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BARCELONA FOOTBALL TRIP

Towards the end of last term students from Catmose College had the pleasure of attending a trip to Barcelona.

Highlights included visiting the famous Camp Nou, a walking tour of the beautiful city of Tarragona, an educational bus tour of Barcelona, the opportunity to visit the works of Gaudi and Picasso, including the magnificent Sagrada Familia and the stunning Montjuic with its amazing views of the city.

Students attended a masterclass session with the coaches of the La Liga team Espanyol. This provided students with an insight to the demands of training in a professional football team and took this opportunity to learn some new skills and techniques from highly qualified coaches.

The trip to Barcelona was an enjoyable and unforgettable experience for everyone involved. The combination of educational tours, cultural activities, and sporting events made it a well-rounded and truly enriching trip.

"We spent five days on the trip, staying in a really nice hotel in the village of Calafell. We were with our friends a lot of the time playing games on the beach or together playing cards and talking.

The weather was amazing throughout the trip and when we went into Barcelona and Tarragona it was just right. In Barcelona we had a tour where we travelled partly around on a bus and we got off and had a look around the fascinating city which was full of loads of attractions such as The Basilica. One of my favourite parts was the tour of Camp Nou, you could tell just by walking around how many top players have played there as well as teams.

We played two good games of football winning one and drawing the other. On the journey we chatted about how we thought the games would go and how they went, everyone would try their hardest and work hard for each other which was really good."

Toby, Year 9 student

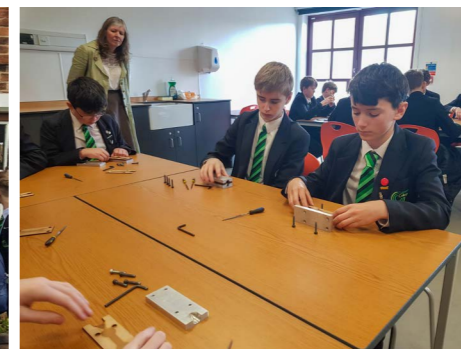




BLACK COUNTRY LIVING MUSEUM

Year 8 students enjoyed a trip to the past as they explored the recreated streets of Victorians and Edwardian England on their recent trip to the Black Country Living Museum. Students took part in enamelling, pewter casting and descended a mine as they uncovered some of the secrets of England's industrial heritage by questioning many of the historical 'characters' that 'inhabit' the museum.

We thank the museum staff and volunteers for explaining their character roles and duties, and being so knowledgeable in helping the students understand how difficult life was in the past.



DISNEYLAND PARIS NETBALL TRIP

"After over 24 hours of delay in the port of Dover, we finally made it into Calais on Monday afternoon which allowed us to arrive at our hotel to prepare for going straight into the netball tournament on Tuesday. The competition was run by England netball involving teams from all over the UK so there was some really tough competition. Each team played the others in their age range in the morning, leading to a knock out competition after lunch. Many students enjoyed the delicious crepes on offer as well as the netball!"

On the Wednesday we enjoyed a day at Disneyland Paris. The two

most popular attractions were Hyperspace Mountain and the Avengers Mission ride. In the evening all the netball teams involved in the tournament attended an awards dinner in the Disney Village. Catmose under 12s A and B came fourth and sixth place, whilst the under 14 team came seventh. We were most proud of the under 12 teams jointly winning 'Spirit cup' for the support that we gave each other in the matches. After the awards, dinner, we had some extra time in Disneyland. After a long tiring day, we arrived back at our hotel and all slept well in preparation for a smoother journey back to Oakham." Amelie, Year 7

ICELAND

During the Easter break Year 9 and 10 creative students visited the wild landscapes of Iceland for a photography residential trip of 5 days and 4 nights.

The trip included highlights such as stunning waterfalls, to caverns, glaciers laced with black ash, historic lava tunnels, whale watching, the infamous black sand beach and the vibrant urban streets of Reykjavik.

The students worked together well as a creative team throughout the trip and enjoyed moving accommodation to experience more of the Icelandic landscape with staff and our inspiring guide. It certainly was a trip with a full itinerary to capture the most photographic and enrichment opportunities from the epic landscapes and tourist attractions in Iceland.

