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# NEWSLETTER

“Don’t look back. Something might be gaining on you.”

Satchel Paige, Baseball Player

Week 2 2022-23

## SPORTS DAY



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# SPORTS DAY



CATS Cambridge Sports Day is an opportunity for the whole school to descend on an extensive obstacle course situated amongst the sleepy fields of Bassingbourn. This is the culmination of our Induction Week, and an opportunity for students and staff to cement friendships, and come together as a collective, ready to face the far more gruelling challenge of education!

A massive thank you goes out to everyone involved to make my very first Sports Day at CATS Cambridge run as smoothly and as well as it did, from the Catering team for an amazing barbeque, the Health Centre who were on-hand for any emergencies, our wonderful teachers for getting so involved, the staff of the Obstacle Training Ground, and finally the students who put in an enormous amount of effort and should be very proud of themselves!

The weather was more than kind to us, with nice hot temperatures and a few clouds to block some of us getting some unfortunate tan lines.

The school was split into two groups; one group took on the obstacle course in the morning which consisted of the Tyre run, Ninja Boards, Fireman's Exit, the Tyrelator, Up and Over, Tarzan Swing, Spiderman Wall, Monkey Mania, the Cargo Climb, the Pit Fall and the Water Slide. The other group took part in a variety of different sports including rugby golf, segway racing, badminton and volleyball.

Great fun was had by all, and the students returned to the school tired but happy.

A special mention goes to Arsenii Nikitin, Gabriela De Almeida Garcia Costa and Minh Duc Tran who were awarded a CATS Medal for their standout involvement during the day. Thank you again to everyone involved in a brilliant day, roll on next year!



*George Leland, Activities Manager*

# SPORTS DAY - LIONS

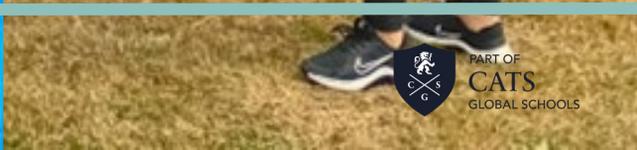


Lion House had an exhilarating sports day, conquering every challenging obstacle with unwavering determination. Despite the intimidating slippery slide, our students embraced the challenge, finding humour and scoring impressively. The Segway, initially daunting for many, couldn't deter their lion-hearted spirit; they faced their fears head-on and relished the experience. Dirty water and obstacles were no match for their bravery. It was a memorable day, and we eagerly anticipate repeating it.



Special congratulations to Cem, Gabby, and Duc, who earned the title of Ninjas of the day, receiving well-deserved medals. A testament to Lion House's resilience and team spirit in action!

*Godfrey Matereure, House Director*



# SPORTS DAY - TIGERS



# SPORTS DAY - PANTHERS



The Panther house members were looking forward to the challenges of the OTG obstacles and games and looked splendid in their new house t-shirts! Anticipation and a few nerves were evident upon arrival at the venue, but the students soon got involved in the round-robin style activities, showing great determination, courage, resilience and communication skills throughout the day to ensure that they were involved, competitive and most importantly, having fun! Whilst not quite earning enough points for top spot, the Panthers house did themselves proud, with all members contributing to a successful day – the house attitude was perfectly shown by Kirill, who earned a medal for his involvement, commitment and skill across all the activity areas – well done, Panthers!

*Philip Bond – House Director*



# SPORTS DAY - JAGUARS



# SPORTS DAY - LEOPARDS



Leopard House roared with pride on Sports Day. Su, renowned for her resourcefulness and problem-solving skills, volunteered help left and right. The unstoppable Safina, in her soaked attire, kept her spirits high despite getting drenched multiple times – her enthusiasm was exemplary. Regina, our sprinting sensation, ran multiple laps to snag extra points for the team. Felisberto was the embodiment of perseverance, showing a willingness to try new things that was most impressive. And let's not forget Nazar, Arslan, and Sabyrzhan – they flexed their muscles and showed the world what true Leopard House strength and endurance looks like! With the sun beaming down, we made new friends, had a good laugh, enjoyed the barbeque and very expensive ice-cream and turned Sports Day into a wild workout session. Leopard House, you're all champions in our eyes!

Elena McKain, House Director





**Dominic Tomalin,  
Principal**

**WELCOME BACK**



Welcome back to another new year here at CATS Cambridge

It has been a great pleasure to welcome all our students back to Cambridge. They fill the school with their energy, purpose and positivity. We are looking forward to helping each and every one of them to realise their ambitions. The whole school community takes great confidence from the great results achieved last year. Our graduating students have gone on to secure places at top universities like Cambridge University, Durham University and Kings College London. We also take great pride in our GCSE results, with 100% A\* grades for those who took History and Art and Design. This is a remarkable achievement.

We have 250 students studying with us at CATS Cambridge this year. Our small class sizes improve student's academic outcomes, allowing them more one on one time with their teachers and allowing their teachers to foster learning environments that best suits the needs of their students, focused, engaging and individualised. 65 of the 250 are returning students and we look forward to seeing them make leaps and bounds as they continue their own personal and academic journeys.

Our returning students have firmly found their feet and place here at CATS Cambridge. They are a testament to everything students can accomplish when they throw themselves into the school community. Whilst they all have their own individual aspirations, CATS students are highly collaborative, this is particularly evident in the way that the Student Council works with school. I am looking forward to working with them to develop our school community. They are also a very warm and welcoming group of young people and are proactive in welcoming the new students into their school.

This past week was induction week. It is one where all our new students join us for the first time and are officially enrolled in the school, shown around, and introduced to the responsibilities of representing CATS Cambridge within our halls and in the wider community. As always, it's a pleasure to see future classmates make friends during our introductory activities. The week came to a close with our Sports Day at the Obstacle Training Ground event. Sports Day saw students and staff work together to overcome physical obstacles like climbing walls, balancing bridges and a couple of water challenges. Friends were made, laughs were had, and mud was everywhere; always a good sign that fun is being had by all!

There have also been chances to explore the local area so students can get their bearings, and classroom activities to help them get to grips with expectations for their academic progression. We take this time with our students so they can focus on forming friendships and learn the rhythm of the school so that they are able to make a flying start to the new school year.

With all that we'd like to welcome everyone back to the school year and offer my very best wishes for a successful 2023-24.

Dominic Tomalin, Principal