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London Newsletter 2016-17

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Spring Term

As the end of a busy Spring term approaches, we would like to thank all the students, staff, and parents who have supported the various activities, events, and trips that have taken place over the term. As well as all who have helped welcome our new students who began their courses in January.

Beginning the term with focus, students undertook their mock exams before starting new modules and diving into the second half of the academic year. Throughout the term, with trips to Germany, Spain, Boston, and countless outings around London and the south of England, students have had valuable insights into many different cultures and experiences. Finally, activities and extra-curricular clubs this term have been a great success, with new options like singing, cross-stitch, and yoga at Premier House proving very popular.

We hope that our students continue on with a successful summer term, excellent exam results, and a happy and healthy end to the school year. Thanks again to you all for your support over the last term.

Wishing all students, staff and their families a very happy and restful Easter holiday. Let's all look forward to the challenges of next term and to a very successful outcome.

Mario Di Clemente BA PGCE FRSA
Principal, CATS College London



CIFE Awards Ceremony

On 5 April 2017, CATS London will be one of 20 colleges represented at the Annual Awards Ceremony of the Council for Independent Further Education (CIFE).

The Ceremony at the House of Lords will reward students for achievements in the summer of 2016. Congratulations to Marwah Almadhi who will be presented with a College Award by CIFE's President, Lord Lexden.

Marwah was one of her year group's outstanding academics and achieved four A grades at A level in Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics. She was also awarded an A for her Extended Project Qualification and won a place at University College London to study Biomedical Sciences. She wins her College Prize not only for her academic achievements but also for her excellent all-round contribution to life at CATS London. Well done Marwah!



IoE Lectures

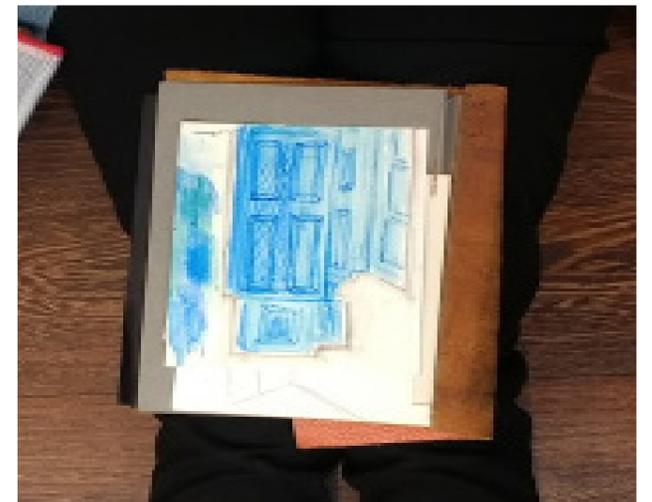
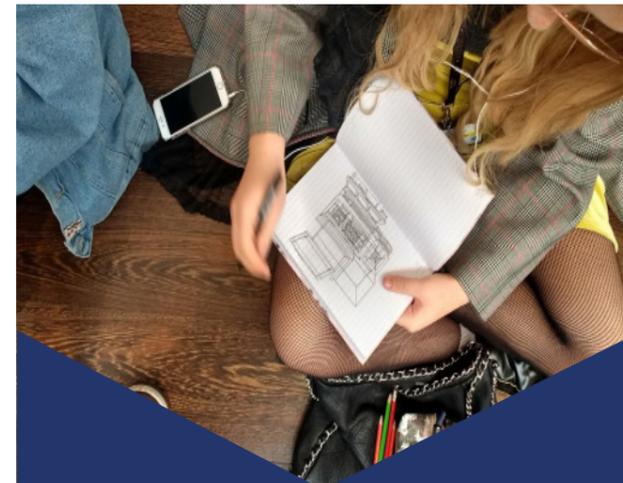
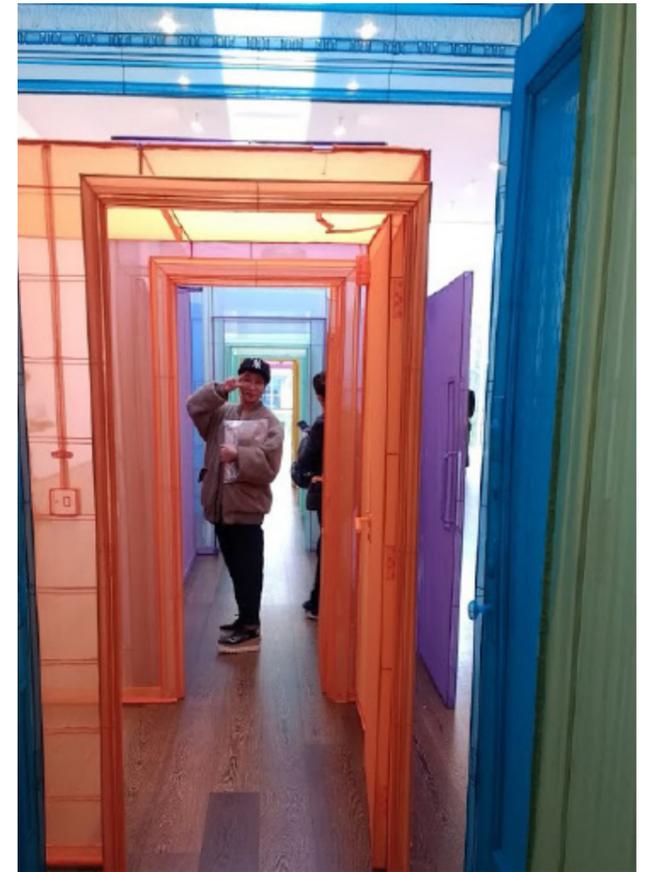
19 CATS London students visited the Institute of Education (IoE) to enjoy 4 expert lectures on Primate Behaviour, Marine Biology, Evolution & Epigenetics. Students were also treated to an extra presentation on the art of examination technique! Thank you to the students and Mr. Jarvis for making the day so enjoyable...I hope we all learned something new!



