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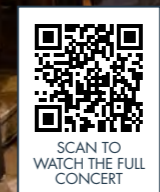
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# CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2023

We were delighted to be able to hold our annual Christmas Concert at All Saints' Church, Oakham. The evening featured a variety of musical performances from students in Catmose College and Harington, a drama sketch and beautiful readings.





### NOTTINGHAM UNI TRIP

Year 9 students visited Nottingham University as part of our Careers Programme. The trip gave students a deeper understanding into university life, which courses are available, what the living accommodation is like and the various societies they could join. During the day students enjoyed a tour of the campus, designed a logo for the students' union new eatery, interviewed current students and found out about what is on offer at Nottingham University.



### A CHRISTMAS CAROL TRIP

As part of their English literature GCSE studies, Year 10 students visited the Nottingham Playhouse to watch a performance of 'Christmas Carol'.



# A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM PERFORMANCE

Bravo to our talented students who delivered a captivating performance of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' to a full audience. Each scene a masterpiece, each actor a star. Well done to the cast and crew for an unforgettable evening of Shakespearan magic.



## RAF WITTERING

As part of their BTEC engineering studies, Year 11 students were given the opportunity of an RAF Wittering engineering experience. Hosted by the Careers Team at RAF Wittering, the day began with introductions from Warrant Officer Emma Hanson and Chief Technician Wayne Corbett. Tasks included hands-on activities like a land rover wheel change race and setting up a 12v lighting system. At 71 Squadron, avionics engineers shared insights into the RAF Astra programme and demonstrated ultrasound and echo location for aircraft safety. The day concluded with a visit to the Heritage Centre, offering a glimpse into Harrier jet development. Special thanks to Warrant Officer Hanson, the Careers team, and engineers for an enriching experience.



## APPRENTICESHIPS

Students in Year 10 received an assembly by Alonzo Simpson, an Apprenticeship Ambassador with Workpays and Apprenticeship Support and Knowledge in Schools (ASK).

Alonzo provided a highly motivational presentation on the different levels of apprenticeships and the benefits to the apprentices which include having a job, getting paid whilst also gaining the experience and an appropriate qualification.

Apprenticeships for our current Year 11s will start to become available from early 2024, but for local availability, please access the information at

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>



SCAN TO FIND FOR AN APPRENTICESHIP

We will be holding our Apprenticeship event for parents on Wednesday 21 February 2.40-3.30pm.



# VARSITY ROUNDUP - TERM 2



## COUNTY SQUAD

Congratulations to Leilani and Sofia who were commended by the Principal for their achievements in rugby. Both students have been selected to play for the County squad.



## BRITISH SHOOTING QUALIFIER SUCCESS

Isobel competed in the British Shooting, East of England Schools National qualifier. She achieved 1st place out of 43 competitors, leading from start to finish through the qualifying round into the final knock out round. Isobel is currently sitting 6th in the National School rankings, with just a couple of competition scores to be added. She is looking forward to the finals next year, hoping to improve on her top 20 place previously.

