

NEWSLETTER

"To me, photography is an art of observation. It's about finding something interesting in an ordinary place...I've found it has little to do with the things you see and everything to do with the way you see them"

Elliott Erwit, Photographer

SUMMER HAS ARRIVED



POST HOC, ERGO PROPTOR HOC

Dust off your schoolboy Latin and dig out the translation of the title and you will arrive at 'after this, therefore because of this', an informal fallacy that argues that an event Y that follows another event X must be caused by event X. It is the case that the Summer Term sees the start of exam season. Consequently, it could be argued, incorrectly, that the Summer Term causes exams. We can go to an even more ridiculous position and say as the summer term is heralded by brighter days and exams happen in the summer term, therefore the summer sun causes exams.

Thankfully not, but what summer does cause is sunny days in the beautiful cityscape of Cambridge. The Punts are out, and the River Cam has never looked more inviting.

At CATS the lawnmower has been sighted, doors propped open, and windows cracked to bring in the breeze. Students are wearing shorts. It promises to be a warm summer.

Amid this, and quite unrelated, students are preparing for the final push on their studies. The reading room is filling up and students buckling down as the calendar creeps forward. One thing's for sure: while the city basks in the sunlight, our students are forging their own path through exam season, a testament to their focus, resilience, and the air-conditioning throughout the school block...



BEYOND THE FRAME

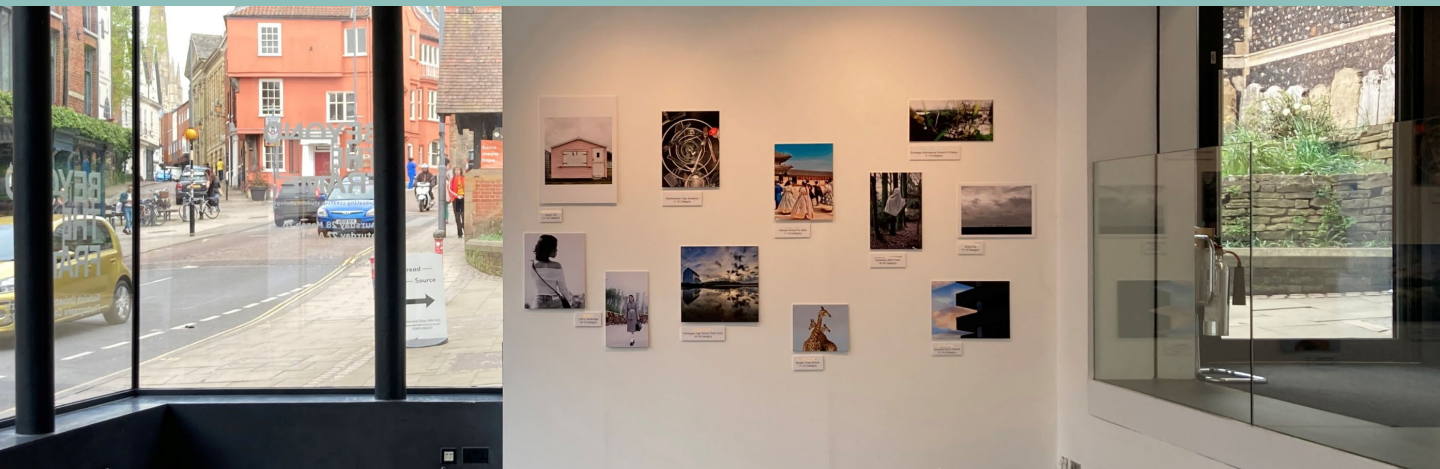


Two talented CATS Cambridge students were shortlisted as part of the NUA Beyond The Frame Competition 2024.

This competition is a highly prestigious affair, with outstanding photography from across the country submitted from secondary and further education institutes.

Vy and Peter are both first year A Level students at CATS Cambridge. They are studying Photography as one of their subjects.

Their photographs were exhibited at the Norwich University of the Arts East Gallery until April 28th. It is a fantastic achievement for these young artists as their work has been selected from hundreds of entries from around the world.



Launched in 2017, Beyond the Frame is a competition open to students aged 11 – 19 studying in secondary or further education. The international competition aims to encourage young photographers to develop their skills and showcase their talent. Entry is open to young photographers from the UK and around the world.

Each year, the Beyond the Frame organisers set three themes for submissions. The 2024 themes were People, Places and Things. For young artists, themes provide a directional framework to explore ideas and develop their personal style. Themes enable young photographers to look at their work through a specific lense and think about what an image may mean to an audience.

