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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.

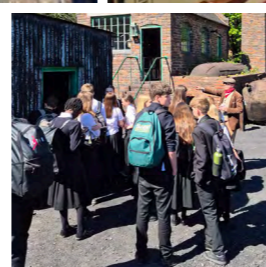
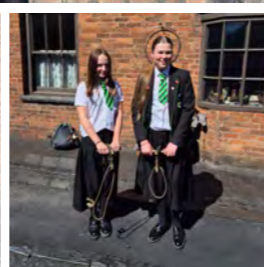
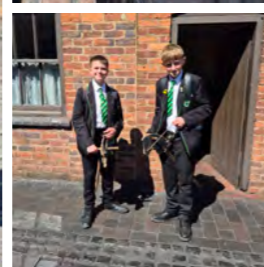




BLACK COUNTRY LIVING MUSEUM TRIP

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.





SPRING CONCERT

We were delighted to welcome parents, guardians, and family members into the theatre for this year's Performing Arts Showcase. The evening featured a vibrant mix of musical and drama performances from students across all year groups at Catmose College and Harington School.

From orchestral and choral pieces to solos, alongside engaging monologues and group drama performances, the showcase highlighted students' talent, creativity, and dedication. Thank you to everyone who attended to support and celebrate their hard work.



VARSITY ROUNDUP - TERM 5

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



NETBALL WORKSHOP

Some of our Year 9 and 10 girls had the fantastic opportunity to take part in a netball workshop at Uppingham School, led by Hannah Joseph (Loughborough Lightning Player).

The girls participated in a range of fun and engaging drills and exercises, developing their skills while having a great time. A brilliant experience for everyone involved.



INDOOR ATHLETICS

Congratulations to our Year 7 and Year 8 girls on their fantastic performances at the Leicestershire Indoor Athletics Finals. The Year 7 girls finished an excellent 4th place, showing great talent, determination, and teamwork throughout the competition. The Year 8 girls achieved a brilliant 3rd place after finishing 4th for the past two years. Their dedication and commitment paid off with an inspiring and well-deserved podium finish.



FLOOR AND VAULT FINALS

Huge congrats to our U13 girls team for smashing it at the National Floor & Vault Final. An incredible 6th place finish against some seriously tough competition! Every gymnast delivered amazing routines and stepped up when it mattered most — we couldn't be prouder. Well done, girls!



ALLSTAR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

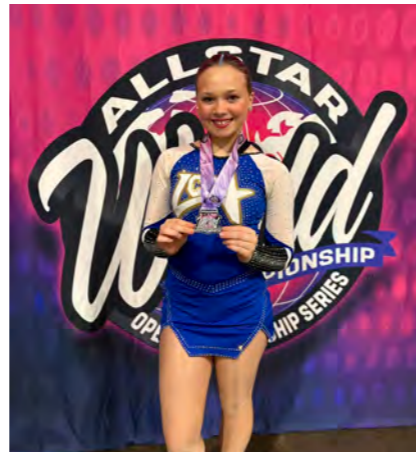
Competing at the Allstar World Championship is an achievement in itself—but finishing 6th in the world and becoming the highest-ranked English team in the Junior Pom division is something truly special, especially in their debut year.

The level of talent at this event is incredible, with a record-breaking 1,961 teams competing across 29 Cheer and Dance divisions from around the globe. Despite that, Arabella and her teammates from Lincolnshire Cheer and Dance Academy performed with confidence, passion, and true teamwork, absolutely holding their own on the world stage.

Arabella summed it up perfectly:

“This year we made our mark, the goal now is to earn another bid to attend Allstar Worlds again, but with our eyes on a medal position.”

What an unforgettable achievement.



OUTDOOR ATHLETIC SUCCESS

A fantastic day at the Leicestershire & Rutland Combined Events Championship at Corby Athletics Stadium, where our students delivered outstanding performances across all age groups. Our Year 7s excelled in the Quadrathlon with Mere taking 1st place, Josh 2nd, and Arthur 3rd. In the Pentathlon, Bethany (Year 8) and William (Year 9) both secured 2nd place and will now represent Leicestershire & Rutland in the finals. A brilliant effort from all athletes, including our Year 10/11 students who rose to the challenge, with some competing in the combined events for the first time.