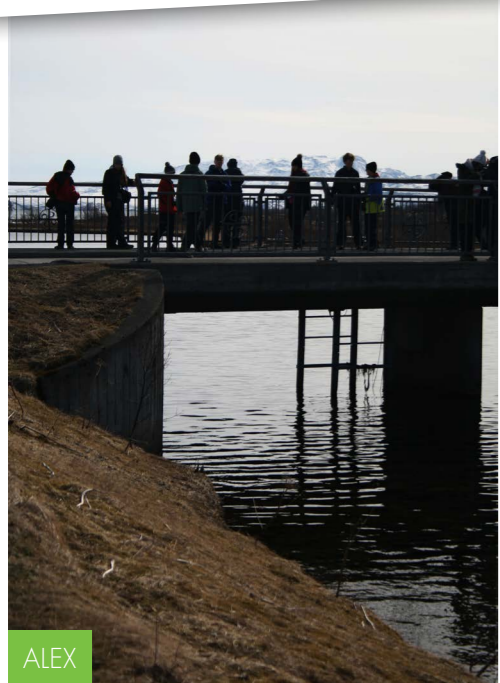
Mrs Sanger would like to thank the students for their exemplary behaviour, our seal mascot of the trip 'Sloppy' and the staff who supported the trip over their bank holiday- to make this trip of a lifetime possible!

Alex had the trip of a lifetime — he loved it. Huge thank you to everyone at the College who made it happen and helped make it such a success!”,

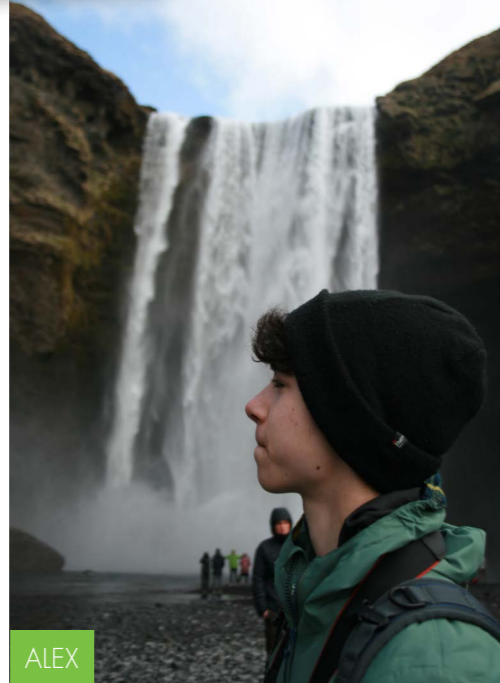
Year 10 parent



STUDENT PHOTOS



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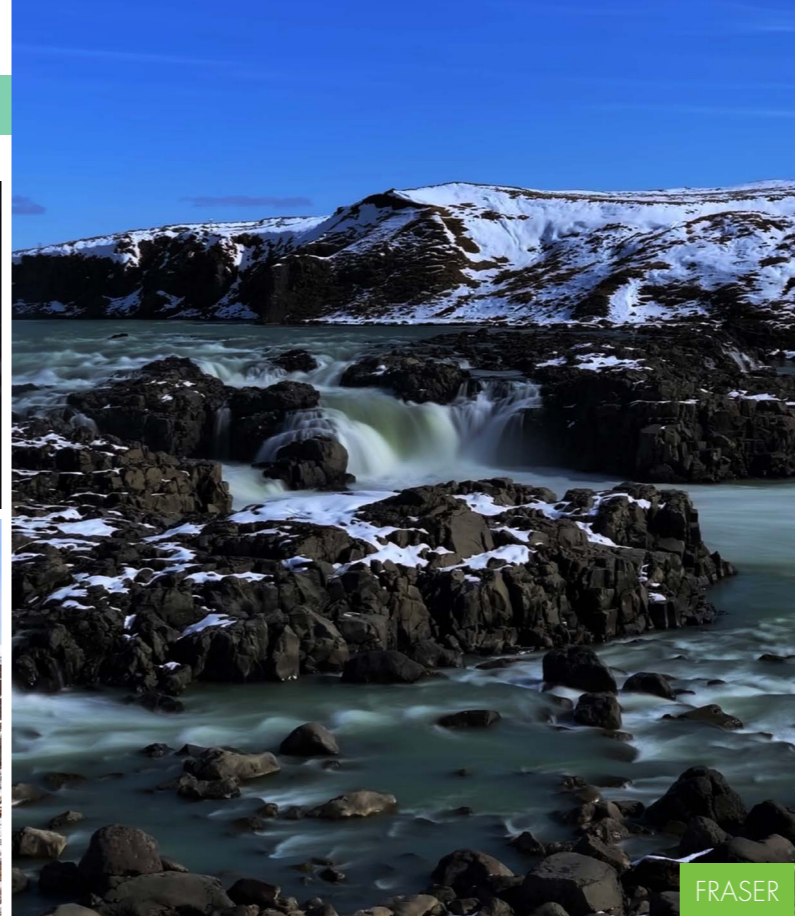
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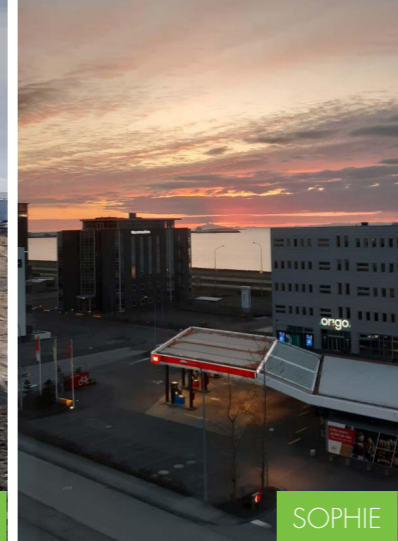
SAMUEL