## SPORTS HALL ATHLETICS FINAL

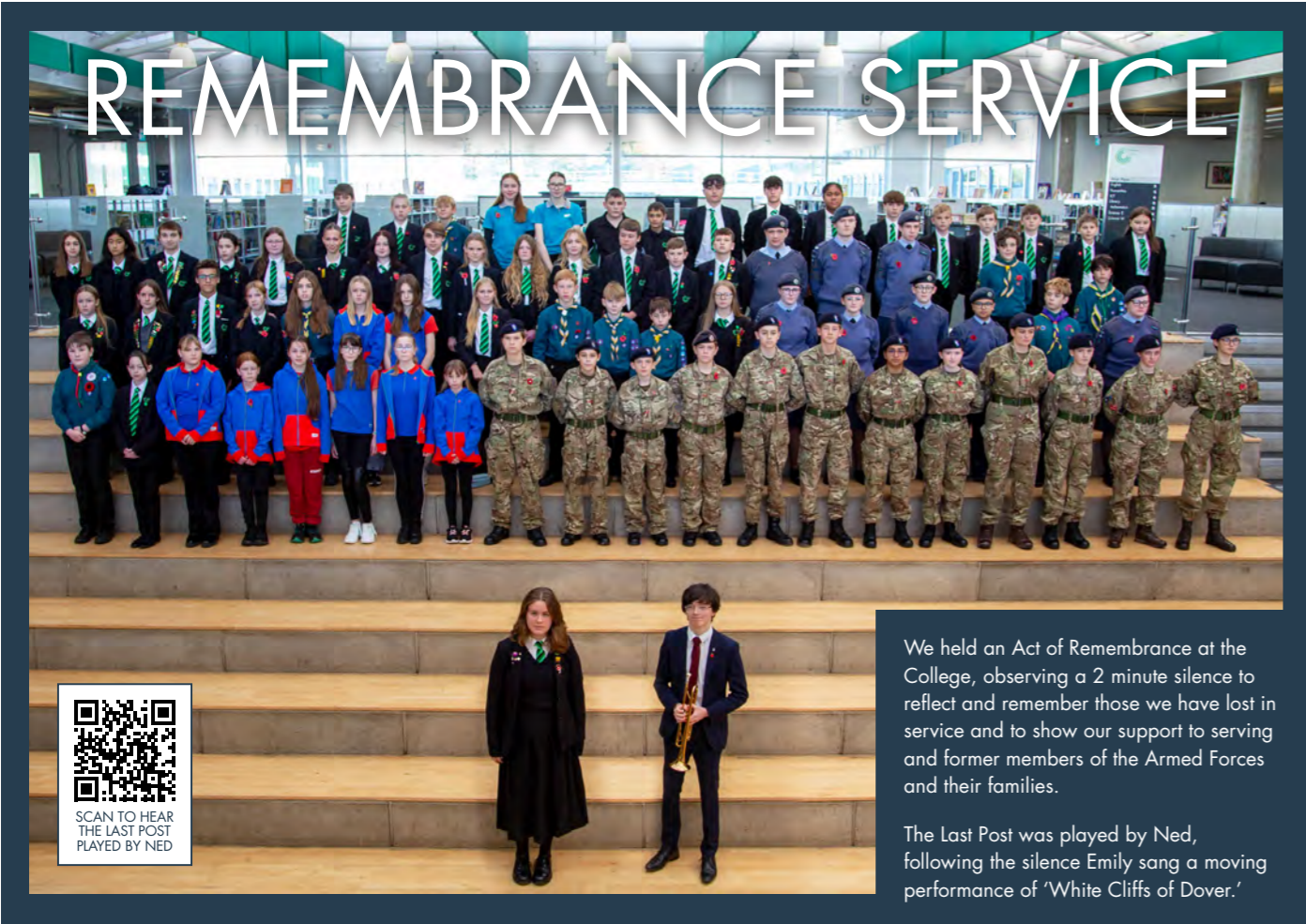
Year 7 and Year 9 DSP students took part in the Leicestershire and Rutland KS3/KS4 parallel Sportshall athletics final. Both teams came 6th overall which was a great achievement. They were also awarded the spirit of the games trophy for their sportsmanship and participation. Congratulations to all the students who took part.




## SHOWJUMPING EVENT

Well done Year 7 student Lexi who claimed 3rd place among 30 seniors in the Nupafeed Supplements Senior Discovery/1m Open at the Onley Equestrian Complex Senior British showjumping event. She scored her crucial first double clear, paving the way for next year's second round. Just three more hurdles at 1 metre before aiming for the next exhilarating 1.10 metre challenge for Lexi and her horse Ruby/Billy Newberry. Good luck in your future events Lexi.

# REMEMBRANCE SERVICE





SCAN TO HEAR THE LAST POST PLAYED BY NED

We held an Act of Remembrance at the College, observing a 2 minute silence to reflect and remember those we have lost in service and to show our support to serving and former members of the Armed Forces and their families.

The Last Post was played by Ned, following the silence Emily sang a moving performance of 'White Cliffs of Dover.'

# ECO COMMITTEE

A heartfelt thank you to all the amazing volunteers who cleared the ground for our environmental committee's wildflower meadow. This area will be a haven for our students in supporting their wellbeing. Your help has made a positive impact.




## FUTURE CHEF 2024 LOCAL FINALS

Our talented Catmose students, Lola-Rose and Sydney, showcased their culinary skills at the local finals of FutureChef 2024 held at Loughborough College.

In a challenge to create a main course under £5 within an hour, Sydney made a delightful saffron chicken kebab on homemade flatbread, paired with a refreshing minted yoghurt and a side of bulgar wheat salad. Meanwhile, Lola-Rose impressed with her flavourful curried cauliflower tarka dahl, served alongside homemade naan bread.

In a close competition, Lola-Rose and Sydney served up delicious meals and they should feel very proud of their performance. Well done girls for taking part.



## COLLEGE HOUSE MASCOT COMPETITION

Congratulations to the winners and runners-up of the College House Mascot competition, bringing life to the new house colours: Amethyst, Emerald, Ruby and Sapphire.

## FUNDRAISING INSPIRATION

Congratulations Maizie! In three weeks, she raised an impressive £110 by crafting and selling bracelets for Cancer Research. Her initiative not only supports a great cause, but also serves as an inspiration to others. Well done Maizie.




