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OPEN EVENING 2023

This year's Open Evening was a fantastic success, with explosive classroom demonstrations, musical performances, and a presentation from the Principal, Stuart Williams.

Our enthusiastic staff and students were on hand to answer questions and provide tours of our outstanding facilities. More families than ever before joined us to find out more about life at Catmose, the trips and visits on offer and our transition programme to help students settle in.



SCAN TO VIEW THE PRINCIPAL'S PRESENTATION





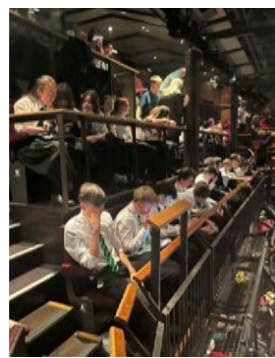
YEAR 11 PRINT WORKSHOP

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 they created their final t-shirt designs as well as some excellent final pieces. Well done to all involved.



YEAR 11 MACBETH THEATRE TRIP

At the beginning of term, Year 11 students travelled Stratford to see the Royal Shakespeare Theatre's new production of Macbeth.



YEAR 7 DSP STUDENTS VISIT OAKHAM CHURCH

Our Year 7 DSP students visited Oakham church for their RS lesson. They completed booklets on local areas of worship, and observed a Holy Communion service before going on to take pictures of key features in the church.



HOME HOSTING GERMAN EXCHANGE

Last term was the home hosting leg of the German Exchange. My partner, Jannis and I shared several interests, such as football and gaming, so we had plenty to talk about. I was impressed by how great his English was and I had no trouble understanding him at all. He was keen to tell me lots about life in Germany and I was really interested to find out where he lived and his observations on similarities and differences between life in our two countries.



During the week, we did lots of interesting activities. Some of these were with College, such as a trip to Leicester where we visited the museum and looked around the German expressionist art, explored the city giving our exchange partners a taste of life, culture and shopping in the UK and played a game of mini-golf too.



Also, we experienced lots of activities with my family. One evening we went for a walk on the shore of Rutland Water, enjoying the scenery and finding fossils, we visited Cambridge where we did lots of sightseeing and went to the Fitzwilliam Museum which is crammed full of interesting objects - many of which are German. Plus we met up with some of the other exchange participants and had a game of laser tag at Rumble Live. Keen to make the most of every available minute, we did a quick tour of the villages of Brooke and Braunstone just a couple of hours before Jannis and the others were due to board the bus back to Germany.

The English leg of the exchange was, I think, a great success, and now I can't wait for the visit to Germany next year.

Hugo, Catmose student

Many thanks to the UK German Partnership for all their support.

YEAR 7 BUSHCRAFT

An unforgettable day of learning and adventure for our Year 7 students on the recent bushcraft trip at Boughton woods. The day began with team building and fire-lighting, with students savouring a campfire-cooked lunch, and mastered their camouflage skills. In the afternoon, students received first aid training and became unexpected heroes, rescuing College staff from a plane crash in the woods. Our students are true lifesavers.



POST 16 EVENT

In September, the careers team hosted a Post 16 & Careers Event, giving Year 10 and 11 students the chance to connect with various educational and training providers. They had insightful conversations with the Armed Forces, NHS, universities, and more. We're grateful to all the representatives who inspired our students. Students loved the diverse options and found the providers super helpful. Beth Meynell, our Careers Advisor, is excited about our next event on Wednesday 21 February, 2024, focused on Apprenticeship Awareness.



If you are a local company who is likely to employ apprentices in the next year or would like to showcase apprenticeship routes within your industry, please get in touch with the careers team on careers@catmosecollege.com





FUTURE CHEF 2023

Last term Catmose hosted the school stages of the Future Chef 2023 competition. Ten students took part, each chopping, frying and baking their way for a chance to represent the school in the 2023 national Future Chef finals.

The challenge this year was to prepare, cook and present a hot main course for two people with a budget of £5, in under an hour.

