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YEAR 9 BATTLEFIELDS RESIDENTIAL

Towards the end of last term some of our Year 9 students travelled to Belgium and Northern France on the Battlefields trip to learn more about the men who fought in World War One. They visited the trenches, cemeteries and museums throughout the weekend and gained an insight into life as a soldier and the toll of the war.



"When You're An Addams, you need to have a sense of humour."



THE ADDAMS FAMILY

The cast and crew of Catmose College and Harington School are thrilled to announce the successful completion of their production of 'The Addams Family'. The show, which ran from 20-23 March was met with rave reviews and standing ovations from sold-out audiences.

The show featured a comical feast that embraces the wackiness in every family and is every father's nightmare. Wednesday Addams, the ultimate princess of darkness, has grown up and fallen in love with a sweet, smart young man from a respectable family, a man her parents have never met. And if that wasn't upsetting enough, Wednesday confides in her father and begs him not to tell her mother. Now, Gomez Addams must do something he's never done before – keep a secret from his beloved wife, Morticia. Everything will change for the whole family on the fateful night they host a dinner for Wednesday's "normal" boyfriend and his parents.

Around 90 students (from Years 7-12) worked on this performance for several months. As well as taking on the roles of the cast, the students ran the lighting and sound, helped with creating the choreography and props, backstage and with the refreshments. This musical follows many successful productions at Catmose College, most recently 'A Midsummer Night's Dream', 'Legally Blonde' and the Year 7 performance of 'Frozen'.

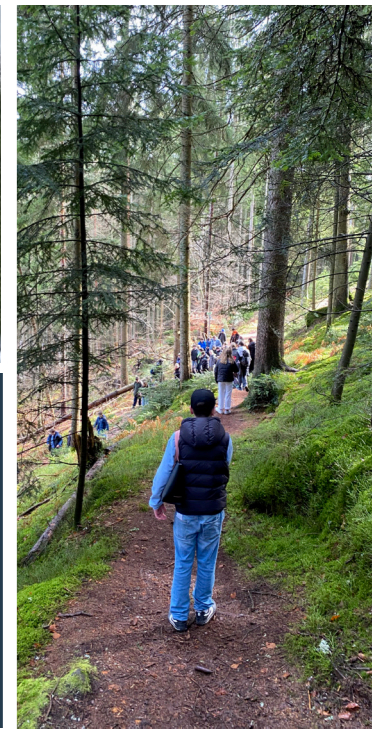
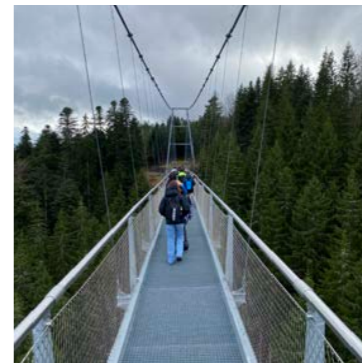
We look forward to seeing you at our future performance events which include Music on a Spring evening in May." Putting together a musical production is always a massive team effort and this has been no different," said Leanne Mitchell, the show's director.

"Without the hard work and commitment of all the students and staff at Catmose we would not have been able to create what you see on stage today. It has been a privilege to be involved in this project."

The success of 'The Addams Family' 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.

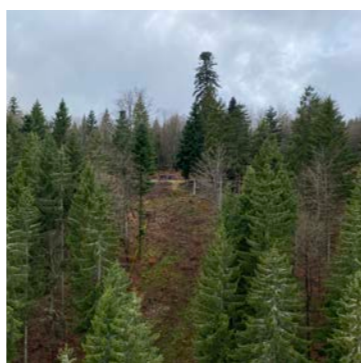
Congratulations to the cast and crew of 'The Addams Family' for a job well done!





**GERMAN EXCHANGE
AWAY HOSTING**

Our Catmose College students had an incredible week in Bönningheim, Germany, with their German exchange partners. From classroom collaboration to exciting excursions like visiting the Ritter Sport factory and exploring the Black Forest, it was a week filled with unforgettable experiences. Huge thanks to everyone involved for making it such a fantastic trip.





ITALY SKI TRIP
 Our students absolutely loved every moment of the ski trip in Italy. From mastering the mountains to savouring Italian delicacies après-ski, it was an unforgettable adventure making memories.



DANCE SHOW
 On the last day of term, dancers from the College and Harington School, along with pupils from Catmose Primary took part in the Catmose Dance Show. Performances ranged from emotional ballet pieces, to high energy group street dances. All dancers performed spectacularly in front of a full theatre audience.