# NON-UNIFORM DAY

Our staff and students embraced the dark side and dressed up in black for non-uniform day. All proceeds will go towards our upcoming Addams Family performance. Thank you to all who contributed to this spooktacular fundraiser.



Catmose College presents

# The ADDAMS Family

THE MUSICAL COMEDY

Coming soon to cast a bewitching spell on your senses... Save the dates and prepare for a spooktacular delight!

WEDNESDAY 20 MARCH 2024 6PM  
 THURSDAY 21 MARCH 2024 6PM  
 FRIDAY 22 MARCH 2024 6PM  
 SATURDAY 23 MARCH 2024 2.30PM & 6PM

Tickets on sale soon  
 Adult £8 • Concession/Child £4



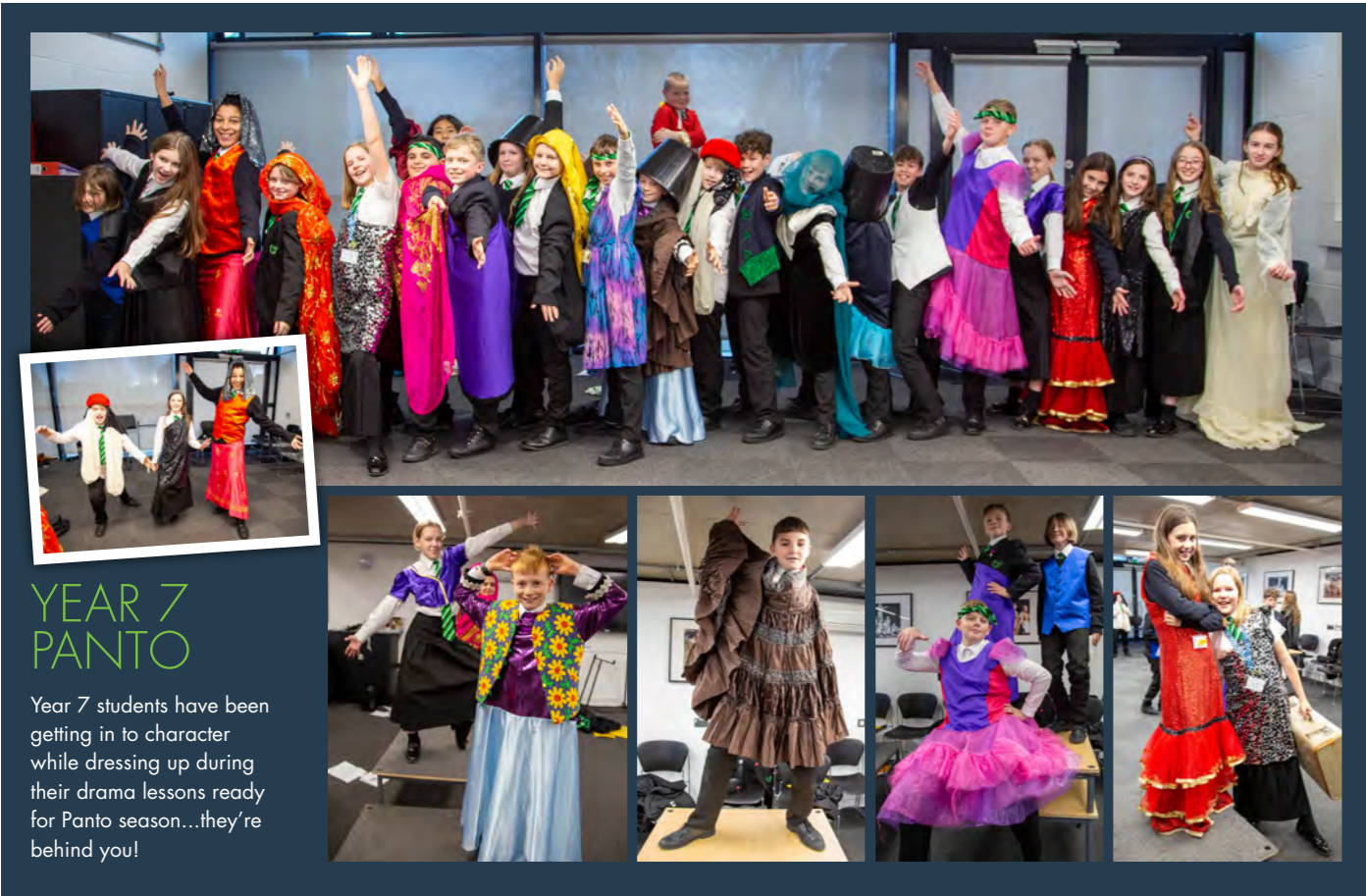


# HOUSE POINTS

Congratulations to all the students in Emerald House who are the winners for collecting the most house points this term. The scores so far are: Emerald (Green) 1973, Ruby (Red) 1938, Sapphire (Blue) 1916 and Amethyst (Purple) 1823.