We were delighted to be able to welcome back Nigel Fish (Head Chef, Wisteria Hotel, Oakham) and Kristy Carey (Owner, Wisteria Hotel, Oakham) to join us in judging the competition. All students performed outstandingly well on the day and were true ambassadors for the College.

After a phenomenally close fought competition, the joint winners were Year 8 student Lola-Rose with her delicious curry dish, onion bhajees and naan bread and Annabella in Year 10 who served up a tasty chicken and mushroom pie with steamed broccoli.

The runner up accolades were awarded to Francesca and Sydney who treated the judges to a pesto pasta and chicken kebab dish.

Lola-Rose and Annabella now head to Loughborough College where the next round of the competition takes place. The next challenge the students face is to prepare, cook and present a main course and dessert within a budget of £7.

Well done to all the students who took part.



VARSITY ROUNDUP - TERM 1



ENGLISH SCHOOLS FELL RUN CHAMPIONSHIP

Congratulations to our Year 8 student Aubrey, proudly representing College. In the English Schools Fell Fun Championship, he secured the 63rd spot out of 82. Impressive for his first year in this category. Tackling the challenging 4.5km race is a remarkable feat. Aubrey's got a positive outlook for cross country, and there are no rocks there to hold him back.



KARATE SUCCESS

Congratulations Year 7 student Ollie who earned his karate black belt last term. Here is a snapshot of him alongside his sensei, showcasing his dedication and hard work. Well done Ollie!

YEAR 8 STUDENT SECURES PLACE ON THE FA WOMEN'S ENGLAND TALENT PATHWAY

Earlier in the year, Leicester City Women's Academy referred Year 8 student Hannah to the FA Women's England Talent Pathway. She recently received the news - after participating in two observation/trial events, that she has successfully secured a place on the pathway for the 2023-2024 football season. This accomplishment means she will have access to specialised training, support and further monitoring.

Hannah has also been selected to join the FA Future Lioness Goalkeeping Centre, located at the FA Women's High Performance Football Centre at Nottingham Trent University.

Join us in congratulating Hannah on this outstanding achievement and the exciting opportunities that lie ahead.



PONY CLUB

Year 7 students Teagan and Isobel and Year 8 student, Abigail were extremely successful at the Pony Club East of England Regional Championships. They had to qualify for the chance to represent their club and the competition included a huge number of competitors from Yorkshire down to Kent and Surrey. There is also no age restriction with Pony Club in these events, so they were competing against some much older children in general. Teagan & Abigail were part of the team that won the whole 'grassroots' dressage competition. Teagan was dressage overall champion and Abigail took the bronze overall having won her section previously. The same team then won the Eventing competition the following day at 80cm level with Teagan taking silver and Abigail a bronze individually to set the team up for gold. Isobel was individually 5th in the 70cm competition and her team were 6th overall. This is an amazing achievement for her first trip to Regionals! Teagan was also selected to represent the East of England in the Pony Club Tetrathlon National Championships. Tetrathlon is running, swimming, shooting and cross country riding. She put in an excellent performance to take the silver medal as an individual.



STUDENTS REPRESENT TEAM GB AND ENGLAND

Earlier in the year, Catmose students Maizie and Oscar have truly left us awestruck with their remarkable achievements.

Maizie was victorious in Lithuania at the International Dance Federation Championships, gaining an impressive 4th place in the solo competition out of 28 starters. After intense knockout heats as the only representative from England she danced her way into the finals with the judges scoring her the best in the world for her own choreography.

Meanwhile, Oscar, represented Team GB in the Roller Derby World Cup in France and is currently in training for the 2025 World Cup in Brisbane, Australia. Junior Roller Derby is a roller skate sport for young people up to the age of 17.

Their passion, hardwork, and achievements inspire us all. Well done Maizie and Oscar with your incredible journey and representing our country on the global stage.





THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD EXPEDITIONS 2023

Students at Catmose College have had a busy few months organising and participating in their Bronze and Silver DofE expeditions. Students completed their qualifying expeditions in the Peak District and Charnwood Forest respectively.