VARSITY ROUNDUP - TERM 4



NATIONAL COMPETITION GYMNASTIC SUCCESS

At the end of an era, we celebrate the remarkable journey of our U19 gymnastics team, Daisy, Lottie, and Jack – the trailblazers who have shaped our team since Year 7. Their exceptional gymnastic skills and leadership played a huge role in achieving a well-deserved Silver place at the National Team Milano Gymnastics competition recently. Their influence to the gymnastics team has been invaluable, both as a gymnast and as a coach to their peers. "Proud" is truly an understatement, and they will be sincerely missed by their teammates and Miss Joyce!

Both U19 and U14 mixed teams performed some outstanding routines with the U14 mixed team placing 8th out of 16 teams. Well done to everyone that took part.



TEAM LEICESTERSHIRE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to our unstoppable Year 8 girls for winning the Team Leicestershire basketball championship title for the second year running! What an incredible achievement. Let's also congratulate our Year 7 girls who demonstrated outstanding teamwork despite a narrow loss in the final. You have all made us proud!



DUKE OF EDINBURGH DAY WALKS

Our DofE students have taken another step towards their Bronze and Silver Awards by completing a challenging day walk. Their dedication and perseverance are truly commendable. Keep up the fantastic work, adventurers!



KICKBOXING COACH, CHARLIE

Congratulations to Year 7 student Charlie, who recently completed a 3.5 hour kickboxing coaching course and is now mentoring younger athletes. He was thrilled to receive a junior leader t-shirt.



ARKWRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

Year 11 students George and Alex have been shortlisted for interview for an Arkwright Engineering Scholarship. Arkwright Scholarships are designed to inspire students to pursue their dreams and change the world as future leaders in engineering. Catmose College is one of a limited number of schools that offer this sought-after Scholarship as an Arkwright's partnered school. Each of the applicants from Catmose have been supported by the College's Academic Scholarship programme. Each Scholarship is sponsored by a commercial company, trade association, university, professional institution, armed service, government organisation, worshipful company, charitable trust or personal donor who offer scholars support in various ways such as work experience, a personal mentor, career development and project support.

The interview is the third component of what has already been a rigorous application process. The students have submitted an application detailing their passion for engineering and an engineering project that they have been completing. They also sat a two hour aptitude exam to assess their problem solving abilities and understanding of engineering principals. Students have been meeting weekly after-College to work on their applications and to prepare for the exam, whilst continuing to work on their own engineering projects outside of College.

CHESS CLUB



Looking for an after-school activity that's both fun and mentally stimulating? Our Chess Club is a hit with many students who participate in friendly competition on Thursdays.

YEAR 11 SYNAGOGUE TRIP

Our Year 11 class got the chance to visit the Nottingham Liberal Synagogue, as part of our RS GCSE course.

Warmly welcomed by our guide, we got to explore each part of the synagogue, ask questions and hear about Jewish traditions. Having learnt about each of the spaces through textbooks and videos, bringing it to life and getting to see it with our own eyes let us imagine how each ceremony and festival would be celebrated and the joy that worship there brings.

We were allowed to see their Torah scrolls, which had been around since the 1700's, written by hand upon special parchment, and worked upon over a year and a half. We could see the memories held in hand-stitched leaves upon the tree of life, witness the foods they eat on special occasions, such as special breads they taught us how to make on Friday evenings, alongside the prayer boxes, kippahs (small, circular hats worn by Jewish men) and prayer shawls (worn during worship).

Finally, we got to meet the Rabbi, Gili Zidkiyahu. She told us about her experience, moving from Israel to Nottingham and adjusting to life as a part of the minority population, instead of the majority. She told us about her journey to becoming a rabbi, and how being a woman influenced her career. We also talked to a Jewish convert, who had been a part of this synagogue for 4 years and helped us to understand the importance of each tradition and how adjustment to these festivals was for her, alongside talking to our guide, Norman, who taught us about how different denominations of Judaism function, such as their thoughts upon conversion, equality and much more. Overall, it was extremely interesting and let our mental image of the synagogue come to life.

Adam – Year 11 RS GCSE



SPORTS HALL FINALS

Congratulations to Maizie for her outstanding achievement as she represented Northants in the East Midlands regional sports hall finals. Running for Corby AC, she won her heat race and clinched victory in the final, breaking her own record along the way. Maizie's remarkable performance earned her the title of East Midlands county girls 2lap sports hall champion. What a fantastic achievement.



WORLD BOOK DAY

Students took part in a book swap run by our English Academic Scholars.

