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YORKSHIRE RESIDENTIAL TRIP

The Humanities team took 44 Year 8 students to various sites across Yorkshire to further their understanding of a variety of topics such as coasts, Industrial Revolution, the Norman Conquest and the development of cathedrals.

Highlights included Whitby Abbey and the famous gothic graveyard, a tour of Fortune's Kippers, Captain Cook's statue, a ghost tour around York, Eden Camp - a former prisoner of war camp during WW2, York Minster, Clifford's Tower, shopping in the historic Shambles, bowling in the historic Flamingo Land theme park and zoo.

Students received compliments on their behaviour throughout the trip and were a credit to the College.





BLETCHLEY PARK

Our Year 7 students recently visited Blechley Park, where they enjoyed learning all about the history of mathematics behind the work of the codebreakers during World War II.



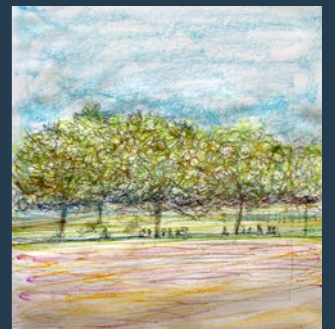
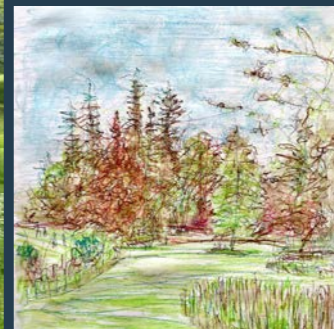
JOHN CLARE TRIP

Year 7 visited Helpston near Peterborough to gain a better idea of how the 'Northamptonshire Peasant Poet' John Clare lived. He was born in Helpston and had a passion to learn but unfortunately was unable to attend school 5 days a week. With a number of different activities and workshops it was a jam-packed day. Students visited Dovecote and wrote poetry inspired by the gardens and beautiful autumnal colours. After this, students toured the town, seeing where John Clare had worked, and socialised before ending the day at the house where John had lived.



BURGHLEY HOUSE

Year 7 students were delighted to participate in our annual Art trip to Burghley house. During the day, students had a range of opportunities to participate in; a sculpture wire workshop - creating a dragonfly, touring England's finest Elizabethan house and learning about the Tudors and later generations who worked and lived in the house and exploring the wonderful gardens scattered with a vast selection of sculptures.



AWAY HOSTING

"Recently 30 students travelled to Paris to complete their French exchange with the Collège Notre Dame de Bury. The students spent a week immersed in French culture and life while staying with their various host families in the area. On Friday, English students visited the Palace of Versailles. We received a tour of the Palace, learning about its historical importance, and a chance to explore the large gardens. The weekend was spent with exchange families, with many students touring Paris and visiting landmarks such as the Arc de Triomphe, Gallérie de LaFayette, the Champs Elysees and the Louvre. On Monday, all students travelled into the centre of Paris by the metro. Firstly, we had the chance to go up the Eiffel Tower and have a fabulous view of the city. Then we took a sunning trip around Paris by boat on the Seine. We saw the Notre Dame, famous bridges and the Musee d'Orsay. The weather was perfect, very warm with lots of sun. After the boat tour we took the metro to Montmartre where we had time to explore the area around the Sacre Coeur. On Tuesday and Wednesday morning, the English students were immersed into a French school day, participating in various lessons with other French students. On Wednesday, the French students provided a delicious picnic for everybody which was thoroughly enjoyed before the English students departed for the Gare du Nord in the evening Overall, the trip was an excellent experience, and we all look forward to the second leg of the exchange in July when the French students visit Oakham."

Eve, Year 10 student



HOME HOSTING

After our visit to Margency, near Paris, it was the turn of 30 French students and 3 teachers to visit us here in Oakham. Catmose families hosted the French students and enjoyed the experience, being able to showcase the best of British culture. We heard about French students being treated to lunch in village pubs, markets, cricket matches, Rutland Water, water sports, summer festivals, afternoon teas and more. The French students spent some time in lessons at College and were surprised to see that many lessons have a practical aspect compared to in France where learning is much more academic.

French students got to know Oakham by competing in a treasure hunt style quiz around town, spending some time in both Oakham Castle and Rutland Museum; the town was calm and peaceful compared to living just 10km outside Paris and they loved the style of the traditional houses and buildings. They also visited the King Richard III centre in Leicester and took part in a science workshop where they found out the DNA of a banana. They took an open top bus tour of London to see the major sights from Tower Bridge to Buckingham Palace. In Fortnum and Masons, the French teachers had been given a list of items to buy on behalf of their friends back home. Their luggage was heavier on the way home for sure! When it was time for our French visitors to head home, there were many tears from students and parents not wishing the week to end; friendships and memories had been made. The educational objective of linguistic and cultural knowledge being furthered was well and truly achieved.

