

Platanos College News

Tuesday 26th November 2019

Academic Lecture Series

Visiting Speaker: Jon Clark, Worshipful Company of Fuellers – 18th November 2019

What is Accountancy?

On Monday 18th November, Year 10 pupils were able to attend a talk given by Jon Clark who is a partner for Ernst and Young. Here we listened and learned about accountancy, the possible career paths that can come from it, and how the career has changed over the years due to recent technological advances.

We heard how accounting is directly linked to finance and budgeting as accountants are hired to manage transactions, financial necessities and advise on whether or not certain financial decisions would be beneficial. Additionally, we now know about the extensive links between technology and accountancy. An example of this can be seen on London transport when you board the bus or tube. The Oyster card and the scanning technology is a great everyday example of the impact technology has had on accounting as this technology automatically collects the appropriate amount of money from the card.

The session was extremely helpful as it gave a first-hand insight into the role of accountants in modern society and information on the best way to follow a pathway in accountancy. It was a very stimulating lecture.

By Daniel Matias, 10A1

Visiting Speaker: Saradhi Rajan, Worshipful Company of Fuellers – 25th November 2019

Entrepreneurship – starting your own business

On Monday 25th November, Year 9 pupils attended a fascinating talk delivered by Saradhi Rajan – a successful entrepreneur. Mr Rajan spoke to us about starting up a business, the practicalities of running a business and the positives and negatives of starting a business.

The key message that we got from the talk was the importance of scalability – you start small and slowly work your way up. That is how the likes of Starbucks and McDonald's became so successful.

Mr Rajan emphasised the important skills that you need when starting your own business, such as resilience, determination and a positive mind set. He gave an example of J.K. Rowling who had to keep trying in order to make a success of her Harry Potter books.

If we want to start a business, we need to have an idea that we are passionate about – Mr Rajan made it clear that if your aim when starting a business was to make lots of money then you would likely fail.

It was fascinating to listen to Mr Rajan, in particular his advice and listening to his own personal experiences.

By Nathan Beaumont, 9A