STAMFORD CONSTRUCTION & ENGINEERING SKILLS CAREER EVENT

Recently, students participated in the Stamford Construction & Engineering Skills Career Event at Stamford College, in partnership with South Lincolnshire Group Training Association (SLGTA). Split into three groups, students engaged in various activities sponsored by different companies. They tested plumbing joints, worked on health and safety tasks, carpentry, JCB driving,

bricklaying, and more. Awards were given to standout students in areas like clay sculpting, mask testing, and bricklaying. Participants expressed enthusiasm for the event, with one student considering a career in bricklaying. Catmose College extends gratitude to SLGTA and Inspire Education Group for organising the event and invites similar collaborations or events in the future.



APPRENTICESHIP AND CAREERS EVENT

We recently hosted our annual Apprenticeship and Careers Event, bringing together 28 options of further and higher education, training providers, and local/national employers. Students explored various stands, engaging with providers to learn about employment, education, and training opportunities, shaping their future prospects. Beth Meynell, our dedicated Careers Advisor, emphasised the event's significance in broadening students' horizons, with an increasing

number opting for apprenticeships. We're grateful for the overwhelming support from all the organisations who participated in the event, enriching students' insights into diverse career paths. With 85% of attendees finding the event beneficial, we're gearing up for our next ventures: the Post 16 and Careers event on 25 September and employer Encounter Experiences for Year groups 7, 8, and 10.



EMPLOYER ENCOUNTERS

Our students recently had the opportunity to explore various career paths through engaging events with industry professionals. Year 7 students particularly enjoyed learning about hospitality and catering, and the entrepreneurial spirit left a lasting impression. A huge thank you to our speakers and staff for making these experiences possible.

The next Employer Encounter event for Year 8s is on Thursday 9 May



ENGINEERING

We had the pleasure of hosting Ian Jones, Aerospace Engineering Leader at Drukk Ltd. Ian shared his inspiring career journey, from aircraft technician to engineering leader, emphasising the importance of perseverance and continuous learning. His insights into the diverse engineering roles and recruitment processes were invaluable. Thanks, Ian, for an enlightening session.



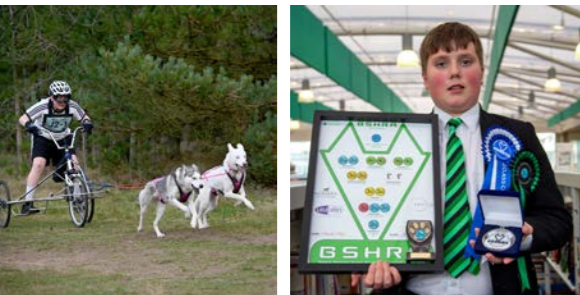
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RUTLAND YOUTH ART COMPETITION

Art students from College and Harington School have enjoyed great success in the Arts for Rutland Youth Open Art Exhibition. Congratulations to the selected winners; Archie, Edie, Oliver, Polly and Lucy. As well as Harrison and Anna whose entries were highly commended.

Well done to all the students that took part, to have their work on display is a great achievement. The exhibition of all the fabulous artwork remains on display in Oakham Museum until 30th April.



HUSKY RACING

Congratulations to Charlie on his successful weekend husky racing at the British Siberian Husky Racing Association (BSHRA) in Thetford Forest. He was awarded 1st place and 2nd with times being very close as always and he was only 4 seconds off the final win. A competitor's best 13 results over the season count towards the overall Championship, with two races each weekend. Charlie is currently third place in the J2 class, age group 11-14 years, however does still have a chance for second place with the next two final weekends of racing to come. We wish you all the best in your upcoming races Charlie.

THANK YOU TESCO

A huge thank you to Tesco in Oakham who kindly donated a box of store cupboard essentials to our College's food team. These ingredients have been invaluable in stocking up the cupboards in our new Food Technology room, assisting our practical sessions. Our Year 10 students were on hand to collect these ingredients and even made use of them in their kebab and flatbread practical lesson.

We look forward to continuing to work with Tesco in the future, and thank them for their generosity.



MAGISTRATES' COURT

Every year, the High Sheriff of Rutland invites students to participate in "mock trials" at Oakham Castle. Steeped in history, Oakham Castle has served as a crown court since 1229, providing an authentic setting for this immersive experience.

During the mock trials, our Year 10 students step into various roles, including magistrates, solicitors, the accused, witnesses, and court ushers. They follow a script based on a real trial of common assault.

What sets this experience apart is our students' engagement as magistrates, debating evidence to ensure fair sentencing. They explore sentencing options ranging from conditional discharge to custodial sentences, gaining invaluable insights into the judicial system.

A highlight was the Q&A session where students learned firsthand from magistrates Suzi and Martin about their journey to becoming magistrates. Linda, who works part-time at the castle, shared her extensive application process, inspiring students with her dedication.

