



**PLATANOS COLLEGE**

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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Platanos College one of the best in the country for pupil progress at GCSE**

Platanos College has received national recognition for the value it adds to pupils' achievement at GCSE.

SSAT, the Schools, Students and Teachers Network, recently undertook its annual in-depth analysis of official Department for Education data on all state-funded schools in England and identified Platanos College's success.

The school has qualified for an SSAT Educational Outcomes Award by being in the top 20% of schools nationally for progress made by pupils between their key stage 2 results at primary school and their GCSE results at age 16.

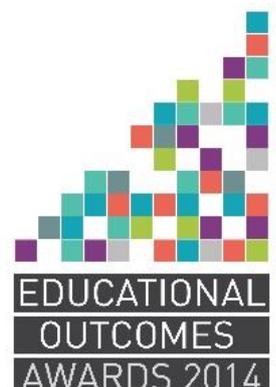
The school has been invited to receive their award at a regional celebration ceremony hosted by SSAT in London on 12<sup>th</sup> May.

Sue Williamson, Chief Executive of SSAT, said:

"Platanos College should be congratulated for their exceptional achievement. They have proved themselves to be leading the field in improving GCSE outcomes for their pupils. There is so much good practice that this school could share, and I hope they will join us at the celebration evening for the chance to network and share strategies with award-winning schools.

"These results are testament to the commitment and hard work of the students, teachers and leadership team at Platanos College, and show what can be achieved when skilled teachers have high expectations and ambition for every young person. I am proud that this school is a member of the SSAT network."

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## Note(s) to editors

### About SSAT

SSAT, the Schools, Students and Teachers Network, is the name of the company founded from the former Specialist Schools and Academies Trust in May 2012.

SSAT is an independent membership organisation for schools. Our work in helping transform education in England started in 1987. Back then our role was to support and nurture the first City Technology Colleges – the initiative that first proved the value of employers and schools working together to drive up standards. As specialist schools and then the first academies came into being, our brief was extended to supporting them as well. That work, underpinned by our ‘by schools, for schools’ ethos, laid the foundations for many of our activities today...the innovative leadership and teacher CPD programmes, the commitment to thought leadership and research and, of course, the network of school leaders and innovative teachers which still drives all that we do.

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### About Platanos College

The college is an 11-16 mixed Academy in the London Borough of Lambeth. It is an outstanding school that caters for pupils of all abilities with options including a Grammar School Pathway and work-related learning through a Business and Enterprise focus. The college received its third successive Outstanding rating from Ofsted in the 2014-2015 academic year.