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WELCOME BACK TO PLATANOS COLLEGE SIXTH FORM

We sincerely hope all of our pupils had a restful break and have returned refreshed and energised for a new term. Pupils returned to school on Monday 8th January and have been busy receiving their grades from the assessments they completed before the break. Pupils are proud of the grades that they achieved and are committed to improving on them in their next assessment. We have no doubt that they will do their very best.

FOCUS FOR THE SPRING TERM

The focus for Spring Term is for each pupil to have secured a relevant work experience placement which will give them further insight into their potential future career.

YEAR 12 STUDENT PROFILE: SAMUEL AHIBO

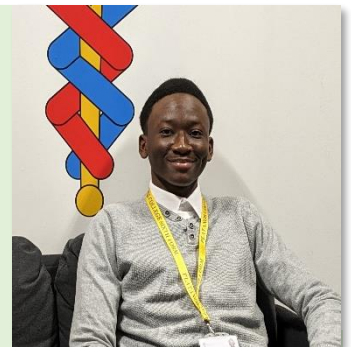
Why Platanos College Sixth Form?

"I applied to several Sixth Forms originally. However, I am very happy that I made the choice to come to Platanos College Sixth Form. I am really enjoying my studies here, particularly Maths. Maths is a subject that I have always enjoyed; logical thinking interests me, which is why it is satisfying to complete equations and I love to challenge myself to find the answers.

First impressions

"I thought the pupils were friendly which is really important. My first impression of my Maths lessons was that they were enjoyable, I find it really easy to communicate with my teacher and to ask questions if I need to.

"My love of Economics has grown since I have started studying at Platanos College Sixth Form. Micro Economics has been interesting, it looks at Economics on a more individual level which is fascinating. I am glad I chose the subject."



Samuel is studying Physics, Economics and Maths at A-Level.

Samuel is considering studying Computer Science at University. Outside of school, Samuel enjoys drawing and revising for his lessons. This may be why Samuel received an A Grade in his last Maths and Physics assessments. We are very proud of Samuel and his achievements.

“ Attitude Determines Altitude ”



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Work Experience Workshop at Platanos College Sixth Form

On Friday 12th January we held another work experience workshop for the Year 12 pupils. They will be commencing work experience later in the Spring Term. The presenter worked with the pupils on a number of work experience related items such as writing a CV. Pupils found the session beneficial; they expressed their satisfaction regarding the thoroughness of the workshop.

It is essential that pupils consider their future careers, and at Platanos College Sixth Form they are provided with many trips, guest speakers and workshops to further assist them in discovering their future career pathway. At Platanos College Sixth Form we understand how important it is to prepare pupils for the world of work.

Pupils worked on several requirements for a CV:

- personal statements
- education and qualifications
- employment history
- key skills and qualities
- voluntary work/placements
- references
- writing a cover letter



"I now know how to write an effective cover letter for my CV. I also got a lot of advice on how to update and improve my current CV so that it is more attractive to employers." - **Maryam**

"I learned to use my hobbies to show a potential employer how I may be a good candidate for a position. One of the most interesting things was using your CV to 'sell yourself' and as a way to show your employer who you are so that you may be shortlisted for an interview." – **Olive**

Art and Design: A CLOSER LOOK

In Art and Design during the Autumn term, pupils created tools made from willow sticks and a variety of other materials in order to create different designs with ink. They were intrigued to discover the variety of patterns that the various materials could make. In the Spring term, pupils are focusing on the topic of 'Human Forms', it is about looking at and analysing various features of the human body through different mediums. The research around this is exciting as they discover new artists that have worked with the human form in a myriad of interesting ways.

- "We analyse the work of several artists, a new artist each week. This is so interesting as it means the lesson is never boring - there is always a new aspect to it." – **Bradley**
- "Art and Design in Year 12 is different to anything we did in Year 11. I love working with new materials and seeing what can be created." - **Ana**