



PLATANOS COLLEGE SIXTH FORM

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WELCOME

It has been an extremely busy January for our Year 12 students. Over the past two weeks we have welcomed several guests to our Sixth Form to speak with the students. We have welcomed Professor Matthew Williams, Professor of Politics at Jesus College Oxford who gave a very insightful presentation to the students. On Friday 25th of January, we welcomed our local Labour MP Florence Eshalomi, Shadow Minister for Democracy for the UK who, along with the 'Welcome to Your Vote' initiative delivered a very engaging workshop to our Year 12 students.

YEAR 12 STUDENT PROFILE: MARYAM REZAY

Why Platanos College Sixth Form?

"I joined Platanos College Sixth Form because of the uniqueness of the Sixth Form. The teaching is very interactive which I obviously didn't know before I joined but from meeting the teachers I could tell they cared about the students and has a passion for their subjects. It is very clear to me that they want the best for us."

First impressions

"I am finding that life at the Sixth Form is very peaceful. The environment is great to learn in. There is plenty of space if you want to take a quiet few moments for yourself during the day."

"I chose my subjects because I really enjoy them; I think it is so important to like what you study. You don't need to 'love' your subjects but you do need to find them interesting. I wish to pursue Law in University."

Maryam is also the Deputy of the 'University Committee' at the Sixth Form.



Maryam is studying Law, Psychology and History A-Levels.

"My ambition is to become a lawyer in the future, however I am unsure of what kind of lawyer I want to be; that is a question to be answered over the next few years. Hopefully, by the time I finish my Sixth Form journey I will know what I want to specialise in."

"Attitude Determines Altitude"



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‘Welcome to Your Vote’ Workshop – MP Florence Eshalomi

On Friday 25th of January, we welcomed our local Labour MP Florence Eshalomi, Shadow Minister for Democracy for the UK who, along with the ‘Welcome to Your Vote’ initiative, spoke to our students about the importance of having a voice, having a say in how the country is run and crucially, how important it is to vote for what they believe in.

Our students had a myriad of questions for both Ms Eshalomi and the ‘Welcome to Your Vote’ team; they asked searching questions such as, how democracy works in reality and how best to engage in politics as young adults. Ms Eshalomi spoke about the current voting age in the UK and students discussed the pros and cons of the current voting system intelligently.

“We participated in a question and answer session with Ms Eshalomi which I found engaging and enjoyable; her replies to our questions helped me understand more about politics in general and about how important voting is.

James (Year 12 student)



“The workshop was a motivational experience that reminded us of the impact our choices can have on the direction of our community and the nation as a whole.

These workshops served as an excellent way to learn more about the electoral process, and how our collective participation can contribute to positive change.”

Mohammed (Year 12 student)

