



# Assembly notices

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021

## Reflection for the week

The theme for our reflection of the week is Empowerment.

The definition of empowerment is the process of becoming stronger and more confident, especially in controlling one's life and claiming one's rights. Control underpins the feeling of empowerment. Having the power to control what you can and accepting the things that you cannot change is important.

At Platanos College we empower you in many different ways.

We empower you through our motto *Attitude Determines Altitude*.

We empower to take control of your learning, to strive to be the best that you can be. To challenge yourself. We want you, our pupils to feel like you can determine your future through the decisions that you make and hard work.

We want you to feel empowered to make the right decisions, developing socially as well as academically.

Personal empowerment is about looking at who you are and becoming more aware of yourself as a unique individual.

Building personal empowerment involves reflecting on our personal values, skills and goals and being prepared to adjust your behaviour in order to achieve your goals. Personal empowerment also means being aware that other people have their own set of values and goals which may be different to yours.

Developing personal empowerment usually involves making some fundamental changes in life, which is not always an easy process.

This week you should think about how you can empower yourself.

- Who are your champions?
- Who supports you to be a better person and make the right choices?
- Who enables you to be the best that you can be?

Remember that no one has the power to shatter your dreams unless you give them that power.

You can, you should, and if you're brave enough to start, you will because your *Attitude Determines Altitude*.

**Please see the assembly notices for this week:**

***Social Distancing***

As positive cases of COVID 19 continue to rise, particularly in the borough of Lambeth, the additional school rules must continue:

- You must keep two metres apart where possible from staff in the school
- You must keep at least one metre apart from other pupils in the corridors and stairwells
- Be aware of what you touch – avoid touching handrails or door handles. You should sanitize your hands after touching handrails or door handles – consider this especially when using public transport
- You must not lend nor borrow equipment
- Wash your hands regularly and properly – for at least twenty seconds – especially when arriving to school, before and after lunch and when leaving school
- Gloves are not effective ways of preventing the spread of germs and diseases
- You must stay in your year group bubble – you are not allowed to wander around the school unsupervised. You are not allowed to mix with any other pupil from another year group whilst you are in the school – including lunchtime. Entering an area of the school where there is a bubble which is different to yours will lead to cross contamination and further restrictions on your movement around the school. This includes crossing areas at lunchtimes.
- Only two pupils are permitted in a toilet block at any one time – and pupils should not go into any other toilet block other than those assigned to you.
- Please continue to be vigilant and reflect on the seating plan of the canteen and main hall at lunchtime. Tables are in rows facing forward. This is in place purposefully as when people face each other when they eat there is a greater chance of the spread of saliva spreading involuntarily when talking or eating and hitting someone's face. This means that germs are more likely to spread. Therefore, when eating lunch you must sit forward.
- Seating plans in lessons must also be kept to. Pupils are not allowed to move seats, as you need to be socially distant from as many people as possible. The less different people you are near the better for you. If pupils disregard this notice then they are putting others at potential risk. We cannot and will not accept this.

In addition, please be mindful of your noise levels when being escorted from your classroom for an option subject, lunch or at the end of the day. Excessive noise causes anxiety for many people and it disrupts lessons that are going on. Pupils who make excessive noise around the school will be sanctioned.

### ***Formal Examinations***

Year 10 have now completed their formal examinations.

Years 7, 8 and 9 formal examinations conclude this week.

All pupils should continue to actively revise key topics throughout the summer.

You may find that making notes, completing past papers, completing mind maps, creating mnemonics or creating revision posters will be useful ways of recalling and remembering information.

Please be aware that following your formal examinations that we will rank you in terms of your attainment and progress. Depending on the results of these formal examinations you may move class.

### ***Year 10 Parent Teacher Evening***

Following the Year 10 Formal Examination week and the almost completion of year 10 pupils' first full year of GCSEs, we will meet year 10 pupils' parents.

Each parent/ carer will have a **10 minute slot** with different subject teachers so as to discuss current progress, targets for the new academic year and what year 10 pupils need to do to improve further. It is also an opportunity for you to discuss any concerns that you may have regarding aspects of your child's learning.

Because of social distancing measures, the parents' evenings will be split over two days:

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July – 4.30pm – 6.30pm: 10A1, 10A2, 10A3

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July – 4.30pm – 6.30pm: 10A4, 10B1, 10B2, 10B3.

Pupils will receive their school report at these meetings.

### ***Key Stage 3 Academic Review Days***

Academic Review Days serve to inform parents and carers of how their children have progressed in their individual subjects this academic year.

Each parent/ carer will have a **10 minute** slot with pupils' subject teachers so as to discuss their child's current progress, targets for the new academic year and what is needed to improve further. It is also an opportunity for parents/ carers to discuss any concerns that they may have regarding their child's learning.

Academic Review Days are **compulsory** meetings held throughout the school year. Pupils must attend with their parent(s) or carer(s) and wear full school uniform.

