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YEAR 7 LINCOLN TRIP

Students in Year 7 visited Lincoln for a trip through medieval history visiting the castle and cathedral. They spent the morning in the cathedral with a tour of the building and had to find the carving of the famous Lincoln Imp. They also performed a play focused on King John and the Magna Carta as Lincoln has one of four remaining copies of the Magna Carta. During the afternoon students visited the castle, built by William the Conqueror in 1068. They walked around the castle walls learning about the many sieges of Lincoln during medieval times. Lincoln Castle is unusual in its design as it features two mottes, and is one of only two castles in the country to do so. The highlight of the trip was seeing the Magna Carta in its special display area.

YEAR 8 FOOTBALL/NETBALL TOUR

Our Year 8s had an incredible week in Platja d'Aro, Spain! From beach days and bowling to top matches and elite training, they gave it their all on and off the pitch. Highlights of the trip included fixtures against UK and Spanish teams, exciting netball tournaments, and a memorable tour of RCD Espanyol's stadium. We couldn't be prouder of the sportsmanship, dedication, and team spirit they displayed throughout the week.





BLACK COUNTRY LIVING MUSEUM TRIP

Year 8 students enjoyed an experience to the past as they explored the recreated streets of Victorians and Edwardian England on their recent trip to the 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 students understand how difficult life was in the past.



WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS, MY FRIENDS, AND WE'LL KEEP ON FIGHTING TILL THE END

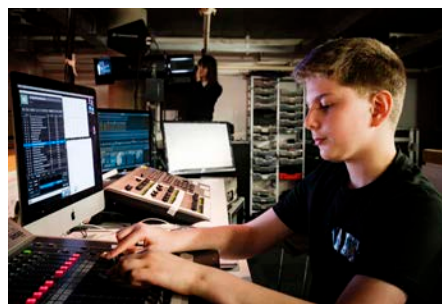


WE WILL ROCK YOU

Our recent College production, 'We Will Rock You' ran from 30 April - 3 May and was met with rave reviews and standing ovations from sold-out audiences.

Around 90 students (from Years 7-12) have been working towards this performance for several months. As well as taking on the roles of the cast, students are running the lighting and sound, have helped with choreography, props, backstage and refreshments. This musical follows many successful productions at Catmose College, most recently 'Romeo & Juliet', 'The Addams Family', and the Year 7 performance of 'Wicked'.

Putting together a musical production is always a massive team effort and this has been no different. Without the hard work and commitment of all of the students and staff at Catmose we would not have been able to create what you see on stage today. Year 11 students in particular have been instrumental with their support for this performance. Congratulations to the cast and crew of 'We Will Rock You' for a job well done!



VARSITY ROUNDUP - TERM 5

Thank you to all our students that have represented the College this year.

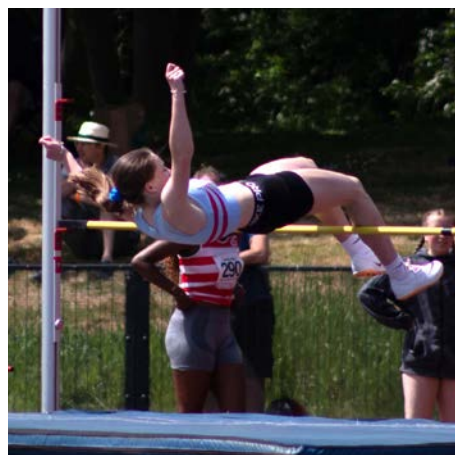


GYMNASTIC NATIONAL FLOOR AND VAULT FINALS

Huge congratulations to our amazing gymnasts who smashed it at the National Floor & Vault competition this weekend in Stoke-on-Trent. It was an unforgettable day where both the U14 Girls and U19 Mixed Team delivered some of the best routines we've ever seen!

Your determination, resilience, and outstanding teamwork make us proud every single time you step up to perform.

We are already counting down to next year – Well done all!



RUTLAND COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Huge congratulations to Year 9 student, Maizie, who smashed it at the Leicestershire and Rutland County Championships taking home 1st place in the 100m, 200m and high jump!

What an incredible achievement!



PONY OF THE YEAR SHOW

Congratulations to Evelyn in Year 7, who competed at the Pony of the Year Show recently. She delivered two fantastic clear rounds while representing us under the British Showjumping Just for Schools banner. An amazing achievement.



