

A NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS, STUDENTS AND THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

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AND MUCH MORE





## YEAR 11 ART RESIDENTIAL

Our Year 11 Arts, Graphics, and Photography students enjoyed an inspiring London residential this year. Highlights included the V&A Museum, London Eye, street art at The Vaults, London Zoo, and the Wildlife Photographer of the Year exhibition.

The trip arrived just in time for their 40% GCSE exam project launch, giving students fresh ideas drawn from fashion, architecture, urban art, natural forms, and more. Their creativity is already starting to emerge, and we're excited to see their portfolios develop.

A big thank-you to everyone involved in making this experience possible!



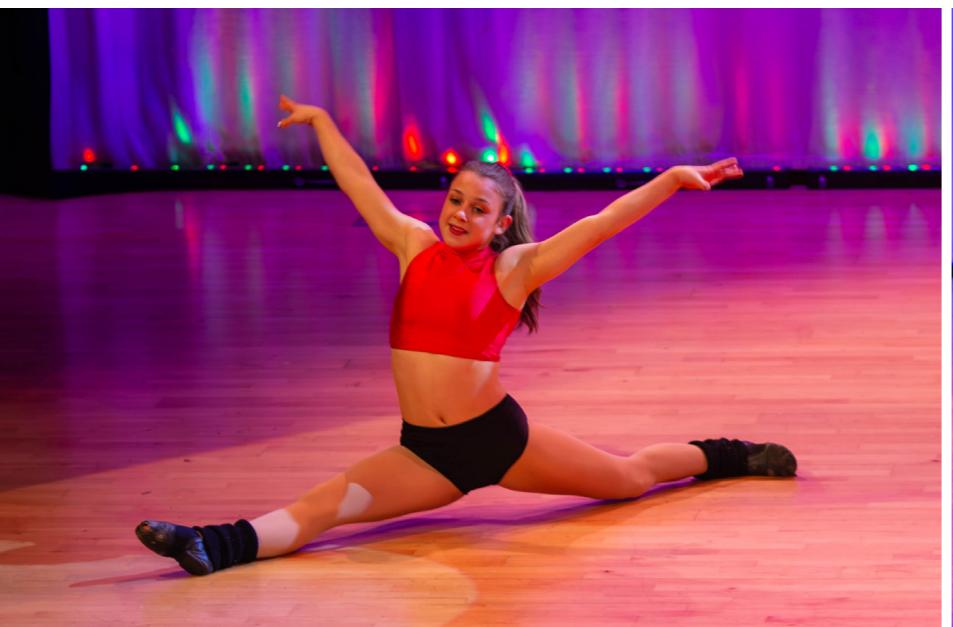


## YEAR 7 HERCULES TRIP

Our Year 7 students had an unforgettable time on their Catmose College performing arts trip! The day began with an energetic workshop at Pineapple Dance Studios, followed by a magical experience watching Hercules at the Theatre Royal Drury Lane.

The excitement is already building as we can't wait to see them bring songs from the show to life in their own performances later this year!





## CATMOSE DANCE SHOW

At the end of this term we held our annual Catmose Dance Show with students from Catmose Primary and Catmose College performing.

It was wonderful to see our talented students up on stage again performing in a range of techniques from street dance, ballet, tap and acrobatic through to contemporary lyrical.



# VARSITY ROUNDUP - TERM 3



## CROSSCOUNTRY

We are proud to celebrate two fantastic sporting achievements from our students.

Millie (Year 7) won silver at the Leicestershire and Rutland Schools Competition on Saturday. Millie has been working incredibly hard, and this well-deserved medal is a great reward for her dedication and perseverance.

Aubrey (Year 10) secured gold and 1st place by a comfortable margin, finishing ahead of competitors who had beaten him earlier in the season. This excellent result reflects his determination, resilience and continued progress.

Congratulations to both students on their outstanding achievements.



## SHOWJUMPING

We are very proud to celebrate the achievements of Year 7 student, Olivia. Outside of school, she is a dedicated and talented horse rider, showing great commitment and determination in her training.

Her hard work has been rewarded as she has qualified for the Trailblazers competition this weekend, a fantastic achievement and one that reflects her perseverance and passion.

