



## Year 9 Newsletter

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

MESSAGE FROM Mr Schardsmith Year 9 Pastoral Manager

### Attitude Determines Altitude

Welcome to the start of a new term. It has been great to see the Year 9 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

[year9pastoral@platanoscollege.com](mailto:year9pastoral@platanoscollege.com)

### PASTORAL MANAGERS' PUPIL OF THE WEEK

Shawn Whyte 9E

Shawn has been chosen as the Pastoral Managers' Pupil of the week for his hard-work and dedication to all subjects, producing some outstanding work in his Science lesson this week.

Well done Shawn, keep up the hard work

## YEAR 9 TRIPS TO ENHANCE LEARNING

We launched our Year 9 Trips to Enhance Learning which will take place on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> 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 are regularly reminded.

Each child that has been invited to attend the Trips to Enhance Learning will receive a letter next week which contains all the relevant information for your child's specific trip. Parents must pay for the trip via Parentpay this also will act as consent.

**The deadline for payment will be Friday 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

## YEAR 9 ASSEMBLY - REMEMBRANCE DAY (ARMISTICE)

On Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> November Ms. Grant class 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.

## 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
	Coding Club	Year 9 (Girls only)	15h10 – 16h00	2D15

<b>Monday</b>	Spanish Film Club	KS3	15h10 – 16h00	1D12/13
	Fitness	KS4	15h30 – 16h30	Fitness suite/Dance studio
<b>Tuesday</b>	Calm Club	KS3	11h05-11h50	GD19
	Netball	KS3	15h15-16h15	MUGA/Playground/Sports Hall
	Table tennis	KS3	15h15-16h15	Dance Studio
<b>Wednesday</b>	Homework Club	Year 10	15h30 - 16h30	1C8
	Science	Year 7	15h30 - 16h30	Science Dept.
	Science	Year 8 & 9	15h30 - 16h30	Science Dept.
<b>Thursday</b>	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
<b>Friday</b>	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, 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 CHABOP achievers for the week 9C

The top CHABOP achievers of the week are displayed below. They have displayed consistency and thorough application in all subjects.

Top 10	Merits	Demerits	Net Merits
Yasmeen Qureshi	260	0	260
Zahra Qureshi	260	0	260
Sydney White	250	0	250
Lashayah Harvey	250	0	250
Oliver Prowse O'Brien	240	0	240
Raquel Nunes Franco	240	0	240
Kishaan Wilson	240	0	240
Faith Jabbar	240	0	240
Amina Jaanaht	240	15	225
Keila Oliveira Ordonez	250	25	225

## 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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