

Achievement

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PLATANOS COLLEGE DECLARED ‘OUTSTANDING’ IN ALL ASPECTS BY OFSTED

Platanos College receives its third successive top rating from Ofsted



It is official - following an Ofsted inspection visit in December 2014, Platanos College was awarded grade 1, ‘Outstanding’, the top rating, for all aspects of its work. **This is the third successive ‘Outstanding’ rating the school has received over a ten year period.**

The College was praised by inspectors for its robust and accurate view of its own performance, which is informed by the extremely rigorous checks by senior and middle leaders. Outstanding achievement of pupils of all abilities and backgrounds was the result of inspirational teaching and teachers’ extensive subject knowledge and is supported by the way that pupils collaborate exceptionally well in lessons to improve their learning.

According to inspectors, “pupils’ spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is a real strength of the school” and “the excellent range of subjects strongly promotes and sustains the academic achievement, preparing them extremely well for life in modern Britain.”

“This is a magnificent achievement. This wonderful recognition is a result of a long-standing commitment and hard work from staff and pupils. We are extremely proud.”

Mr Alabi, Chair of Governors



The Gold Standard

Platanos College has also become a member of The Mayor's London Schools Gold Club for excellent schools, for a second consecutive year.

The Club recognises and celebrates exceptional schools that have succeeded against the odds in improving pupils' aspirations and achievements. The Club also facilitates the sharing of good practice amongst schools.

The Gold Club is based on the belief that all schools can aspire to attain excellence for all their pupils, whatever their circumstances. Platanos College was recognised for this achievement.



The Mayor's London Schools Gold Club Awards Ceremony at City Hall

Top Achievers 2014

Our GCSE results were outstanding overall last year. We are very proud of our pupils. Some of our high performing pupils include the following:

Vanessa Ribeiro
Yasmin Madobe
Patrick Ballesteros
Hannah Lee

12 A*/A GCSEs
12 A*/A GCSEs
11 A*/A GCSEs
11 A*/A GCSEs

Suleera Abdulaahi
Joao Albuquerque
Raymond Huynh
Domika Williams
Camila Lonardelli
Ria Brown
Jerry Florez
Philip Thomas
Ayan Hersi

9 A*/A GCSEs
9 A*/A GCSEs
9 A*/A GCSEs
9 A*/A GCSEs
9 A*/A GCSEs
9 A*/A GCSEs
9 A*/A GCSEs
9 A*/A GCSEs
8 A*/A GCSEs



Graduation 2014



Hannah Lee
Guy Lee Achievement
Award Winner

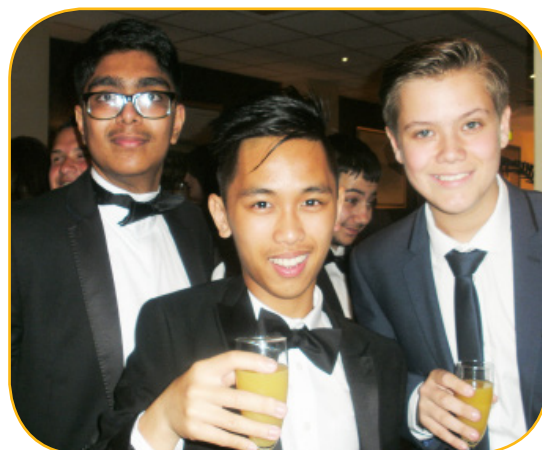
The Graduation Evening marked a conclusion to a significant year for our Year 11s and also the beginning of a new chapter for them. The evening was a fitting recognition of the hard work and determination of our pupils throughout last year.

Our graduates were presented with awards for their attainment and progress in the many different subjects. Two very special awards, the Guy Lee Achievement Award and the Elizabeth Oweradaba Achievement Award, were awarded to Hannah Lee and

The evening concluded with a special graduation dinner at the Croydon Park Hotel, which was a wondrous occasion attended by both staff and pupils to celebrate another successful year.



Pupils at the graduation ceremony



Pupils at the graduation dinner

Phoenix Book Awards

Our 7A pupils participated in the Phoenix Book Awards-- 2014. As part of the programme, our pupils had to read a wide variety of books. After reading each book, the pupils had to write a detailed book review and publish then on the Phoenix Book Award website.

Our pupils were able to meet the authors of some of their favourite books.



"It was a wonderful occasion. It was great to get to meet the authors and chat to them first hand about their thinking behind their book."

