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OPEN EVENING 2025

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 7 BUSHCRAFT

Year 7 students took part in a bushcraft trip to Boughton Woods, where they engaged in a range of enriching and skill-building activities. The day began with team-building exercises and fire-lighting practice, followed by the development of advanced camouflage techniques.

In the afternoon, students received first aid training and had the opportunity to apply their learning in a simulated emergency scenario, successfully rescuing College staff from a staged plane crash in the woods. The experience provided a valuable opportunity to develop practical skills in a dynamic environment.





BERLIN TRIP 2025

40 Humanities students explored Berlin to deepen their understanding of life before and after WWII. From the Sachsenhausen camp to the Berlin Wall, they experienced key sites from Nazi Germany and the GDR era.

Highlights included the Stasi HQ, DDR Museum, Checkpoint Charlie, and a tour of the Bundestag. A powerful mix of history, culture and Currywurst.



POST 16 EVENT

With the new academic year underway, we hosted our annual Post 16 and Careers Event, offering students a chance to explore future pathways. From speaking with local colleges, universities, Armed Forces, and apprenticeship providers, students gained valuable insights into their options after College.

Thanks to all who took part – it was our biggest and best event yet!

Interested in joining us next year to inspire the next generation?

Get in touch:
careers@catmosecollege.com



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



VARSITY ROUNDUP - TERM 1





INTER-HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY

Well done to everyone who took part in the College's Inter-House Cross Country. The overall results were as follows: 1st place – Ruby, 2nd – Sapphire, 3rd – Emerald, and 4th – Amethyst.



SPORTS AMBASSADORS

Introducing our new Sport Ambassadors: Poppy, Dexter, Jude, Peter, Henry, Emily, Gargi, Madalyn and Helgi. They lead by example through their commitment, teamwork and passion for sport.



SPORTING ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to Emily in Year 11, who has been signed by Notts County to play in the Junior Premier League (JPL) Warrior League.

This is a fantastic achievement and reflects her dedication, hard work and talent on the pitch. Emily is now part of the Under-16 Player Pathway at Notts County Academy — a significant step in her football journey.

We are incredibly proud of Emily and look forward to seeing what she accomplishes next. Well done!



INDOOR KARTING

Year 7 student Henley raced in his local final of the British Indoor Karting Championships.

Huge congrats to Henley, we can't wait to see what he does next on the track!



FOOTBALL STAR

We are delighted to share that Ellisia has begun her 4th season at Peterborough United Academy and has now secured a permanent place in the U14s. This is a fantastic achievement that reflects her hard work and dedication. She is proudly sponsored for a second year by Olive Beauty in Oakham. Well done, Ellisia! We wish you every success for the season ahead!



GYMNASTICS SUCCESS

Congratulations to Year 8 student Isabelle, who won Gold in the 13+ category at the recent Leicestershire Gymnastics competition and achieved the second highest overall score out of more than 30 competitors. Isabelle is a dedicated member of the Oakham Artistic Gymnastics Academy squad and a valued part of our College Gymnastics Team.



SPORTS LEADERS

Well done to our Year 10 and 11 Sports Leaders who supported Catmose Primary at their recent football tournament. They coached and officiated with maturity and enthusiasm. More leadership opportunities are coming soon.



LEICESTERSHIRE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to Year 7 student Lia, who proudly represented Leicestershire in a 5-county tournament in Malvern. Leicestershire put in a fantastic performance, winning 3 out of 4 matches and finishing second overall, just behind a strong Cheshire side. Well done.

ATHLETICS SUCCESS

Students Maizie and Gerard were selected to compete at the inter-counties competition.

Maizie put in a fantastic performance in the 200m and anchored the 4x100m relay with a strong finish.

Gerard impressed in the shot put and also competed in the discus.



FUTURE CHEF REGIONAL EVENT

Catmose hosted the school stages of the Future Chef 2026 competition. Fourteen students took part, each chopping, frying and baking their way for a chance to represent the College in the 2026 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 Penny Hudson our Catering Manager to join us in judging the competition. All students performed outstandingly well on the day and after a phenomenally close fought competition, the winner was Year 10 student Sasmithu with his delicious thai fried rice with egg.

The runner up was awarded to Eva who treated the judges to her mother's Ukrainian dumpling recipe.

Sasmithu and Eva 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.



THE CATMOSE Challenge



At College, we celebrate the exciting achievements of our students both inside and outside of school. The Catmose Challenge encourages students to develop their strengths and discover new ones.

