



Year 8 Newsletter

Friday 3rd March 2023

MESSAGE FROM MR KLASSEN YEAR 8 PASTORAL MANAGER

Attitude Determines Altitude

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

Welcome to the first Year 8 Newsletter of the half term. It has been a fabulous two weeks back after half term and I have been so impressed with pupils' dedication and application to their studies across the school. They've for most part demonstrated greater maturity and outlook towards school as a whole.

Pupils have enjoyed seeing and interacting with their peers and have been reminded about the importance of British and Human Values as delivered by Mr. Harvey on Monday, 20th February. As Platanos pupils we need to be mindful of what value we can positively contribute to the Platanos school community.

If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at year8pastoral@platanoscollege.com.

Mr Klassen
Year 8 Pastoral Manager

KS3 ASSEMBLY: CADET PROGRAMME LAUNCH

Monday's KS3 Assembly was the launch the new Army Cadet's Programme. The cadets programme initially started in October 2013 and since then we have taken part in a number of exciting and challenging activities such as fieldcraft, adventure training, first aid, dinners, sports and public parades. We have now been granted the opportunity to have our own contingent on the school grounds.

Programme Criteria:

- Be aged 12 years old
- Be committed to the programme and your development
- 30 spaces available
- Attended interview with CCF team

Who Are The Army Cadets?

The Army Cadet Charitable Trust (ACCT UK), originally the Army Cadet Force Association (ACFA), is a national youth organisation whose mission is to increase young people's access to Army Cadets to improve their life prospects.

There is a lot to be gained from becoming a cadet. From fun activities to meeting new people and competing in sporting events.

Along with these activities, the cadet experience offers young people the opportunity to develop valuable personal abilities, build life skills like teamwork and resilience, and fosters confidence, loyalty and respect, and a sense of service to others.



PUPIL OF THE WEEK

Week Commencing 20th February: Amira Ibrahim 8A

Amira Ibrahim is a worthy recipient of the Pupil of the Week Award. She has consistently displayed the love of learning, a passion for knowledge and a real desire to develop and grow academically in all her subjects this week.

Amira has accumulated 130 merits this week and her efforts often go unnoticed due to her quiet nature. She is an example to her peer and a true ambassador displaying the sought-after characteristics that typifies a Platanos College pupil.

Week Commencing 27th February: Ramsey Bouziane 8E

Ramsey is the recipient of the Pastoral Managers' Pupil of the Week award. Ramsey has demonstrated great determination to improve on his overall approach and application to his learning and behaviour. Ramsey has taken the relevant steps in-order to demonstrate greater focus and adherence to school protocols; which is indicatively in the CHABOP he has attained over the past two weeks. Ramsey has attained 595 merits and zero demerits.

Ramsey's renewed attitude and approach speaks volumes about the need for and the ability to change if one is working towards a common goal!

These qualities that reinforce the school's motto of "*Attitude determining Altitude!*"



KEEPING THE SCHOOL INFORMED

If you have to travel, without your child, during term time. As a matter of safeguarding, please can you contact the school and leave contact details for the person who will acting on your behalf in your absence.

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.

PE NOTICE: ILLNESS AND INJURY

Your child will be required to have **PE kit for all lessons**.

If your child is not fully equipped for lessons, they will be sanctioned with a same day detention for failing to bring PE kit. In circumstances where your child may have a physical injury, they will still be required to bring and wear their PE kit where they will be assigned a role which will not require physical exertion such as an official or coach.

Discretion will always be applied if your child is wearing a cast or requires crutches.

TRIPS TO ENHANCE LEARNING

The Year 8 Trips to Enhance Learning are taking place on Thursday 30th March 2023.

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 scores 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 which contains all the relevant information for your child's specific trip.

The deadline for providing parental consent and payment will be Friday 17th March 2023.

What is National Careers Week?

CAREERS WEEK 6TH MARCH – 11TH MARCH 2023

National Careers Week runs from the 6th March until 11th March 2023 and aims to promote the importance of good careers education in schools and colleges.

Platanos College will be hosting different events throughout the week in order to raise pupils' awareness.

The programme will also form part of the Gatsby Benchmarks 1-8 which defines what world class careers provision in education look likes and provides a clear framework for organising careers provision in school and colleges.

