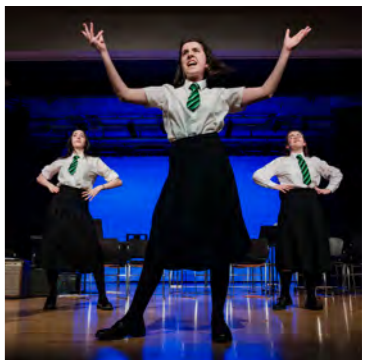
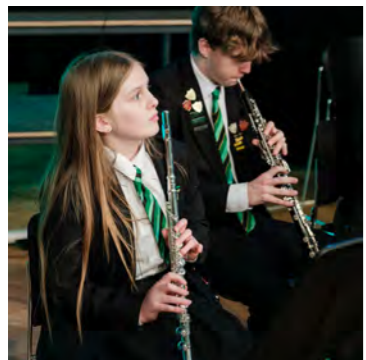


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SPRING CONCERT

We were delighted to welcome parents and guardians into the theatre for our Spring Concert. The evening featured a variety of musical and drama performances from students in all year groups from the College and Harington School. The full concert is now available to view on the College website.



SCAN TO WATCH THE FULL CONCERT





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 solely 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



LINCOLN CASTLE TRIP

Our Year 7 students embarked on a journey through medieval history during their recent trip to Lincoln. They explored the majestic Lincoln Cathedral, hunted for the famous Lincoln Imp and brought history to life in the world of King John and the Magna Carta with an engaging play. Afternoon adventures took them to the historic Lincoln Castle, built by William the Conqueror in 1068, where they walked along the castle walls, uncovering tales of medieval sieges. Did you know Lincoln Castle boasts not one, but two mottes?

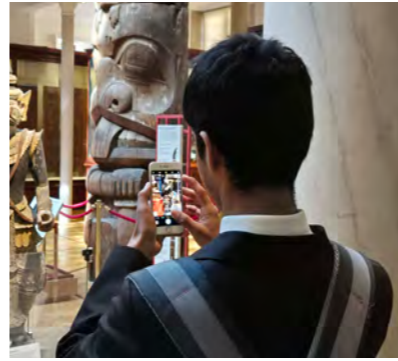




THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF EDINBURGH VISIT OAKHAM CASTLE

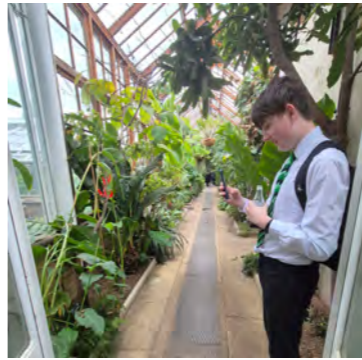
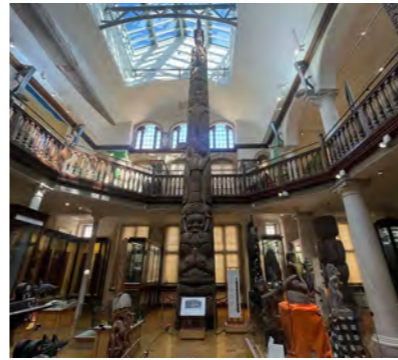
Such a memorable day for our DoFE students and Royal Air Force Air Cadets who had the honour of meeting the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh during their Royal visit to Oakham Castle. A truly unforgettable experience.

