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PUPIL WEEKLY BULLETIN

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Edition 1

Attitude Determines Altitude

WELCOME

Welcome to our first edition of the Platanos College pupil weekly bulletin. This will be uploaded to SMHW weekly. We are contacting every pupil throughout the week this week. Staff are working tirelessly to organise your online learning.

This week we asked staff the following question: **What do you miss most about your classes and our pupils?**

Ms Wall said:

"I miss the buzz of creativity in my classroom.
I miss seeing my Y11 class working hard towards their exam projects as their ideas were becoming exciting and highly individual".



Ms Stephenson said:

"I miss the cheery greeting of pupils on entering the school building or walking around the corridors. Hearing pupils wish me a 'Good Morning' or holding a door open for me is all a part of the school community which I look forward to hearing again soon".

Ms Daniels said:

"I miss the numerous, varied and lively conversations and interactions throughout each and every day.

Stay safe & healthy!"



Ms McAteer said:

“I miss our pupils’ ideas, creativity and energy which inspires and motivates me every day”.

Mr Paton said:

“I miss their personalities, character and seeing their confidence grow when they achieve”.

Mr Garry said:

“There are so many things I miss about my classes and pupils. I miss watching the news with my form and listening to their opinions on current affairs.

I miss the meeting and greeting of students whilst on duty, and I finally miss the look on my student's faces when they have grasped a concept that they had previously struggled with”.

Ms Henry-Jarrett said:

“While maths is my passion, getting the chance to interact, build and mould young minds is even more rewarding.

I miss my year 7 putting a beat/rhythm to key concepts being taught, my year 9s are always ready for some competition and great discussions, my year 10 whom I have developed a close relationship with and given the class size I am better able to progress their understanding and finally my year 11s who are always able to bring a smile on my face”.

Ms Alam said:

“I miss the positive attitude of most of my students especially year 10TSC class when they show resilience in the class and solve problems independently. I am busy preparing work for them. Have a great day and week ahead. Stay blessed and safe”.



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Mr Tannam said:

"I miss the pupils of 9E in particular given that I have been involved with them since I joined in 2017.

I miss being a form tutor to 8E and going through their merits and demerits. I miss their conversations about what's important to them.

I'm sad that I'm uncertain about what lies ahead for the Yr11s I had just started to teach in terms of exams and future options.

The lively and vibrant 7s are also on my mind and I look forward to returning to them whenever this unprecedented situation is resolved".

**Mr Bourke said:**

"I miss the wonderful manners, the 'Good Morning', the 'Good Afternoon', especially from our KS3 pupils".

Ms Courtney:

"The Prince's Trust - I miss our exciting trips and team building challenges! You know how much you make me and Ms Farrell laugh.

7E - I really miss saying good morning to you all every morning. I hope everyone is practicing their mindfulness, you know how much I love it! Hope you are all safe and well, hopefully it won't be long before we're back in GD19 singing with Ms Henry-Jarrett to remember all our maths!".

Ms Cleasby said:

"I miss my year 9 library lessons; the pupils made me proud every week with their focus and improvement.

I miss reading with my year 7 class for DEAR and giving out postcards home.

I miss my year 10 and year 11 English class with their incredible determination and hard work.

I miss seeing my year 11 form group every morning; they've been my form every year but one, since year 7.

Overall, I miss the pupils' begrudged "good mornings" and even their occasional surly looks. Most of all, I miss our pupils' noise (particularly laughter). It's too quiet without them".

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Ms O’Connell said:

“I miss the intelligent discussions, our pupils are fantastic at thinking outside of the box and on many occasions they make me consider my own opinions and views in certain topics”.

Ms Henry said:

“It is a pleasure to be speaking to pupils about their work and making sure you know we are still here”.

Ms Hashim said:

During this challenging time for the Platanos community and the world, the things I miss the most are the small things during the school day. Things such as the routine and familiarity that both staff and pupils are accustomed to, for example,

greeting students around the school and during lesson changeover”.

Ms Williams said:

“Pupils are demanding more work, this is something to be celebrated at a time when we are all looking out for one another. Our wellbeing is so important. Stay safe”.



Drama Department HQ:

“Here at Drama Department HQ we are missing our pupils terribly. The joy, creativity and challenges we share with each other every day at Platanos have only been made more evident by these necessary temporary interruptions.

Miss Hall and I feel lonely without you - we've even tried video messaging each other in an attempt to recreate your favourite whole class warm-up games but it turns out that 'Fruit Salad,' '21' and '7Up' just don't work with two people...!

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Stay safe and keep looking for opportunities to develop your creativity. In our currently altered circumstances, the stimuli for new stories, performances and works of art are still around, twinkling in new hiding places, just waiting to be sought out and made your own”.



The MFL department said:

“In MFL we miss the enthusiasm of our children, their love of learning and their resilience to overcome new challenges. Each pupil has a unique ability to learn and at times some pupils will struggle while others thrive.

One of the most rewarding feelings that we have in MFL is when we work closely with a child and help them to overcome a particular challenge.

We also miss the moments when pupils feel or act so engaged in the subject that they pretend to understand every single word when we speak Spanish.

However, the pupils never fail to tell it like it is. We feel so blessed to have the most rewarding profession in the world”.



Mr Carroll said:

“This week, the thing I am missing most is my daily interactions with all pupils in lessons and in the corridors but, mostly, I am missing my morning contact with my form group 10B2 every morning, whether in registration or in assembly. A boisterous and lively group, they never fail to put a smile on my face every morning – stay healthy and safe!”.



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Ms Taybi said:

“The Platanos spirit is very much alive and online, although this doesn’t replace the day to day. I miss the buzz of learning in each and every classroom I visit daily”.



On behalf of all of the staff at Platanos College, we miss each and every one of you. We cannot wait to return to business as normal...whenever that may be.

More updates will be on their way to you next week.

If you have a sensible question you would like staff to answer, please send this in to the pastoral email below:

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