



PLATANOS COLLEGE

An outstanding school for
pupils of all abilities

E-Newsletter

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Message from the Executive Headteacher

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

A WARM WELCOME TO THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR 2014-2015

After a reasonably calm summer break, at least from the local perspective, we are eager to start the new year.

SUSTAINING AND IMPROVING OUR POSITIVE LEARNING CULTURE

There are many changes to the national education agenda. Exams are certainly harder to pass. It is simply more difficult for our pupils to get onto a good College or Sixth Form course without achieving the key results in English and Maths as well as Science, a modern foreign language and a good result in History or Geography. We have prepared well for these changes over many years.

- We will continue to track our pupils on a daily basis.
- We plan to continue to improve the learning culture. Pupils must play an even greater role in planning for the future. The future starts with what they learn day-to-day.
- We will continue to ensure that our pupils are effectively taught the key skills of Literacy and Numeracy in Key Stage 3. They are the key to success.
- Teachers will continue to improve the way they teach and assess our pupils.

OUR UNSHAKABLE BELIEF

Much has been written nationally about "challenging" pupils. We believe that all pupils are challenging, even the most able. Regardless of prior attainment, we will continue to believe in our pupils. High expectations will continue to be set for every single pupil. Our Mission Statement reiterates that, "We have an unshakable belief in our pupils."

OUTSTANDING GCSE RESULTS

Despite the national changes, our results were outstanding overall. We are very proud of our pupils. Further details will follow in our Achievement Magazine.

CHANGING THE SCHOOL DAY

Thank you for your response to our consultation to change the shape of the school day. I enclose the format of the school day for your attention.

I would like to remind you that breakfast is available free of cost to all pupils from 8.00am - 8.30am each day.

The formal start to the school day has not changed. We start at 8.40am.

The school ends at 3.00pm.

We will carefully monitor this major change. You will be sent regular monitoring reports.

Finally, the year ahead will be challenging. We look forward to working with you. Some groups of parent(s)/carer(s) will meet school managers on a regular basis as we continue to focus on key groups throughout the year. Pupils will continue to take part in an extensive range of activities throughout the school. Above all, we will continue to reward our pupils for their efforts. As in life, if you work hard, you will be rewarded. **ATTITUDE (TRULY) DETERMINES ALTITUDE.**

I know that God is with us, especially with our wonderful pupils. Always.

Yours sincerely,

J. Tapper
Executive Headteacher

Top Performing Pupils 2014

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

Vanessa Ribeiro	12 A*/A GCSEs
Yasmin Madobe	12 A*/A GCSEs
Patrick Ballesteros	11 A*/A GCSEs
Hannah Lee	11 A*/A GCSEs
Suleera Abdulaahi	9 A*/A GCSEs
Joao Albuquerque	9 A*/A GCSEs
Raymond Huynh	9 A*/A GCSEs
Domika Williams	9 A*/A GCSEs
Camila Lonardelli	9 A*/A GCSEs
Ria Brown	9 A*/A GCSEs
Jerry Florez	9 A*/A GCSEs
Phillip Thomas	9 A*/A GCSEs
Ayan Hersi	8 A*/A GCSEs



Awards Evening 2014

The annual Awards Evening last term 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 proud of him. I know he worked very hard this year and I can tell he really enjoyed the evening as much as I did." – Year 7 parent

"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

"It was an exciting evening and a great conclusion to the hard work put in by the children." – Year 9 parent



A very well done to the following pupils for their outstanding achievement last year.

English

Outstanding Progress

**Romarn Chin Cafun
Abdur Mezianne
Krishmary Ramdhun
Jade Vernon
Maria Mata**

Outstanding Attainment

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

Outstanding Behaviour for Learning

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

Outstanding Performance in the Grammar School Pathway tests

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



Mathematics

Outstanding Progress

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

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**

Outstanding Behaviour for Learning

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



Science

Outstanding Progress

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

Outstanding Attainment

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

Outstanding Behaviour for Learning

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



Outstanding Performance in the Grammar School Pathway tests

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

Technology

Outstanding Progress

Sebastian Tomczak
Monica Nwaezena
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

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

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
Quynh Do Mai

Outstanding Behaviour for Learning

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

PE

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

Under-13 London Basketball Player Award

Ade Adebayo
Ademola Ogunnowo

Under-15 London Basketball Player Award

Erece Abraham-Edwards
Patrick Lanipekun



London Schools Athletics Junior Javelin Silver Medallists

Jerome Anoché
Ram'I Miller
Hamed Timite
Sarah Bello
Jamila Karamoko

Drama

Outstanding Progress

Jason Gallego
Ilahan Ali
Diana-Carolina 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 Ogunnowo



Graduation Evening 2014

The Graduation Evening last year marked a conclusion to a significant year of our Year 11s and also a 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 the following two pupils:



Hannah Lee (Guy Lee Achievement Award)

Eniola Edusi (Elizabeth Oweradaba Achievement Award)

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

We wish our graduates of 2014 all the success for the future!



Educational trips

Our end of year programme of educational visits was a major success last year. The trips to enhance the learning of our pupils reached different locations within the UK and abroad.