DSP TRIP TO OAKHAM FIRE STATION

A big thank you to Green Watch at Oakham Fire Station for welcoming our DSP students for an unforgettable visit. They got a behind-the-scenes look at life as a firefighter, exploring the station's living quarters, inspecting a fire engine, and learning about the tools used in emergency response. The highlight was a high-pressure hose demonstration followed by a hands-on turn with the hose themselves! A fantastic experience that sparked curiosity and gave our students a whole new perspective.



STUDENT CONNECT TEAM

Introducing our Year 8 Student Connect Team! This talented group of students will be sharing all things College Life, from exciting events to student achievements, behind-the-scenes stories, and more! Their newsletter will be available to view on our website very soon—stay tuned for updates.

YEAR 9 THEATRE TRIP TO &JULIET

Year 9s visited the Hippodrome in Birmingham to see &Juliet – an alternative take on the Shakespeare play they had studied earlier in the year.



RAF WITTERING TRIP

Students had an exciting day exploring RAF careers in hospitality and catering! They learned about roles like chef and air crew, then got hands-on with a silver service exercise and a cooking challenge using 24-hour rations. Teams created delicious dishes like chicken curry, peach crumble, and chocolate pear porridge in a commercial kitchen. After lunch, they visited the RAF Chefs of No3 Mobile Catering Squadron to learn how food is prepared for global operations, followed by a tour of the RAF Wittering Museum, including a chance to sit in the cockpit of a Harrier aircraft. An unforgettable experience!



NON-UNIFORM DAY FOR THE ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY

Our amazing students showed their support for the Alzheimer's Society by wearing blue for a non-uniform day and raised an incredible £1465! A huge thank you to everyone who took part and donated. Your generosity truly makes a difference.



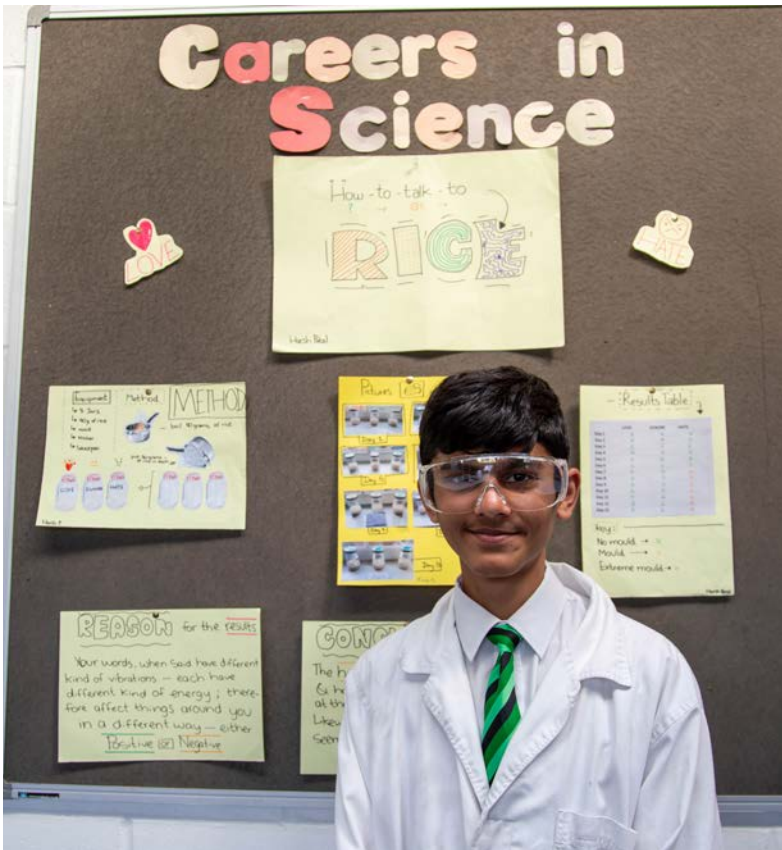
PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

We're proud to celebrate the achievements of Lucy, Alexander, Sam D, Seth, Milo, and Sam T, whose outstanding photographs captured the magic of the "Seasons" theme in last term's photography competition. Their creativity and vision brought the theme to life in such a beautiful and meaningful way. Well done to all!



