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WELCOME

Prior to the half term break in October, students completed a week of assessments which they handled extremely maturely. It was also a busy period for students in terms of events - Year 11 pupils were hosted at the Sixth Form Open Evening which was hugely successful; Year 12 students represented the school at Ark All Saints Open Day where they spoke to prospective pupils who wish to apply to Platanos College Sixth Form; and students had the great pleasure of listening to a talk by our guest speaker, Dame Sharon White, at which they asked Dame Sharon a range of insightful questions.





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SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

On Monday 16th October, the Sixth Form hosted its first Open Evening to prospective Year 11 students. The event was hugely successful. Year 12 students showcased the fantastic work they have completed over the last half term and spoke about what they enjoy about being a student at Platanos College Sixth Form. A highlight of the evening was the tour of the Art room watching the Year 12 Art and Design students in action. Equally, the student's work for their English Literature A Level drew great interest from the prospective students and their parents on the evening. Year 12 students spoke highly of the courses and subjects they are studying, they were engaging and articulate hosts on the evening.



‘I really enjoyed visiting the Sixth Form; it has a really lovely environment. The subject booklets handed out were really informative. I took them home and discussed them with my Dad’.

Imaani Khanam - Year 11



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Guest Speaker Dame Sharon White

The Sixth Form students were honoured to host a talk by Dame Sharon White on Thursday 20th October. Dame Sharon spoke in depth about her early education, her studies at Sixth Form and the journey that led her to study at Cambridge University. The students found her talk engaging and inspiring. She spoke about the difficulties that can be faced by pupils wishing to study at a top university such as Cambridge; her advice however was to persist and never give up. Dame Sharon spoke about her illustrious career in the civil service and her current role as Chair of John Lewis. Students asked insightful questions during the Q and A session; Yaqoob Hussain asked if Dame Sharon had any role models that inspired her, she responded that while she doesn't have a 'role model' necessarily, there are people who inspire her. One inspirational character mentioned was Michelle Obama; it was the former First Lady's character and attitude whilst in a high office that Dame Sharon spoke of as being inspirational.

The event was run by the pupils. Orhue Austin, Olive Oguejiofor and Maria Ramirez Sales emceed on the morning and represented their Sixth Form fantastically. They were well spoken, welcoming and mature in their delivery - we are very proud of them. Dame Sharon's visit truly was a highlight of the first half term.





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‘I thought Dame Sharon’s talk was really engaging. She also asked students a range of questions about themselves and seemed to want to get to know them. She gave great advice for our futures.’

Ameerat Daud - Year 11



‘I thought Dame Sharon was inspiring. I am studying Business and Economics and it was inspirational to hear from someone who studied Economics at Cambridge. She showed me that you can achieve your goals through hard work.’

Jannat Marsou - Year 12



Attendance and Punctuality

It is imperative that every student’s attendance is 100% at Platanos College.

All students must contact the school if they are too ill to come to school. If students have a medical appointment, they must inform the Sixth Form Team prior to the day of the appointment.

Students can email the team at sixthform@platanoscollege.com or call the school. Thank you.

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