OAKHAM AND CATMOSE CELEBRATE COUNTY CUP AND TIGERS SUCCESS

Oakham Rugby Football Club Under-15s were crowned Plate County Cup champions after a hard-fought win over Leicester Forest East RFC. Captain Owen lifted the trophy alongside teammates Tycho, Charlie, Harry D, Harry B, Gerard, Dexter, Albert, Jack and Auburn.

Owen and Charlie, both members of Leicester Tigers Under-15s, also helped Team Leicestershire win every match against Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire and Derbyshire. Harry, another Tigers squad member, missed out through injury.

A proud achievement for the Catmose and Oakham RFC boys.



MIXED NETBALL TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to our Year 10 students for representing the College in our first-ever mixed netball tournament.

Both Catmose Blue and Catmose Yellow performed brilliantly, demonstrating excellent teamwork, determination and sportsmanship throughout the evening and securing a number of impressive wins.

A special well done to Catmose Blue, who remained undefeated across all of their matches.

A fantastic effort from everyone involved and a real credit to the College.

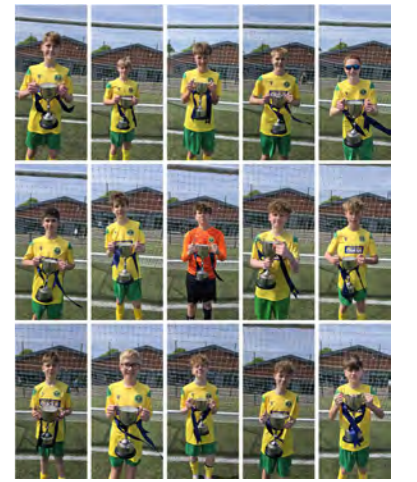
OAKHAM UNITED LIFT THE CHAIRMAN'S CUP

Huge congratulations to Oakham United U14s on an incredible weekend result.

After going 2-0 down at half-time despite dominating much of the game, the team fought back in the second half, levelling it at 2-2.

The match went to penalties, where Oakham held their nerve to secure a 5-4 victory and lift the Chairman's Cup.

A fantastic comeback and a brilliant achievement, well done to everyone involved!



GEORGE TOPS UK U14 JAVELIN RANKINGS

Fantastic start to the season for Year 8 student George, who is already making a big impact in athletics.

At the East Anglian Track & Field League, in his first competition of the year, George threw an outstanding 48.09m in the javelin. This performance moved him to UK U14 No. 1.

He has since gone on to win the javelin title at the Leicestershire, Northamptonshire and Rutland County Championships, as well as securing second place in the shot put.

An exceptional achievement and a very exciting season ahead for George.

Special thanks to the PE team for recognising his talent in lessons and helping him begin this journey.





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.



ROTARY YOUNG WRITERS COMPETITION

Congratulations to all of our talented students who took part in the Rotary Young Writers competition this year. We are especially proud to celebrate Jasmine, who was named Senior Winner, along with Harrison as Senior Runner Up and Lauren, who received a Highly Commended award. In the Intermediate category, congratulations to Henrietta and Sofia for their outstanding achievements. We also applaud our Intermediate certificate recipients: Selphie, Irena, Hermione, Daisy, Isabella, Callie, Lola, Evelyn, Teddy, Grace and Evie. Your creativity, imagination and hard work have made us incredibly proud. Well done to every student who entered.

MAIA VOKES COURAGE TO SHINE AWARD

Congratulations to Year 9 student Thomas on being awarded the Maia Vokes Award – Courage to Shine.

A well-deserved recognition for his outstanding performance as Roger in our recent production of Grease.