FREYA



OLIVER



SOPHIE

QUOTES FROM STUDENTS:

"My favourite part of the trip was our free time in Reykjavik and the Hard Rock Café as we learnt more about Icelandic culture." Thomas

"My favourite part of the trip was the Golden Circle. I had a great time in Iceland and there were loads of cool waterfalls and it was fun to look at them from different perspectives. The accommodation choices were great." Samuel

"I enjoyed the trip because I loved watching the whales on the boat and would recommend going to Iceland to a friend because there are nice places to go to and views for amazing pictures." Hayley

"My highlight of the trip was going into the lava caves and I also enjoyed watching the whales jump out of the water for taking photos." Fraser

"My highlight was the waterfalls and taking photographs with 'Sloppy' the seal." Sophie

"My highlight of the trip was when all the lights were turned off in the lava caves and we were left in the dark. I also enjoyed seeing the icicles." Georgie

"I liked the free-time in Reykjavik because it was a chance to take photographs of street art and find hidden spots to take unique photographs with friends. We also learnt about Icelandic culture and it was very interesting." Sophia

"My favourite part was the waterfall that we could go behind as it was a once in a lifetime opportunity and a surreal experience. I would want to persuade friends to go to Iceland because of the beautiful scenery that is hard to experience anywhere else. I also enjoyed the black sand beach even though it was high tide because we got to climb the honeycomb rocks and take pictures of the volcanic sand." Alice

"Thank you for giving me the opportunity for this trip. My highlight was seeing the Icelandic ponies and the waterfalls." Sophie

"The free-time in Reykjavik was very fun highlight and it's a good trip because it gives you freedom for your photography." Finn

"There was such a variety of landscape. The hot tubs were nice to use after a day of exploring at the first hotel and I really liked the free-time in Reykjavik. We met so many people from all over the world. The street art was perfect to photograph, as was the Rainbow Road. While walking around some of the locals asked if we wanted to photograph them, which we did, and they said they felt like celebrities. The cathedral was absolutely breath-taking and the ice-cream we ate was delicious. We also unexpectedly found a café with a Star Wars bathroom! That day we ended up walking over 20,000 steps within the span of 4-5 hours-more than any previous day. Although my feet hurt by the end of the day, I thought it was so worth it! Overall, 10/10." Charlotte

"My highlight of the trip was the raw talent of the graffiti artists in Reykjavik alongside the incredible waterfalls. Thank you for caring for us on what was a remarkable trip." Jack

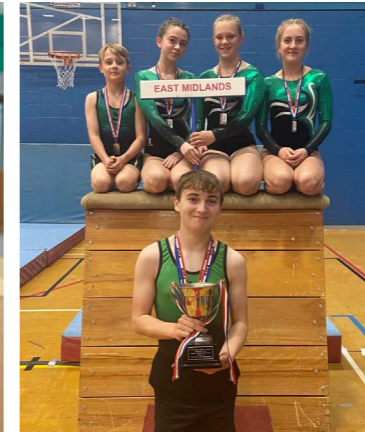
"My highlight of the trip was the lava caves because you can see abstract rock forms and upside-down icicles. It was a really interesting tour and we got to experience the caves without any light or sound, which was a unique experience." Freya