Mariana Ribeiro, Phoenix Book Awards Winner

They were able to gain a fascinating insight into the authors' thoughts behind the books and the skills required of an author.

Congratulations to our winners: Mariana Ribeiro and Amina Diblawe for the best reviews of the year.

Achievement Awards



The annual Awards Evening was a wonderful success, which was well-attended by parents, carers, pupils and staff. The evening was a well-deserved celebration of our Key Stage 3 pupils' achievements over the entire academic year.

We were pleased to see the many different awards being presented to our pupils. These included awards for outstanding attainment and progress and the Headteacher's Awards. The awards indeed show that "Attitude Determines Altitude".

"I am very pleased. My daughter received awards last year and it is great to see she is doing well again this year." Year 8 Parent

"I am very proud of him. I know he worked very hard this year and am proud to see his efforts being recognised. I can tell he enjoyed the evening as much as I did." Year 9 Parent

English

Outstanding Progress

Romarn Chin Cafun
Abdur Mezianne
Krishmary Ramdhun
Jade Vernon
Maria Mata

Outstanding Behaviour for Learning

Paulo Reis Marques
Abdirahman Khalif
Tia John
Bethlehem Fikrie
Laura Fee
Tyreek Edwards



Mathematics

Outstanding Attainment

Jason La
Mashal Fatah
Ventsislav Parvez
Samiha Parvez
Ma Meco Tesoro
Eiji Torres

Outstanding Performance in the Grammar School Pathway tests

Sam Sam Abdi
Ade Adebayo
Andressa Costa-Silva
Travis Edwards
Catarina Oliveira
Julia Tomczak

Outstanding Progress

Jason La
Ayub Guad
Hanna Bagate
Fadumo Ahmed
Uzer Mughal
Naol Duguma

Outstanding Behaviour for Learning

Marianna Rodriguez
Gabriel Montoya Camacho
Leandro Matias Da Silva
Imane Bayouni
Melissa Amaro
Ayman Abdulrahim

Outstanding Attainment

Harrison Sosa
Shaden Idris
Edwin Karten
Imran Sankoh
Sajidha Rahman
Daniel Louro

Outstanding Performance in the Grammar School Pathway tests

Eiji Torres
Sarah Suleman
Catarina Oliveira
Ade Adebayo
Julie Dao
Muntasir Miah

Congratulations to all pupils who have been recognised and awarded for their hard work and commitment to their learning.

Attitude Determines Altitude

Achievement Awards

Science

Outstanding Progress

Bryan Teles
Sarah Suleman
Sajidha Rahman
Nathaniel Clarke
Alima Aglakova
Jack Eddie Abreu

Outstanding Behaviour for Learning

Misky Shirifjumco
Shanze Yao
Sarah Blessing Pinzi
Joel Oliveira
Samir King
Kawtar Haouache

Outstanding Attainment

Kahlid Bashir
Shirmae Elliott
Antonio Fazip
Nadia Felix
Ayni Mahmoud
Jaheim Thullah

Outstanding Performance in the Grammar School Pathway tests

Fadumo Ahmed
Hanna Bagate
Imane Bayouni
Edwin Karten
Uzer Mughal
Ayman Abdulrahim

Outstanding Progress

Sebastian Tomczak
Monica Nwaezenna
Daniel Nunes
Kawtar Haouache
Rashika Ashmeil
Kamel Abraham

Outstanding Attainment

Alima Aglakova
Brianna McNemara
David Mendonca
Joao Couto
Jose Cardoso
Sarah Slueman

Outstanding Behaviour for Learning

Joshua Vidal
Joel Oliveira
Ram'l Miller
Jennifer Henriques De Sousa
Taila-Sian Bloomfield
Sundus Ahmed

Geography

Outstanding Progress

Pedro Freitas
Ilhem Chaouki

Outstanding Attainment

Ayman Abdulrahim
Fadumo Ahmed

Outstanding Behaviour for Learning

Atosh Ismail
Hafiza Abdullah

History

Outstanding Progress

Charley Gazely
Kyrone Mahmoud

Outstanding Attainment

Julie Dao
Eiji Torres

Outstanding Behaviour for Learning

Jamila Karamoko
Ola Olanrele

Art

Outstanding Progress

Ricardo Gordon
Quang Do
Qadar Ali
Nikita Brown
Jeyda Rochester
Bethlehem Fikrie

Outstanding Attainment

Mariana Ribeiro
Leandro Matias Da Silva
Julie Joram
Nazmin Begum

Outstanding Behaviour for Learning

Daniel Payne
Joel Oliveira
Maria Mata
Sarah Bello
Andressa Costa-Silva

Achievement Awards

Modern Foreign Languages

Outstanding Progress

Kwabena Adu-Ntiamoah
Samiha Parvez
Chukwuma-Junior Okoli
Keni Duguma
Fadumo Ahmed
Sam Sam Abdi

