

# Platanos College News

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## 'Preventing extremism' training at Platanos College

In light of the recent developments around the world and at home in the UK, the school has been facilitating discussions and training amongst members of the school community. Schools are often a focal point of strategic planning and interventions.

This term, staff at Platanos had the valuable opportunity to take important training on the prevention of terrorism and radicalisation – a training topic that reflects the current affairs taking place in the UK and globally.

Steve Tippell, programme manager of the Lambeth Prevent Programme and part of the national strategy, was invited to deliver the workshop at the school. The programme serves to stop people supporting terrorism or becoming terrorists themselves by educating and raising awareness about why and how people can be drawn into terrorism and the support available. It also trains staff on how to identify who may be at risk and what could be done.

The training was indeed valuable and insightful. Mr Whyte, staff member, said: *"The training was a very useful platform for all colleagues to freely discuss the topic and gain a detailed insight into the current issue and how this has an impact on our school community. It also highlights the role we can*



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*play to safeguard our pupils and our wider community. It was worthwhile training for all involved."*

The school has an established safeguarding policy on preventing terrorism and radicalisation available for reference on the college website (please see the *'School policies'* page).