber Choir also came away with a 1st place certificate and trophy. In the afternoon, our Jazz Band, Senior Flute Ensemble, Brass Band, Harington Band, Hannah and Maddy Thornley (duet), and Flo Rudkin (solo) all performed in the competition. The feedback for all groups was

unanimously positive, and the adjudicator commented on the teamwork demonstrated by all students, saying that the 'musical outcome was greater than the sum of its parts.'

Following on from our success at the Oundle Festival, our Jazz Band, Junior Choir and Harington Band travelled to Northampton on Saturday 24th March to take part in the regional festival of Music For Youth. All three groups again received extremely positive feedback, and the two adjudicators agreed that the students put on an extremely enjoyable performance. We are now waiting to hear if we have made it to the National Festival in July! Well done to all of the students who performed in this competition.



## DRAMA

On Thursday 22 March 34 students travelled to Oundle to perform in the Drama classes at the Festival. The students were in Years 7-13. The students spent all day in the Queen Victoria Hall performing in the different classes; 'Solo Acting' and 'Duologues'. In the KS3 class of duologues there were 14 different performances and Catmose were awarded 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place. Etta and Bay (who came first in the KS3 Duologue) were told by the adjudicator that they performed with a lovely sense of character and captured the fun of their piece (Blood Brothers by Willy Russell). Lia and Verity (in the same class) performed a convincing scene which was nicely staged (Fault by Ann Cartwright). Lily Peace (KS3 Solo Acting) came third in a class of 14 performers. She performed an extract from 'Daisy Pulls it Off' by Denise Deegan and demonstrated an excellent character as Daisy. Although Jack won the KS4 solo acting with 89% it was extremely close between him and Andrew Smith, who scored 88%. Both boys held the audience with an understanding of their pieces and the entertaining portrayal of their characters. Ruby and Imogen topped the KS4 duologues with a well controlled scene involving strong characterisation and good timing. Harington students also did very well and with Harry and Morgan scoring 90% in their Duologue they were also awarded the Frieda Hodgson Cup. All of

the students were awarded a certificate for taking part as well as their judging notes from the adjudicator. First place winners were each given a medal. Well done to all of the students who took part. We are planning to return next year to see if we can claim even more awards.

Results:

**KS3 Solo Acting** Lily Peace - **3rd**  
**KS3 Duologue** Etta Gillie/Bay Mitchell - **1st**  
Lia Hornby/Verity Rawlings - **2nd**  
Isobel Dowling/Mollie Clithero **3rd**  
**KS4 Solo Acting** Jack Monaghan - **1st**  
Andrew Smith - **2nd**  
**KS4 Duologue** Imogen Koczulab/Ruby Ray - **1st**  
Holly Gregory/Kate Randle - **2nd**  
Charlotte Frost/Hannah Okoye - **2nd**  
**KS5 Solo Acting** Leigh Marshall - **3rd**  
**KS5 Duologue** Morgan Severn/Harry Warin - **1st**  
Place

Other students involved in the day: Elorm Awadzi, Bronte Cope, Meredith Dolecki, Kiera Edwards, Francesca Halford, Lauryn Hata, Pippa Hines, Jazmin Lee, Tom McEnery, Joshua-Lee Perkins, Samuel Pollock, Flo Rudkin, Eve Sloan, Lucy Turley, Chloe Walters and Katie Weston.

## YEAR 11 BASKETBALL

The Year 11 boys basketball team successfully progressed to the Team Leicestershire final to be held at the Leicester Riders arena. The road to the final saw them comfortably beat Ashby School in the quarter final before taking on Market Bosworth at home in the semi final. From the tip off the team utilized their full court press to great effect not giving Bosworth's players time to settle. On offense the team played freely and scored some excellent baskets through Hibbit, Seel and Bradley with guards Robertson, Gooding and Sabanski providing the killer passes, Gladwinfield came on to produce a very effective performance to help maintain the teams control and lead in the later stages of the game.



## SCHOOL GAMES

58 students represented Rutland in the Leicestershire and Rutland School Games at Loughborough University in six different sports this year.

They competed against 10 other areas to win the county title. In athletics we had 3 teams who competed strongly for the title. On the track we were nearly always finishing in the top three positions but with the points being very close we knew that a couple of 5th places might cost us a medal.

All three teams finished 4th out of ten teams and although they were all slightly disappointed, everyone can be pleased with their effort and commitment that they displayed on the day.

Next year, Year 7 will come back determined to win at least a



bronze which I am sure they will be capable of if they come to practice each week.

Well done everyone a great effort.  
Mr Gillespie

## STUDENT ABSENCE - XPRESSIONS

From the start of term 5, Monday 16 April 2018, there will be only two ways to contact the College to report student absence. You can continue to use the student absence email: [StudentAbsence@catmosecollege.com](mailto:StudentAbsence@catmosecollege.com) or you can send an absence message via the Xpressions app.

Xpressions allows us to contact you quickly and directly, and you can also use it to send general messages to us, saving you time and effort. Using either Xpressions or the absence email will ensure that the absence notification is from a verified account, therefore you will no longer need to send a follow-up message to your child's form tutor.

If you still have not downloaded Xpressions to your smartphone/tablet please do so using the following links for apple or android. Our administration team are on hand to help, so please contact [office@catmosecollege.com](mailto:office@catmosecollege.com) or call 01572 770066 if you require any technical assistance.

If you have any concerns about this please do not hesitate to contact Alice Beckwith for further advice.