"This trip was the best to see Icelandic wildlife and the pets at the first accommodation increased my enjoyment of the trip, the dogs were friendly and nice to play with giving a sense of home. The whales were cool jumping out of the water too!" Oliver

VARSITY ROUNDUP - TERM 5



VARSITY ATHLETICS KS3 first place. KS4 third place. 1st Oakham School 2nd Catmose College 3rd UCC. Overall 2nd place.



BSGA FLOOR AND VAULT NATIONAL FINAL SUCCESS

A big congratulations to the Catmose Elite Gymnastics Team who had a fantastic day at the British Schools Gymnastics Associations National Floor and Vault National Finals yesterday. The U19 mixed team placed on the podium in silver position and their performances were of true credit to the students personal hard work and dedication. The College could not be prouder of them!

Year 10 student Jack won the title of highest scoring boy in the U19 category for the Floor and Vault National Final, this is a testament to the hours of training he has put in.

Miss Joyce, Catmose College gymnastics coach said, "It's always inspiring to see individuals who are dedicated and passionate about their pursuits, and who serve as positive role models for others. This is a great achievement all round."

FEMALE RUGBY

Congratulations to Year 11 student Lily on being selected for an assessment for the Centre of Excellence for Female Rugby at Loughborough Lightning. This is a huge achievement and a testament to her skill and commitment to the sport. We can't wait to see what she accomplishes in the future. Best of luck for this exciting challenge in June and July. You've got this!



EMPLOYMENT ENCOUNTERS

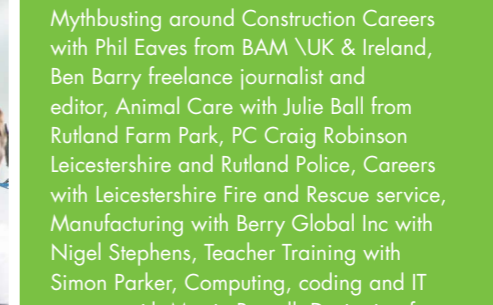
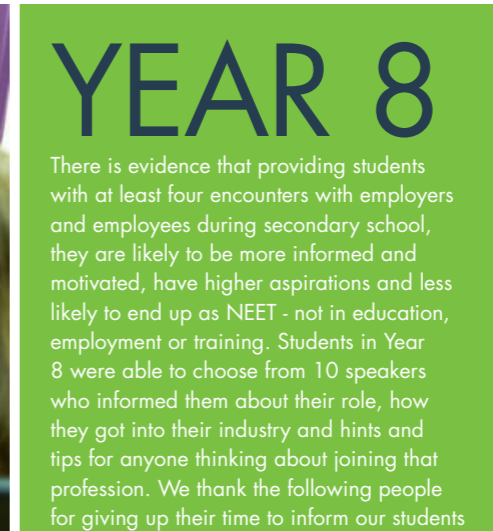


YEAR 7

As part of the developing Careers Programme at Catmose College, Year 7 students chose three sessions to attend with employers and employees to widen their knowledge and raise their future aspirations. The first career sessions included myth busting around construction, Physics, Leicestershire fire and rescue service, enterprise and project management, building and site management with the opportunity to build an Allison home from Lego, Law with Briega Slattery, creating unique selling points and information about applying to the Police Force.

Year 7 student Jack said "Law is a really stressful but rewarding job. You need to be strong to work in construction as it is very physical. Building the show home in Lego was fun although it was very hard. I also learnt that there are lots of roles within the police".

Paige attended the law, physics and enterprise and project management sessions. "To work in a physics role, you don't necessarily have to get a degree to be a scientist – just need a bit of knowledge as there are so many varied roles. In enterprise and project management, you can get varied amount of good money if you want to work with other people".



We have employer encounters coming up for Years 9 and 10. If you would like to share your career journey or promote careers within your company, please contact our team at careers@catmosecollege.com

YEAR 11 TEA PARTY

Year 11 students were treated to a tea party before they begin their GCSE exams this week.