The programme included trips to the north and south of England (visiting museums, zoos and other education centres), and residential trips abroad including Belgium, France, Croatia and Spain.



The regular trips have formed an integral part of every pupil's learning, from museums and universities related to business, enterprise, science and technology to studying culture, history and languages in foreign countries.

During the hot spells of weather, our various service units including our St. John Cadets and Army Cadets also completed successful residential camps to gain their various awards and badges.





The trips complemented the pupils' various areas of study and have been a valuable tool in broadening their knowledge and skills.

Jack Petchey Awards 2014

Platanos College participates in the Jack Petchey Achievement Award Scheme, which aims to recognise, reward and celebrate the achievement of our pupils.

The Scheme recognises a wide range of achievements and young people themselves are involved in nominating and selecting the winners.

The Jack Petchey Awards 2014 took place in June at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, Southbank Centre. Several members of the school were recipients of numerous awards. The pupils were rewarded in recognition of their contribution to the school and community, exemplary behaviour and dedication. In addition, the Leader Award was awarded to a member of staff of Platanos College in recognition of their ability to encourage and motivate young learners in an outstanding and positive way.

Many congratulations to our award winners.

Pupil Achievement Awards:

**Shaden Iris, Yasin Maxamud, Ricardo Gordon,
Paiwand Mohammed, Jamila Karamoko,
Joao Albuquerque**

Leader Award:

Ms Yin (Science teacher)





Jack Petchey winners with the Mayor of Lambeth

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.



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.

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!



Parade Day 2014

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.

A very well done to our uniformed groups.



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

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

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



Safeguarding at Platanos College

At Platanos College, we are committed to safeguarding and protecting the welfare of our pupils. Our **Designated Senior Person for Child Protection** is **Ms T. Williams**.

The dedicated Safeguarding contact email for pupils and parents/carers to raise any safeguarding concerns is safeguardingconcerns@platanoscollege.com.

There are also pupils in each tutor group who are fully trained as **Anti-Bullying Champions** and they meet regularly to discuss any issues that may arise.

The dedicated anti-bullying email address for pupils and parents/carers to raise any issues about bullying is abc@platanoscollege.com.

Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) and SAM Learning

So you want to make sure your child succeeds? Here are **two ways**.

Firstly, use our VLE: Virtual Learning Environment.

What is the VLE?

Platanos College's VLE (Virtual Learning Environment) is the College's on-line learning space. Unlike a normal web site it is a direct link between teachers and pupils, where such things like homework can be posted. There is both a pupil portal and a parent portal. As a parent you will be able to view such things as attendance, timetable and homework.

Accessing our VLE for parents/carers:

1. Go to <https://www.klp.rm.com>.
2. Enter your username and password (both supplied by Platanos College).
3. The first time you log on you will be asked to accept the terms and conditions. Click "**Yes**" and it will take you to the parents' aspect of the Platanos College Homework page. Click on the name of the subject teacher of your child. This will open and show five (5) folders. Click on the year group your child is in and the latest homework will be the file at the top of the list. (Homework is located in the "Shared Space" tab.)
4. If you click on "Home" in the left hand column of the page it will take you to the information on your child. *(You will only be able to see information about your own child, you cannot access other pupil's information and they cannot see anything about yours.)*

Another way is to use SAM Learning.

What is SAM Learning Go?

It is an online educational service, providing year-round learning.

It has been independently proven to raise attainment. Its simple approach focuses on interactive revision and "test question" practice to consolidate learning and increase confidence.

It helps raise achievement by providing high value services that enables your child to take more individual responsibility and improve their results.

SAM Learning can be accessed from any computer connected to the internet.

Accessing SAM Learning:

(Please note it is the pupil's log in account that it used)

- Go to www.samlearning.com
- You will need to enter the Centre ID, User ID and Password
- The Centre ID is **SW9OSP** (O as in the letter **not** the number)
- The user ID is the pupil's date of birth followed by their initials. For example if John Doe was born 01/05/2001, the **User ID will be 010501JD**

The **password** is initially the **same** as the **User ID**. For example **User ID** 010501JD would be **password** 010501JD. Once the pupil logs on they can change their password.

Your son or daughter can now work, with you, through "online" tasks, specifically targeted at their level. You can monitor and check your child's progress, diagnose where they need extra help and work with them to achieve the highest grades of which they are capable.

You can now make a difference. Help your child to success. Log on and give it a try.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Extracurricular Clubs and Societies

Debating Society	Chess Club/Centre of Excellence for Maths
Cookery Club	Centre of Excellence for Science
Textiles Club	Technology Club
Photography Club	Art Club
Animation Club	Computer Club
French Club	Italian Club
Arabic Club	Peer Study Groups
Reading Club	Centre of Excellence for Modern Languages
Disabilities in Society	Centre of Excellence for Sports
Health and Well-being	Choir
Army Cadets	Girl Guides
Scouts	St. John Ambulance Cadets
First Aid Club	Drama Club

(Pupils may contact the individual departments for further information)

Uniform Shop Opening Times

Term time opening hours

Mondays: 9am - 12pm

Wednesdays: 3pm - 5pm

E-Newsletter

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