Victoria Miro Gallery

One of the great advantages of studying art in London is the variety of contemporary art exhibitions available nearby. This morning, students in the Art AS class spent some time in the Victoria Miro Gallery, a nearby contemporary art gallery, to see the work of Korean artist Do Ho Suh.

Suh has particular resonance for our students as he explores the theme of identity across global cultures. Students spent time walking through his work and noticing the sensations of being inside a piece of installation art. We then spent time in the gallery sketching the work to use as part of the AS coursework. It was a short but highly productive and inspiring visit.



CATS Boston visit London

We were delighted to host students from CATS Academy Boston for two weeks at the start of March here in London. The students took part in some Business and Economics lessons in college and enjoyed a huge variety of trips, tours,

Over the two weeks the group got to visit the highlights of London, including the Tower of London, Westminster, the West End, and financial district, as well as trips to Oxford, Cambridge, and Canterbury.

The students were fantastic to have in college and had a great time travelling around London and the UK.

In April students from CATS London, Cambridge, and Canterbury will be heading over to Boston and can't wait to be immersed in American culture.



Young Enterprise

As part of their extra-curricular activity group, Young Enterprise, eight students have set up a small business calling themselves 'YAB'. They worked together to brainstorm money-making ideas, and were given 200 shares to sell in order to raise their startup capital. At the end of their brainstorming process they ended up with the idea of creating customised T-shirts.

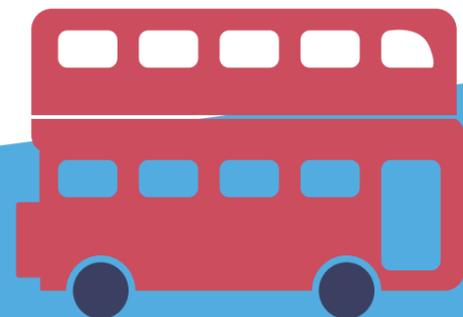
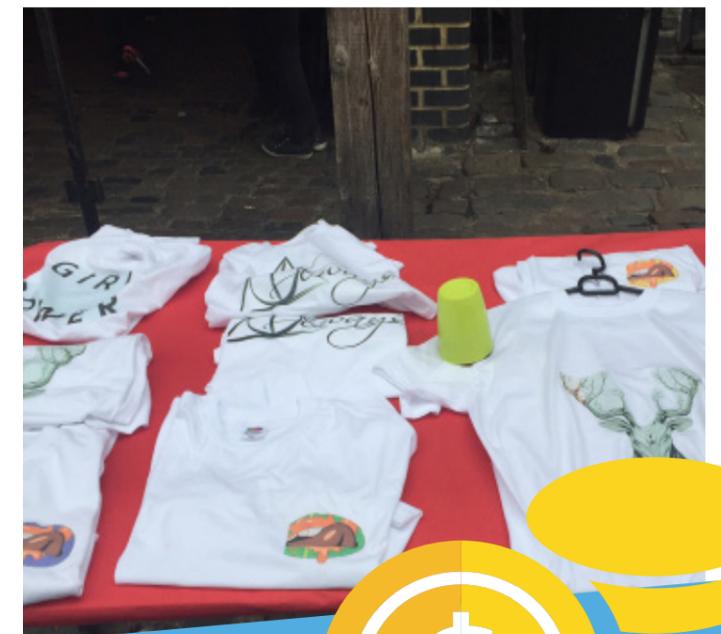
They meet on a weekly basis to outline and discuss their plans. They have recently participated in a trade fair in Camden Market where they set up their own trade stall and sold their customised T-shirts to the general public.