Catmose College is really pleased to have found such a great partner school in France and we look forward to many exchanges to come.

YEAR 8 PGL MATHS TRIP

52 Year 8 students took part in a 3 day residential at Winmarleigh Hall in Preston. Activities included archery, abseiling and climbing. The students (and staff) had a very enjoyable time taking part in activities and learning new problem-solving skills.



YEAR 11 PROM

Farewell Class of 2023 you were absolutely fabulous!





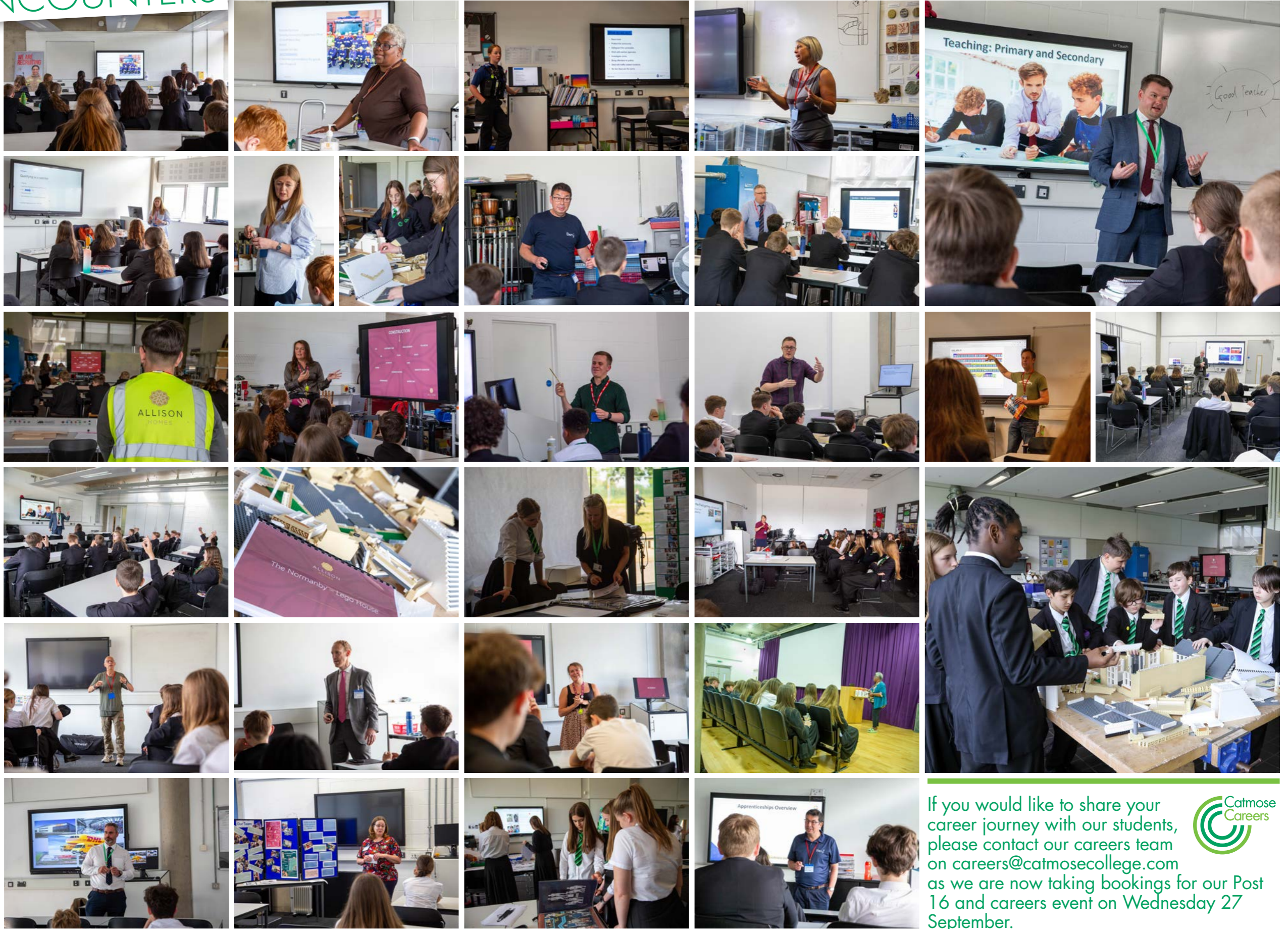
**YEAR 7
FROZEN**

Well done to our Year 7 cast of Frozen. They worked really hard over the last few months of the term, following watching the show on the West End, to put on a memorable performance for them and their families who came and supported them.