We launched the Catmose Challenge during the Year 6



induction day in July, and we are thrilled to announce that 16 of our new Year 7 students have already achieved their Bronze Awards. A special congratulations goes to Josh, who has earned both his Bronze and Silver Awards.

Josh completed a 5km run, visited the Allianz Twickenham Stadium, and walked his dog Simba every day for two weeks, even fitting in some hill sprints.

When asked about his favourite challenge, Josh said, "Running the 5K and visiting the rugby museum were the best. I loved combining what I enjoy with something new."

Well done to Josh and all our brilliant students.

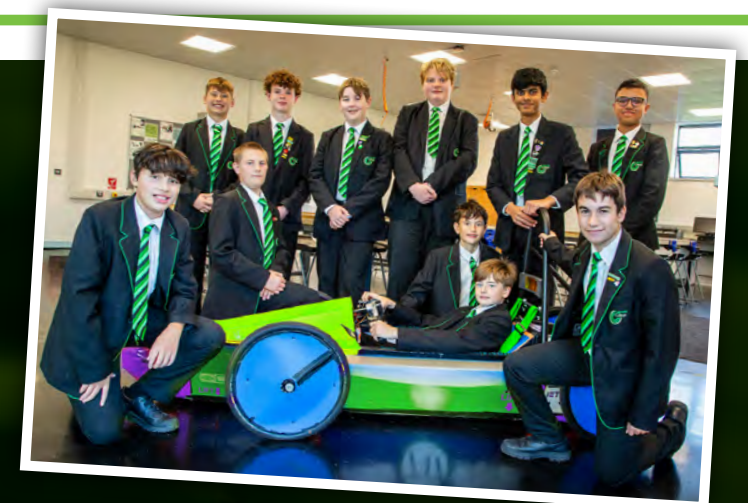
We value all successes, so please let us know about any achievements outside of College. Students can receive house points, certificates, postcards, commendations and more for their hard work.

CATMOSE COLLEGE DEBUTS GREENPOWER TEAM

We are excited to launch Catmose College's first Greenpower team. Our dedicated students are designing, building, and racing a fully electric eco car for the 2026 season while gaining real-world engineering experience and promoting sustainability.

They are currently seeking sponsorship from companies or individuals who can offer funding, materials, or technical expertise.

Join us in supporting education and innovation by contacting office@catmosecollege.com to get involved.





YEAR 8 HEROES FUNDRAISER

Year 8 students George, Freddie and Megan completed a 13-mile trek across the Peak District to raise money for the Children's Cancer and Leukaemia Group (CCLG). Despite the rain, hills and plenty of mud, they showed amazing determination throughout. Their target was £1500, but they have already raised an outstanding £1911, and the total is still rising.

As well as taking part in the trek, Megan also organised a fantastic cake sale to support their efforts.

This challenge was particularly special as it marked 10 years since George's cancer diagnosis, and it was the first fundraiser

led by him with support from his two lifelong friends.

We are incredibly proud of all three students for their dedication, teamwork and compassion.

To find out more or donate to their fundraising page, visit:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/hiking-for-heroes?utm_campaign=lc_frp_share_transaction_transactional-donation_received-nth_donation&utm_content=1e5ea6c3-86db-4011-901c-af4060ec8020&utm_medium=email&utm_source=postoffice&utm_term=1758269341127

BLUE PETER BADGE

Congratulations to Year 8 student Josh, who's been awarded a Green Blue Peter badge for his amazing work in conservation, wildlife, and protecting the planet!



ON STAGE WITH GARETH MALONE

Congratulations to Evelyn in Year 9, who performed on the main stage at Latitude Festival this summer with the Gareth Malone Choir! Selected through open auditions, Evelyn rehearsed throughout the weekend before taking part in what was called the "feel-good moment of the entire festival." Well done, Evelyn!