Well done to all the students who won prizes for their individual achievements based on their house point totals too.





### YEAR 7 PANTO

Year 7 students have been getting in to character while dressing up during their drama lessons ready for Panto season...they're behind you!

# CERAMICS

Congratulations to Year 8 students Erin-Beau and Oscar for their exceptional ceramics. They both received a Principal's commendation for their exquisite teapots.



# CHRISTMAS CARD DESIGN WINNERS

Congratulations to Linda, Skye, Megan, Alexa and Brendan for their fantastic Christmas card designs.



### WINTER POETRY COMPETITION

Congratulations to Lucy, Freya, Ruby and Harsh for their fantastic entries in the Winter Poetry competition!



# CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Staff and students wore their Christmas jumpers to raise money for the wildflower meadow. Thank you to everyone for taking part.



# SUPPORT STAFF VACANCIES

Are you interested in working with children of secondary school age and are you looking to either start or continue your career in education? Our teaching assistants work 37 weeks a year (term-time only) in school supporting our students and, other than one day's training per year, benefit from all Federation school holidays.

As a Senior Teaching Assistant, you will work in close partnership with our teachers to help ensure that all students make outstanding progress. You will supervise whole classes during the short-term absence of teachers, and deliver work to a whole group. Work will be set by the class teacher and resources will be provided. You will also provide individual and small group interventions to support students' needs. Within each subject there is support available from the subject lead to ensure that you are able to provide a high level of support to students.

For more information on the support staff roles please visit our website

<https://www.rutlandfederation.com/vacancies/>



# END OF TERM

Christmas arrived at Catmose College with music and drama performances throughout the day. Students were awarded their Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award, maths certificates and music scholarships during assemblies and the staff band, 'Catmosphere' rocked out while the students sang Christmas songs at the karaoke session during lunch.



Catmose College presents



Join us for an  
unforgettable evening  
with spectacular  
performances from  
our talented students.

Save the date.  
A night you won't want to miss.

**WEDNESDAY  
7 FEBRUARY  
AT 6PM**

# WHAT'S ON



SCAN TO KEEP  
UP-TO-DATE  
WITH EVENTS

## JANUARY 2024

<b>Tuesday 2</b>	Term 3. College opens
<b>Tuesday 9-15</b>	Spanish Exchange (Home Hosting)
<b>Wednesday 10</b>	Year 7 Wicked theatre trip
<b>Wednesday 17</b>	Year 7 Wicked theatre trip
<b>Sunday 21- Tuesday 23</b>	Year 11 London residential trip
<b>Wednesday 24</b>	Year 7 Wicked theatre trip
<b>Saturday 27</b>	DofE First Aid Training - Bronze Teams A to D and Silver Direct
<b>Sunday 28</b>	DofE First Aid Training - Bronze Teams E to H and Silver Direct
<b>Monday 29</b>	Year 9 Teenage booster & meningitis ACWY Vaccinations
<b>Wednesday 31</b>	Year 10 Geography trip to Hunstanton

## FEBRUARY 2024

<b>Wednesday 7-14</b>	German Exchange (Away Hosting)
<b>Wednesday 7</b>	Talent Show Years 7-11
<b>Friday 9</b>	Term 3. College closes
<b>Monday 19</b>	Term 3. College opens
<b>Wednesday 21</b>	Year 9 Apprenticeships and Careers event
<b>Thursday 22</b>	Year 9 Bonnie & Clyde theatre trip
<b>Saturday 24</b>	DofE Day Walk Bronze Teams A to B
<b>Sunday 25</b>	DofE Day Walk Bronze Teams C to D
<b>Monday 26</b>	Years 7-11 LAMDA Evening
<b>Tuesday 27</b>	Years 7-11 LAMDA Exams
<b>Tuesday 27</b>	Year 11 School photo
<b>Tuesday 27</b>	Year 11 Nottingham Synagogue trip
<b>Wednesday 28</b>	Year 8 Progress Evening

## MARCH 2024

<b>Saturday 2</b>	DofE Day Walk Bronze Teams E to F
<b>Sunday 3</b>	DofE Day Walk Bronze Teams G to H
<b>Tuesday 5</b>	Year 8 Faraday Challenge, King Power Stadium
<b>Thursday 7</b>	Years 9-11 'Come from Away' Theatre Trip