Outstanding Attainment

Chukwuma-Junior Okoli
Eiji Torres
Jason Akbulut
Marian Mohamoud
Mariana Ribeiro
Mary Da Silva

Outstanding Behaviour for Learning

Qadar Ali
Muna Diblawe
Amer Guma
Kevin Lam
Ayni Mahmoud
Samantha Webber

ICT

Outstanding Progress

Siena Rodriguez-Moncada
Joao Daniel Alves Lopes
Jhostin Salina Soria
Chukwuma-Junior Okoli
Alina Talebi

Outstanding Attainment

Ziyi Yao
Julie Dao
Jeyda Rochester
Imran Sankoh
Tino Cabral
Bryan Teles

Outstanding Behaviour for Learning

Ma Meco Tesoro
Leia Marie McGrath
Lucy Hoang
Jason Tran
Chukwuma-Junior Okoli

Physical Education

Outstanding Progress

Rashika Ashmeil
Yerushah De'Lisser
Faiyaz Khan
Samsur Rahman
Jade Vernon
Daniel Matthews
Sarah Bello

Outstanding Attainment

Bella Petch
Hamza Abubakan
Ade Adebayo
Oluwaso Temidayo Alesh
Melissa Amaro

Outstanding Behaviour for Learning

Paulo Reis Marques
Lorine Ettien
Patsy Ruthven
Kevin Ordonez
Keni Duguma
Jamila Karamoko

Drama

Outstanding Progress

Jason Gallego
Ilahan Ali
Diana Navia-Bazan
Daniel Payne

Outstanding Attainment

Precious Kanyinsola
Nikita Brown
Francisco Ramalho
Devanyea Williams

Outstanding Behaviour for Learning

Cameron French
Anthony Otou
Nadia Malik-Ahmed
Paulo Reis Marques
Taila-Sian Bloomfield

CITIZENSHIP AWARD

Ventsislav Palev
Julie Joram
Connor Hopkins
Anisa Hersi

PASTORAL AWARD

Aliana Oposa
Erica Marques
Alima Aglakova
Adam Seridji

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

Julie Dao
Catarina Oliveira
Ademola Ogunkowo

Arts and Sports Awards

A new awards ceremony was introduced to the school calendar this year. The Arts (Expressive/Visual Arts) and Sports Awards recognises and celebrates pupils' achievements. We believe the Arts, Drama and subjects linked to Sports are crucial to the development of our pupils' life skills and this occasion serves to highlight their important status.

Art

Juliet Clarke-Trotman
Ademola Ogunnowo
Aliou Barrie
Amani Hinds
Bella Petch
Bernardo Coelho
Camila Albuquerque
Chloe Rowhan
Christian Menezes
Daniel Crzanowski
Daniel Kone
Daniel Nunes
Daniela Louro
Danishai Thompson
Dominik Do
Elie Gnapi
Erin Elson
Eva Leonard
Eva Leonard
Fiyi Olasupo
Ganiyat Kofo Sulaimon
Havilah Chifupi
Helena Silva
Joanna Byrne
Joel Oliveria
John Tia
Kevin Perez Paez
Kiane Kay
Krishmary Ramdhum
Lamar O'connor
Laura Fee
Laura Matos Viana Pereira
Olivera
Margarida Da Silva
Mariana Ribeiro
Marta Mateus
Marwa Bob
Alejandra Moreno-Dominguez
Murdoq_El Moor Robinson
Njoku Christina
Ommal Aftab