This event encourages students to consider careers in the voluntary sector and hones essential skills like decision-making and teamwork. We extend our thanks to Geraldine Feehally, Suzi, Martin, and Linda for their invaluable contributions.



LAMDA EVENING

Lamda students showcased their talent with engaging monologues and duologues at the Catmose Theatre in preparation for their Lamda exam. From Shakespeare to more contemporary plays, their performances were a great success. Well done to the following students: Lexi, Madeleine, Florence, Lola, Isaac, Liam, Juventio and Ethan. Thank you to Paula Matthews who organised the evening, and for her dedication to the development of all of her students. LAMDA stands for 'London Academy of Music & Dramatic Art'. Interested in acting lessons? For further information visit the Catmose College website www.catmosecollege.com/music-and-drama/



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.

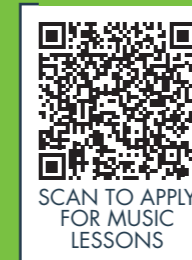
Learning an instrument can help relieve stress, build confidence and develop new friendships.

We are delighted to offer lessons in the following instruments:

- 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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BONNIE & CLYDE THEATRE TRIP

The performing arts team visited The Curve in Leicester to watch a performance of Bonnie & Clyde.



COME FROM AWAY

Music and Drama scholars went to the Leicester Curve to see the award-winning musical Come from Away. The musical is based on the 9/11 incident when two planes crashed into the Twin Towers causing other planes to divert to the town of Gander, Newfoundland in Canada.

Personally, I really enjoyed the musical, my favourite character was Beverly, the pilot because she was inspirational about how she became to be the first female American captain in the song "Me and the sky." The musical was very funny and sad in places.

The show had no interval, so, we watched it for an hour and 45 minutes. The performances were, really good, and each one had its own humour added to it like in one of the songs, Beulah is loading pets off the plane.

I really enjoyed this musical, and I recommend it.

Evelyn, Year 7



CATMOSE COLLEGE AND HARRINGTON SCHOOL PRESENTS

A Spring CONCERT

TUESDAY 7 MAY 6PM
CATMOSE COLLEGE THEATRE

THE CONCERT WILL FEATURE PERFORMANCES FROM CATMOSE AND HARRINGTON ENSEMBLES, AS WELL AS SMALL GROUP PERFORMANCES AND DRAMA PIECES.

WHAT'S ON



SCAN TO KEEP UP-TO-DATE WITH EVENTS

APRIL 2024

- Monday 15** Term 5. College opens
- Friday 12-18** Spanish Exchange (Away)
- Monday 15** Life of Pi theatre trip
- Wednesday 17** Year 7 Progress Evening
- Monday 22** Year 8 HPV & MMR Vaccinations
- Wednesday 24** Year 10 & 11 Drama Blood Brothers trip
- Wednesday 24** DoFE Silver Kit Check
- Thursday 25** Year 7 Lincoln Castle trip
- Friday 26-28** DoFE Silver Practice
- Tuesday 30** Year 10 Cambridge Art trip

MAY 2024

- Wednesday 1** Year 8 Woman in Black Theatre trip
- Friday 3** Year 8 Black Country Museum trip
- Tuesday 7** Spring Concert Years 7-13
- Wednesday 8** DoFE Bronze Expedition Group 1 Kit Check
- Wednesday 8** V&A Jerusalem Trip
- Thursday 9** GCSE timetable begins
- Saturday 11-12** DoFE Bronze Training & Practice Expedition Group 1
- Wednesday 15** DoFE Bronze Group 2 Kit Check
- Saturday 18-19** DoFE Bronze Training & Practice Expedition Group 2
- Tuesday 21** Year 7-10 Varsity Athletics - Corby
- Wednesday 22-28** Year 9 & 10 French Exchange (Away)
- Thursday 23** Year 11 Leavers Assembly
- Friday 24** End of Term 5. College closes

JUNE 2024

- Monday 3** Term 6. College opens
- Tuesday 4** Year 7 Burghley House
- Wednesday 5** DoFE Bronze Group 1 Kit Check
- Thursday 6** Year 8 Rutland Water Trip
- Friday 7** Year 8 Rutland Water Trip
- Saturday 8-9** DoFE Bronze Qualifying Expedition Group 1
- Monday 10** Year 7 Bletchley Park
- Wednesday 12-18** Year 9 & 10 French Exchange (Home)
- Thursday 13-15** Year 8 Yorkshire Residential
- Monday 17** Year 7 Bletchley Park
- Wednesday 19** DoFE Bronze Group 2 Kit Check
- Thursday 20** Year 7-10 County Athletics Championships

• For more information on trips and visits please email: finance@catmosecollege.com

