

Platanos College News

Thursday 4th September 2019

A welcome to our new Year 7 pupils

We were delighted to welcome our new Year 7 pupils to Platanos College on Wednesday 4th September 2019. The pupils were greeted by Mr Bourke and Ms Williams with their first year group assembly, during which they were taught what it means to be a part of Platanos College in line with the school motto 'Attitude Determines Altitude'. The pupils looked outstanding in their brand new uniform and listened keenly throughout.

The pupils were placed into their tutor groups where they met their tutor and peers before going on a tour of the school site. All pupils enjoyed a free school lunch in the school canteen with many commenting positively on the varied range of hot and cold food available. The pupils enjoyed socialising with their peers in the playground before being taught how to line up in their tutor groups at the end of lunch time to ensure a safe and orderly entry into the school building.

After lunch the pupils completed lessons on the following topics:

- How to develop organisational skills;
- How to communicate with others;
- How to resolve conflict.

For the rest of the week our new Year 7 pupils will receive a bespoke transition programme in order to help them settle into their new secondary school environment.

Our new Year 7s' school day concluded with an assembly where every pupil was rewarded with a brand new reading book as a welcome gift and congratulated for completing their first day of secondary school in such a positive manner. All of us at Platanos College are proud of them already. We are confident that our new cohort will become successful additions to the Platanos College community.

At the end of the school day parents joined their children for a short welcome event and met with our staff. Parents and carers received important curriculum information in order to better prepare them in helping to support their children.

All information provided via the presentations is available on the school website.

Here are some of the favourite parts of the day from our new Year 7s:

“Finding out my tutor group and meeting my tutor.”

“Getting to know new people.”

“The tour of the building.”

“Being given a new reading book – thank you!”