"Year 11, I wanted to take a moment to wish you all the best of luck.

These exams are not the sole measure of your worth or intelligence. They are an opportunity to showcase what you have learned and how you have grown academically. Embrace this chance to demonstrate your true potential and let your hard work shine through.

During the exam period, it is normal to feel a mix of nerves and excitement. Remember to stay calm, take deep breaths, and trust in your preparation. Believe in yourself and your abilities, you have all the tools necessary to succeed.

While the exams are important, it is essential to maintain a healthy balance in your life. Take breaks, get enough rest, and engage in activities that make you happy and relaxed. Your well-being matters just as much as your academic success, so please prioritise self-care during this time.

Finally, I want to remind you that your teachers, parents/guardians, and I are here to support you every step of the way. Don't hesitate to reach out for guidance or assistance whenever needed. We believe in you and are confident that you will achieve great results.

Remember, success is not solely defined by your exam grades, but by the knowledge, skills, and resilience you have developed throughout your educational journey. May you approach your GCSE exams with confidence, determination, and the belief that you can accomplish anything. Wishing you the very best."

Stuart Williams, Principal



SILVER DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD PRACTICE EXPEDITION

Recently students were busy practicing for their Silver DofE qualifying expedition which is taking place in July. Four teams travelled to Cannock Chase in Staffordshire, where they took part in a three day and two night expedition which included 7 hours of planned activity each day.

Teams planned their own routes, journeyed independently and were self-sufficient throughout, typically covering distances of around 19km per day. The weather conditions were certainly testing, however the expedition was a great success with students demonstrating outstanding navigation, organisation, leadership, resilience and team working skills.



THANK YOU!

To everyone for collectively raising a staggering total of

£1475

for the Armed Forces Charity SSAFA during non-uniform day in March



THANK YOU!

To everyone for collectively raising the grand sum of

£825

for the Ukrainian refugee centre in Uzghard who have purchased 2 large fridges, as well as food and essential supplies for 16 children, their parents as well as over 60 other adults. They are very grateful.



UKMT JUNIOR MATHS CHALLENGE

Year 7 and Year 8 students celebrated being awarded a Bronze, Silver or Gold certificate in the UKMT Junior Mathematics Challenge. The challenge involves solving 25 interesting (brain bending) problems that require hard thinking. This is a wonderful achievement for all those involved.



WHAT'S ON



SCAN TO KEEP UP-TO-DATE WITH EVENTS

JUNE 2023

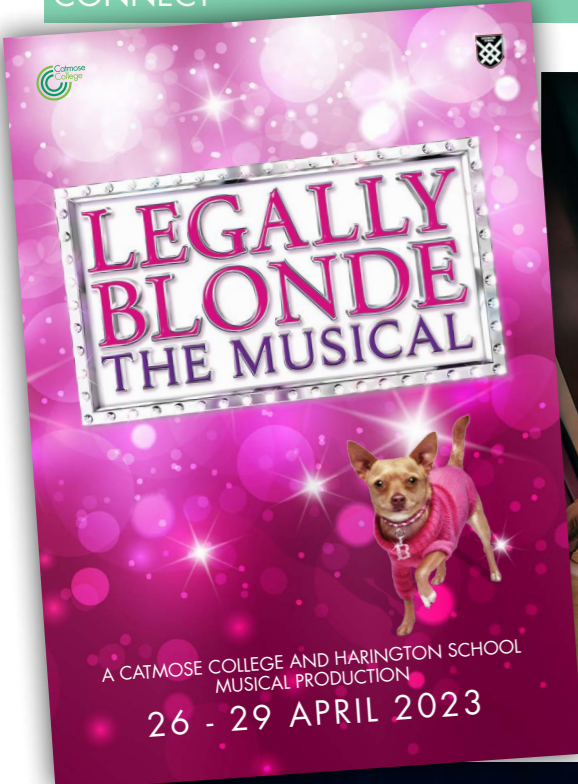
Monday 5	Term 6. College opens
Tuesday 6	Year 7 Burghley House Trip
Wednesday 7	DofE Bronze Group A - Kit Check
Saturday 10 - Sunday 11	DofE Bronze Group A - Qualifying Expedition
Monday 12	Year 11 Leavers' Assembly STUDENTS ONLY
Wednesday 14	DofE Bronze Group A - Kit Return
Thursday 15	Year 9 - World of Work Day
Thursday 15 - Saturday 17	Year 8 Yorkshire Humanities Residential
Wednesday 21	DofE Bronze Group B - Kit Check
Saturday 24 - Sunday 25	DofE Bronze Group B - Qualifying Expedition
Tuesday 27-28	Harington School Induction Day
Wednesday 28	DofE Bronze Group B - Kit Return
Thursday 29	Catmose College Sports day
Thursday 29	Year 11 Prom

