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MAGISTRATES COURT TRIP

The High Sheriff of Rutland, Geoff Thompson, invited students from Catmose College to attend 'mock trials' at Oakham Castle, one of the oldest-continuously used courts in the country, recently having sat as a crown court every two years since 1229. The trials are held in Oakham Castle where it is set up as a court with the Bench, Dock and the Bar for counsel. This provides the atmosphere of the Court.

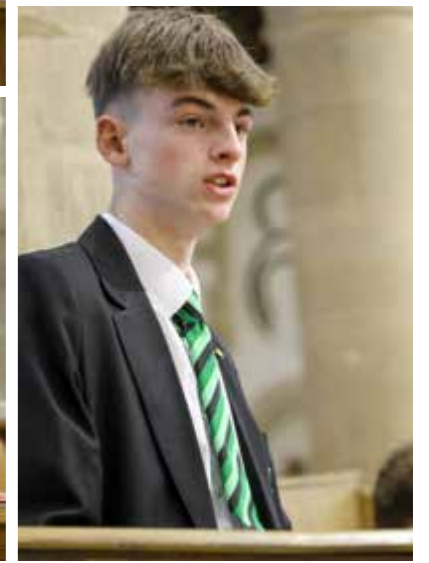
Year 10 students volunteered for roles such as magistrate, prosecuting solicitor, defending solicitor, the accused, witnesses and the Court Usher and were given a script to act out and follow.

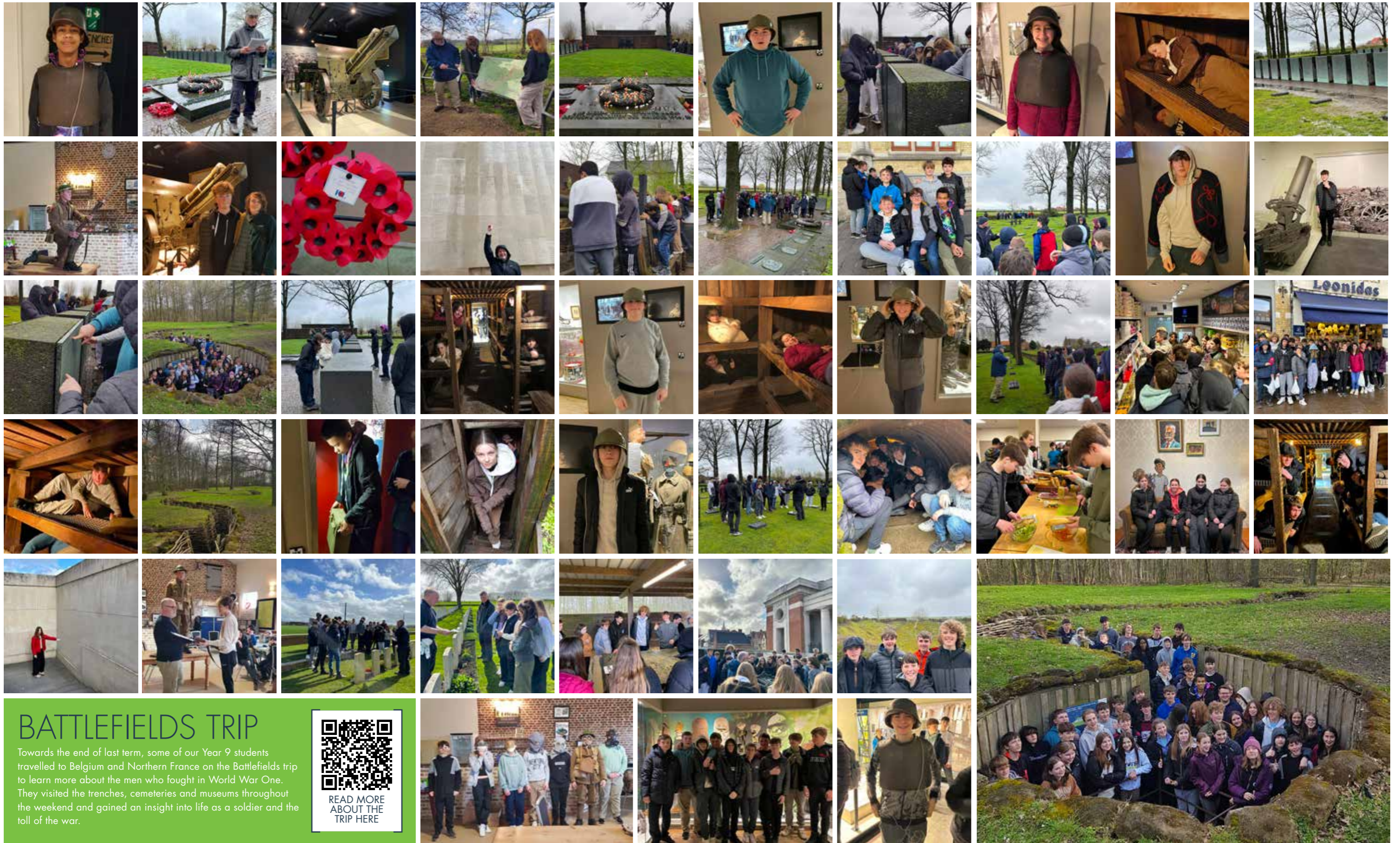
"I volunteered as the crown prosecutor. We worked through the script and even had to do a little improvisation which might have thrown a few people off. It really helped me to understand how a trial works and what other people there are in a trial other than just lawyers and the judge, which is what I originally thought." - Laura