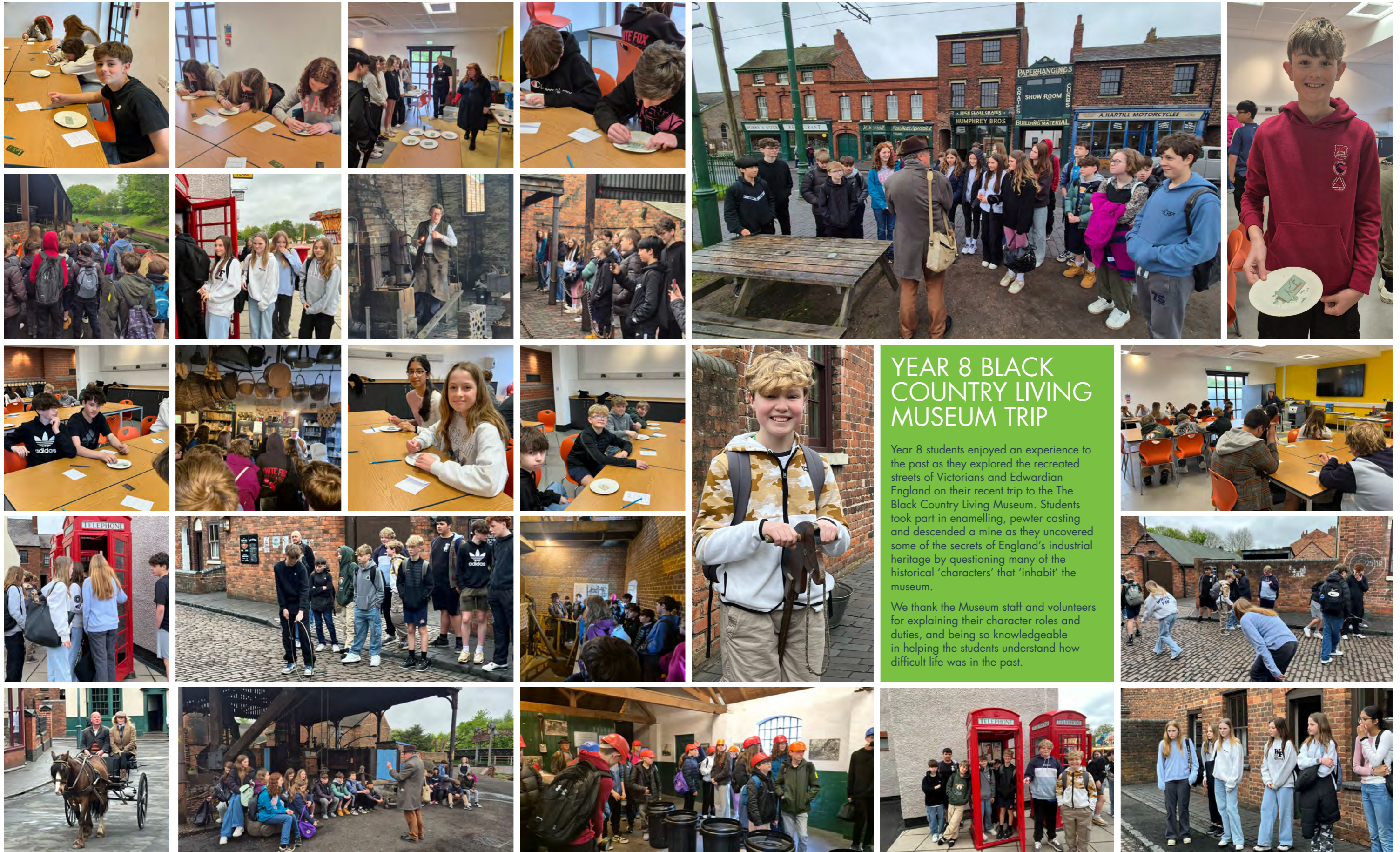




CAMBRIDGE ART & DESIGN TRIP

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.

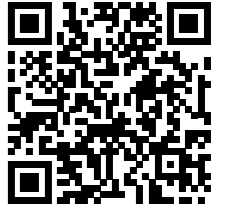




YEAR 8 BLACK COUNTRY LIVING MUSEUM TRIP

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 the students understand how difficult life was in the past.



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VARSITY ROUNDUP - TERM 5



VARSITY ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIP

This term our students competed at the Varsity Athletics event against other schools in the area. They showcased remarkable sportsmanship, attitude and effort. In terms of sporting achievements, several students set personal bests and secured top positions in their events. The event was a resounding success, highlighting the dedication and talent of our young athletes.

AQUATHLON SUCCESS

Fantastic results at the Aquathlon. Elliot clinched the podium with an amazing 3rd place in the youth category, while Aubrey and Charlie showcased their skills finishing 5th and 9th in Tristar 3. Well done to all! They are all proud members of Ketton Panthers Junior Tri Club, where young athletes aged 4-16 gather for fun and friendly sessions every Friday.



RUGBY COUNTY CUP

Congratulations to Year 8 students Gerard, Harry, Owen and Charlie, representing the U13 Oakham Rugby team. Along with their teammates, they dominated the field, winning the County Cup in the final against Market Harborough at Melton. Winning all 6 matches without conceding a single try against them. Well done on this amazing achievement.