The challenging environment of the White Peaks in the Peak District made the perfect location for our Silver team's qualifying expedition. Students were completely self-sufficient on this expedition; this meant planning their own routes, meals and ensuring they were carrying all they needed for the three days and two nights of their expedition. Students travelled between 30 – 40 miles over the duration, with at least 7 hours of planned activity each day. Students showed fantastic teamwork and resilience, they should all be extremely proud of what they achieved.

Our Bronze Award teams took part in their expedition in the areas of the Charnwood Forest around Loughborough. Teams travelled to their starting locations around Bradgate Park and Newtown Linford eager to start their expeditions. Students successfully navigated their way to the base camp location of Beaumanor Hall campsite, typically travelling distances of around 8 miles, with at least 6 hours of planned activity each day. The DofE assessors were extremely impressed with all of the teams and congratulated them on their achievement. They showed superb leadership, motivation, confidence, team spirit and hard work on what was a very hot weekend.

Well done to all of our award groups who have taken part in our DofE expeditions. During their DofE journey over the last 12 months, students have shown so many of their hidden talents and have gained practical skills and new experiences. Building self-esteem and friendships were considered by our students to be some of the main benefits of participating in our DofE programme. It has also given them a spirit of adventure and the desire to seek out and engage with new and different activities.



GOLF

Students took part in the golf Elective during term 1. From mastering their swings, perfecting their putting skills to learning the finer points of the game, they had a great time on the green.



ESCAPE ROOMS

Incredible achievement by our Year 11 students Holly, Laura, Lola, Scarlett and Willow. They shattered records at the Oakham Escape Rooms during their Electives, clinching the 3rd fastest time ever, outsmarting adult teams to secure a spot on the Wall of Fame. All students that took part had a great experience.

Our Electives programme provides students with exciting extracurricular activities every Wednesday.



NINE AND A HALF LIVES CAT RESCUE

We are so proud of Year 7 student Millie. She recently adopted two adorable cats from Nine and a Half Lives cat rescue in Morcott, and her heart was set on giving back. Millie decided to make cakes and friendship bracelets to raise funds for this wonderful organisation. With the aid of social media and the support of family and friends in Rutland (and even those from Leeds!), she exceeded all expectations, raising an incredible £327.

Not only did Millie surpass her initial goal of £60.00, but she also collected a hamper full of cat treats, toys, and food for the rescue. The response was overwhelming, and Millie's dedication to helping our feline friends is truly inspiring.

Millie, you're a shining example of kindness and generosity.



ACTIVE RUTLAND AWARDS

We are delighted to announce that at the recent Active Rutland Let's Get Moving Sport Awards 2023, Mrs Meynell, our College Librarian and Careers Advisor, was presented with the Volunteer of the Year 2023 award for her dedicated work with the Rutland Water Junior Parkrun. This event takes place every Sunday morning for 4-14 year olds.

As Co-Event Director, Mrs Meynell was instrumental in establishing junior parkrun in 2018 and getting it back on it's feet after the challenges of the Covid lockdowns. Her commitment goes beyond ensuring safety for the young participants; she collaborates with students from various schools and groups who volunteer as part of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme.

Mrs Meynell's parkrun journey is truly inspiring - she has volunteered an impressive 334 times at local junior and 5k events across the country, even achieving a monumental 250 volunteer milestone.

In her words, "Volunteering instills essential life skills like teamwork, communication, and leadership. Taking that first 'yes' step is the hardest part!"

Curious about junior parkrun or volunteering at Rutland Water? Please contact rutlandwaterjuniors@parkrun.com for more information.



BBC LEICESTER MAKE A DIFFERENCE AWARDS

Join us in congratulating Year 9 student Charlie who won 'Fundraiser of the Year' at the BBC Radio Leicester Make A Difference Awards. Charlie is a well deserved winner, who in the last 18 months has raised over £15,000 for charity. Well done Charlie!

CATMOSE CHALLENGE

Many students complete exciting opportunities inside and outside of College. The Catmose Challenge is an opportunity for students to continue to develop existing strengths, discover new ones and celebrate their many achievements in College and the community.

