

Platanos College News

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RAF *Fun with Flight* STEM workshop

Our Year 9 pupils were treated to an amazing engineering roadshow from the Royal Air Force (RAF) last week as part of our STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) provision.

Ambassadors from the RAF wowed our pupils with a programme of non-stop activities and demonstrations. The highlight for all was the incredible drone which appeared from behind a screen to record the crowd and display their awed faces on the screens for all to see.

Along with explaining the importance of talented young scientists for the future of the country's success, the presenters kept the audience enthralled throughout – our favourite fact was that in the last year, unauthorised or irresponsibly launched drones have become such a problem for the Dutch authorities that they have trained Golden Eagles to remove them from their airspace.



Other highlights included the Virtual Reality goggle rollercoaster ride, the flame experiment and jet engine which made even the bravest of pupils cover their ears as the decibel level rose.

"It was amazing – the drone was the best!" **Brian Smith**



“The technology and work behind it was unbelievable. It shows what could be achieved with clever use of science and technology.” **Chantelle Gordon**

