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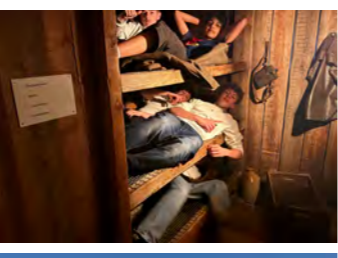
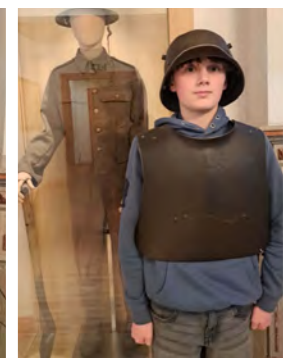
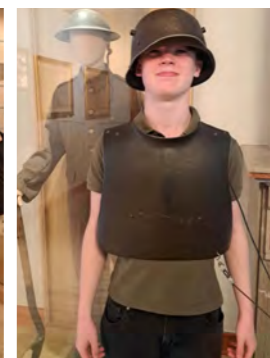
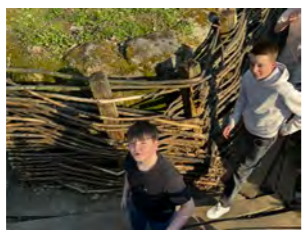
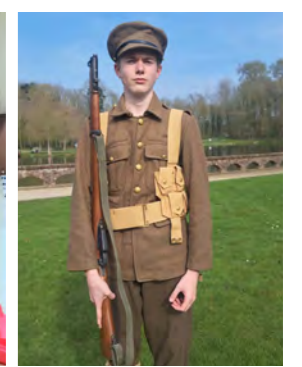
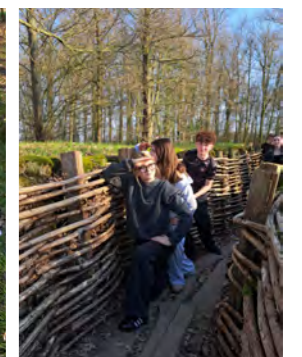
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BATTLEFIELDS TRIP

AND MUCH MORE





BATTLEFIELDS RESIDENTIAL

Earlier this term, 65 students joined our Humanities team for an unforgettable three-day tour of Ypres and the Somme, gaining a profound understanding of the sacrifices made during WWI. From exploring historic battlefields and preserved trenches to witnessing the powerful Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate, the experience was both educational and deeply moving. A large number of students were able to visit the graves/memorials of their relatives. Edith, Ellie-Mae, Leo, Abi, Ben and Lucie all found this experience to be a truly humbling experience. Additionally Eden, Jack, Evelyn and Isabelle also laid the wreath on behalf of the College due to their relative's involvement in the war. There was also time for some fun! Congratulations to Chloe, our student bowling champion, and Mr. Franklin, who took the win for the teachers.



MAGISTRATES COURT VISIT

Our Year 10 students had an incredible experience taking part in Mock Trials at Oakham Castle, stepping into roles such as magistrates, solicitors, and witnesses in a real courtroom setting.

They explored how evidence is used to reach decisions and learned about sentencing options, before hearing directly from magistrates about their roles.

A big thank you to the magistrates and Oakham Castle for making this opportunity possible!

If you can provide our students with similar experiences of workplaces, please contact our careers team at careers@catmosecollege.com



GERMAN EXCHANGE

"When my host student visited England, we treated him to a whistle-stop visual and culinary tour of Rutland and beyond. My trip to Germany certainly didn't disappoint; I was provided with an amazing experience by my host family and spent the week eating my way through various local and national delicacies.

I had a wonderful time, the highlight being a visit to the Black Forest where I got to try genuine Schwarzwälder Kirschtorte. I can honestly say the week wasn't long enough! The trip has significantly boosted my confidence in speaking German, which will be a huge help for my upcoming GCSEs.

I would highly recommend a language exchange to anyone studying a language; being immersed in the culture is completely different from learning in a classroom—context really does help.

