London Newsletter 2017-18

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Thanks to all students and staff at CATS London for helping to make this term such a special one. It has been great to get to know those of you who joined the College this year and I hope that the rest of the academic year proves enjoyable and rewarding for all. I wish you and your families a very happy and restful Christmas holiday and a successful New Year.

- Principal Mario Di Clemente

This term Fine Art year 1 students have been experimenting with brusho (a crystallised watercolour medium) and ink. These mediums are hard to control and give unexpected results creating work that is surprising and unexpected. Students have created vibrant, lively paintings of leaves to demonstrate their newly learnt skills.

To celebrate the start of the festive season (and the end of school term!) students were able to decorate the Premier House residence with Christmas cheer and tinsel. For some this was their first experience of a UK christmas so the accommodation team worked hard to give them a taste of festive British traditions.

Later in the week PE students were treated to a trip to historic Somerset House for an ice skating session to end their term.
ICAEW Workshop

On Wednesday 29th November, The Institute of Chartered Accountants (ICAEW) visited CATS London and held an interactive workshop on developing student’s commercial awareness skills. Aimed at Business A-level and Accounting UFP students, they worked in teams to analyse a Samsung case study, drawing up a SWOT analysis and presenting recommendations to their peers. It was a great opportunity for students to improve their transferable skills for University, and linked in with expectations and requirements of students for their upcoming examinations at CATS London.

Education in Action Workshops

On Friday 24th November, Business A-level students attended a Business Studies Inspiration Day conference. Students had the opportunity to hear from world class speakers, such as Linda Yueh (who discussed the possibility of an end to absolute poverty in our generation), Thomas Oléron Evans (who gave an highly entertaining talk on game theory) and Stephen Clarke from the Resolution Foundation (who discussed UK labour market trends and current debates in the labour market). It was an engaging and informative day which allowed the students to hear about real-life applications of the economic concepts they have met so far in their A-Level course.

On Monday 27th of November, Economics A-level students attended an Economics Inspiration Day conference. Students had the opportunity to hear from five world class speakers, such as Linda Yueh (who discussed the possibility of an end to absolute poverty in our generation), Thomas Oléron Evans (who gave an highly entertaining talk on game theory) and Stephen Clarke from the Resolution Foundation (who discussed UK labour market trends and current debates in the labour market). It was an engaging and informative day which allowed the students to hear about real-life applications of the economic concepts they have met so far in their A-Level course.
Updates on activities

This term students have had the chance to attend five different West End plays and musicals. Highly popular with students last year, this year the number was increased, with students getting to see the long-running Les Miserables, The Lion King, Wicked, The Play that Goes Wrong, and the newly opened Aladdin.

Great Ormond Street Hospital Bake Sale
Students in the Charity Club organised a bake sale in order to raise money for Great Ormond Street Children’s Hospital, a hospital that is very close to the college in Bloomsbury - the team baked together and sold their bakes to staff, students, and visitors, raising more than £130.

French A Level students travelled to the Institut Français in South Kensington to see a new film by Marie Noëlle, which depicts the most turbulent years in the life of scientist Marie Curie.

Students also had the opportunity to look around the Institut Français - which has wonderful resources for learners and aficionados of the French language and culture – as well as experience the French flavour of the neighbourhood of South Kensington itself.

Marie Curie: The Courage of Knowledge

From February 2nd - 4th a joint trip between Art and Modern Languages departments will be going to Florence, Italy. Visiting Uffizi Gallery, Galleria dell’ Academia, the Piazza Michelangelo, and other sites of the city. The trip will cost £500 including travel, accommodation, meals, visits, and travel insurance. All art and languages students have been sent a letter with further details.

Upcoming Trips

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