



Year 7 Newsletter

Friday 11th November 2022

MESSAGE FROM Mr Hobson Year 7 Pastoral Manager

Attitude Determines Altitude

A warm welcome to the start of a new term. It has been great to see the Year 7 cohort return to school following the half term break and settle into the routines established during the first half term.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents, carers and pupils about the importance of winter coats. In recent weeks we have seen a lot more rainfall and the temperature is starting to get colder. Please ensure that your child is travelling to and from school with an appropriate winter coat to keep them warm and dry whilst they travel.

Please also remember that our breakfast club runs every morning from 7:45am until 8:15am. A free breakfast is available for all pupils with both hot and cold options on the menu.

If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at year7pastoral@platanoscollege.com

PASTORAL MANAGER'S PUPIL OF THE WEEK

Rasharne Dixon Warren has been chosen as the Year 7 Pastoral Managers' Pupil of the week for his consistent positive attitude to school life, both inside and outside of the classroom. Rasharne is often one of the first pupils to arrive on the school site each day and is a keen basketball player.



Rasharne has had a positive first week back in school attaining in excess of 300 merits and receiving zero demerits. Rasharne wears the school uniform with pride, is always politely spoken and ready to help any of his peers or member of staff when required.

Rasharne's positive attitude sets a great example for his peers at Platanos College.

Well done Rasharne keep up the hard work.

YEAR 7 TRIPS TO ENHANCE LEARNING

This morning we launched our Year 7 Trips to Enhance Learning which will take place on Thursday 15th December 2022.

These are learning based trips focused on providing pupils with the opportunity to develop their learning beyond the classroom.

Pupils are invited to attend Trips to Enhance Learning based on their performance in relation to their CHABOP points over the course of the term. Pupils were made aware of this from the first week of the academic year.

Each child that has been invited to attend the Trips to Enhance Learning will have been provided with a trip letter today which contains all the relevant information for your child's specific trip.

The deadline for payment will be Friday 9th December 2022.

LESSONS AND LEARNING EXPECTATIONS

Work to the best of your ability within lessons.

Conduct yourself in a manner that is becoming of a Platanos College pupil (in accordance with the school's code of conduct).

Adhere to all reasonable requests made by any member of staff.

Make a concerted effort to alter or rectify attitude, behaviour and conduct once a warning or demerit has been issued by a teacher or member of staff.

PUPIL LEADERSHIP

Prior to the half term break October 22. The school held Pupil Leadership elections across all Year 7 tutor groups.

To apply for a leadership position, pupils had to complete an application form and deliver a speech outlining why they believe they would be a good candidate for the position. I was very impressed with the standard of applications forms and speeches by Year 7 pupils.



Please see the Leadership results below;

Class Presidents

Kassius Jackson-Simmonds 7A
Anwar Jasir 7B
Shivani Clarke-Lewis 7C
Ferdinands Pedro 7D
Jahmannie Bollers 7E
Shalomie Palmer 7W

Safeguarding Champions

Leandro Mora Pareja 7A
Cristian Nicols 7B
Kamil Curtis 7C
Carolina Pinto Ali 7D
Mara Sofia 7E
Brianna Minott-Gordon 7W

Anti-Bullying Champions

Lanaya Warren 7A
Mohammed Hasan 7B
Maferima Bamba 7C
Aisha Jimoh 7D
Marilyn Mensah 7E
Ximena Palenci 7W

VAPING

Vaping and/or smoking on school site are a serious breach of our behaviour policy. Should we find any evidence of a pupil vaping or smoking on school site, your child will be sanctioned in line with the school Discipline and Behaviour Policy.



Please remind your child about the dangers of vaping and smoking, it is illegal for pupils under 18 to be purchasing vapes or any type of e-liquid.

ATTENDANCE

Platanos College can no longer authorize leave of absence during term time, except for exceptional circumstance, which is authorized at the discretion of the Head Teacher.

Therefore, all request for pupils to take an absence of leaving during term time, parents must complete a form 14days before traveling. If any pupil fails to return to school within the agreed date they at risk of a fine being raised with the local authority.

WHOLE SCHOOL NOTICE

Homework is an essential aspect of all pupils' learning as this is an extension of work covered in the classroom.

Pupils are expected to complete all homework set by teachers; this is predominantly online through Google classroom. The quality of homework is expected to be of a high standard and will be regularly checked.

Pupils who produce outstanding quality homework will be merited. In-turn, poorly attempted or incomplete homework will be sanctioned as de-merits or same day detentions.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

PLATANOS COLLEGE EXTRA-CURRICULAR TIMETABLE

Autumn Term (2022-2023)

Day	Club	Year group	Time	Location/Staff
Monday	Coding Club	Year 9 (Girls only)	15h10 – 16h00	2D15
	Spanish Film Club	KS3	15h10 – 16h00	1D12/13
	Fitness	KS4	15h30 – 16h30	Fitness suite/Dance studio
Tuesday	Calm Club	KS3	11h05-11h50	GD19
	Netball	KS3	15h15-16h15	MUGA/Playground/Sports Hall
	Table tennis	KS3	15h15-16h15	Dance Studio
Wednesday	Homework Club	Year 10	15h30 - 16h30	1C8
	Science	Year 7	15h30 - 16h30	Science Dept.
	Science	Year 8 & 9	15h30 - 16h30	Science Dept.
Thursday	Origami Club	Year 8	11h05 – 11h50	GD19
	Netball	Year 10	15h15 – 16h15	MUGA/Playground
	Girls Football	KS3	15h15 – 16h00	MUGA
	Boys Football	Year 10	15h40 – 16h30	MUGA
	Study Club	KS4	15h30 – 16h30	GD19
Friday	Fitness	KS4	15h40 – 16h40	Fitness suite/Dance Studio (
	Computing (Coding & Robotics Club)	KS3	15h10-16h00	1A9
	Spanish speaking Club	KS4	15h10-16h00	1D13
	Spanish GCSE Revision Club	KS4	15h10 – 16h00	1D12

***Upcoming clubs:**

- 1) Debate mate (Autumn 2) 2) Debate mate accelerate 3) Writing Academy
 4) Art Club 5) Girl Guides & Scouts 6) Drama Club
 7) Maths Club 8) History Club 9) Basketball Club
 10) Boxing Club 11) Football

If any pupil is interested in attending our extra -curricular clubs they should approach the appropriate teacher for a permission slip.

Basketball Club will commence week beginning Monday, 14th November.

Our new basketball coach, Coach Patrick, is eagerly looking forward to meeting all interested.

Breakfast Club (7:30am - 8:30am)

Tuesdays - Year 9 Boys

Thursdays - Year 7 & 8 Boys

Friday - Open session

Afterschool Club (3:15pm - 4:30pm)

Tuesdays - Year 7 & 8 Boys

Thursdays - Year 7 & 8 Girls

Friday - Year 9 Boys

NOTICES

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 any of your details change.

If there are any changes, please let us know by informing the main office as soon as possible or email info@platanoscollege.com

Twitter

We are on Twitter! If you want to see our latest successes as they happen follow us @platanoscollege. #attitudedeterminesaltitude