We launched the Catmose Challenge when Year 6 students came for their induction day in July and we are delighted to announce Year 7 student Megan has already attained her Bronze

Award. Well done! When asked what her favourite challenge was she said;

"I really liked all of the challenges but if I have to choose one it would be 'win an externally organised competition.' I enjoyed this challenge because it pushed me to try my best in a gymnastic competition that I competed in recently and I was really proud of myself."



ROTARY YOUNG ARTIST COMPETITION

Year 11 student Ashini was victorious in the Rotary Young Artist 2023 regional final with her breathtaking surfer artwork. She then proudly represented the College at the national finals, securing an impressive second place. Join us in congratulating her for this outstanding accomplishment.

POETRY BY HEART

Just before the summer break our then Year 7s had the opportunity to take part in a Poetry By Heart competition. As part of their poetry unit students learned and recited poems, and finalists were selected from each class to perform on stage.

All of the finalists showed courage to be able to stand up in front of an audience of their peers and the judges were very impressed with the quality of the performances. Well done to Florence, who was announced the winner with a stirring performance of 'The Witch' by Mary Elizabeth Coleridge.

KS3 students will have another opportunity to perform in entries for the national Poetry By Heart competition after College on Tuesdays from 3.40 until 4.40pm. Please see Miss Morrison for more details.



LAMDA AWARDS

Congratulations to the College students who were awarded distinctions in their LAMDA exams.



IS YOUR CHILD INTERESTED IN LEARNING A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT?

Music lessons are held during the College day with specialist teachers making it easier to fit around family life. Learning an instrument offers the chance to join the College ensemble groups and become involved with extracurricular events.

Learning an instrument can help relieve stress, build confidence and develop new friendships.

We are delighted to offer lessons in the following:

- Cello • Clarinet • Cornet • Drums • Flute • French horn
- Guitar (classical, electric & bass) • Keyboard • Piano •
- Saxophone • Trombone • Trumpet • Violin • Singing

For further information please do not hesitate to contact:

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SCAN TO APPLY FOR MUSIC LESSONS

YEAR 7 FIRST DAY

Capturing the smiles and excitement of our new Year 7 students as they embark on their journey at College. From striking their best pose for ID passes and tutor group photos to diving into engaging lessons and unleashing their creativity in art and music classes – we were delighted to see these young minds in action during their first day.





OPEN EVENING

TUESDAY 7 NOVEMBER 6-8PM

We are delighted to invite prospective students and their families to join us at our Open Evening with guided tours of the school.

Staff and students look forward to welcoming you and giving a flavour of School life and answering any questions you may have. There will be information available regarding extracurricular activities, including the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, team sports and Electives, as well as classroom demonstrations.

Our Head of School, Oliver Teasel, will also be giving a presentation during the evening at 6.45pm. There is no need to book.

If you have any questions please email office@haringtonschool.com

WHAT'S ON



SCAN TO KEEP UP-TO-DATE WITH EVENTS

OCTOBER 2023

- Friday 13** Term 1. College closes
- Monday 30** Term 2. College opens
- Tuesday 31** Year 7-10 Student photographs

NOVEMBER 2023

- Thursday 2** Year 8 Charlie and the Chocolate Factory theatre trip
- Thursday 2** Parent session - Helping your child with revision
- Friday 3** Non-uniform day
- Friday 3** Year 10 Geography trip to Hunstanton
- Tuesday 7** Year 10 Christmas Carol theatre trip
- Thursday 9** A Midsummer Night's Dream performance at College. From 7pm until 8pm
- Thursday 9** Year 11 RAF Wittering trip
- Thursday 16** Year 11 London 2024 residential trip information evening for parents
- Tuesday 21** Year 11 RAF Wittering trip
- Thursday 23** Year 11 Presentation Evening
- Wednesday 29** Year 10 Progress evening

DECEMBER 2023

- Friday 1** Year 9 Nottingham University trip
- 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
- Saturday 21- Tuesday 23** Year 11 London residential trip
- Wednesday 24** Year 7 Wicked theatre trip
- Wednesday 31** Year 10 Geography trip to Hunstanton