EMPLOYEE ENCOUNTERS

During term 6 Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 students experienced an afternoon of employer encounters. Each student had the opportunity to attend three different sessions provided by local employers those self-employed, Catmose College alumni and current College staff who talked about their careers, qualification routes and any tips they could give students thinking of entering that profession.

We would like to extend our thanks to all the contributors who gave up their time to inspire and educate all of our students



If you would like to share your career journey with our students, please contact our careers team on careers@catmosecollege.com as we are now taking bookings for our Post 16 and careers event on Wednesday 27 September.





SPORTS DAY 2023

During the morning our athletics students competed against each other in a range of track and field events. Although competition was fierce it was equally friendly.

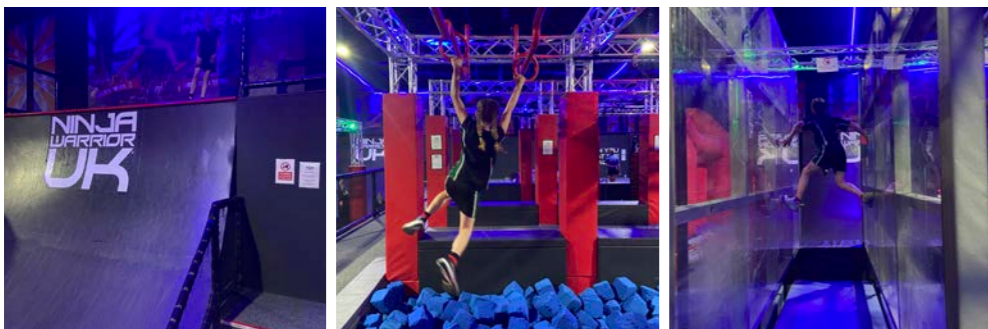
All students were excited to compete in games of rounders, dodgeball, football and tug of war during the afternoon. While other students chose to showcase their skills in dance.



School Direct teacher Mr Millar produced some memorable sketches of the day too...



VARSITY ROUNDUP - TERM 6



YEAR 7 NINJA WARRIOR TRIP

Year 7 sport scholars visited the Ninja Warrior park in Leicester. All the students had a fantastic time trying out the obstacle courses inspired by the TV programme.



PRIMARY SCHOOL GYMNASTICS

Pupils from Catmose Primary and Ketton Primary took part in a Gymnastics taster day at the College. Gymnastic leaders from Harington School and Catmose College were on hand to help with various moves when they were put into groups to perform their fantastic final displays.





YEAR 6 TRANSITION DAY

Recently Year 6 students were welcomed to the College for their transition day. They enjoyed lessons in a range of subjects including art, English and sport. We look forward to them joining us in September.

We are delighted to invite prospective students and their families to join us at our **Open Evening on Wednesday 4 October 2023 from 5.30 – 7.30pm**, with guided tours of our outstanding facilities including the new building and our unique educational offer. Staff and students look forward to welcoming you and giving a flavour of College life and answering any questions you may have.

Our Principal, Mr Williams, will be giving a presentation during the evening, at 5.45pm and 6.45pm, there is no need to book.

ROTARY YOUNG ARTIST COMPETITION

Well done to Josephine who won the intermediate category with Freya, Maxwell and Erin-Beau also being highly commended for their wonderful artwork. In the Senior category Ashini's winning entry in the district competition has resulted in her being entered in to the National final with her fantastic painting of a surfer. Annika was runner-up and Polly was awarded winner of the local competition and highly commended in the district heat.

Congratulations to all the winners, runners-up and highly commended students that took part.



COOKIE JAR ELECTIVE

A massive thank you to Treat Kitchen who are a creative food gifting company in Nottingham. They kindly donated some jars to the College for a cookie jar lesson in Electives. This was the last Elective lesson of the school year and focused on accurate weighing, learning about the range of flavours we could use in cookies and also food labelling. Students had a great lesson, and all got to take their filled jars home with them to bake.

HEAD STUDENTS

Congratulations to our new Head Students Jack and Eve. They will be supported in their roles by Deputy Head Students Flora, Nanditha, George, Georgie and their team of Senior Prefects.



ROBOTICS DAY

Year 9 students recently took part in a Robotic workshop at College. They had a hands-on experience, building and programming robots using a kit and coding techniques. The main challenge of the workshop was to construct a robot capable of navigating a circuit without colliding with strategically placed cones. The ultimate goal was to complete the circuit in the shortest time possible using teamwork, problem-solving, and technical skills. The workshop was a resounding success that sparked inspiration among the students, motivating them to explore further possibilities in robotics and paving the way for their future endeavors in STEM-related fields.