Well done, Olivia



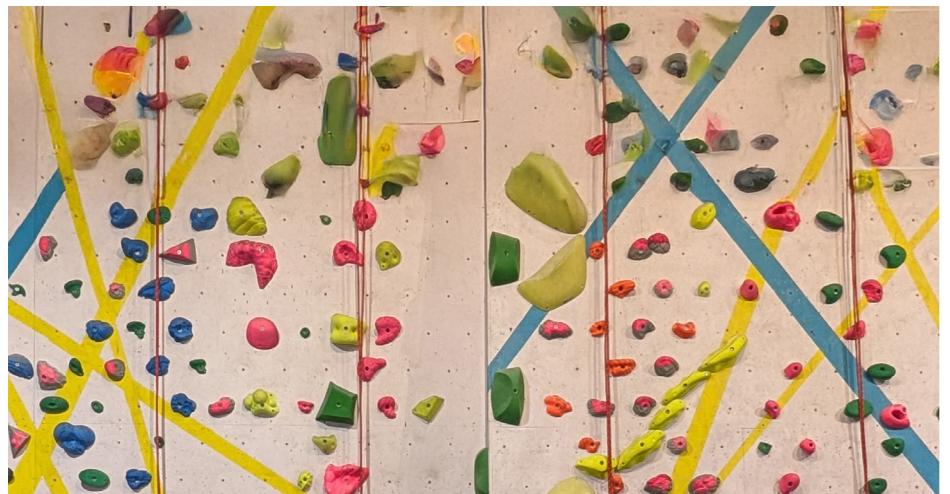
## SWIMMING SUCCESS

Huge congratulations to Year 7 student, Annabelle on an outstanding performance at the Lincolnshire County ASA Swimming Championships!

She not only won her 50m butterfly heat, but also took an incredible four seconds off her personal best, secured 8th place in the county final, and earned selection for the 2026 County Pathway Programme.

We are extremely proud of this outstanding achievement—well done, Annabelle!





## CLIMBING

Year 10 GCSE PE students took part in a trip to the Climbing Station in Loughborough. Students were led by experienced instructors who taught them many new skills and techniques for the sport of rock climbing. For some students this experience will contribute to their GCSE PE practical grade. A big thank you to the team at The Climbing Station for their excellent guidance.



## CATMOSE PALLY FINAL

What a match! Year 10s Logan & Harvin took on Year 8s Lillia & Henry in a brilliant final. Level at 2-2 sets at the break, it went right down to the wire before the Year 10 pair edged it by one leg to win 4-3. Amazing darts, teamwork and sportsmanship from everyone



## SPORT LEADERS

Well done to our amazing Sports Leaders who helped to run and judge the Primary Rise Gymnastics Competition that took place towards the end of last term

You did a fantastic job providing support, encouragement and clear feedback to pupils across their individual routines, group routines and apparatus routines. Your professionalism, positivity and enthusiasm helped make the event such a success.

We are extremely proud of you — thank you for being such brilliant role models!

## REGIONAL GYMNASTIC COMPETITION

Huge congratulations to our amazing gymnasts! Our teams competed in the Regional Floor & Vault and Team Milano competitions and delivered an incredible set of performances. With 9 teams entered, an outstanding 6 have qualified for the National Finals in Stoke-on-Trent. Floor & Vault saw U13 Girls take 1st, U16 Girls 3rd, and U16 Mixed 1st, while Team Milano results included 2nd for U13 Girls, 1st for U16 Girls, and 1st for our U16 & U19 Mixed team. We couldn't be prouder of the hard work, commitment, and teamwork shown by everyone — bring on the nationals!



## HIGH SHERIFF VISIT

We were delighted to welcome Richard Chesterfield, the High Sheriff of Rutland, for an inspiring visit. Our Student Council members asked lots of thoughtful and interesting questions, and they were all very curious about the High Sheriff's ceremonial sword.

The highlight? Every student had the chance to hold the sword for a photo.

Thank you for visiting, we hope you enjoyed your time with us.



## VACANCY: PARENT GOVERNOR

We are excited to invite expressions of interest for a parent governor position on our local governing body. This is a fantastic opportunity for parents who are good listeners, ask thoughtful questions and want to play an active role in shaping the future of Catmose College.

