



CATERHAM SCHOOL

Girls win Caterham School Catapult Competition Again

The annual Caterham School 1st Year Catapult Competition has just been held.

The competition is an extension of History classes and evolved from the study of castle design in the Medieval Period. The catapult was the weapon of choice for armies attacking castles in the Middle Ages and the 1st Year pupils are invited to design a catapult.

The pupils can work alone or in pairs to prepare a design portfolio and then to build a working catapult capable of launching a lump of blue tack as far as possible, powered by elastic or a spring. Two prizes were available: one for design and the other for distance. This year 20 pupils entered in 11 teams.



Georgia Fitzsimmons & Katie Fenton's very pink 'F Factor' won the competition with a most impressive launch of over 10 meters, just holding off 2nd and 3rd placed David Gardener & Alex Nierman and Ryan Greenhalgh & Alex Blair who both managed over nine and a half metres.

This is the second consecutive year that a female team has won the competition, using a pink catapult, in what has traditionally been a bastion of male dominated success in the past. This year the design portfolio was won by Sam Jarman with an excellent series of designs, drawings and explanations.