



Platanos Playwright Project: The best of luck to our Platanos Playwrights and Future Voices!

Thursday 19th April 2018

Since the start of the academic year, pupils selected through a writing competition have been part of a writing group initiative with Southwark Playhouse called Future Voices. Joining a select number of fortunate students from a handful of London secondary schools, our Year 10 pupils, Precious N’Gbale and Joanna Byrne, and Year 11 pupils Paulo Goncalves, Joel Oliveira, Victor Fernandes Gaino and Salome Pereira, have been working closely with professional playwright tutors in workshops with the Drama department to develop their own plays.

Sessions have covered a variety of contemporary plays and writing styles, games and exercises to promote creativity, the sharing of new material, developing the independent playwright’s voice, troubleshooting and refinement of material. In addition to committing to the programme with lots of additional homework tasks, pupils have also been exposed to a number of different productions, both at the venue where their own plays are to be performed and across a number of west end theatres.

Over the Easter break, professional actors have been hired to rehearse the plays written by our pupils. Last week, Platanos’ playwrights took the time to visit rehearsals at the venue to watch their progress and assist the actors with advice and direction.

The plays are live this week at the Southwark Playhouse Theatre where both school groups and members of the general public will be able to see for themselves the impressive levels of skill and creativity shown in each of the plays. On Friday, our Key Stage 3 Young Writers’ Academy will join the playwrights in a trip to watch the showcase. Watch this space for their reviews!

