



PLATANOS COLLEGE

An outstanding school for
pupils of all abilities

Key Stage 4 Newsletter

Friday 23rd October 2020

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Key Dates / Events Calendar

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| Term 2 | Monday 2nd November 2020 – Friday 18th December 2020 |
| Key Stage 4 Formal Examinations | Monday 2nd November – Friday 6th November 2020 |

Welcome

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

We would like to extend a big thank you for your continued support.

It has been another successful start to the new academic year and it was such a pleasure to see our Year 10 and Year 11 pupils return to school.

Both year groups have made a very positive and productive start to this academic year. Our Year 10 pupils have formally started their learning for their GCSE examinations. Year 11 are working hard to catch-up and engage in new learning.

Pupils have consistently demonstrated outstanding behaviour for learning in lessons and I am already excited to see what they will undoubtedly achieve at the end of this academic year.

We would also like to thank our parents and carers who continue to work in partnership with the school by keeping us informed of any health concerns in their respective household. This certainly will allow us to

keep our school community safe and help prevent the spread of Covid-19.

The wellbeing of our school community is of utmost importance and as we approach the flu season it is imperative that you seek immediate medical help and advice should you child become unwell.

Year 11 Exam update

The government has made it clear that exams will go ahead during the summer 2021, for our Year 11 pupils.

However, in light of the rising case numbers and the battle to suppress the virus, they are developing contingencies for all possible scenarios which might impact pupils' ability to sit exams.

Nonetheless, our Year 11 pupils are expected to continue to work diligently towards their final exams.

We are very pleased at the attitudes displayed by Year 11, they are engaging proactively in lessons, they are accessing

online learning and they are actively engaged in Independent learning.

Online Intervention Sessions



We were very pleased to see so many Year 11 pupils accessing the online Saturday Tuition Programme and the half term break Online Intervention Sessions.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff involved and the parents and carers for their ongoing support in encouraging their child to log on.

These Online Tuition Sessions are designed to support your child achieve their target grades in their GCSE examinations 2021. There were several sessions which were focused on Catch-up, revising topics which were taught during the lockdown.

We are currently unable to provide our usual Saturday Year 11 Revision sessions on site because of the COVID-19 pandemic, which has resulted in staff teaching sessions online.

The expectation is that all Year 11 pupils must access these Online Tuition Sessions.

Please could you inform the school as soon as possible if you do not have access to a laptop and/or access to the internet via ks4pastoral@platanoscollege.com.

Seneca Learning Online

We have issued every pupil at Platanos College with a premium Seneca account. To access this account your child should use

their **school username**, followed by **@platanoscollege.com**

The password is **seneca2020**; your child should change their password once they have logged in for the first time.

Keeping safe



There are a number of new procedures and rules which we insist our staff and pupils follow to keep our school community safe:

1. Wash hands thoroughly and frequently for a minimum of 20 seconds. We have installed additional hand washing facilities and hand sanitiser stations in various locations throughout the school site. Hand sanitisers are also available in all classrooms. However, we would strongly encourage pupils to bring in their own sanitiser as an additional precautionary measure.
2. Minimise contact between individuals, even within bubbles, and maintain social distancing wherever possible. Pupils must be 2 metres away from staff. Pupils should be 1 metre away from another pupil wherever possible.
3. Ensure good respiratory hygiene when sneezing or coughing by using the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.
4. In line with government guidance, face mask must be worn in all communal areas in the school; including when moving around the corridors and stairwells. It is vital that face masks are worn correctly and this requires the cleaning of hands before and after touching them. Please note we have handed

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out face coverings to all pupils who wished to take one. Face coverings are available if your child does not have access to a face covering.

5. The borrowing of equipment between pupils is not permitted.

Attendance and Punctuality

Due to our Key Stage 4 pupils missing a substantial amount of learning due to the lockdown at the end of the last academic year, it's important that your child attends school as often as possible and on time.

Despite the later start for Key Stage 4, we still have a minority of pupils who arrives to school late.

Punctuality is highly regarded in any workplace and at Platanos College we try to embed this ethos into our pupils so that they are best prepared for the world beyond school.

In the not too distant future, many of our Key Stage 4 pupils will require references for colleges, sixth-form and apprenticeships. Consequently, punctuality and attendance will be a main factor that will feature within our feedback.

Please ensure you encourage your child to arrive to school on time as this will not only set a positive pattern for the future, but help your child keep up with their school work and maximise their academic achievement.