This was a very unique and challenging experience for them, but they also had a taste of what it is like to try and sell your created product to the public and raise capital for profit.



The group will continue to create and sell T-shirts to the students and teachers within the college. We hope that from this extracurricular activity they will gain:

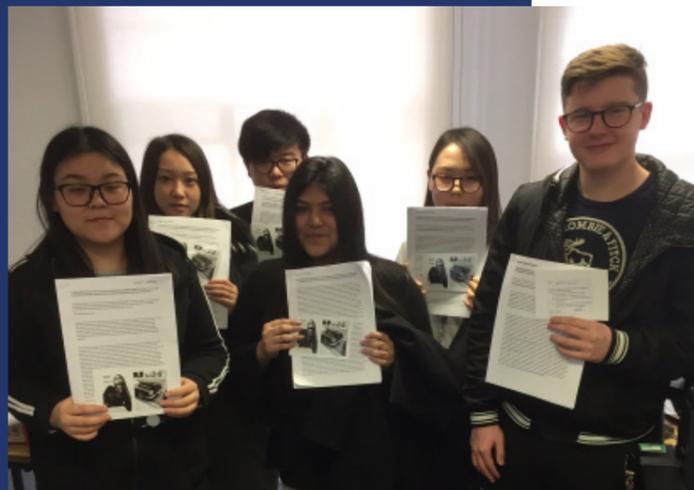
- An understanding of how business works
- The ability to work in a team
- Improved communication skills
- Increased enthusiasm and self-confidence
- Willingness to take responsibility and show initiative
- Time management
- Effective work and social skills



Business UFP

Recently at CATS London, 58 Business UFP students successfully completed their coursework assessment. They had to type up an essay within controlled conditions, only using preparation notes- they had no access to internet, textbooks or any other materials.

The students worked hard ensuring their preparation notes were rich in detail and research, and this helped them to type up the essay within 3 hours. We are proud of all of our students who demonstrated a high level of independence, research and ICT skills. This experience will hopefully help them to prepare for their future university studies.



Prom

What?: Prom, with three course meal

Where?: Montague on the Gardens Hotel

When?: Friday May 26th

How much?: Tickets are £30 which needs to be paid in cash to Issy in the admin office (2-01)

Deadline: 31st of March (Friday)

Want to join the Prom Committee? Come to the meeting with Anne Thursday (30th) at 4:15pm in LG-03

CATS Got Talent

Have you got what it takes to be a star?

We are looking for acts between 3-5 mins

All acts welcome, such as:

- Dancing
- Singing
- Drama acts
- Comedy
- Bands
- Be Creative!

Prize: £50 Amazon Gift card and Trophy

Sign up: email alefebvre@catslondon.com
Tickets will be available once acts have been confirmed.

All proceeds will go to United World Schools

Activities

Thank you to everyone who has joined an extra-curricular activity this term - we hope everyone has enjoyed learning a new skill and getting to know new people.

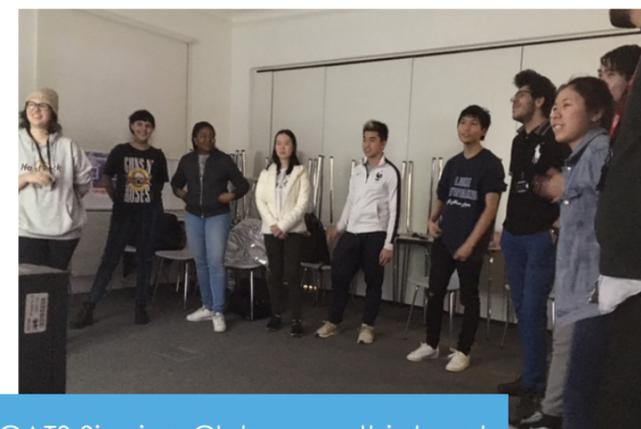
Extra-curricular clubs will end on Friday 31st March and start again in September. Activities will stop over the Easter Holidays and begin again at the start of summer term.



Easter Fancy Dress

Wednesday 29th March come to college in your best Easter-themed costume!

Ask for sponsors and try and raise as much as we can for United World Schools.



CATS Singing Club - new this term!



Yoga at Premier House



Politics Competition

A chance to win a private tour of the Palace of Westminster - this tour is not available to members of the public, once in a lifetime chance!

See posters around college or the Facebook page for the question and write an essay response.

Entries should be emailed to jhawkins@catslondon.com by 26th March

Open to all current CATS students

Upcoming Trips:

History Trip to the Royal Academy - Russian Revolution Art, 1917- 1932 Exhibition - Thursday 30th March

History trip to the Science Museum - Valentina Tershkova, First Woman in Space Exhibition - Thursday 30th March

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