"During the experience at Oakham Castle, students listened to a demonstration about how sentencing works in the Magistrates Court. This was accompanied by a case example where students had to decide what the best course of action would be. Overall, this was a very insightful trip and helped students to understand the important role of a Magistrate within society. We were told about the importance of having Magistrates from all walks of life and having the opportunity to talk to them was incredibly beneficial.' - Eve

We thank the magistrates, Ben, Martin, and Carolyn, and Geoff, the High Sheriff, for giving up their time to provide our students with the experience. Thank you also to the staff at Oakham Castle for providing the realistic location.

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





BATTLEFIELDS TRIP

Towards the end of last term, some of our Year 9 students travelled to Belgium and Northern France on the Battlefields trip to learn more about the men who fought in World War One. They visited the trenches, cemeteries and museums throughout the weekend and gained an insight into life as a soldier and the toll of the war.



READ MORE ABOUT THE TRIP HERE



YEAR 10 BTEC ART AND DESIGN

Last term Year 10 BTEC Art and Design students visited Catmose Primary to help students in Years 1, 2 and pre-school create artwork based on Michael Rosen's book: 'We're going on a bear hunt'.

Students delivered a separate workshop for each year group where they produced artwork based on two of the environments that the family travelled through for example; they waded through the grass, splash through the river and squelch through the mud in search of the bear.

They used a variety of materials and techniques to produce the artwork ranging from simple colouring for the pre-school pupils to more intricate folding and cutting techniques for Years 1 and 2.

The BTEC students will use this experience as part of their coursework on the theme of 'Narrative' which has been set by the exam board.

Both Year 10 students and Catmose Primary pupils thoroughly enjoyed the experience and produced excellent artwork for display in the primary school.



YEAR 7 LINCOLN CASTLE 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.

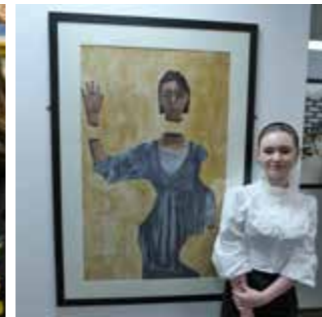


GERMAN EXCHANGE

"At the end of last term, students studying German at Catmose College completed the second leg of their German exchange with Alfred-Amann-Gymnasium, Bönningheim. During the trip, alongside some beneficial days in a German school, students visited Triberg and had the opportunity to see the famous "Triberger Wasserfälle". As well as spending time with their exchange partners walking around their home town, students enjoyed a disco at the school, which was a really fun evening. Students also visited Schwäbisch Hall, a historic town where they received a tour and had the chance to participate in an art workshop at the "Kunsthalle Würth". Every experience on this exchange was incredibly valuable and many friendships have been formed for the future!"

Eve, Year 10





RUTLAND YOUTH OPEN ART COMPETITION

Art students from College and Harington School have enjoyed great success in the Arts for Rutland Youth Open Art Exhibition. Congratulations to the selected winners; Elise, Freya, Melody and Maddie. As well as Eleanor, Karenza, Daisy and Annie whose entries were highly commended.

The Art team had a wonderful response from students to the competition. Media such as drawing, painting and sculpture were used to produce the wonderful display of artwork. Well done to all the students that took part, to have their work on display is a great achievement. The exhibition of all the fabulous artwork remains on display in Oakham Museum until 30th April.





SPRING CONCERT

We were delighted to welcome parents and guardians into the theatre for our Spring Concert this week.

The evening featured a variety of musical and drama performances from students in all year groups from the College and Harington School.