NATIONAL COMPETITION GYMNASTIC SUCCESS

Join us in congratulating all the talented gymnasts who competed at the National floor and vault competition in Stoke-on-Trent! Both the U14 and U19 teams secured spots in the final by dominating their regional competition, an outstanding achievement! The U19 team clinched the title of National champions, emerging victorious against nine other schools. Special mention to Year 11 student, Jack, for defending his title and securing the highest score for the second consecutive year in the U19 boys category. We are so proud of all our gymnasts' dedication and hard work!



COUNTY CHAMPION

Year 8 student Maisie competed in the County championship up against the best athletes from Leicestershire and Rutland. Highlights included winning the U15 High Jump with 1.41m, the 200m and 100m final with a new PB of 12.92. A fantastic weekend with Maisie becoming County Champion in 3 events, bringing home 3 golds. She has now been selected to compete for the County in pentathlon and County Athletics.

RUTLAND SCHOOL GAMES INDOOR ATHLETICS

Incredible achievements from our teams at the Leicestershire and Rutland School Games Indoor Athletics Finals. Year 7 girls and Year 8 boys showed their strength with 4th place finishes, while Year 7 boys took 3rd. Huge congratulations to our Year 8 girls for reclaiming the championship title, and their exemplary sportsmanship earned them the 'Spirit of the Games' award. We are so proud of you all.



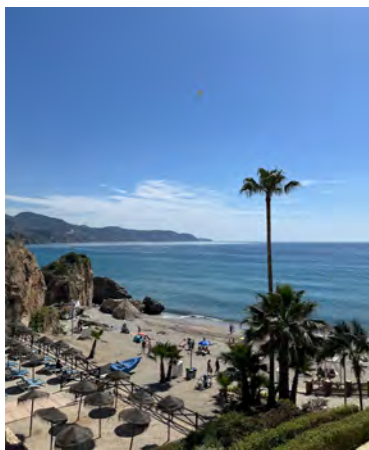
DUKE OF EDINBURGH PRACTICE EXPEDITION

Our DoFE students have taken another step towards their Bronze and Silver Awards by completing a practice expedition. Their dedication and perseverance are truly commendable.



SPANISH EXCHANGE AWAY

During their time away students spent the weekend with their partners on the beaches in Almerimar, and travelled to the famous caves at Nerjar before exploring the city!



STAFF STEP CHALLENGE

Congratulations to our Catmose Site Team who won our Staff Step Challenge recently. As part of an initiative to improve staff activity levels and general wellbeing, staff were set the task of trying to complete 10,000 steps every day and organised themselves into teams to compete in the competition.

Despite some fantastic efforts from a wide array of colleagues in the 17 teams that took part it was our Site Team who triumphed. Well done guys, a great effort.

BRASS BAND CHAMPIONSHIP

Over the bank holiday weekend, Abi and William proudly represented the UK in the European Brass Band Championships held in Palanga, Lithuania, alongside the Youth Brass 2000. Abi playing the cornet and William on the trombone.

The results were very close but not enough to bring the trophy home this time. It was a great experience for them both to perform at the amazing concert hall and to be live streamed around the world, Abi even got to be part of a televised interview too. Well done both



UKMT INTERMEDIATE MATHEMATICS CHALLENGE

Year 9 and Year 10 students celebrated being awarded a Bronze, Silver or Gold certificate in the UKMT Intermediate Mathematics Challenge (IMC).

The challenge involves solving 25 interesting (brain bending) problems that require hard thinking. This is a wonderful achievement for all those involved.

INAUGURAL BATTLE OF THE BANDS

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





ROTARY YOUNG WRITERS' COMPETITION

In Spring, English scholars entered the Rotary Young Writers' competition. Judges commented that they were extremely impressed by the high standard of entries, and several of the scholars were highly commended. Congratulations to Charlie (Year 9) and Chiara (Year 10), who both won not only the local heat in their age categories but have both gone on to win the regional competition and have now been entered into the National Final. Well done all.

Renaissance Observed

With midnight feathers and weary travellers' eyes, the echo of the raven's call cascades into the now silenced, scarred, air, as she sits in judgment, witness to the rebuilding of a soul, the efforts of rebirth.

