



## Year 8 Newsletter

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022

### MESSAGE FROM Mr Klassen Year 8 Pastoral Manager

#### Attitude Determines Altitude

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

I would like to welcome your pupils back to a new term. Pupils have returned to school in good spirits this week, despite the torrential rain. It has been a pleasure to visit lessons and to see high levels of engagement and diligence across the year group.

Our key focus as we return for another term is going back to basics. So, it is essential that all pupils remind themselves and familiarise themselves with the school rules and expectations. I would like to remind parents, carers and pupils about the importance of reading. This will aid in developing a discipline for leaning and further engaging pupils with their academia

### PASTORAL MANAGERS' PUPIL OF THE WEEK

Asma has been chosen as the Pastoral Managers' Pupil of the week. Asma consistently demonstrates an exemplary attitude and application towards all aspects of her schooling. Asma is a worthy recipient of this award and her impeccably high standards often goes unnoticed. She is a role model to her peers and embodies the characteristics and values we encourage in all our pupils.



## READING

The importance of reading is widely known, but the number of children and indeed, adults who read for pleasure regularly, has reduced significantly as a direct result of the emergence of electronic devices. Reading is particularly vital for children's cognitive development, their understanding of vocabulary and has a direct impact on their ability to communicate orally and in writing. It supports children to focus, to retain information in their long-term memory and to develop imagination and creativity. However, the mental health and wellbeing benefits of reading are also now proven, with many research studies showing how reading increases empathy, reduces stress, and improves self-esteem and confidence.

Your support in encouraging your child to read for pleasure at home and to model your love of reading will also be extremely impactful

## 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.

## YEAR 8 ASSEMBLY - REMEMBRANCE DAY (ARMISTICE)

On Thursday, 10th November Ms. Bejtullahu form group conducted a fantastic assembly on Remembrance (Armistice) Day. Pupils were informed about the history and significance of the poppy and what it represents as well as the significance and impact of World War I and II as well as other wars. The delivery of the assembly knitted matters nicely by demonstrating the relevance thereof for today's society.



## 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.

## YEAR 8 PE LESSONS

During PE lessons this week the boys are covering a unit on net wall games; with the chosen sport being table tennis. All pupils of varied levels of playing ability participated with great enthusiasm and demonstrated a true desire to improve their skills and game play along with their understanding of the game.



## 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.

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

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, 14<sup>th</sup> 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

## THE TOP CHABOP ACHIEVERS FOR THE WEEK

The top 3 CHABOP achievers for each form are below.

8A Top 3			
Name	Merits	Demerits	Net Merits
Kelly Oliveira	385	0	385
Ceyda Ayhan	375	0	375
Zuhra Osman	375	0	375
Mapenzi Coke	365	0	365
Zaakir Habib Alabira	365	0	365

8B Top 3			
Name	Merits	Demerits	Net Merits
Nataly Sandoval De Freitas	220	0	220
Beyza Aydin	190	0	190
Suud Zuber	180	0	180

8C Top 3			
Name	Merits	Demerits	Net Merits
Deneshia Newell	110	0	110
Siham Yusuf	110	0	110
Fadumo Adde	100	0	100
Karina Ribeiro Sanches	100	0	100
Luana Almeida	100	0	100
Stella Candido	100	0	100

8D Top 3			
Name	Merits	Demerits	Net Merits
Jake Ashley Nato	180	0	180
Chloe Pinto	170	0	170
Ibella Sakir	170	0	170
Fatima Djabali	150	0	150

8E Top 3			
Name	Merits	Demerits	Net Merits
Evrard Doumbya	295	0	295
Illya Lishchyna	255	0	290
Jahmariley Bollers	195	41	290
Kyara Manuel	290	0	269

8W Top 3			
Name	Merits	Demerits	Net Merits
Jason Costa Braganca	190	0	265
Morad Hussein	210	20	215
Rafael Freitas Abreu	240	25	190
Robert McLeod	265	0	190

## 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](mailto:info@platanoscollege.com)

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