SCAN TO WATCH THE FULL CONCERT





APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

During National Apprenticeship Week our Careers team organised an informative and successful event for our students.

We were delighted to see Catmose College Alumni Bert and Will, who found their apprenticeships with local businesses during last year's event. Representatives from a number of apprenticeship providers, both training and placement, were in attendance, alongside uniformed services and local companies. We are thrilled that local businesses are supporting the new Catmose College Business group to help bring the world of work into the classroom.



ENGINEERING EVENT

Recently 21 Year 10 engineering students attended the Stamford Construction Engineering Skills and Careers Event at Stamford College. The event was organised by Steve Taylor from the South Lincolnshire Group Training Association.

Students had the opportunity to try various tasks such as making basic plumbing joints with copper and plastic piping; joinery by building bird boxes, tiling skills and the basics of house building.

Another group of students tried earth structures, JCB driving, using lead to waterproof a roof and surveying.

Finally the workshop tutors gave out awards to the best students who took part in their workshop. Harry was given an award for his excellence not only in tiling, but also assisting and teaching his fellow students to cut the tiles. Sophie achieved two tutor awards for roof tiling and earth structures and Bertie achieved his award for the tetrahedron task.

Sophie said "The event was very knowledgeable and has helped me think about my future".

We thank the South Lincolnshire Group Training Association and Inspire Education Group for putting on this inspirational event and we look forward to attending next year.



SMB COLLEGE TALK

As part of our Careers Programme, we provide opportunities with educational and training providers to inform all students from years 7 – 11 about potential pathways available to them when they leave Catmose College at 16.

This term Year 7 and 8 have had an assembly with Rahul Lakhani from at SMB College Group where he informed the students of all the pathways available within the Colleges but especially the option of the T levels.

We thank Rahul for informing our students and staff of the wide range of opportunities available to them within the @SMB College Group.



If you or your company would like to be included in our Business group or you feel you could assist with our lunchtime careers talks or other events, please email careers@catmosecollege.com





DOFE DAY WALKS

Bronze and Silver DofE students had wonderful day walks, training for their Practice expeditions. Their furry friends Conker, Mabel and Lenny were a great motivation!

UKRAINE WAR ASSEMBLIES

During assemblies students were shown two very powerful and moving videos. They are the work of two Ukrainian families and tell the stories of two students in Year 7 and Year 11 who had to flee Ukraine after the invasion by Russia.



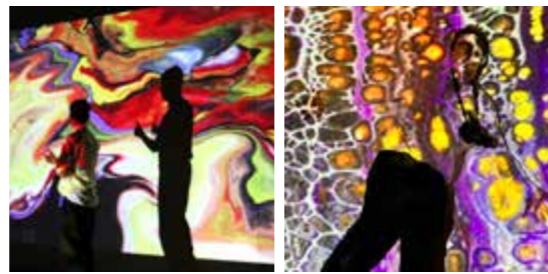
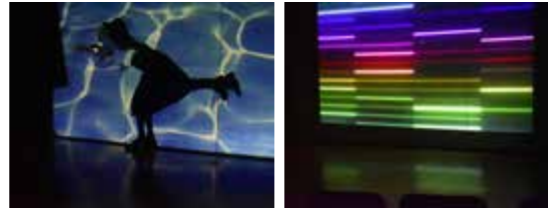
Nika and Illia were commended by Mr Williams for bravely sharing their stories. Thank you.



SCAN TO WATCH BOTH VIDEOS

ICELAND WORKSHOP

Some wonderful work completed by our Iceland residential trip and photography scholars who attended a projections and digital editing workshop last term.



YEAR 10 ENTRY LEVEL SCIENCE

Last term Year 10 DSP students worked on their Entry Level Science, practical element. They had to independently research, write their own method, create a hypothesis and conduct the experiment. Students did a brilliant job and were all able to take part in individual and team elements.

Fraud:

Fraud = wrongful or criminal deception intended to result in financial or personal gain.

What is the largest fraud case in the UK? International email website deposit was taken down in the UK's biggest-ever fraud operation by the Metropolitan Police, codenamed Operation Eternos. More than £40 million was taken from victims as a result of the platform, the force said.

Based on threat intelligence theory, there are five business attack types which are: Compromise, Appropriation, Pressure, Harassment and Ransomware.

Fraud has grown hugely in recent years and now accounts for 39% of all crime. Evidence from the Crime Survey for England and Wales (CSEW) showed there were 4.2 million fraud offences in the year ending March 2024. This compares to 3 million offences in 2018 and 2.6 million offences in 2013.