HOME HOSTING GERMAN EXCHANGE

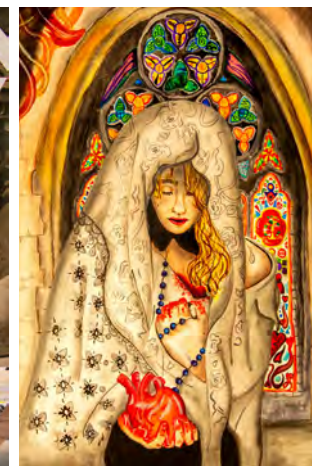
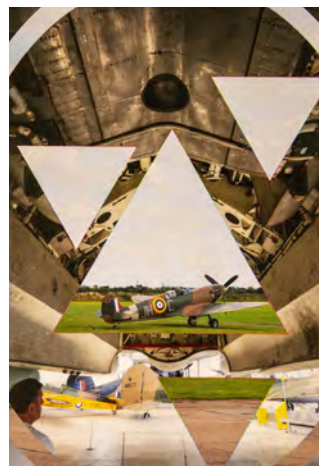
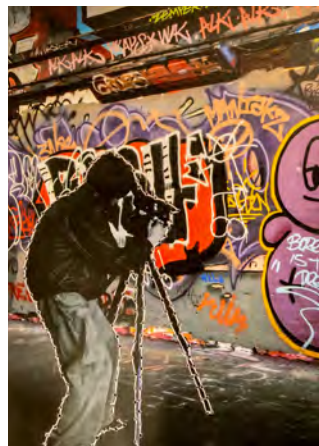
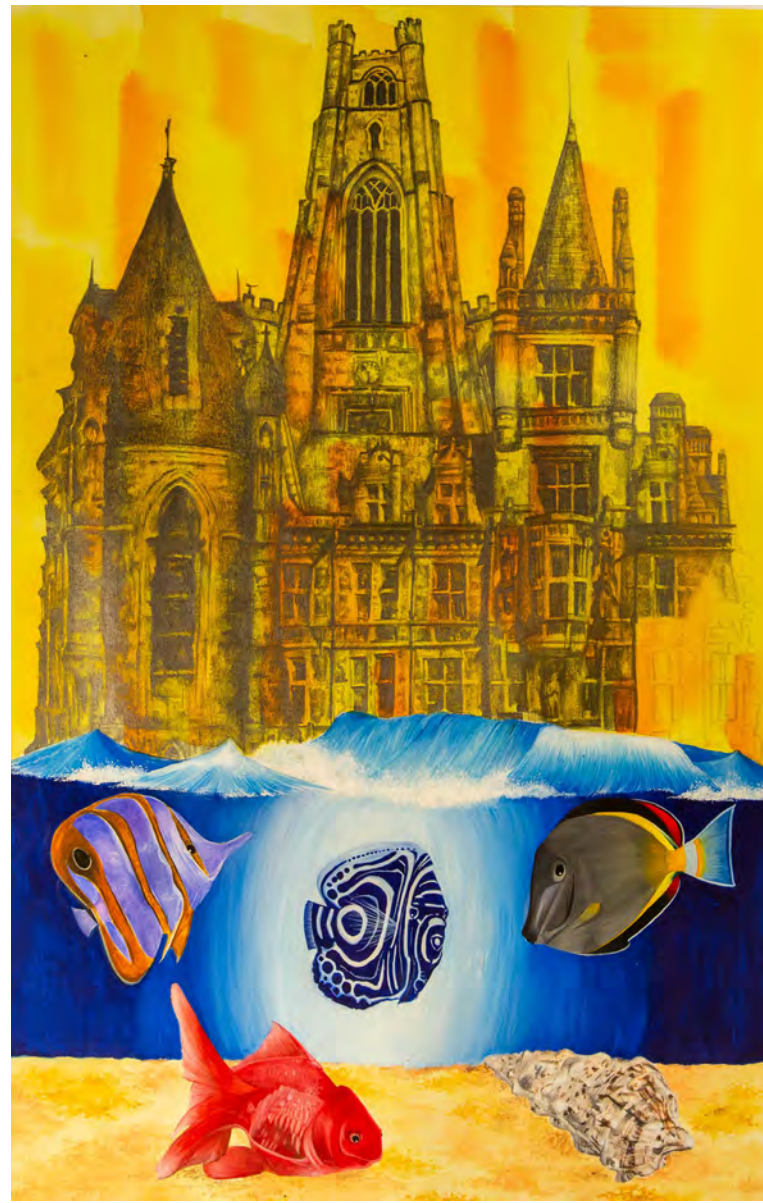
"The German exchange was a great opportunity for so many reasons and I found thoroughly enjoyable. Doing the home leg first was advantageous as it alleviated any stress and worries that I had about going to Germany because I now already know my exchange partner. It was really interesting to see my life and routines through the eyes of my partner. One of the biggest contrasts that my partner found odd and initially difficult was the difference in our school day and hours. Never mind 'Race Across the World' the week felt more like a culinary race to eat as much British food as possible! My partner really enjoyed trying the different options available to them and went home with a suitcase full of goodies for their family to try. Marmite is apparently the English version of sauerkraut, you either love it or hate it! During the exchange I expanded my German vocabulary which is extremely useful for my schoolwork and good preparation for the speaking part of the GCSE exam. I thoroughly believe that anyone who does German as a language option should grasp this amazing opportunity with both hands, as it not only helps with schoolwork but is also a very fun and interesting experience."

