



# PLATANOS COLLEGE SIXTH FORM

## OPENING OF THE PLATANOS COLLEGE SIXTH FORM

11 September 2023

Today, Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023, the Platanos College Sixth Form opened.

Ms. Tapper, CEO of the Platanos Trust, opened the ceremony by saying that the trust planned for a small number in the Sixth Form this year and would expand in future years.

Ms. Tapper welcomed the students and members of staff.

Ms. Tapper told the students that they are the very first students of the Platanos Sixth Form College and would never be forgotten. The Sixth Form, said Ms. Tapper, will support students through the good and bad times ahead.





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# “ Attitude Determines Altitude ”

### **WELCOME BY THE CHAIR OF TRUSTEES**

Humroy Whyte (Chair of Trustees) also welcomed the students and staff. Mr. Whyte said that he was honoured to be at the ceremony. On behalf of the Trustees, it had been a ten-year plan of action to ensure that the Vision of the Sixth Form became a reality. Trustees wanted a small Sixth Form to ensure that local learners could be educated in the same school from the age of 11 to 19.

Mr. Whyte saluted the students and said that he was very happy. The occasion was historic, said Mr. Whyte, and he felt nothing but joy in his heart and soul. Mr. Whyte proceeded to ask the students to reflect on today, knowing that the higher power would guide and protect them, always.



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“Today has been a lot of fun. I’m enjoying the activities and it is good to meet people from other schools.” – Tarek

“I really appreciate the gifts. The book and the tablet device will be so helpful – a really thoughtful gesture.” - Maria

### WELCOME BY THE DIRECTOR OF SIXTH FORM

Ms. O’Connell (Director of Sixth Form) in her keynote speech congratulated the students for completing their Key Stage 4 journey and emphasised that she was immensely proud of their achievements.

Ms. O’Connell reminded the students that the Sixth Form would be a place of scholarship as well as a place of discovering their passions in life. Also, Ms. O’Connell emphasised to students that they would develop into rounded individuals, ready to take on their next challenges, once they leave in 2025. Students would build friendships, make memories and embrace opportunities outside of the classroom. Students were also encouraged by Ms. O’Connell to get involved in extra-curricular activities, including community services and that each student should embrace the chance to grow as a person. Challenges would be an integral part of the journey, outlined Ms. O’Connell. Challenges would make students stronger and they would find resilience and determination to overcome all difficulties, said Ms. O’Connell.

Ms. Kendall (Assistant to the Director of Sixth Form) also spoke to the students about student welfare and personal development. The promotion of well-being, alongside continued personal development would support students in the Sixth Form, said Ms. Kendall.



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**“I am nervous but excited about my Sixth Form journey. I am also enjoying the induction sessions.”**

**– Olive**

**“I am looking forward to the freedom and range of opportunities that come with being at Platanos Sixth Form.” – Mohammed**



**“I am feeling relaxed in the environment. I am happy that I know some of the students in the Sixth Form. I feel in my comfort zone and I feel very informed after the induction morning.”**

**- Tainara**



Ms. Kendall said that her work (and the work of others) would support students to become the best versions of themselves and that she felt honoured to be part of the Sixth Form team.

Each student was also provided with a book and a top-of-the-range tablet device as a welcome gift on their first day at Platanos College Sixth Form.



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**STUDENTS WERE ABLE TO DISCUSS WIDER SIXTH FORM EXPECTATIONS IN KEY AREAS:**

- Reporting absence or lateness
- General courtesy
- Uniform expectations
- Being responsible citizens
- Freedoms available to Sixth Form students
- Responsibilities of Sixth Form students
- Expectations for the Common Room
- Careers
- Trips
- University courses
- Off-site courses
- GCSE re-sits
- Use of the Common Room
- EPQ - the Extended Project Qualifications.

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