In England and Wales there were 4,200,000 fraud offences in 2023. This compares to 3,000,000 in 2018 and 2,600,000 in 2013.

The average cost of a fraud offence is £1,000. This compares to £1,000 for a burglary and £1,000 for a car theft.

66% of fraud victims are aged 65 and over.

65% of fraud victims are female.

21% of fraud victims are aged 16-24.

PIC-COLLAGES

THE ROTARY YOUNG WRITER COMPETITION

Communication skills are one of the most sought after and useful skills that young people can demonstrate.

The Rotary Young Writer competition provides an opportunity for students to put their creative skills to the test. This year they were asked to produce a story around the theme of 'Peace'.

Congratulations to all the winners, runners-up and highly commended students that took part.

FRAUD POSTER

During their tutorial Year 10 have been talking about money matters and touched on financial fraud. Year 10 student Olivia produced this fantastic poster completely independently.



YEAR 7 FORENSIC SCIENCE ELECTIVE

During the CSI Elective last term, Year 7 students practiced several forensic styled techniques that lead to a game of Cluedo. The students had to use what they had investigated and practiced over the last five weeks to help them solve the Cluedo murder.



SNOW DAY

During Friday 10 March students worked from home due to the extreme weather. Year 10 were set a task during their tutorial to build a snowman or bake a cake.



PHOTOSHOP DESIGN ELECTIVE

This amazing logo was designed by Year 10 student Josh in his Photoshop Elective this Term.



HUSKY RACING

Well done Year 7 student Charles placing 5th in the 2-husky BSHRA (British Siberian Husky Racing Association) championship. This was a great result for Charlie as he has only recently been promoted to this category. He also won 3rd place during the Fun Day Race at the same championship a few weeks ago.

RUTLAND AND MELTON SCHOOLS DEBATING COMPETITION

Congratulations to Eve, Laura, Matthew and Monty in Year 10 who on Friday were crowned the winners of the inaugural Rutland and Melton Schools Debating Competition, which took place at the Houses of Parliament. Six schools from the region took part and Catmose students put lots of time effort into researching and preparing debates on free speech and NHS funding.

After two rounds of competition, Catmose were selected to go through to the final against Harington School in a debate over whether assisted dying should be legalised in the UK. Whilst both sides made passionate and mature points, Catmose were declared the victors!

After their win, the students were treated to a tour around Parliament, including in the House of Commons and House of Lords.

Many thanks to Alicia Kearns, MP for Rutland and Melton, for organising a fabulous competition and to the judges, Edward Agar MP, Baroness Berridge, and Geoff Thompson, former High Sheriff of Rutland.



3-D ARTWORK

Year 7, 8 and 9 produced some wonderful three-dimensional artwork in their classes last term.



CATMOSE DANCE SHOW

During term 4 we held our 7th annual Catmose Dance Show with students from Catmose Primary, Ctmosse College and Harington School 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.