BEYOND THE FRAME - PETER

For one of my images that I submitted to the NUA Beyond a Frame competition, I took it in Hong Kong, which has a constant flow of people and vehicles and they all complement the rhythm of the city. For my image with the crowded streets, I stood in the crowd and watched people pass by like the time. When I was shooting, I saw how busy Hong Kong was, so I recorded this photo in the form of using a slow shutter speed to capture the movement.



Peter
CATS Cambridge
16-19 Category

My second image is more of a touch of light in the temple which is like a purity in my heart. At first, a bright light in the temple attracted me. So, I waited a long time until the person walked by to capture him in the light and shadow.

I was excited to know that my work had been shortlisted for the NUA competition, and to see my work up in a gallery for the first time.



BEYOND THE FRAME - VY



Vy
CATS Cambridge
16-19 Category



I took the pictures that I submitted for the NUA Beyond a Frame competition when I was traveling with my family. The people in the picture are my mom and my sister.

My inspiration for taking photos was my mom and the good frame of a village in Sapa, Vietnam. She has a good style when she walks across the pool. It was very suitable for taking the pictures.

My feelings when I'm on the list for having my work shortlisted to the competition, was, I felt so happy and so surprised. When I started to submit them, I was not expected too much, but I was overjoyed to know my work was exhibited in the gallery in Norwich.

CIFE AWARDS 2024

CATS Cambridge alumni, Edward, and Principal Dominic attended the 2024 CIFE Awards, celebrated at the House of Lords.

CATS Cambridge is a member of CIFE, the professional association for independent sixth form colleges. CIFE membership signifies a commitment to specific educational standards, including small class sizes, exceptional pastoral care, clear communication, and active teaching methods. We're proud to uphold these values and provide a dynamic learning environment for our students. Each year, as a CIFE member, we have the opportunity to nominate a deserving student for a prestigious CIFE award.

Edward received an award for his contributions to school life. Winners represent the diverse British and international community that CIFE colleges serve and the range of their university destinations, from Oxbridge to medical schools, and in subjects from engineering to photography, underscores how ambitious such students are, and the success of member Colleges and their brilliant teachers in helping them realise their aspirations. The award was presented by Lord Lexden, OBE, the Honorary President of CIFE.

Edward graduated in Summer 2023 and is now reading Natural Sciences at the University of Cambridge.



ACTIVITIES - NAIL ART



We run many clubs and activities during the school year which all students are welcome to join. 7 pm sharp on Wednesday 1st May meant nail art night with the boarding team. Students joined a table overflowing with colourful polishes. Great fun was had by all.

The boarding team also run other evening activities on a fortnightly basis, including Zumba, Table Tennis League, and a creative writing workshop! This is on top of our extensive provision of clubs and activities offered throughout the week.

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Summer Term – April to June 2024

Monday

E Sports	Idnam Hussain	17:00-18:00	Lab 04
Book Club	Janet Wilson	17:00-18:00	207
Chemistry	Mike Liptrot	17:00-18:00	Lab 05
Basketball	Phil Bond	17:00-18:00	North Cambridge Academy
Volleyball	Rey Limson	18:00-19:00	North Cambridge Academy
STEM Club	Neelam Debata	16:00-17:00	Lab 06

Tuesday

Literature	Rebecca Baker-Milne	17:00-18:00	104
Debating	Saad	17:00-18:00	211
Electronics	Kevin Healey	17:00-18:00	Lab 02
Duke of Edinburgh	Emily Van Loo	17:00-18:00	Common Room
Model United Nations	Ian Hunt	17:00-18:00	203
Board Games	Keith Norfolk	17:00-18:00	The Hub

Wednesday

Running	Richard Tateson Kevin Healey	17:00-18:00	Meet in Reception
Chess	Qadeer Afzal	Lunchtime	The Hub
Tennis	George Leland	17:00-18:00	North Cambridge Academy
Table Tennis	Rob Derbyshire	17:00-18:00	The Marquee
Economics	Paul Ibram	17:00-18:00	202
Fashion Hacking	Susanna De Beer	17:00-18:00	214
Origami	Sabhya Dhingra	17:00-18:00	105

Thursday

Badminton	Rey Limson	17:00-18:00	North Cambridge Academy
Art	Rebecca Nash	16:00-17:00	Common Room
Football Team	Godfrey Matereure	18:00-20:00	Meet in Reception
Young Enterprise	Sandra Vojnovic	17:00-18:00	201
AI (Artificial Intelligence)	Bugatt	18:00-19:00	214

*Clubs are provisional based on interest and subject to change



www.catscambridge.com



PART OF
CATS
GLOBAL SCHOOLS