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CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2025

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.





CADBURY WORLD

Year 11 Business (Enterprise) students visited Cadbury World for an inside look at how a global brand does marketing. From the 4Ps to social media campaigns and market research, students saw their Component 3 content in action. A valuable (and delicious!) learning experience.



YEAR 11 PRINT WORKSHOP

Year 11 students successfully completed a day at the Leicester Print Workshop, where they applied their skills in screen printing to produce their final products. The students worked diligently throughout the day, and the results were outstanding.

Some truly amazing designs were created, showcasing the creativity and technical ability of each student. It was a fantastic opportunity for them to engage in a professional printing environment and develop their artistic skills further.

Well done to all students involved for their hard work throughout the workshop.





MALAGA TRIP 2025

Year 9 and Year 10 Spanish students headed to Málaga for an incredible language and cultural immersion trip. Over four sun-soaked days, they explored the city, discovered local traditions, enjoyed a tapas tour, and took in some amazing sights.

A fantastic time was had by all and the students are already asking when they can go back!



BLOOD BROTHERS PERFORMANCE

Our talented Year 10 and 11 students brought their own take on *Blood Brothers* to the stage—an interpretation of the musical they study for GCSE Drama. Completely student-led, the production was a fantastic showcase of their creativity and hard work!



VARSITY ROUNDUP - TERM 2



KICKBOXING CHAMPS

Year 10 student Charlie and Year 7 student Mia competed in two kickboxing categories and brought home a gold medal and a silver medal! Congratulations to you both!



SHOOTING COMPETITION

Year 9 student Isaac has qualified for the British Schools Shooting Championships following an excellent performance, placing 5th overall and 2nd in the region.

This achievement reflects his hard work, focus, and dedication to the sport. Congratulations, Isaac, on a fantastic result and best of luck at the championships!

YEAR 10 GOLD SPORT SCHOLARS

Year 10 Gold Sport Scholars had the opportunity to attend a live recording of the High Performance Foundation Game Plan podcast. This was hosted at the Leicester Tigers Mattioli Stadium and accommodated by De Montfort University. The event was presented by Emma-Louise Amanshia, with guest speakers entrepreneur Sam Stoffel; Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive of De Montfort University, Katie Normington; former England and Leicester Tigers rugby player Leon Lloyd; and current USA and Leicester Tigers Women's Team rugby player Tess Feury. Students were able to listen to inspirational talks focused on building strong mindsets.

A huge thank you to all the speakers, especially Tess Feury, whose words made a positive impact on our students.

Congratulations to Ruby, who won the Stronger Together – The Connection Award.

This award celebrates students who lift others up, who listen, include and encourage, and who are not afraid to work with and support others. They show that real connection is built on kindness, empathy and teamwork.



CATMOSE PALLY

Students from Years 7-11 at Catmose and Year 12 at Harington School took part in the very first Catmose Pally.

A huge well done to everyone who took part, showing fantastic energy, great sportsmanship, and plenty of smiles all round! Their supporters brought amazing enthusiasm too!



RUGBY SUCCESS

We are incredibly proud to share that our Year 10 students Owen, Charlie and Harry, who also play for Oakham RFC, were put forward alongside 185 talented rugby players from schools and clubs across the region. After battling through two challenging trials, they earned their place at the final invitational stage. From there, just 40 players were selected for the Leicester Tigers U15 Academy and all three boys made it through!



SPORTING EXCELLENCE

Congratulations to Year 10 student Harriet on her selection for the U15 Forest Performance Pathway (Lincolnshire) following a full day of trials at Nottingham University, competing against over 100 other players.

Harriet has also been selected for the Leicestershire County Squad, part of the England Netball Player Pathway. This is an exceptional achievement, and we are immensely proud of Harriet's dedication, talent, and leadership as captain of the Year 10 team.



PODIUM COMEBACK SEASON

After a summer of injury, our Year 10 cyclist has returned with a brilliant cyclocross season — representing the East Midlands, helping win the Skills Relay, and earning multiple league podiums plus 3rd in the East Midlands U16 Championships. Now injury-free, he's climbing the national rankings and back running cross country for the College.



REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

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 head student Oliver and the Reveille played by Year 10 student Abigail, following the silence Emily sang a moving performance of 'White Cliffs of Dover.'

SCAN TO HEAR
THE LAST POST
PLAYED BY ABIGAIL

ALICIA KEARNS CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

Congratulations to Year 10 student, Lilyanna, who won Alicia Kearns MP's sixth annual Christmas card competition.

Her design, based on this year's theme "My Perfect Christmas Tree," was selected as the winning entry and will be printed as Alicia's official Christmas card for 2025.



MIDLANDS ACADEMY OF DRAMA AND DANCE TRIP

Year 10 and 11 Drama Scholars visited the Midlands Academy of Drama and Dance facilities, taking part in dynamic dance and singing workshops led by industry professionals. Students explored new choreography, vocal technique, and group performance, building confidence and teamwork throughout the day. It was an inspiring and enjoyable experience that strengthened their passion for the performing arts.