You should only attend in the time period that your form class has been assigned. There will be no formal school day for pupils on the day of their Academic Review Day. After pupils, parents and carers have met with teachers they should go home.

Because of social distancing measures, the Academic Review Days will be on different days for different pupils:

#### ***Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Year 7***

7A and 7B – arrive between the time of 9am and 10.30am

7C and 7D – arrive between the time of 10.30am and 12pm

7W and 7E – arrive between the time of 12pm and 1pm

Year 8 and year 9 attend school at the normal time on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July – Year 9**

9A and 9B – arrive between the time of 9am and 10.30am

9C and 9D – arrive between the time of 10.30am and 12pm

9H, 9W and 9E – arrive between the time of 12pm and 1pm

Year 7 and year 8 attend school at the normal time on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July – Year 8**

8A and 8B – arrive between the time of 9am and 10.30am

8C and 8D – arrive between the time of 10.30am and 12pm

8H, 8W and 8E – arrive between the time of 12pm and 1pm

Year 7 and year 9 attend school at the normal time on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

Pupils will receive their school report at these meetings.

**Year 6 Induction Day**

Please be advised that Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July is our Year 6 Induction Day.

All year groups will learn online on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July. Pupils should follow their normal school timetable. All lessons will be live lessons.

**Hot weather**

**You should bring a bottle of water to school which you can refill.** Please be aware that you are not allowed to have cups of water outside of the canteen.

**The Armitage Juniors**

Well done to our Armitage Juniors who continue to work with Kings College London.

The remaining date this academic year is:

- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – 12.30pm to 2pm followed by an online ceremony between 3pm and 4.45pm.

### ***The Local Community***

Please remember to be considerate to our neighbours in the local community.

In particular you should not loiter in the area and you should go straight home after school. Please remember that you are a part of a wider community – so please be very mindful of your noise levels and behaviour in the local area. You should not be congregating in the estates unless you live there.

We respect our neighbours so, therefore, if any pupil brings the name of the school into disrepute because of their anti-social behaviour in our community, they will be sanctioned with a fixed term exclusion, in line with our discipline and behaviour policy.

### ***Punctuality to school***

It is compulsory to attend school on time. This is for many reasons, but one of the main reasons is health and safety. At school we are in loco parentis – in other words we act on behalf of your parents/carers – and as such, we need to know where you are and that you are safe.

In addition, being punctual is a quality that is important in having now and in the future:

- Punctuality shows that you are organised
- It shows that you are dependable
- It reflects professionalism and attention to detail
- It shows respect for your teachers and other pupils.

Again, you are reminded that:

- All pupils in Key Stage 3 should be in school no later than 8.40am.
- All pupils in Key Stage 4 should be in school no later than 9.40am.

If you are late to school, you will be issued a Late Detention, served at lunchtime.

### ***Key Stage 3 reading***

Every Friday Key Stage 3 classes will continue form time reading sessions.

Form time reading is designed ensure that all pupils in KS3 are taking part in regular reading for pleasure and to improve their reading for meaning. It will also ensure that pupils improve their reading age and reading comprehension, which will in turn support their progress across all subjects.

We look forward to hearing your reviews:

Year 7 – *Boy in the Striped Pyjamas* or *Private Peaceful*

Year 8 – *The Woman in Black* or *Frankenstein*, *Blood Brothers* or *Stone Cold*

Year 9 – *Lord of the Flies* or *Trash*

### ***Extra-curricular clubs***

We are delighted that extra-curricular clubs have returned this half term. More clubs have been added this week and are listed below.

Everyone should try to attend an extra-curricular club because by participating you will develop your communication skills, meet new friends and become more confident.

<u>Day</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Staff member</u>
Mondays (AM)	Basketball Club	Year 10	Coach Davy
Mondays (Lunch)	Basketball Club	Year 8	Coach Davy
Mondays (Lunch)	MUGA	Year 7	Mr Paton
Mondays (Lunch)	MUGA	Year 9	Ms Daniels
Mondays (PM)	CCF	Year 10	Ms Webb
	Boxing fitness	Year 10	Mr Paton
Tuesdays (AM)	Basketball Club	Year 7	Coach Davy
Tuesdays (Lunch)	Basketball	Year 7	Coach Davy
Tuesdays (Lunch)	MUGA	Year 8	Mr Paton
Tuesdays (Lunch)	Basketball	Year 9	Coach Davy
Tuesdays (PM)	St John's Cadets	All year groups	Ms Webb
	Basketball Club	Year 8	Coach Davy
	Boys football	Year 8	Mr Klassen
	Netball	Year 8	Ms Bartley
Wednesdays (AM)	Basketball Club	Year 8	Coach Davy
Wednesdays (Lunch)	MUGA	Year 9	Mr Paton
Wednesdays (PM)	Basketball Club	Year 9	Coach Davy
	Boys football	Year 9	Mr Paton

	Girls football	Years 8 and 9	Mr Olaniran
	Netball	Year 9	Ms Bartley
Thursdays (Lunch)	MUGA	Year 10	Mr Klassen
Fridays (AM)	Basketball Club	Year 10	Coach Davy
Fridays (Lunch)	MUGA	Year 10	Mr Olaniran
Fridays (PM)	Basketball Club	Year 7	Coach Davy
	Boys football	Year 7	Mr Paton
	Girls football	Year 7	Mr Olaniran
	Netball	Year 7	Ms Bartley
	Boxing fitness	Year 11	Mr Paton

If you wish to attend an after school club in the Summer Term you must have parental consent. Please speak to Ms Webb or Mr Olaniran for a letter.

