

Platanos College News

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Debate Mate 2016-2017

The Platanos College Debating Club got off to a fantastic start this year with several new members joining across all year groups from 7 to 10. The debating sessions kicked off in September with some warm up activities where the pupils got to know each other and eased themselves in to the concept of public speaking. We were fortunate enough to have our wonderful Drama teacher, Ms Valmarana, come and host a session where she focused on integrating key debating terms and working together as a team.

Our delightful mentors, Nishkaam and Hajer, arrived after half-term to officially start the Debate Mate programme. Three weeks into the programme, the mentors and pupils



have fully acquainted with each other and the necessary skills for debating are becoming apparent from the pupils. The progression has been quicker than expected. Style, content and delivery are all starting to come through with our participants and this will be nurtured and encouraged over the coming months.

We are very much looking forward to our first competition in the Urban Debate League which will take place in January.