Drama

Abdi Mohamed
Ade Adebayo
Andrea Costa
Andy Cassombi
Ayman Riane
Ayse Karkin
Bushra Aftab
Carlos Cabral
Christian Menezes
Cleo Patterson
Cliffon
Dante Thompson
Dylan Assi
Erica Seabra
Erica Marques
Gisella Fernandez
Ivan Palev
Janay Edwards
Jennifer Henriques DeSouza
Jessica Broadhurst
Jose cardoso
Jovy Ann Grant
Kanysinola Oladipo
Kelsey Moresco
Kelsia Peres-Costa
Kesi Jackson
Krishmary Ramadin
Larissa Diacos
Leila Bewshear
Marta mateus
Nadia Malik-Ahmed
Omolola Omonijo
Quang Do
Ricardo Sewell
Rodrigo Branco
Sade Stewart Oyemade
Samantha Webber
Shaneka Lewis
Shaydon Cornwall-Eytle
Victoria Odubute

Music

Abdullah Suleman
Abdur meziane
Adonis Grijalva
Ashley Vernon Staple
Christerfany DeSouza
Danile Payne
Eva Leonard
Francisca Lopez
Harmony Reid
Havilah Chifupi
Helena Veiga
Ilhan Ali
John Roberto
Jovani Smith
Julie Joram
Lamar O'Conner
Leila Talesh
Luke Hinds
Paiwand Mohammed
Rita Krasniqi
Salome Pereira
Sharmaine Holness
Sharmina Holness
Shirmae Elliot
Siu Hung Li
Tino Cabral



Arts and Sports Awards

Sports

Ade Adebayo
 Ademola Ogunnowo
 Ahmed Kahssai
 Ana De Lima Alencar
 Andressa Coasta-Silva
 Andrew Pham
 Armando Pires-Costa
 Ashleigh Bromfield
 Ashreya Jimi
 Ayni Mahmoud
 Ayse Karkin
 Bella Petch
 Brandon Thomas
 Breon Williams
 Bryony Bromfield
 Catarina Oliveira
 Cliffon Richards
 Daniel Kone
 Daniela Louro
 Destiny Campbell
 Dominik Do Quang
 Elena Mateus
 Erica Marques
 Ethan Ramirez
 Faith Gomes
 Faiyez Khan
 Fiona Asiedu-Opoku
 Genielle Dearne
 Goncalo Felicio-Carvalho
 Hafsa Besong
 Halil Mehmet
 Hamed Timite
 Sima Mangal
 Sirla Abreu
 Sorwa Shahab
 Stephanie Sousa
 Su Allen
 Taisa Soares
 Temidayo Aleshe
 Vicky Do Mai
 Wajid Ahmed
 Xavier Williams
 Xavier Williams
 Ziyi Yao

Technology

Abdur Meziane
 Adam Aboukass
 Aliou Barrie
 Andressa Costa-Silva
 Ariful Chowdhury
 Ayub Ahmed
 Catarina Oliveira
 Chloe Rawhan
 Cliffon Richards
 Danishai Thompson
 Emily Lau
 Eugenia Adubofour
 Faith Gomes
 Hanif Israa
 Imane Bayouni
 Ivan Palev
 Janali Miller - Reid
 Jasmine Scott
 Joanna Byrne
 Kelisha Watson
 Kelvin Tran
 Kimmy Le
 Lara Ferereira-Oliveira
 Liban Abdi
 Lorine Ettien
 Miseb Gjetay
 Paulo Reis Marques
 Payam Mohammed
 Raquel Albuquerque
 Rashika Ashmeil
 Reece Gorman
 Ron Krasniqi
 Sabir Muhudin
 Sade Stewart
 Samsur Rahman
 Sara Jemal
 Shaneka Lewis
 Tiarna Hamilton Smith
 Zoe Lau



Jack Petchey

‘Speak Out’ Challenge



Abdullah Suleman

Two of our pupils reached the final of the annual Jack Petchey ‘Speak Out’ competition - the UK’s largest youth speaking competition.

There were 21 finalists from 10 schools across Lambeth contesting in the annual public speaking competition.

Abdullah Suleman was first on stage for Platanos College. He had chosen the subject of “lying” and, during the course of his three minutes, amused and entertained us with the problems that can befall us because of an inability to tell the truth.



Caterina Pereira

Our second pupil, **Caterina Pereira**, caused the audience to question how they judged people by their appearance, and who was the more insecure – the person wearing make-up or the person who was unable to see the real person behind the make-up.

Our two contestants narrowly missed out on the top prize but they were brilliant and proved to be superb ambassadors of the school.

“It’s amazing to see how confident both pupils were. I was impressed by the excellent delivery of the speeches and how thorough their arguments were.”
Year 10 parent

“Abdullah and Catarina were fantastic yesterday. They were both composed and delivered polished, engaging and thought-provoking speeches.