### ***Taking pride in your environment***

Please be mindful of the environment that you work in. Nobody wants to work in an untidy or messy classroom. Nor do they wish to use a toilet which has been used carelessly.

This is our school. Look after our school.

Additionally, as you have been told repeatedly, germs spread in toilets – when you use them properly and carefully, this reduces the amount of germs that can infect you.

### ***Toilets***

You are reminded that we adjusted our school rules on going to the toilet during lesson time in sympathy with your lack of routine during the lockdown.

Unfortunately, we will return to the rule of not going to the toilet during lesson time in the Summer Term if too many pupils are requesting to be excused from their lessons.

- You should use the toilet before school and at lunchtime
- Only two pupils are permitted in one toilet block at any one time
- You should only use the toilets that have been assigned to you.

### ***Uniform notice***

When you are in school you are expected to be in full school uniform and our expectations on appearance and professionalism has not faltered.

- Look after your school uniform
- Piercings: nose piercings, smiler piercings, eyebrow piercings or multiple piercings are not allowed – and boys are not allowed piercings at all
- Hair: no cuts, lines or high top. We do not permit afros and hair must be your natural hair colour.

Please note that breaches of uniform will see pupils receive demerits. If pupils are unable to correct their uniform, pupils will be sent home until it is corrected.

### ***Equipment***

You are reminded of the basic equipment that you are expected to bring to school:

- Several blue or black pens
- Several HB pencils
- A ruler with cms and inches
- A pencil eraser
- A scientific calculator
- A reading book

You should also try to bring a glue stick, highlighters and a dictionary to school. Please note that pupils are not allowed to bring scissors into school.

### ***Keeping safe – stranger danger***

We live in a community that is, generally, caring and supportive of each other. However, as in any part of the world there are people that we cannot trust and that we need to be wary of. Therefore, it is important that everyone – especially children and young people – is wary of strangers.

- When travelling to and from school, or even just socialising with your friends at the park or a playground:
- Be alert to what the things happening around – have the confidence to know when something is not right and be strong enough to seek help when needed
- Never approach or talk to strangers who are in cars or vans and never get into a car or van with a stranger
- Don't be afraid to say 'no' to a stranger. If a stranger makes you feel unsafe, always 'yell and tell'
- If someone makes you feel unsafe then run to a safe zone – a place where there is someone who you can trust and talk to – maybe a school, a shop, a police station or a friend's house
- Never give your name, phone number or address to a stranger – whether in person or online
- Never follow a stranger – keep your distance from them – and do not accept any gifts from them
- Look out for one another.



## ***Staying safe online***

- Never give out your real name to a stranger on the internet
- Never tell anyone you do not know where you go to school
- Never give out your address or telephone number to someone you do not know
- Tell an adult immediately if someone makes inappropriate suggestions, makes you feel uncomfortable online, or asks you to send something to them online, for example photographs
- If someone you do not know does any of the following – these are danger signs – you should tell your parent or carer immediately!
- If they insist on having your address or phone number
- If the person emails you pictures which make you feel uncomfortable and which you would not want to show to anyone else
- If the person wants to keep their chats with you secret
- If the person tells you that you will get in trouble if you tell an adult what has been going on
- If the person wants you to email or send pictures of yourself or use a webcam in a way which makes you feel uncomfortable
- If the person shares information with you and tells you not to tell anyone else about it
- If the person wants to meet you and tells you not to let anyone know

## ***Cyber-bullying advice***

Social media sites, including messaging apps, claim to have a zero-tolerance approach to cyber-bullying, however in a recent survey, 91% of people say that they were not satisfied with how the reports were dealt with.

All apps/ sites allow you to:

- Report abuse
- Block users.

If cyber bullying affects you speak with your parents or carers and it can be reported to the police – cyber bullying is a criminal offence. If the police were to investigate they can find the culprit pretty easily – especially as every post, message, picture or video added to the internet leaves a digital footprint – even if the person who has added the post deletes it, the post still exists somewhere.

However, some things should be considered:

- It is easier for cowards to write something abusive behind a computer screen than to say it in person
- Any post that is uploaded can be shared or screenshotted and sent to anyone
- Cyber bullying is a criminal offence. A cyber bully could therefore get a criminal record
- Cyber bullies can have their accounts deleted.

Stay safe.

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