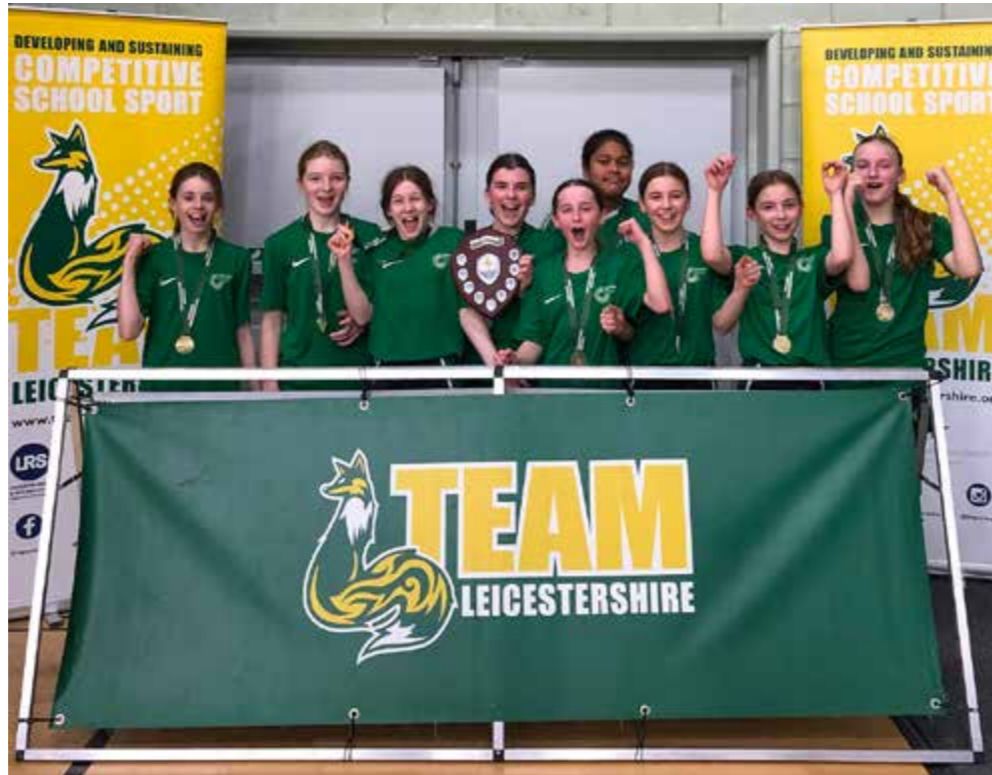


VARSITY ROUNDUP - TERM 4



BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS

Year 7 girls won their game in the finals at The Morningside Arena to become the Team Leicestershire basketball champions! Congratulations on this huge achievement.



ATHLETICS CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to the Year 7 girls Sports Hall Athletics Team who were recently crowned champions at the Leicestershire and Rutland Regional Finals. A fantastic achievement. Our Year 7 boys team also finished a respectable 4th against some of the top athletes in the county. Well done to all that took part.



NATIONAL TEAM MILANO COMPETITION

Fantastic performances from all students who competed at the National Team Milano competition. All gymnasts performed an individual floor routine, vault and a group sequence. The U13 mixed team placed 3rd as a region and the U16 mixed team placed 2nd overall and 3rd as a region! Bring on the national floor and vault finals in May.

CROSS COUNTRY

Well done to Year 7 student Aubrey who represented Leicestershire and Rutland in the under 13 team at the Inter Counties Cross Country Championship.



FOOTBALL SUCCESS

Year 7 students Aaliya and Sofia are a part of the Asfordby Amateurs U12's girls team. They recently played in a semi cup final against Leicester City and won 2-0.



& JULIET TRIP

Year 8 students travelled to London to watch a performance of ' & Juliet' at the Shaftsbury Theatre. After some free time exploring Leicester Square and a filling lunch at Pizza Hut they were all excited and ready for the performance. There was lots of singing and shoulder shaking by the students and most agreed that it was 'one of the best shows ever'.



WHAT'S ON



SCAN TO KEEP UP-TO-DATE WITH EVENTS

APRIL 2023

- Monday 17** Term 4. College opens
- Monday 17** DoFE Silver - Kit Check
- Tuesday 18** Music Scholars Royal Concert Hall Nottingham trip

- Thursday 20- Saturday 22** DoFE Silver Practice Expedition
- Friday 21** Legally Blonde - Daytime Technical Rehearsal

- Monday 24** Legally Blonde - Daytime Technical Rehearsal

- Tuesday 25** Year 10 Art and Design Cambridge Trip

- Wednesday 26** Legally Blonde evening show
- Thursday 27** Legally Blonde evening show
- Friday 28** Legally Blonde evening show

- Friday 28- Tuesday 2 May** Iceland Residential
- Saturday 29** Legally Blonde matinee and evening show

MAY 2023

- Wednesday 3** Year 7 Progress Evening
- Thursday 4** Year 7 - World of Work Day
- Friday 5** Year 8 - Black Country Museum Trip

- Tuesday 9** Year 8 Leicester Mosque Trip
- Wednesday 10** DoFE Bronze Group A Kit Check
- Thursday 11** Year 8 - HPV Vaccinations
- Saturday 13-14** DoFE Bronze Group A - Training & Practice Expedition

- Monday 22** Provisional GCSE Examination Timetable begins

- Monday 22** Year 10 Work Experience Week
- Tuesday 23** Year 8 Leicester Mosque Trip
- Thursday 25-31** French Exchange (Away Hosting)
- Thursday 25** Year 8 - World of Work Day
- Friday 26** Term 5. College closes

JUNE 2023

- Monday 5** Term 6. College opens
- Tuesday 6** Year 7 Burghley House Trip
- Wednesday 7** DoFE Bronze Group A - Kit Check



LEGALLY BLONDE THE MUSICAL



A CATMOSE COLLEGE AND HARINGTON SCHOOL
MUSICAL PRODUCTION

26 - 29 APRIL 2023

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE PERFORMANCE AND TO BOOK TICKETS PLEASE VISIT
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Music and Lyrics by Laurence O'Keefe and Nell Benjamin. Book by Heather Hoch. Based on the novel by Amanda Brown and the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer motion picture. This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International. All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI www.mtishows.co.uk