YEAR 11 STUDENT NOMINATED FOR BRAVERY AWARD

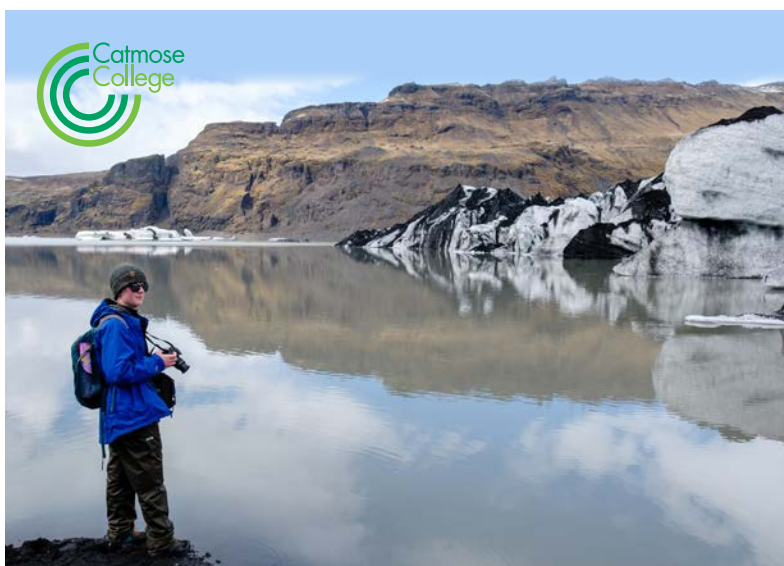
Harry was surprised after his sitting his GCSE Maths exam by BBC Radio Leicester. He was nominated for the Bravery Award in the BBC's Make a Difference Awards for saving his dad's life from a stampeding herd of cows. This is a new award for this year and is given to an individual or group of people who have shown outstanding courage, defiance and duty in the face of perceived danger, fear or difficulty. Best of luck in the final Harry.

ROYAL CORPS OF ARMY MUSIC VISIT

Musicians from the Royal Corps of Army Music visited Catmose to work with Year 9 and 10 music scholars. Students took part in a workshop involving pBuzzers, as well as competing against each other to improve communication skills by using a range of instruments to create pitches and rhythms.

Students also learnt about what life is like as an army musician. Both of the musicians who visited had performed in the recent coronation of King Charles III and shared various anecdotes about all the places around the world they had been able to visit and perform in, as well as providing details on the different career pathways that are available in the future.





OPEN EVENING

WEDNESDAY 4 OCTOBER
FROM 5.30 UNTIL 7.30PM

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There will be information available regarding extracurricular activities, including Duke of Edinburgh's Award, team sports and Electives, as well as classroom demonstrations in Science and Art. There will also be performances from our music and drama students.

Our Principal, Mr Williams, will be giving a presentation during the evening, at 5.45pm and 6.45pm, there is no need to book.

If you are unable to attend, we will also be able to offer tours with our prefects the week commencing Monday 9 October. Please contact office@catmosecollege.com if you would like to arrange this or if you have any other questions.

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WHAT'S ON



SCAN TO KEEP
UP-TO-DATE
WITH EVENTS

AUGUST 2023

Wednesday 30 Term 1. College opens

SEPTEMBER 2023

Tuesday 5 Year 11 Macbeth English trip
Wednesday 27 Post 16 & Careers Event
Wednesday 27 Year 11 Progress Evening
Thursday 28 Year 7 Bushcraft
Friday 29 Year 7 Bushcraft

OCTOBER 2023

Thursday 2-9 German Exchange (Home Hosting)
Wednesday 4 **OPEN EVENING**
Monday 9 Year 11 Leicester Print workshop
Thursday 12 Sea Life Birmingham DSP
Friday 13 Term 1. College closes
Monday 30 Term 2. College opens

NOVEMBER 2023

Thursday 2 Year 8 Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Theatre Trip
Thursday 23 Year 11 Presentation Evening

DECEMBER 2023

Wednesday 13 Christmas Concert, All Saints' Church
Friday 15 Term 2. College closes
Saturday 16-22 Italy ski trip

JANUARY 2024

Tuesday 2 Term 3. College opens
Tuesday 9-15 Spanish Exchange (Home Hosting)
Wednesday 10 Year 7 Wicked theatre trip
Wednesday 17 Year 7 Wicked theatre trip
Wednesday 24 Year 7 Wicked theatre trip

FEBRUARY 2024

Saturday 3 DoFE First Aid Bronze Teams A-D
Sunday 4 DoFE First Aid Bronze Teams E-H
Wednesday 7-14 German Exchange (Away Hosting)
Friday 9 Term 3. College closes
Saturday 10 DoFE First Aid Bronze Teams I-L
Sunday 11 DoFE First Aid Silver Teams A-E