Date	Programme	Gatsby Benchmark	Year Groups
06/03/23	<p>Introduction to Careers Week</p> <p>An assembly delivered to KS3 as part of an introduction to careers in order to promote the importance of careers education</p>	<p>2.</p> <p>Learning from career and labour market information</p>	Year 8, 8 and 9
09/03/23	<p>Careers Talk</p> <p>Employees from the world of Brokerage will deliver a presentation on the stock broker industry and the world of work</p>	<p>5.</p> <p>Encounters with employers and employees</p>	Year 10
08/03/23	Women in Digital		

	<p align="center">(International Women's Day)</p> <p>Quantcast is a programmatic advertising company based in Central London and are dedicated to inspiring and building the future (Super) Women in Advertising! Their senior women leaders in the advertising industry will deliver a workshop share their career journeys. They will talk to the pupils about their career backgrounds & experiences, what their day-to-day looks like, and top tips to inspire the next generation of women leaders.</p>		
08/03/23	<p align="center">STEM</p> <p align="center">International Women's Day Event</p> <p>UK Power Networks will be hosting a careers event which aims to highlight a range of careers available in their industry and showcase some of their fantastic female employees and STEM Ambassadors. With a packed agenda including a keynote from their most senior female engineer, an all-female panel, speed networking session and presentations on the role of UK Power Networks and the future of the electricity.</p>	<p align="center">4. Linking learning to the curriculum</p>	Year 10
10/03/23	<p align="center">Careers Week</p> <p align="center">Central Film School</p> <p>As part of the national Careers week 6th March to 10th March, the Central Film school will be leading an assembly on film making and screen writing.</p>	<p align="center">7.. Encounters with further and higher education</p>	Year 9

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 14 days before traveling. If any pupil fails to return to school within the agreed date they are at risk of a fine being raised with the local authority.

PUNCTUALITY

The school day starts at 8:40am, pupils are advised to aim to arrive at school for 8:30am to ensure that they have plenty of time to make their way to their designated year group locations. There is a breakfast club running each morning from 7:45am free of charge for all pupils.

When there are public transport strikes pupils will not be marked as late where their journey to school has been affected as this is beyond their control.

On non-strike days, pupils who are marked as late will be issued with a late detention after school for 15minutes.

Please also be aware that pupils arriving after 9am without a legitimate reason and the relevant paperwork to support their lateness will be marked as absent in the registers. The number of minutes of learning missed will also be recorded. If a child of compulsory school age who is registered at a school fails to attend school regularly and on time, then the parent/carer may be committing an offence under Section 444(1) of the Education Act 1996.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

It was great to see so many Year 8 pupils getting involved with multiple extra-curricular clubs during the Autumn Term. All clubs are now back up and running for the Spring Term with all pupils invited to take part.

There are a wide range of after school clubs available and this is a great way for pupils to learn new skills and make new friends.

Please see the timetable for extra-curricular clubs below, this has also been displayed in each Year 8 tutor group and that the Year 8 Homework Club takes place on Thursdays from 3pm until 4pm.

To attend pupils must collect a permission slip from the relevant teacher which is to be completed by parents before being returned.

It would be great to see all pupils attending at least one after school club where possible.



PLATANOS COLLEGE EXTRA-CURRICULAR TIMETABLE

Autumn Term 1 (2022-2023)

Day	Club	Year group	Time	Location/Staff
Monday	Coding Club	Year 9 (Girls only)	15h10 – 16h00	2D15 (SK)
	Spanish Film Club	KS3	15h10 – 16h00	1D12/13 (PAC & JL)
	Fitness	KS4	15h30 – 16h30	Fitness suite/Dance studio (CPA)
Tuesday	Calm Club	KS3	11h05-11h50	GD19 (JR)
	Netball	KS3	15h15-16h15	MUGA/Playground/Sports Hall (NBA/TDS)
	Table tennis	KS3	15h15-16h15	Dance Studio (EK)
Wednesday	Homework Club	Year 10	15h30 – 16h30	1C8 (SHN)
	Science	Year 7	15h30 – 16h30	Science Dept. (HV & Azam in support)
	Science	Year 8 & 9	15h30 – 16h30	Science Dept. (SK & LR in support)
Thursday	Origami Club	Year 8	11h05 – 11h50	GD19 (JR)
	Orchestra Club	KS3	15h05 – 16h00	Music room (IJ/ET)
	Netball	Year 10	15h15 – 16h15	MUGA/Playground (NBA & TDS)
	Girls Football	KS3	15h15 – 16h00	MUGA (Big Kids)
	Boys Football	Year 10	15h40 – 16h30	MUGA (WOL)
	Study Club	KS4	15h30 – 16h30	GD19 (JR)
Friday	Fitness	KS4	15h40 – 16h40	Fitness suite/Dance Studio (CPA)
	Computing (Coding & Robotics Club)	KS3	15h10-16h00	1A9 (AHA)
	Spanish speaking Club	KS4	15h10-16h00	1D13 (GG)
	Spanish GCSE Revision Club	KS4	15h10 – 16h00	1D12 (AA)