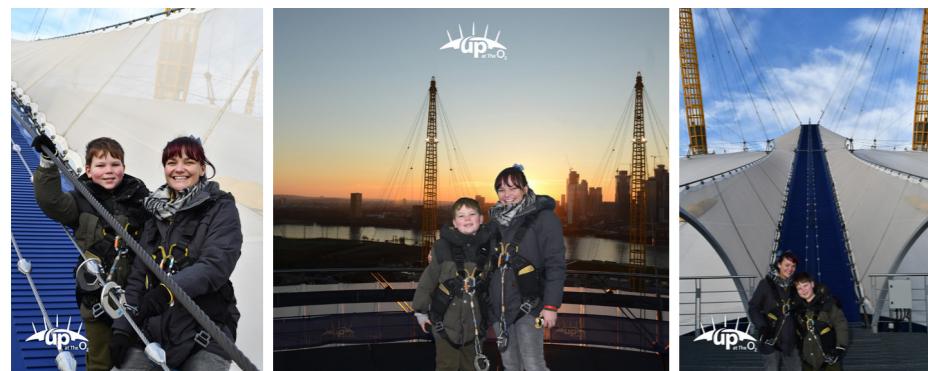
Expressions of interest should be emailed to [clerk@rutlandfederation.com](mailto:clerk@rutlandfederation.com) by Monday 9 March 2026.



## HEDGEHOG RESCUE

Ms Monins and her 9 year old son climbed over the Millennium Dome in London. This was a charity climb to raise funds for Prickle Back Urchin Hedgehog Rescue based locally in Market Overton. The pair have raised over £550 for the donation based charity. Ms Monins says

**"It was cold and windy, but the sun was shining so we were happy."**



## A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM DIORAMA

We were delighted to award a Commendation to Malakai (Year 7) for creating such a beautiful diorama inspired by "A Midsummer Night's Dream".

The exceptional level of detail, imagination, and craftsmanship shows a real understanding of Shakespeare's play and highlights Malakai's creative talent.

The College is incredibly proud of students who go the extra mile and inspire others through their hard work and achievements. Well done, Malakai.



## YEAR 10 BUSINESS (ENTERPRISE) TALK

Helen and Connor James, the owners of Aqua Park, recently visited both Year 10 Business (Enterprise) groups to support with their coursework.

The focus of their coursework is Aqua Park, and having the opportunity to interview the owners firsthand will provide them with a huge advantage in their studies.

A big thank you to Helen and Connor for taking the time to share their insights and expertise. We are sure the students are going to make the most of this invaluable experience





Catmose College  
& Harrington 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!



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# WHAT'S ON



SCAN TO KEEP  
UP-TO-DATE  
WITH EVENTS

## FEBRUARY 2026

**Monday 23** Term 4. College opens  
**Wednesday 25** Year 9 Progress & Options evening  
**Thursday 26** Year 8 Birmingham Hippodrome Trip  
**Saturday 28** Duke of Edinburgh's Award Day Walk Bronze Teams A&B

## MARCH 2026

**Sunday 1** Duke of Edinburgh's Award Day Walk Bronze Teams C&D  
**Tuesday 3** Year 8 Employer Encounters  
**Wednesday 4** Year 11 second Progress Evening  
**Saturday 7** Duke of Edinburgh's Award Day Walk Bronze Teams E&F  
**Sunday 8** Duke of Edinburgh's Award Day Walk Bronze Teams G&H  
**Wednesday 11** Year 7 Progress Evening  
**Saturday 14** Duke of Edinburgh's Award Day Walk Bronze Teams I&J  
**Sunday 15** Duke of Edinburgh's Award Day Walk Silver Teams A&E  
**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  
**Monday 20** Term 5. College opens  
**Wednesday 22** Year 9 Teenage Booster immunisations  
**Friday 24 - 26** Duke of Edinburgh's Award Silver Practice  
**Friday 24** Year 8 Black Country Living Museum  
**Tuesday 28** Year 7 Employer Encounters  
**Thursday 30** Performing Arts Showcase Evening