JULY 2023

Sunday 2 - Saturday 8	French Exchange (Home Hosting)
Monday 3 - Friday 7	World of Work Week
Monday 3 - Wednesday 5	Year 8 Winmarleigh Hall Residential
Tuesday 4	Transition Day - Year 6 to Year 7
Wednesday 5	DofE Silver Kit Check
Thursday 6	Year 7 Frozen Performance 2.30 until 3.30pm
Friday 7 - Sunday 9	DofE Silver Qualifying Expedition
Tuesday 11 - Wednesday 12	Y10 Wimbledon Championships
Wednesday 12	DofE Silver Kit return
Thursday 13	End of Term 6

AUGUST 2023

Wednesday 30	Term 1. College opens
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LEGALLY BLONDE THE MUSICAL

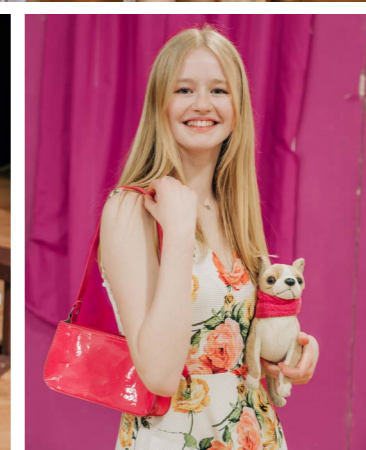
The cast and crew of Catmose College and Harington School are thrilled to announce the successful completion of their production of "Legally Blonde the Musical." The show, which ran from 26-29 April was met with rave reviews and standing ovations from sold-out audiences.

A fabulously fun award-winning musical based on the adored movie, Legally Blonde the Musical, follows the transformation of Elle Woods as she tackles stereotypes and scandal in pursuit of her dreams. Action-packed and exploding with memorable songs and dynamic dances – this musical is so much fun, it should be illegal!

The production was a true team effort, with students from all years coming together to create a spectacular show. The amazing student band performed the fantastic soundtrack and the crew, which included students working on lighting, sound and stage, also did an outstanding job, creating a visually stunning and cohesive production.

The success of "Legally Blonde the Musical" is a testament to the talent and creativity of the students at Catmose College and Harington School as well as the dedication and support of the school's staff and community. The production provided an opportunity for students to showcase their skills and passion for the performing arts and was a memorable experience for everyone involved.

Congratulations to the cast and crew of "Legally Blonde the Musical" for a job well done!





OUNDLE FESTIVAL OF MUSIC AND DRAMA

Over this academic year, students from Years 7 to 11 developed a performance of a monologue or a duologue for the Oundle Festival of Music and Drama. This culminated in an event held at Catmose College in March. Students who entered, performed their acting piece in front of an adjudicator, as well as the other Catmose College contestants.

Students performed in four classes (monologues and duologues for KS3 and KS4) and were marked against a range of criteria. Every performer came away with a certificate demonstrating their exceptional effort to create thoughtful and considered pieces. The adjudicator also spent time speaking about the strengths of each performance and how the students could further develop their skills.

Ailee and Juventio won medals for the best KS3 duologue. They brought humour to the event with their slapstick performance and skilful comedic timing. This contrasted with Poppy's emotional portrayal of Leah from DNA in her winning performance in the KS4 monologue class. Emily gave a triumphant rendition from Blood Wedding wowing the audience and the adjudicator, so much so that she took the overall cup for the festival.

Winners of the KS4 duologue class were Heather and Imogen who not only won a cash prize at the event but were also invited to perform at the Winners Celebration Concert in Oundle a few days later. The drama team were very proud to see our students represent Catmose College in this prestigious event and the adjudicator was very impressed with the superb performances he watched. Well done to all the students that took part.