Please congratulate them again for me. I hope they are proud of themselves, I definitely am.”

Elaine Powell,
Organiser of the Speakers’ Trust

“It was an amazing experience. It was challenging but the event has really pushed my skills up to another level. This has given me a lot of confidence.”

Abdullah Suleman



Caterina Pereira delivering her speech

Scholarship for Star Pupil

We are delighted to announce that our pupil, Daniel Payne, has recently won a scholarship at the Jigsaw Performing Arts School.

He took up his scholarship offer for the 2014-2015 academic year. The scholarship allows Daniel access to professional coaching and development, which will lead to opportunities including performing in professional theatre.

The scholarship is awarded to a select group of applicants identified as a great talent, with enthusiasm and dedication.

We would like to congratulate Daniel on this wonderful achievement.

"I still can't believe I've got a scholarship. I am thankful for the support I received from my drama teacher and the school."
Daniel Payne



Chinese Mandarin Classes

We are delighted that the school has been able to introduce Chinese Mandarin extra-curricular classes for pupils at Platanos College.

Chinese Mandarin is a widely spoken language with over a billion speakers. Its use is becoming ever more significant in the working world of business and beyond. As a school, Platanos aims to provide pupils with the best possible opportunities in this regard.

This programme offers our entire school community an opportunity to learn about one of the world's fastest-growing economies.



"Learning Chinese this term has been real fun. The language is very interesting and the history behind it is even more fascinating."
Aston Parks, Year 10



First Aid Champions

Congratulations to our fantastic pupil first aiders, who are the London Region First Aid Champions.

A selection of pupils were chosen to represent the school at the London Region St John Ambulance National Schools Competition. The pupils faced several real life first aid scenarios, in which their first aid skills were observed and scrutinised to win the award.



"Participating in the competition really tested my first aid skills. It was very beneficial as I now know how I can improve in the future."
Genielle Dearne

Into the Dragons' Den

The challenge of the Dragons' Den competition was met by a large number of pupils from Key Stage 3, as part of the school's Business and Enterprise programmes. Pupils had to present a business plan and deliver a presentation to a panel of 'Dragons' in a bid to win funding for their business idea.

The Dragons probed each team of pupils with challenging questions, testing their business acumen and enterprise skills to select a winner.

The 'T-vibez' team were the competition winners. They have been awarded the capital to put their business plan into action and will be given the opportunity to trade on the school site.



Congratulations to Hibaq Elmi, Fadumo Ahmed, Wardah Yassien, Jamila Karamoko, Anisa Hersi and Asma Djabali

Trips to Enhance Learning

In Flanders Fields, Ypres

Pupils studying GCSE History had the valuable opportunity to attend a trip to Ypres, Belgium. Pupils on the fascinating trip visited the historical sites on which the First World War was fought 100 years ago.

The trip was an excellent opportunity for pupils to strengthen their understanding of the subject and gain an insight into the nature of trench warfare. The trip included visits to Flanders Fields Museum, the Menin Gate, Tyne Cot British Cemetery and the British Dugout Experience at the Passchendaele Museum.



"The visits to the many historical sites were humbling and very insightful. It paints a very detailed picture of the topic that we're studying and I'm glad I attended." Joel Bryan

Natural History Museum

Our Key Stage 3 pupils visited a variety of museums over the trips to enhance learning week.

Our Year 9 pupils participated in an interactive workshop on evolution and adaptation. Pupils learnt how different species adapt and evolve over time. The pupils enjoyed the various engaging and interactive displays throughout the museum.



Barcelona 2014

A group of Key Stage 3 pupils enjoyed a week long Spanish lesson with a difference, in Barcelona. The pupils visited a number of cultural attractions, whilst practising their language skills.



Platanos pupils at the PortAventura theme park, Barcelona



"I'm so glad I came on this trip to Barcelona! I have really enjoyed seeing all the different landmarks such as the Olympic Stadium, and practising the language first hand." Jade Vernon, Year 9

Oxford and Cambridge Visits

A selection of our Year 10 and 11 pupils visited Oxford and Cambridge University earlier this year. The pupils were given tours of both universities, before meeting Oxford and Cambridge students. The students gave our pupils advice on applying for university and how to select subjects.



"I enjoyed meeting students from Oxford University and learnt about the basic history of the universities in and how to maximise university life."