Disclaimer – there is more to the exchange trips than food "

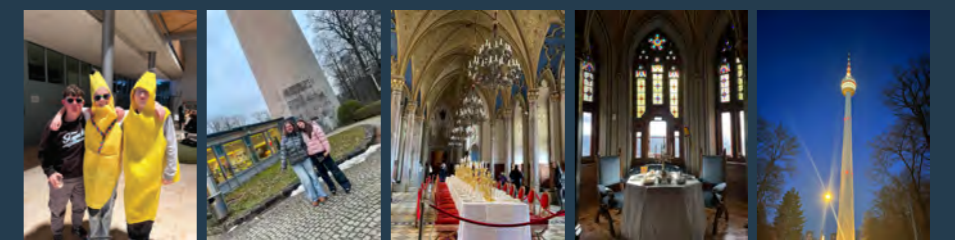
Charlie, Year 11

"The German exchange is a fantastic experience and opportunity offered to students. You learn daily German life, and new language, all while staying with a welcoming family and learning family dynamics. The places you visit and people you meet, you won't forget, and the fashingsparty was so fun! I would highly recommend the exchange for anyone interested in German language or lifestyle, and it was an eventful week with trips and school."

Lucy, Year 9

"I really loved the exchange. It is a good way to try new things and improve your German. My favourite part was spending time with the family and learning what foods they eat and the massive number of activities you can do there."

Edward, Year 9



VARSITY ROUNDUP - TERM 4



BASKETBALL SUCCESS

Our Year 10 boys basketball team have been crowned Team Leicestershire champions after an incredible final against Tudor Grange Academy!

A high-quality game from start to finish, with both teams performing at an exceptional level. The Catmose squad showed outstanding determination and resilience to secure the win.

Even more impressively, this is the first time a Catmose team has ever won this title!

Huge congratulations to the team!



ATHLETICS UPDATE

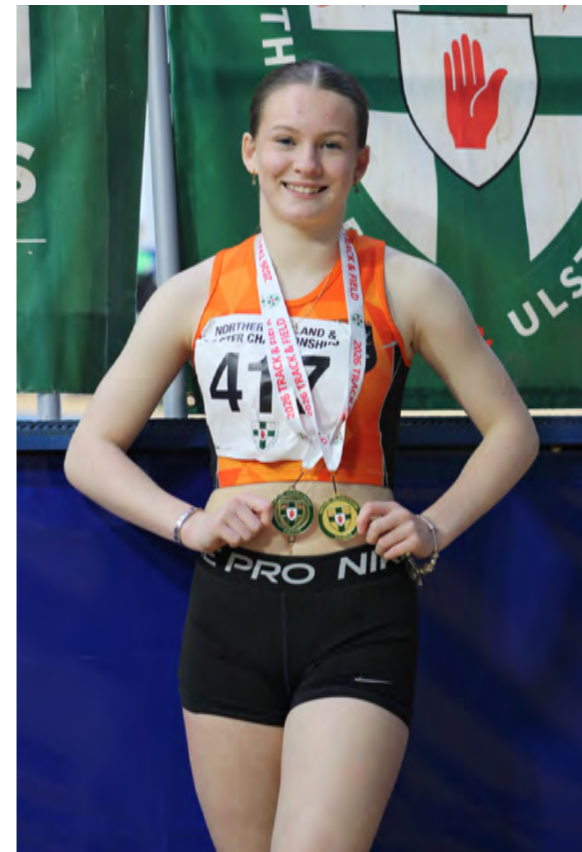
Year 8 boys and girls competed against three other schools in the Indoor Athletics Varsity event. They took part in a range of disciplines including running, jumping and throwing, and every student performed brilliantly both individually and as part of the team. The boys finished in an impressive second place overall, while the girls secured first place and will now go on to represent the area at the Leicestershire and Rutland Finals. In addition, Aubrey (Year 10) and Millie (Year 7) did a fantastic job supporting the Primary Cross Country County Finals at Rutland Water, volunteering as hares and tortoises across eight races. Well done to all students for their commitment, teamwork and dedication to school sport.

NATIONAL INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Congratulations to Maizie. She won both the 60m and 200m at the Northern Ireland & Ulster National Championships at the National Indoor Arena in Dublin.

Winning both titles makes her No. 1 in Northern Ireland and secures her place at the All-Ireland Championships.

A fantastic achievement and well deserved recognition for her hard work and dedication.