GREENPOWER RACE AT MALLORY PARK

A very successful day for CCGPT (Catmose College Greenpower Team) racing against 40 other teams at Mallory Park Circuit

The inaugural flight of the "Catmose Comet" resulted in a very creditable performance of 15th in their classification in the first race. Race two brought an awesome 8th place finish, especially impressive after the team was sitting 22nd after 10 laps.

With future upgrades already planned, the future is looking very bright for the team. Well done to everyone involved.

A huge thank you to the team's sponsors for their support: AnimeCon, Tim Norton, Fisher German and the Youth Education Project (YEP!).



WEAR IT BLUE NON-UNIFORM DAY

Our amazing students showed their support for the Royal Brompton & Harefield Hospital and Charlie's Promise charities by wearing blue for a non-uniform day and raised an incredible £1550! A huge thank you to everyone who took part and donated. Your generosity truly makes a difference.



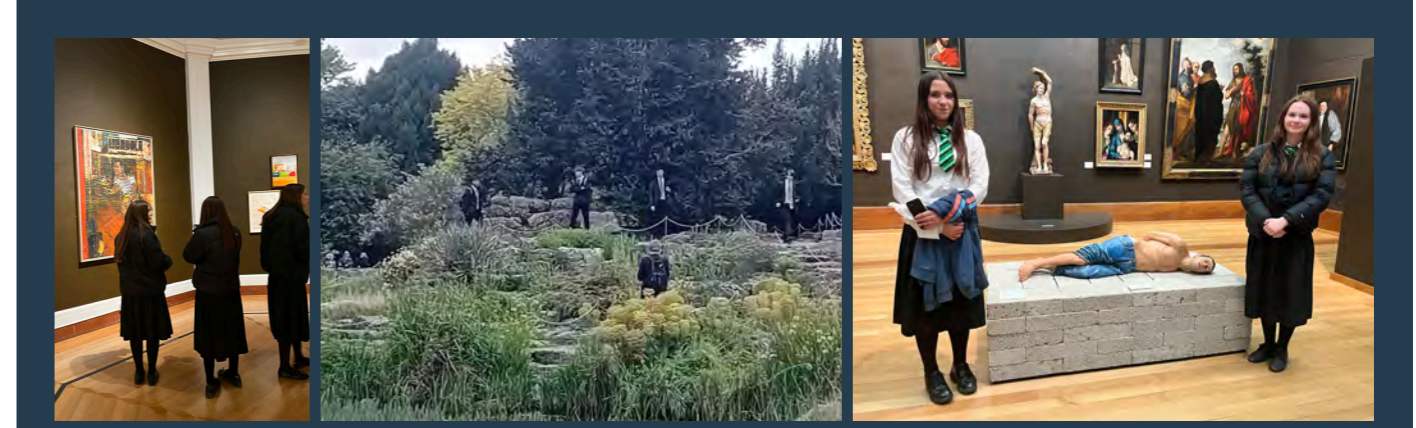
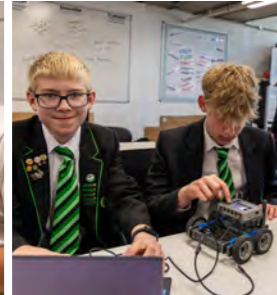
COMPUTER SCHOLARS BLETCHLEY TRIP

Forty of our students recently enjoyed an inspiring visit to alongside three members of staff. During a fascinating guided tour, students explored the story of British computing history, from the groundbreaking cryptography research at to the remarkable Colossus computer, which helped decipher the German Lorenz cipher during the Second World War. Students also discovered the origins of commercial computing and computing education

through the iconic BBC Micro, with everyone having the opportunity to write and run their own programs in BASIC. The museum team were incredibly knowledgeable and accommodating, and even treated us to a live demonstration of the working Colossus machine. A memorable and educational experience for all—we look forward to returning with more students in the future!