I have learnt the importance of the super curricula when applying to the universities, as well as the extra curricula, which will be essential in developing the interests that I have in those particular subjects."
Year 11 pupil

Transition Skills Weekend

At the start of the academic year, a group of Year 7 pupils attended an action packed weekend trip to a PGL centre

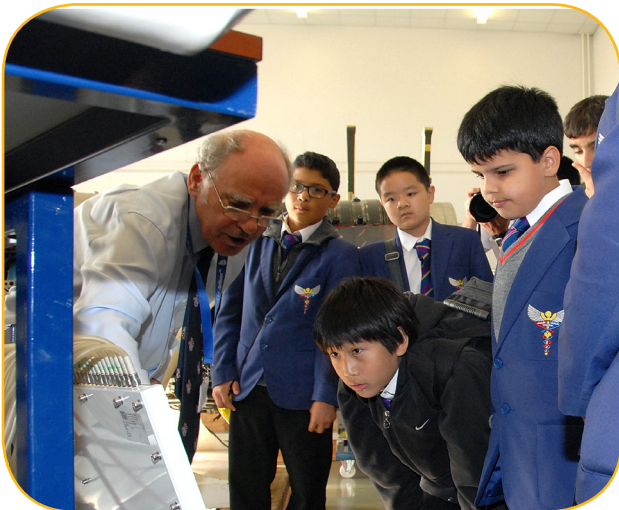
The purpose of the trip was for the pupils to develop friendships and important skills such as team work and communication.



All Aboard HMS Sultan

A selection of Platanos College pupils had the wonderful opportunity to visit HMS Sultan to enjoy an expert introduction to the Royal Navy and air and marine engineering. The opportunity was arranged by the Worshipful Company of Fuellers, with whom the school has a long-standing partnership.

The pupils enjoyed a range of activities including an introduction to gas turbines and sea propulsion, the theory of flight, aerodynamics and the wind tunnel experimentation.



Anti-Bullying Committee Becomes Equality Champions



The Equality Champions

Our Anti-Bullying Committee members are now qualified Equality Champions. The training covered a number of topics including human rights and the Equal Rights Act. The Equality Champions will work with both pupils and staff to ensure equality for all at Platanos.



Anti-Bullying Week



We take bullying very seriously at Platanos College.

A series of events were organised by the Equality Champions for Anti-bullying week. The events this year included the Year 11 drama pupils performing a play about the effects of bullying to all year groups. The Year 8 Equality Champions also held a bake sale to raise funds for new anti-bullying posters.



Anne Frank Ambassadors

The Anne Frank Exhibition at Platanos College returned this year. The exhibition took place at the college due to its success in previous years.

The pupil led exhibition draws on the power of Anne Frank's diary to challenge prejudice and encourage people to embrace positive attitudes, responsibility and respect for others. The exhibition provides a platform for exploring the story of Anne Frank, the Holocaust, civil rights and conflict in a context for young people to relate to contemporary issues.

"I learnt a lot of new information about Anne Frank's story. The workshop was really interesting, I have a better understanding of stereotyping and how it can be a negative thing."

Chelsio Alberto, Year 7



International Evening



Our annual International Evening, traditionally organised by our pupils, parents, carers and staff, took place this year with an enormous range of events and activities.

The event this year saw an increase in attendance and in the scale of the activities on show. The event is a celebration of the cultural diversity at Platanos College with entertaining acts and a wonderful variety of food.



It is a great opportunity for everyone to share and learn about each other's culture and how such understanding can forge good relationships between communities to bring about positive change in the modern working environment.



"We love coming to the International Evening. It is really nice seeing all pupils, parents and staff sharing and enjoying their different cultures."

Year 10 Parent

Business Fair 2014

The annual Business Fair at the end of last term was a busy and successful event once again.

Traditionally organised by our pupils and staff, the Business Fair remains an integral event on the school calendar as part of the school's Business and Enterprise specialism.

All profits raised were donated to charity.



The day was a wonderful platform for Platanos College pupils to display their sharp entrepreneurial skills and our pupils did not disappoint. The event this year saw an increase in attendance and in the scale of the innovative activities and ventures undertaken by our pupils.

"I think the Business Fair is a great idea. It is the my first time attending, and I look forward to attending next year."

Year 7 parent



Dragons' Den Winners T-Vibez's t-shirts on sale at the Business Fair

"I really enjoyed the Business Fair this year. There was a good range of things to buy!"