ENGLAND WOMEN'S UNDER 16 NATIONAL TEAM

Huge congratulations to our Year 10 star, Hannah, who was recently called up to the England Women's Under-16 national football team squad for the UEFA International Development Tournament in Turkey.

She represented her country in fixtures against Denmark, Spain and the United States. What an incredible experience and achievement! Well done.



GYMNASTICS SUCCESS

Well done to all three of our gymnastics teams who competed at the National Team Milano competition in Stoke-on-Trent! The standard of gymnastics was exceptional, and our gymnasts performed some fantastic routines across individual floor, vault, and team routines.

A special mention goes to our U16 mixed team, who achieved an amazing 3rd place! What an incredible achievement, you should all be so proud of yourselves. Congratulations to everyone who took part!



OAKHAM RUGBY

Oakham U13s rugby team brought home the County Cup today — not dropping a single game all tournament.

A huge achievement, with Catmose students making up a large proportion of the team. Well done all!



TUMBLING STAR

Congratulations to Hector, who won Gold at the East Midlands Regional Qualifier in tumbling recently and has now qualified for the finals!

Hector trains 12.5 hours a week across six days with Loughborough Acrobatics and Gymnastics Club and Corby Steel Diving Club, an incredible level of dedication.

We are also proud to have him as part of our College gymnastics team. Well done, Hector!



RUGBY WORKSHOP

During national careers week Catmose College invited Tess Feury, Leicester Tigers and USA international, to share powerful insights on overcoming challenges, staying resilient through passion, redefining success and leading with purpose for our sports scholars students. She also delivered an energetic practical session with our KS4 girls varsity rugby team. Thank you, Tess, for inspiring our students and showing what determination can achieve.



YEAR 8 EMPLOYER ENCOUNTERS

Year 8 took part in our Employer Encounter Experiences during #NationalCareersWeek.

Students attended three sessions exploring careers in teaching, animal care, engineering, media, entrepreneurship, renewables and more, learning about pathways, resilience, volunteering and key transferable skills.

A huge thank you to our inspiring speakers for helping students see the many possibilities open to them.

If you would like to share your careers journey or experiences of the workplace with our students, we have other opportunities coming up.

Year 7s employer encounter experiences 28/04/2026

Year 10 employer encounter experiences 16/06/2026

My Future Careers Fayre 23/09/2026

Please contact our careers team on careers@catmosecollege.com for more information



YOUNG WRITERS' COMPETITION

Our Year 7 and 8 students recently entered the Young Writers' competition, creating their own ghost stories and creepy tales. We're delighted that several of their spooky stories have been selected for publication in an upcoming book. A fantastic achievement!

Well done to everyone who took part, and congratulations to those who will see their work in print!



YOUTH SPEAKS

Catmose took two teams (Year 8 and Year 10) to the Stamford Speaks competition organised and hosted by Casterton College. Four teams spoke on a range of interesting topics ranging from the use of AI, a social media ban for under 16's to the ethnics of space exploration. Along with strong competition from Casterton College, both Catmose teams delivered engaging and well-rehearsed arguments and debates show casing their talent and team work. The Year 10 team comprising Oliver, Sofia and Harsh were deserved winners on the night, making persuasive arguments for and against the use of AI in modern society. All students who took part did a fantastic job representing the College.



POETRY BY HEART

As part of our Year 8 poetry unit, students took on the challenge of reciting a poem from memory in our 'Poetry By Heart' competition. Last week, the top 14 finalists delivered incredible performances in front of their peers, impressing the judges with their expression, confidence, and passion for poetry. Huge congratulations to Rafaela, Ellisia, Yanis and Seren, who wowed the judges and took home the top prizes!

Well done to all who participated.



GO WILD

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!

GREASE IS THE WORD!

Congratulations to our talented cast, band, tech team, and dedicated staff on the outstanding success of the latest production of Grease! Performing to five sell-out audiences is a remarkable achievement and reflects the hard work, creativity, and commitment of everyone involved. Well done to all! Photos can be found [here](#). Be sure to take a look and enjoy some of the highlights!