If your child is absent from school, a notification phone call must be made to the school on the first day of the absence and every further day that they are absent. Upon returning to school, a written note needs to be handed in to the main office, stating the reason for their absence.

CHABOP – Pupils' Achievements



Platanos College would like to congratulate the vast majority of our Key Stage 4 pupils for continuing to have an excellent attitude towards their learning and continually demonstrating outstanding behaviour in lessons.

These pupils continue to be fantastic ambassadors for our school.

The following pupils have achieved the highest CHABOP in Key Stage 4 and are living examples that ATTITUDE DETERMINES ALTITUDE.

Top 20 Year 11 pupils

| Name | Total CHABOP Points |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| Chelsea Brock | 1410 |
| Annie Le | 1360 |
| Mikal Weldemariam | 1325 |
| Amiyah Sullivan | 1270 |
| Huda Hassan | 1260 |
| Bianca Dos Santos | 1240 |
| Tasneem Adam | 1230 |
| Brandon Oposa | 1230 |
| Shian Jordan | 1210 |
| Saron Yared | 1200 |
| Nadira Mohamud | 1170 |
| Camilla Dos Santos | 1165 |
| Hasna Gutin | 1150 |
| Erwyn Bayemi | 1110 |
| Omar Mousli | 1100 |
| Diego Martins | 1090 |
| Reyes St. Louis | 1090 |

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| Vickie Tiew | 1090 |
| Samreen Amanullah | 1040 |
| Tashana Davis | 1040 |
| Jaide Anna Marriott | 975 |
| Edward Martindale-Shiaka | 945 |
| Nevaeh Gordon | 940 |
| Sarah Ouaguennouni | 940 |
| Amilia Smith | 940 |
| Abdurahman Diriye | 930 |

Top 20 Year 10 pupils

| Name | Total CHABOP Points |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Joshua Zack | 1115 |
| Rodrigo Figueiredo | 1110 |
| Adel Al-Daheri | 1105 |
| Ellie Hopkins | 1100 |
| Davian Newell | 1085 |
| Eduardo Araujo | 1060 |
| Ammar Aberaa | 1040 |
| Yusra Mahudin | 1030 |
| Rahmarno Sawyers | 1030 |
| Najah Mohamed | 1000 |
| Olivia Coka | 995 |
| Ronnie Curtis | 995 |
| Leshontay Harvey | 965 |
| Khiara Jarrin Herrera | 965 |
| Beatriz Ramos | 965 |
| Yoela Rios | 965 |
| Sunbal Amanullah | 960 |
| Renato Rodrigues Madeira | 960 |
| Lemiyaa Nur Hussien | 945 |
| Thalia Aguilar Ramirez | 930 |
| Keyana Richards | 920 |
| Sayma Begum | 915 |
| Amira Benseba | 915 |
| Amanda Myers Neal Victoria | 910 |
| Dunya Al-Shimary | 905 |
| Nada Said | 905 |

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| Samira Khalif | 900 |
| Chukwunwike Okoli | 900 |
| Sofia Pires | 895 |

Well done to all our outstanding Key Stage 4 pupils.

Careers

Platanos College along with 16 other Lambeth schools is part of the 'Quality in Careers Standard'. The Quality in Careers Standard is the national quality award for careers education, information, advice and guidance (CEIAG) in schools, colleges and work-based learning.

The 'Quality in Careers Standard' is about improving our pupils' awareness of opportunities, raising their aspirations and working with them to ensure they achieve their full potential.

As part of our on-going commitment to provide impartial, independent careers education, information, advice and guidance to all of our pupils. All year 11 pupils will meet with the careers advisor for one-to-one meetings to receive advice and information about education courses, training courses, apprenticeships and job opportunities. This will start in November 2020.

The guidance is to help pupils decide their next steps, at the end of secondary education, and to support our pupils with applications and interview preparation.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your child's secondary transition or want detailed information pertaining to our whole school Careers Policy, please contact the careers team or visit the Platanos College website.

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Update to Contact Details

Please ensure the school office has all your current contact details, especially your current mobile phone number and email address and advise us immediately if there are any changes.

Emails can also be sent to info@platanoscollege.com.

Finally...

We encourage Year 10 and Year 11 pupils to keep up their outstanding work and stay committed towards their end of year targets and goals.

Lastly, I hope you all enjoy a relaxing half term and please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have questions or concerns at ks4pastoral@platanoscollege.com.

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Key Stage 4 Pastoral Manager

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