Year 8 pupil

Pupils vs Staff Bake-Off Fundraiser

Our Year 11 pupils and Girl Guides challenged members of staff to a bake-off to raise funds for Children in Need.

There was lots of excitement and anticipation in the air as



both stands looked busy with activity. The Year 11 pupils sold all their stock out within twenty five minutes of trading!

The pupils won the bake-off, raising £135, which was more than double the amount the staff raised. In total, £200 was raised.

The staff have challenged the pupils to another bake-off. The new date will be announced soon.

Uniformed Services

Scouts Community Week



We are extremely proud of all of our Scouts and Guides who worked hard together to fundraise for Scouts Community Week.

The two groups organised a cake sale and raffle to fundraise. This year, the money raised was donated to local charity - The Brixton Soup Kitchen. After the fundraising, the Scouts and Guides worked with the Founder of the charity - Solomon Smith to collect food donated by shops (such as Greggs) and deliver the food to the Homeless.

It was a truly engaging experience and all our Scouts and Guides are already looking forward to helping out in the community soon.

"This has been such an experience for me. I am grateful for all that I have and it feels good helping people. I wish there was more that we could do. I will definitely be volunteering in the future."

Jordan Burton, Year 8



Cadets at Camp



Stockwell Cadets with London East Region Cadets



Cadets testing out their rafts

Our members of the St John Ambulance Cadets attended the East Region Camp, earlier this year.

The Cadets participated in a number of activities including raft building, wide games and team building. The cadets had a wonderful experience and made new friends with the other cadets. They are all looking forward to the next one.

Parade Day

Our annual Parade Day took place on Saturday 12th July 2014 with our Army Cadets, Girl Guides, Scouts and St. John Ambulance Cadets on parade.

The event was a wonderful celebration of our uniformed services. The event also reflected on past wars such as the First and Second World Wars and those wars taking place across the globe.

Parents, carers, staff and members of the community were proud to see our pupils receiving awards and medals for their hard work and contribution to the local community over the year. Our pupils also raised and donated funds to charities including Help for Heroes and the Red Cross.

The event was concluded by inspiring speeches delivered by Master Dennis Woods from the Worshipful Company of Fuellers, which provides generous support to the school, and the Deputy Mayor of Lambeth, Councillor Anyanwu.

Girl Guides

Most Improved Guide

Tania Pinto
Precious Oladipo
Nikita Brown

Peer Guide of the Year

Lorine Ettien
Aya Sunabara
Anisa Hersi

Guide of the Year

Maria Mata
Shereka Madden
Ma Meco Tesoro



Army Cadets

Most improved cadet Shirmae Elliott

Peer cadet of the year Edward Adonteng

Cadet of the year Cuba French



Scouts

Most Improved Scout Ethan Raimez

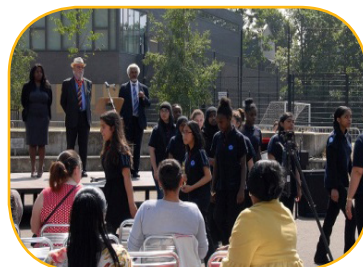
Peer Scout of the Year Faisal Seginda

Scout of the Year Dante Thompson Daniel Payne

St. John Cadets

Membership Award

Vitor Alves
Shereka Madden
Dante Thompson
Andrew Rozario
Precious Oladipo



Most Improved Cadet

Dante Thompson
Cadet of the year
Connor Hopkins

"I am happy to be part of Parade Day. Today was special for me as I was received an award for three years service. I felt proud receiving the award in front of my friends and family."
Connor Hopkins, Year 9

Platanos College Remembers



The Girl Guides and Army Cadets during the minute of reflection



Head Girl and Head Boy during the wreath laying service

The entire Platanos College community gathered to remember the servicemen and women, young and old, who made the sacrifice for our younger generations of today.

The school has a full unit of Army Cadets and the unit was on parade with our Girl Guides today to mark the 100th anniversary of the start of the First World War. The entire school observed a two-minute silence before our Head Boy (Ridwan Jamir) and Head Girl (Lisa Tham) carried out the wreath-laying service.

The day was an important occasion for our young pupils to understand and reflect on the wider impact of conflicts, and not just the First World War, but also the Second World War and the other wars currently taking place around the globe. It is also an opportunity for young people to appreciate the sacrifice of past servicemen and women that have allowed for a free and democratic society in which we live today.