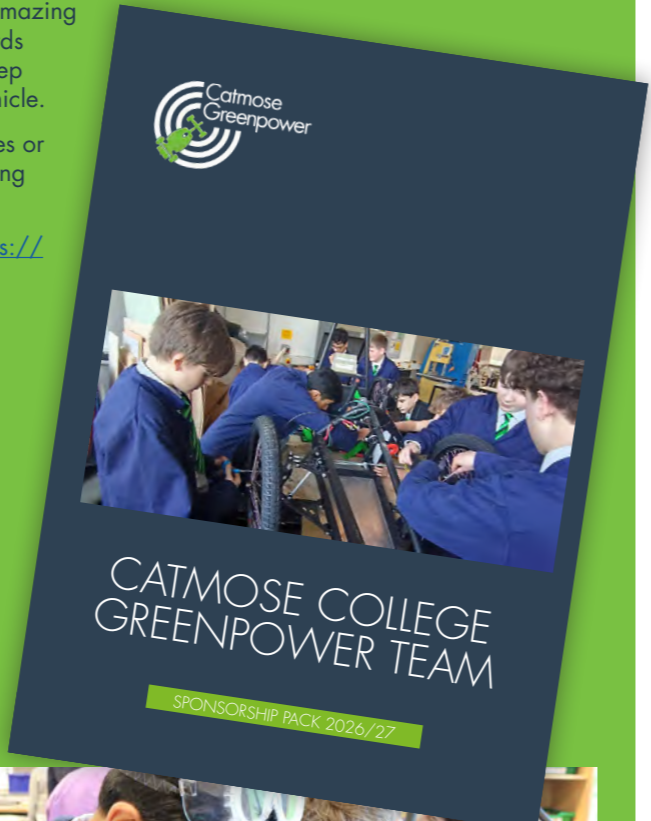


CATMOSE GREENPOWER

Thanks to the hard work of the Catmose Greenpower Team and the amazing support from our school community, they've raised over £1000 towards their project car by organising a non-uniform day. This is a brilliant step forward in helping them design, build, and race their eco-friendly vehicle.

We're now looking to go even further! If there are any local businesses or parents who would be interested in sponsoring the team and supporting this inspiring project, we'd love to hear from you.

You can download the sponsorship pack and find out more here: <https://www.catmosecollege.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/Catmose-Greenpower-Media-Pack.pdf>

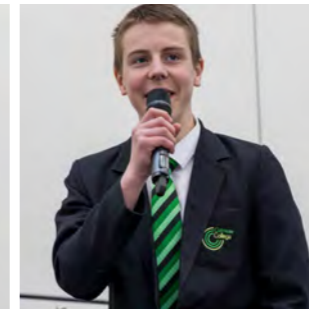


DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD PRACTICE EXPEDITION'S

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.

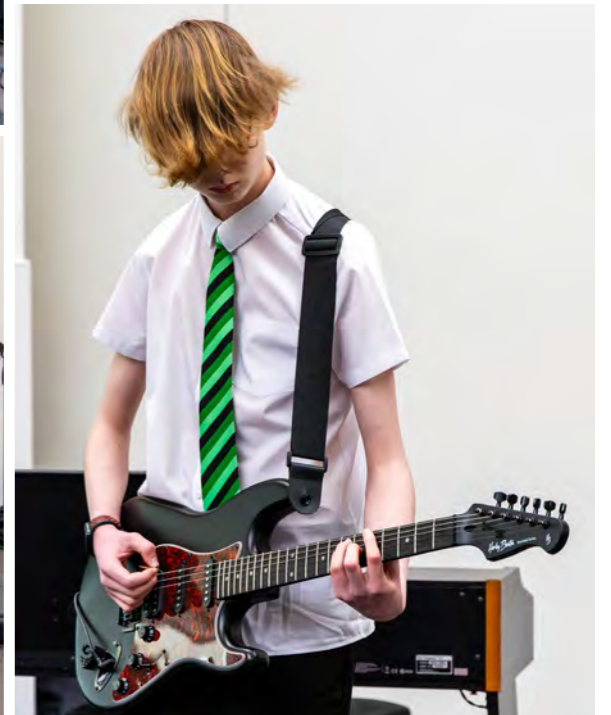
A special thank you to the staff who generously give up their free time at weekends to support and guide our students, your commitment makes these opportunities possible.

Keep up the fantastic work, adventurers!



