



PLATANOS COLLEGE SIXTH FORM NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME

Welcome students and parents to our latest autumn update from Platanos College Sixth Form. This week we interviewed a Year 12 student about her journey to Platanos College Sixth Form and life as a Year 12 sixth form student.

YEAR 12 STUDENT PROFILE: ANA RITA MARQUES

Why Platanos College Sixth Form?

"I chose Platanos College Sixth Form after my GCSE Examinations for multiple reasons. One of the primary reasons was the relationships I had built with my teachers in Key Stage 3 and 4. Another reason for my choice was how comfortable I already was in the school environment and this feeling has only increased during my first term in Year 12."



First impressions

"My initial thoughts were how much more enjoyable Year 12 is than Year 11, I love the classes, the subjects and the teaching is excellent."

"Psychology is a lesson I always look forward to, it is interactive we participate in various ways in the lesson. Within Psychology we studied the behaviourist approach, which was interesting to learn, particularly the connection between animals and humans."

Ana is studying Art and Design, English Literature and Psychology at A-Level.

In the future, Ana would like to teach English Literature and she states that making a difference in the lives of young people is her aim. She has mentioned wanting to teach at Platanos College!

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Studying different subjects at Platanos College Sixth Form

“I really enjoy getting physically involved in the practicals in Biology.” - **Fahad**

“I particularly enjoy learning about the structure of cells in my Biology lessons as well as the feeling in Maths when you finally solve a difficult problem.” - **Mbah**

“I look forward to being challenged by the advanced questioning my teachers pose in Maths and Physics.” - **Samuel**

English Literature: A CLOSER LOOK

Currently, our English Literature students are studying Othello and Love Poetry. Within Othello, students are analysing Jacobean Society and its ideas around gender, race, women’s position in society and the importance of reputation. Students are enjoying analysing the character of the evil antagonist ‘Iago’. The difference between studying English literature in Year 12 as opposed to Year 11 is that students must make links across literary texts from different time periods within one essay.

- “I think the method of teaching makes the topics and themes in the Shakespeare play Othello much easier to understand.” – **Andreea**
- “Othello is so interesting to learn about. I find it fun to learn and to understand what Shakespeare wrote and to learn about the times in which he wrote.” – **Alarba**
- “The History behind Shakespeare’s plays is what really interests me. I love learning about how society reacted to his often-controversial ideas.” - **Iman**
- “Analysing themes and quotes in-depth fascinates me – I love uncovering the writer’s true message and intentions.” – **James**

It is clear that we have uncovered a love of Shakespeare in Year 12. The student’s engagement in their learning is fantastic and they are looking forward to moving on to study ‘*The Great Gatsby*’ next term.



“I wish we had more Physics lessons, I enjoy them immensely. Our teacher is excellent”

Mohammed Hoque (Year 12 Student)



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End of Term

During the last week of term students departed from their regular timetable as they had completed their end of term assessments in the previous week. Students were given their results by their teachers and worked on their assessment feedback and what they needed to do to improve.

Additionally, students prepared for their end of term celebration on Thursday 22nd December. The Event's Committee worked hard decorating the common room for the end of term party. There was a Christmas element to the celebrations but also a wider feeling of satisfaction at having completed their first half term at Sixth Form and with this a desire to celebrate all of their hard work. Students enjoyed pizza, cakes and many less than healthy options on the day. There was a festive atmosphere with a mixture of Christmas tunes and more popular songs as students relaxed and enjoyed spending time with their peers.

Students left in a joyful mood looking forward to spending some time with family over the next two weeks.

We look forward to welcoming students back to the Sixth Form on **Monday 8th January at 10.30 am.**



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