The Army Cadets saluting the servicemen and women who made the ultimate sacrifice

Sports Day 2014



House Indus pupils celebrate winning Sports Day 2014

Sports Day was as exciting and competitive as ever this year! The event took place on a sunny, hot day and our athletes competed to their limits!

Both pupils and staff showed great enthusiasm and the day brought about great competition and sportsmanship from participants.

All participating Houses in each year group nominated a male and female Captain and Vice-captain who were responsible for various leadership and team roles.

The Houses could not be separated until the very last events where House Indus eventually came out champions by a narrow victory. Many congratulations to House Indus this year!



"Sports Day was the best! I love the different sports that we get to do. Of course, this year was even better because Indus won!"
Year 8 pupil

International Basketball Camp

by Bryony Bromfield

"Six girls from Platanos College including myself went on the international trip to Bosnia and Herzegovina for eight days to represent our school. It was the first time girls from Platanos College attended the trip so we were really excited to have a new experience training in a different environment and learning new things.

The Dejan Bodiroga camp is designed to bring together young basketball talents aged 12 to 18 years from all over the world. On the first night of being in the country we had a trial to see what ability groups we would be put in for the rest of the camp. The ability groups went from group one to six.

Over the eight days of training, socialising, meeting new people who came from different countries, it was a great experience for me because I discovered the things I was good at and what I needed to work on. The coaches I had in my group pushed me to the limit until I could not push anymore.

We trained two times a day followed by competitions in the evenings which varied from three-point and mid-range shooting to one-on-one and five vs five. It was a great opportunity to work with other basketball players around my age or even older so I could learn new things to make me a stronger player.

It was a great opportunity to have and it was one of the highlights of my year. I would love to go next year to work on what I have improved on since I have come back from Bosnia. I would like to thank the school for letting the girls go this year otherwise I would not have experienced this eye opener on how basketball is played in a different country. I would also like to thank Greenhouse for making this happen."



International Star



Sarah Bello (third from the right, front row) with the U15 England Team

One of our talented pupils, Sarah Bello, represented England in the Under-15 Girls basketball team at the Copenhagen Invitational Tournament.

The England team competed alongside seven other teams, playing 5 games over 3 days. Sarah attended training with the England squad, where she made it to the final 12 chosen to represent their country at the tournament.

Sarah has worked tirelessly since she started at Platanos College, 3 years ago, training daily with either the school or the club (Pioneers) and continually seeks ways to develop and improve.

"This is the first time I've represented England and I'm extremely excited about the opportunity."
Sarah Bello

Lambeth Schools Athletics Championships

Our pupils from Year 7 to Year 10 took part in the Lambeth Schools Athletics Championship and were rewarded handsomely for their hard work and determination.

Our athletes excelled in the highly competitive, annual event and returned with winners' medals. Well done to our medal winners!

Year 8

Rami Miller Gold - 100m and Shot Putt

Year 9

Jamila Karamoko Gold - 100m
Jerome Anoché Gold - Javelin
Julia Tomczak Bronze - 800m

Year 10

Javarne Roberts Gold 300m
R. J. Eytle-Rock Gold - Shot Putt and Javelin
Natasha Smith Silver - 200m
Bryony Bromfield Bronze - 300m

Junior NBA Champions

We are extremely proud to announce that Platanos College were crowned champions of the inaugural Junior NBA Basketball England League!

It was a fantastic final game which saw both sides use teamwork, individual flare and determination to try to edge past their competitors. The final whistle blew with the game finishing 27-21 in our favour, making us the first ever Junior NBA Basketball England League Champions.

The trophy was presented by NBA legend Dikembe Mutombo. As winners of the competition, the team received an exclusive invitation to an official dinner with NBA legends and VIP tickets to the NBA Global Games at the O2 arena.



Congratulations to the winning team

**Ahmed Kahssia
Brandon Thomas
Da Shane Monfies
Denilson Caschili
Janali Miller Reid**

**Lemar Beckford
Lemar Elson James
Rashawon Graham
Vasharn Mignott
Zied Talaboulma**

"This is a fantastic competition because it gives young people the chance to play basketball when they may not have had the opportunity otherwise. It is a credit to the NBA and Basketball England for providing a grassroots, exciting, high quality event and we cannot wait to watch some of the best basketball in the world at the Global Games."

Dodi Butor, Coach

