

NEWSLETTER

"Speed will follow when the mechanism of the movements is more assured."

Rafael Sabatini, Author of Scaramouche

Week 5 2022-23

EN GARDE!



EN GARDE! FENCING AT CATS CAMBRIDGE

Today we had the pleasure of welcoming Sarah Pavely from Cambridge Sword Fencing Club to run a fencing taster session for our key stage 4 students.

Within the taster session students learnt the correct footwork and movement needed for the sport and then went on to learn how to attack, defend and parry your opponent.

We are working closely with Sarah to create a Fencing club here at CATS Cambridge for any keen fencers but also to see if any students have the talent to join the Cambridge Sword Fencing Team themselves.

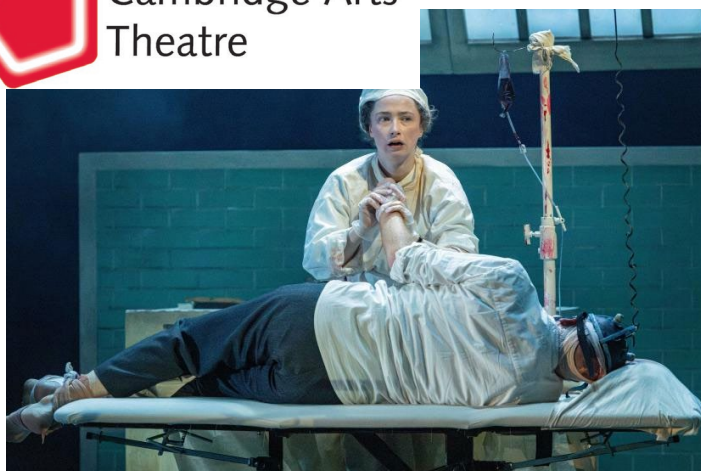


FRANKENSTEIN

On Thursday 5th October, our students had an amazing time at Cambridge Arts Theatre watching a performance of Frankenstein by Mary Shelley, our literature club are now going to begin learning more about the story and the author in their weekly club.



Cambridge Arts
Theatre



FOOTBALL FIXTURES

CATS Cambridge Football Team plays in the Cambridge University Association Football League (CUAFL).

In Division 5, our team will be playing weekly fixtures against the different colleges of University of Cambridge. We are excited to see how the team fares; we have a strong team, and let's see how the new relationship with Cambridge City Football Club plays out. Any luck we'll have more students joining Issac!

Football is one of the most popular clubs we run unsurprisingly, and we do a mixture of Football-for-All, a once-a-week "fun club", and the more competitive Football Club, where students from the school show the Cambridge University students how it's done.

14 th October 2023	CATS vs Trinity Hall II
21 st October 2023	Homerton III vs CATS
4 th November 2023	CATS vs Sidney Sussex II
11 th November 2023	Clare II vs CATS
25 th November 2023	CATS vs Selwyn II
20 th January 2024	Robinson II vs CATS
3 rd February 2024	CATS vs Emma III
10 th February 2024	Downing II vs CATS
24 th February 2024	CATS vs Trinity Bruces

We'll keep you updated on the fixtures and how much we defeat all comers as the season progresses.

Come on CATS, show them your claws!!



En Garde!

Philip Harwood,
Vice Principal



In the spirit of growth and exploration, we recently embraced the opportunity to try something entirely new: Fencing. Often associated with historic duels, a fencing taster session, organised by George Leland and Cambridge Sword, left students and staff alike buzzing. Our foray into fencing added a dash of thrill to our routine but also exemplified what it means to step out of one's comfort zone and embracing new opportunities.

Mark Twain wrote that "Twenty years from now, you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did do." This encapsulates CATS Cambridge's approach to learning, innovation and extracurricular life, with Twain's words serving as a gentle nudge, encouraging us to break free from the mundane and embrace the unknown. The fencing taster session brought together students from across the school, united by a common curiosity and the chance to stab each other without getting into trouble. More importantly, it provided a unique avenue for us to test our agility, strategy, and quick thinking.

The parallels between fencing and life are striking. In both, we are confronted with opponents, be they challenges or adversities, and we must learn to navigate through them with finesse. The fencing session therefore was not just a physical exercise but a metaphorical dance where participants engaged in a subtle interplay of offense and defence, much like the delicate balance required in facing life's obstacles.

The shared laughter, mutual respect and collective learning transcended the boundaries of a simple physical activity or lesson even; CATS Cambridge's fencing taster serves as a reminder that the journey of self-discovery begins with a single step into the unknown. It encourages us to question, to explore, and to cultivate a mindset that embraces novelty. We must dare to venture beyond the familiar. For it is in the pursuit of new horizons that we truly discover the depth of our capabilities.