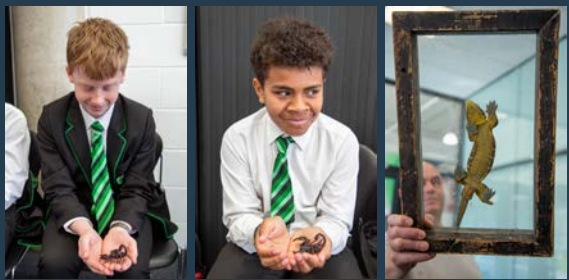
SCIENCE FAIR

The Term 4 Science Fair was a huge success, with students exploring research and completing fascinating scientific investigations. From creative ideas to impressive experiments, the variety of projects amazed the judges. After careful deliberation, Year 9 student Harsh was crowned the winner for his investigation into 'Talking to Rice'. Close behind were Sahib and Erin-Beau, who presented an intriguing study on 'Different Bacteria Colonies Around School'. Congratulations to all the students who participated! We're already looking forward to next year's Science Fair.



GO WILD ELECTIVE

We had some wild visitors last term thanks to our Go Wild Elective! Students got up close with amazing animals while learning fun and fascinating facts. Huge thanks to the team for an unforgettable session!



DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S PRACTICE EXPEDITIONS

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



YEAR 7 EMPLOYER ENCOUNTER

Our Year 7 students recently took part in exciting Employer Encounter Experiences as part of the Catmose College Careers Programme, exploring careers from computing at IBM and RAF engineering to animal care, renewables, paramedicine and more. Students said they enjoyed the event and found it helpful for thinking about their future, it was a fantastic opportunity to be inspired by local professionals, alumni and parents. A big thank you to all our guest speakers and staff who supported the day. Our next event is for Year 10 students on Thursday 19 June. If you would like to share your career journey and inspire our students, please email careers@catmosecollege.com.





YEAR 11 TEA PARTY

During non-uniform day 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 only 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





SAVE THE DATE

OPEN EVENING

WEDNESDAY 1 OCTOBER
FROM 5.30 UNTIL 7.30PM

Catmose College is an Outstanding School
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WHAT'S ON



SCAN TO KEEP
UP-TO-DATE
WITH EVENTS

JUNE 2025

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| Monday 2 | Term 6. College opens |
| Tuesday 3 | Year 7 Burghley House trip |
| Thursday 5/6 | Year 8 Rutland Water trip |
| Sunday 8 | DofE Bronze qualifying expedition group 1 |
| Tuesday 10 | UKMT Junior Kangaroo Round |
| Wednesday 11 | Year 11 Leavers' Assembly |
| Thursday 12-14 | Year 8 Yorkshire residential |
| Friday 13 | DofE Bronze group 1 kit return |
| Monday 16 | Year 10 Take Your Child to Work Day |
| Tuesday 17 | Year 7 Take Your Child to Work Day |
| Wednesday 18 | Year 7 Big Bang science trip |
| Thursday 19 | Year 8 Take Your Child to Work Day |
| Thursday 19 | Year 7 Big Bang science trip |
| Thursday 19 | Year 10 Employer Encounters Experience |
| Friday 20 | Year 9 Take Your Child to Work Day |
| Friday 20-21 | DofE Bronze qualifying expedition group 2 |
| Friday 20 | Year 11 Prom, Brooksby College, Melton. 7-10pm |
| Monday 23 | Year 10 Stamford College Trip |
| Monday 23 | Year 7 Bletchley Park |
| Tuesday 24 | Year 10 Stamford College Trip |
| Wednesday 25 | DofE Bronze group 2 kit return |
| Wednesday 25 | Year 10 Stamford College Trip |
| Thursday 26 | Sports Day |
| Saturday 28 | Uniform pop up shop |
| Monday 30-6 July | Year 9 & 10 French Exchange Home Leg |
| Monday 30-1 July | Year 9 & 10 Sports Scholars Wimbledon Trip |
| Wednesday 25 | Year 10 Stamford College Trip |

JULY 2025

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| Tuesday 1 | Year 6 Transition Day |
| Wednesday 2-4 | Year 8 Caythorpe Court residential |
| Wednesday 2 | DofE Silver kit check |
| Thursday 3 | Year 7 Matilda production |
| Friday 4 | DofE Silver qualifying expedition |
| Monday 7 | Year 7 Bletchley Park |
| Tuesday 8 | Drama Scholars Wuthering Heights Theatre Trip |
| Friday 11 | Term 6. College closes |

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