BATTLE OF THE BANDS

Our annual Battle of the Bands was an epic showdown. Huge respect to Melodic Fusion, The Weasels, Formerly The Liberty, BOXD, Lowburn and Amplitude for rocking the Hellerup with their incredible performances. Congratulations to BOXD for taking the victory in a tight competition and well done to all the bands for their courage and talent.





CHILDCARE EVENT

Our Year 10 & 11 students attended the Childcare Recruitment Event at Rutland Museum, thanks to Alison Chambers from Rutland County Council. They met local colleges, apprenticeship providers, the RCC fostering team, and more exploring careers in childcare firsthand.

Year 10 student Grace said, "You don't need high GCSEs to start an apprenticeship!"

Year 11 student Sophie added, "I definitely want a career in childcare now."

Thanks Alison – see you next year!



DSP TRIP TO MELTON

Our DSP Year 9 and Year 10 students visited Brooksby Melton College.

They were given a tour of the impressive Animal Care section, where they saw rats, ferrets, sheep, dogs, pigs and horses. Students also explored the Creative Media department and the Car Mechanics workshops, gaining a valuable insight into the range of courses and facilities on offer. On returning to College, we discussed the different Post-16 pathways available to support their future career choices.

We are looking forward to visiting Stamford College.

WORLD BOOK DAY BOOK SWAP

To celebrate World Book Day, our English scholars hosted a book swap at College. Students brought in books and swapped them during break and lunch, discovering new reads and sharing their favourites. It was amazing to see so many book lovers come together!



CHARLIE'S PROMISE BAKE SALE

Year 10 student Jasmine spent her entire weekend baking an incredible 300+ cakes to raise money for Charlie's Promise.

Inspired by a powerful and heartbreaking talk from Martin Cosser, Jasmine was determined to make a difference. We recently had the privilege of welcoming Martin into College, where he shared his story following the tragic loss of his son to knife crime.

Through Charlie's Promise, Martin is turning unimaginable heartbreak into action, educating young people about the devastating consequences of carrying knives and the life-saving importance of speaking up.

His message was clear: carrying a knife does not make you safer. By challenging knife culture and reporting concerns, we can help prevent further tragedy.

For her compassion, hard work and commitment to supporting the community, Jasmine was commended by the Principal for her outstanding contribution to the College and the fundraiser. We are so proud of you, Jasmine





SAVE THE DATE

OPEN EVENING

WEDNESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER
FROM 5.00 UNTIL 7.30PM

Catmose College is an Outstanding School
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WHAT'S ON



SCAN TO KEEP UP-TO-DATE WITH EVENTS

APRIL 2026

- Monday 20** Term 5. College opens
- Wednesday 22** DofE Silver kit check
- Wednesday 22** Year 9 Teenage Booster immunisations
- Friday 24-26** DofE Silver Practice
- Friday 24** Year 8 Black Country Living Museum
- Tuesday 28** Year 7 Employer Encounters Experiences
- Thursday 30** Performing Arts Showcase Evening

MAY 2026

- Friday 1** Year 11 Tea Party
- Monday 4** Bank Holiday
- Wednesday 6** DofE Bronze Expedition Group 1 Kit Check
- Wednesday 6** Greenpower Mallory Park
- Wednesday 6** Year 9 Mean Girls Theatre Trip
- Saturday 9-10** DofE Bronze Training & Practice Expedition Group 1
- Monday 11** Year 7 Lincoln Trip
- Tuesday 12** Year 7 Lincoln Trip
- Wednesday 13** DofE Bronze Expedition Group 2 Kit Check
- Thursday 14** Scholars National Museum of Computing Trip
- Saturday 16-17** DofE bronze Training & Practice Expedition Group 2
- Tuesday 19** Year 10 Cambridge Art Trip
- Friday 22** Term 5. College closes
- Thursday 28** Year 9 & 10 French Exchange
- June 3** Away Leg
- Sunday 31** Year 8 Yorkshire Residential
- June 2**

JUNE 2026

- Monday 1** Term 6. College opens
- Wednesday 3** Year 7 Burghley House Trip
- Thursday 4** Year 8 Rutland Water Trip
- Friday 5** Year 8 Rutland Water Trip
- Tuesday 9** Year 7 Bletchley Park

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