Charlie, Year 11 student



GCSE ARTWORK

We are delighted to share a selection of work produced by our talented GCSE and BTEC Art & Design students. The courses cover a range of disciplines allowing the students to develop their own personal style.



UKRAINE FUNDRAISER

Huge congratulations to Year 10 student Nika, who showed incredible bravery and leadership as she abseiled 418 feet down the National Life Tower, the tallest abseil tower in the world! From the very start, she was calm, confident, and an inspiration to those around her. In facing her fear of heights, she not only raised over £1,300 (final total to come) but also brought much-needed awareness to Ukraine at a critical time. A true credit to Catmose College!

YEAR 7 FIRST DAY

We warmly welcomed our new Year 7 students as they began their journey at the College. From posing for their ID photos to taking part in engaging lessons in science and sport, it's been a pleasure to see their enthusiasm and curiosity on full display during these first few days.





JOHN CLARE TRIP

Year 7 students visited John Clare Cottage in Peterborough, learning about the poet's life and inspirations. They explored the cottage, village, and garden, making notes and listening to staff discuss Clare's influences. The trip enriched their understanding of his poetry and the environment that shaped his work.



EQUESTRIAN SUCCESS

Huge congrats to Abigail, Teagan, Eira, and Amelie who represented the Eastern Region at the Pony Club National Championships this summer, with top-10 finishes, perfect ride scores, and standout individual performances!

Abigail and Teagan's team came 2nd in the Junior Tetrathlon, while Eira and Amelie's team placed 7th in Minimus. Teagan finished 4th individually, and Eira 9th, both with incredible 980/1000 shoot scores.

Plus recently, Abigail proudly represented her Pony Club at the prestigious Burghley International Horse Trials, competing in the Show Jumping with her pony Smarty. It was a fantastic experience, and her team placed a brilliant 10th overall! A huge achievement at such a world-class event!

DUKE OF EDINBURGH EXPEDITIONS

Year 9 and 10 students successfully completed their Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award expeditions.

Throughout the DoE programme they gained essential skills and attributes for work and life such as resilience, problem-solving, teamwork, communication, and drive, enhancing CVs, university, and job applications.

Building self-esteem and friendships were considered by our students to be some of the main benefits of participating in the programme.





**Catmose College
& Harington School**
presents



WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH 7PM
THURSDAY 26 MARCH 7PM
FRIDAY 27 MARCH 7PM
SATURDAY 28 MARCH 2.30PM & 7PM

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Teen dreams and '50s flair are taking the
stage. It's one you won't want to miss!



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WHAT'S ON



SCAN TO KEEP
UP-TO-DATE
WITH EVENTS

NOVEMBER 2025

- Tuesday 4** Years 7-10 school photographs
- Wednesday 5** DoFE training starts
- Thursday 13** Drama & performing arts students Little Theatre trip
- Monday 17** Year 11 print workshop
- Friday 21** Year 10 & 11 Midlands Academy of dance and drama trip
- Thursday 27** Previous Year 11 Presentation Evening. From 6.30pm

DECEMBER 2025

- Thursday 4** Year 11 business trip to Cadbury World
- Wednesday 17** Christmas Concert, All Saints' Church
- Friday 19** Term 2. College closes

JANUARY 2026

- Monday 5** Term 3. College opens
- Thursday 15** Year 7 Hercules theatre trip
- Thursday 22** Year 7 Hercules theatre trip
- Saturday 24** DoFE First Aid Training Bronze E-H + Silver Direct
- Sunday 25-
Tuesday 27** Year 11 London residential trip
- Tuesday 27** Year 10 climbing station trip
- Wednesday 28** Year 9, 10, 11 drama Blood Brothers trip
- Thursday 29** Year 7 Hercules theatre trip
- Thursday 29** Year 10 climbing station trip
- Saturday 31** DoFE First Aid Training Bronze IJ + Silver Direct

FEBRUARY 2026

- Monday 2** Year 7 Poetry Live trip
- Tuesday 3** Year 10 climbing station trip
- Tuesday 3-
Sunday 8** German exchange away leg
- Thursday 5** Year 10 climbing station trip
- Wednesday 11** Dance show
- Friday 13** Term 3. College closes
- Sunday 15** Italy ski trip