ROBOTIC WORKSHOP

Year 9 students recently took part in a Robotic workshop at College. They had a hands-on experience, building and programming robots using a kit and coding techniques. The main challenge of the workshop was to construct a robot capable of navigating a circuit without colliding with strategically placed cones. The ultimate goal was to complete the circuit in the shortest time possible using teamwork, problem-solving, and technical skills. The workshop was a resounding success that sparked inspiration among the students, motivating them to explore further possibilities in robotics and paving the way for their future endeavors in STEM-related fields.



CAMBRIDGE ART TRIP

Our Year 10 Art students had a fantastic day in Cambridge. From exploring artefacts at the Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology to capturing the city's vibrant market and stunning architecture, their day was filled with inspiration for their GCSE coursework.



DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S PRACTICE EXPEDITIONS

Our DoE 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

Year 7 at Catmose College stepped into the world of work this week. From paramedics and computing with IBM to engineering with Heidelberg Materials, plus journalism, self-employment and sessions on "it's okay not to know yet", students explored 9 different career pathways in one inspiring afternoon.

95% said they enjoyed the experience and found it valuable when thinking about their future.

A huge thank you to our incredible speakers, local STEM community, parents, alumni and staff for bringing careers to life.

Interested in inspiring the next generation? Get involved: 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.

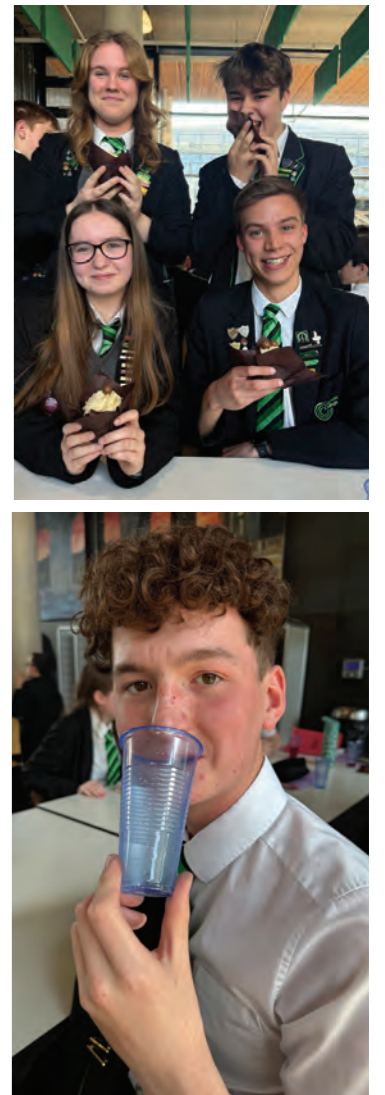
During the exam period, it is normal to feel a mix of nerves and excitement. Remember to stay calm, take deep breaths, and trust in your preparation. Believe in yourself and your abilities, you have all the tools necessary to succeed.

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 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

JUNE 2026

- Monday 1** Term 6. College opens
- Wednesday 3** Year 7 Burghley House trip
- Thursday 4/5** Year 8 Rutland Water trip
- Tuesday 9** Year 7 Bletchley Park
- Thursday 11** Year 7 Bletchley Park
- Friday 12** Year 11 Leavers' Assembly
- Friday 12-13** DofE Bronze qualifying expedition group 1
- Tuesday 16** Year 10 Employer Encounters Experiences
- Friday 19-20** DofE Bronze qualifying expedition group 2
- Thursday 25** Sports Day
- Friday 26** DSP Warwick Castle Trip
- Monday 29-5 July** Year 9 & 10 French Exchange Home Leg
- Tuesday 30** Year 6 Transition Day

JULY 2026

- Wednesday 1** Year 9 University of Nottingham
- Thursday 2** Year 7 Hercules production
- Thursday 2** Year 8 Burton Lazars Farm Trip
- Friday 3-5** DofE Silver qualifying expedition
- Tuesday 7** Year 8 Burton Lazars Farm Trip
- Tuesday 7** Year 9 & 10 Toletorpe Hall Trip
- Friday 10** Term 6. College closes

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



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