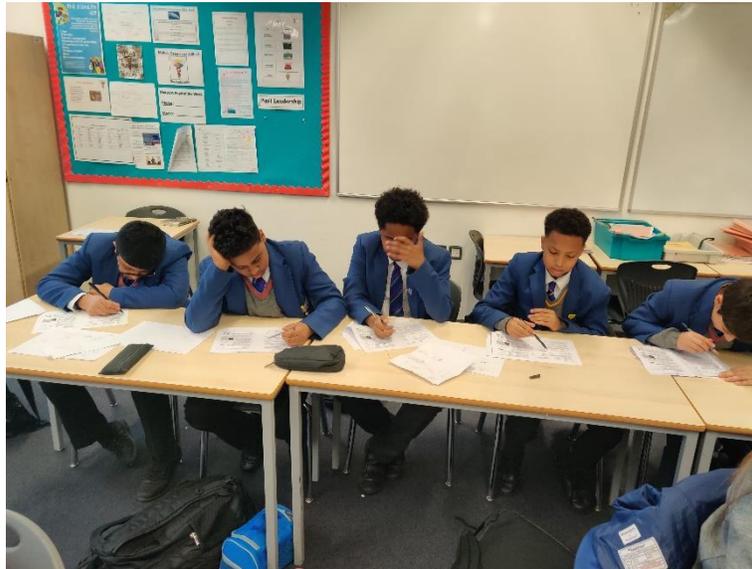
***Upcoming clubs:**

- 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

YEAR 8 MATHS CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

On Thursday 23rd February, selected pupils from 8A, 8B and 8C attended their first Maths Centre of Excellence session this year. Pupils selected worked collaboratively using their problem-solving skills to answer puzzling Maths questions such as those involving direct proportion and angles in triangles.

Pupils were able to apply their knowledge from what they have learnt during their Maths lessons, with some also achieving a Bronze on their first practice paper! We look forward to seeing you in the next Maths Centre of Excellence session.



SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS

Please see the image below containing information regarding the age restrictions for Social Media Platforms, in recent weeks there has been an increase in the number of peer group conflicts that are occurring outside of school hours via a number of different Social Media Platforms. Often the pupils involved should not be accessing the Social Media Platforms due to the age restrictions in place.

The school approach to these types of incidents is to report the matter the school Police Liaison Officer who will then address the individuals involved and their parents. The Police Liaison Officer, will conduct a home visit to discuss this with you and your child.

In the interest of keeping your child safe online I urge you to ensure that you are monitoring their online activity, including ensuring that they are not accessing Social Media Platforms and content for which they fail to meet the minimum age requirement.

Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

What is the minimum age for account holders on these social media sites and apps?



Sourced from NSPCC website October 2019

YEAR 8 CHABOP DATA

Our CHABOP system is central to everything that takes place at Platanos College, please see the top performing pupils below from each tutor group over the last two weeks.

8A

Name	Demerits	Merits	Net Merits
David Matias	0	600	600
Kelly Oliveira	0	595	595
Eden Bowes	0	590	590

8B

Name	Demerits	Merits	Net Merits
Maya Dinesh	0	495	495
Lujean Kelifa	0	475	475
Oluwafunmilayo Ilori	0	460	460

8C

Name	Demerits	Merits	Net Merits
Karina Ribeiro Sanches	0	445	445

Siham Yusuf	0	425	425
Stella Candido	0	385	385

8D

Name	Demerits	Merits	Net Merits
Alaa Jalal	5	470	465
Chloe Pinto	0	465	465
Barakah Daud	0	460	460

8E

Name	Demerits	Merits	Net Merits
Israe Sehim	0	745	745
Rosie Button	0	745	745
Ramsey Bouziane	0	740	740

8W

Name	Demerits	Merits	Net Merits
Karnae Murray Stewart	15	360	345
Jason Costa Braganca	15	335	320
Robert McLeod	0	290	290

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