ZERO HERO WINNERS

Students with ZERO negative behaviour records for Term 1 & 2 collected a Freddo during their lunch break from Santa.



GREENPOWER BAKE SALE

We're delighted to share that the Green Power Team's bake sale raised £206! Your generosity will help the students progress with their electric race car project and strengthen their STEM learning. Thank you for your amazing support!

YEAR 7 PANTO LESSONS

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



GCSE GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK

Our Year 10 students had a fantastic day out at Bradgate Park completing their GCSE Geography fieldwork. They collected valuable data, explored the beautiful landscape, and showed great teamwork throughout.

Well done to all students and staff for making the day such a success.

ENGLISH ACADEMIC SCHOLARS AUTHOR VISIT

We were delighted to welcome author Darren Simpson recently.

He delivered engaging assemblies to Years 7 and 8, discussing the themes in his latest book, 'Furthermoor', sharing insights into the writing process, and answering students' questions.

Darren also led a creative-writing workshop focused on character development, where students created their own monsters and explored how they might enter the College through imaginative portals.

Our English Academic Scholars supported the sessions, with Year 11 Lauren commenting, "The workshop was informative and insightful."

Further information about Darren and his books can be found on his website, with thanks to Caroline from Rutland Book Nook for supporting the visit.



ROTARY CHEF

After winning the school heats of the FutureChef competition, Year 10 students Sasmithu and Eva headed to Loughborough College for the local finals, where they had just one hour and a £6.50 budget to create a main course for two. Sasmithu impressed the judges with his Nasi Goreng, while Eva showcased her skills with delicious Pelmeni (Ukrainian dumplings). Both students stayed calm, confident and focused in a completely new kitchen, and the judges praised their outstanding technique and the fantastic flavours of their dishes. Well done to both, an amazing achievement!



ROTARY YOUNG CHEF

We were delighted to host the school heats of the Rotary Young Chef competition. Nine talented students stepped up to the challenge, creating a main course and dessert for two within two hours on an £18 budget.

The results were truly impressive, showing creativity, skill, and flair in the kitchen.

Congratulations to Year 9 student Elsa who emerged as the overall winner with her delicious Cacio e pepe and homemade pasta, followed by a lemon meringue for dessert.

Elsa now advances to the next round at Loughborough College in February. We all wish you the best of luck, Elsa!



During term 2, our Year 10 students were been busy designing festive Christmas cards, and we are delighted to share a selection with you. The winning designs include Ava's thoughtful creation, Erin-Beau's vibrant folk-art reindeer bursting with festive florals, Cora's beautiful fireplace featured on the front cover and Libby's beautifully painted candy canes tied with a cheerful green ribbon.



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Staff and students wore their Christmas jumpers to raise money to support PASIC, helping to ensure no family in the East Midlands faces childhood cancer alone. Thank you to everyone for taking part.



END OF TERM

Christmas arrived at Catmose College with music and drama performances throughout the day. Students were awarded their computer science certificates during assemblies and students sang Christmas songs at the karaoke session during lunch.





Catmose College
& Harington School
presents



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

Break out the bobby socks and cool shades.
 Teen dreams and '50s flair are taking the
 stage. It's one you won't want to miss!



TICKETS NOW ON SALE AT
www.ticketsource.co.uk/catmosecollege

WHAT'S ON



SCAN TO KEEP
UP-TO-DATE
WITH EVENTS

JANUARY 2026

Monday 5	Term 3. College opens
Monday 5-16	Year 11 key assessments
Thursday 15	Year 7 Hercules theatre trip
Thursday 22	Year 7 Hercules theatre trip
Saturday 24	DofE first aid training
Sunday 25-27	Year 11 London residential trip
Tuesday 27	Year 10 climbing station trip
Wednesday 28	Year 9, 10, 11 Blood Brothers theatre trip
Thursday 29	Year 7 Hercules theatre trip
Thursday 29	Year 10 climbing station trip
Thursday 29	Year 11 photographs
Saturday 31	DofE first aid training

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Monday 2	Year 11 Poetry live
Tuesday 3	Year 10 climbing station trip
Tuesday 3-8	German exchange away leg
Thursday 5	Year 10 climbing station trip
Wednesday 5	Year 7 Matilda theatre trip
Monday 9	LAMDA evening
Wednesday 11	Dance show
Sunday 15-21	Italy ski trip
Friday 13	Term 3. College closes
Monday 23	Term 4. College opens
Wednesday 25	Year 9 Progress & Options evening

MARCH 2026

Tuesday 3	Year 8 Employer Encounters
Thursday 19-21	Year 9 WW1 Battlefield Residential
Thursday 19	3-in-1 Booster + Meningitis ACWY Vaccination Year 9-11
Wednesday 25	Grease Production at 7pm
Thursday 26	Grease Production at 7pm
Friday 27	Grease Production at 7pm
Saturday 28	Grease Production at 2.30pm & 7pm

APRIL 2026

Thursday 2	Term 4. College closes
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