Tired wings rest, as her heart yearns to tell them how, through their own struggles and pain, she has seen others inspired, a call to arms to fight their own fight; stronger, braver, for a story shared.

Observing reaper of souls and emotional torture. How, after failures and defeats, do they not surrender to the cruel blade of fate that has mocked them and laughed so aggressively from the shadows?

Sitting within the skeleton of the wilting tree of tormented memories, the raven bears witness to the rebuilding of a soul, the efforts of rebirth, crawling their way out of darkness towards the beacons of light. They reconstruct themselves, flying out of gloom. They rise reborn and enlightened from the maleficent ashes of despair.

Her eyes glint, as the now strong light that offers up hope to others, reflects from her knowing pearlescent eyes, proud that she has witnessed the rebirth of such a treasured soul. Their family protective and embracing, as they fill the void once filled with turpitude, with their own light.

As empires have rebuilt and conquered before, now the raven spreads her wings and beats them hard, circling above and calling to all of her jubilation, harbinger to a rebirth.

Charlie, Year 9

Conflict: Orchestral Arrangement

Cracks emerge in creeping corners like
Snakes upon a vine, a writing tone, a dissonant
Chord that worms into the mind of the orchestra crescendo
And shrieks in panic and yowls and stings and cries
And shudders into a nuclear climax that
Rips and burns and tears and rains
Down like acrid hellfire onto burst bleeding ears.

Pianissimo

Silence rings

A peal like tinnitus

After the deluge.

Forte

The drum begins a steady beat

Shaking off rubble from rubbed-raw feet

A feeble melody, burbling, hooting crisp and spring

Broken flutes and mangled harps and shattered trumpets cling

To remains. They scratch into the soil

Together, a new harmony born from steep and toil.

Together, a new harmony born from steep and toil.

The conductor is dead.

So brass and string alike forge the path ahead.

To leave behind the splintered spikes.

Rallentando

We turn another page.

The timbre sweet and still.

A rising sun, a golden age, a resting stone, until

Fine

D.C. Al Fine

Chiara, Year 10

YEAR 10 PUKKA PIE VISIT

A big thank you to Pukka Pies for visiting the College, to run an innovation session with one of our Year 10 food groups. Students learned about careers in the food industry, the history of Pukka, and the pie development process. They then created their own pies using Pukka's ingredients. It was a fantastic experience, and we look forward to their return in June to work with our other Year 10 food group. We look forward to welcoming them back in June to run this session with our other year 10 food group.





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OPEN EVENING

WEDNESDAY 9 OCTOBER
FROM 5.30 UNTIL 7.30PM

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WHAT'S ON



SCAN TO KEEP
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WITH EVENTS

JUNE 2024

- Monday 3** Term 6. College opens
- Tuesday 4** Year 7 Burghley House
- Wednesday 5** DoFE Bronze Group 1 Kit Check
- Thursday 6** Year 8 Rutland Water Trip
- Friday 7** Year 8 Rutland Water Trip
- Saturday 8-9** DoFE Bronze Qualifying Expedition Group 1

- Monday 10** Year 7 Bletchley Park
- Wednesday 12-18** Year 9 & 10 French Exchange (Home)
- Wednesday 12** Year 7 John Clare Cottage
- Thursday 13-15** Year 8 Yorkshire Residential
- Monday 17** Year 7 Bletchley Park
- Wednesday 19** DoFE Bronze Group 2 Kit Check
- Wednesday 19** Years 9 & 10 Academic Scholars British Library Trip
- Thursday 20** Year 7-10 County Athletics Championships
- Friday 21-22** DoFE Bronze Qualifying Expedition Group 2
- Friday 21** Year 11 Prom, Brooksby Hall, Melton Mowbray. 6pm drop off at College. 10pm pick up from the venue
- Tuesday 25** Year 10 History London Trip
- Wednesday 26** Year 7 John Clare Cottage
- Thursday 27** Sports Day

JULY 2024

- Monday 1-5** Year 10 World of Work Week
- Tuesday 2** Year 6 Transition Day
- Wednesday 3-5** Claythorpe Court Residential
- Wednesday 3** DoFE Silver Kit Check
- Thursday 4** Year 7 'Wicked' Performance
- Friday 5-7** DoFE Silver Qualifying Expedition
- Friday 12** Term 6. College closes

AUGUST 2024

- Thursday 29** Term 1. College opens