



NEWSLETTER

PLATANOS COLLEGE SIXTH FORM

March 2024

NATIONAL CAREERS WEEK

We were delighted to be one of a few colleges across the UK to be selected for 'Your Game Plan' initiative, the first ever interview mentoring programme; in celebration of National Careers Week.

The Apprentice star Tim Campbell, spearheaded this enriching programme to develop pupil confidence during a mock interview coaching session, intended to foster personal development opportunities. It was inspiring to see students use positive interpersonal skills with their assigned mentors. Students thoroughly embraced career guidance and social communication advice. Since students further boosted their skills, they have been able to transfer key skills and strengths when applying for work experience. A huge congratulations and well-done to all students for your dedication and hard work.



YASIN

"My interviewer was very interested in the careers I've got an interest in. She was very good to talk with and we had an interesting conversation regarding my career choices and how I can reach my goals. We conversed well with each other and I was able to answer all of the questions she posed"

"I found the mock interview session incredibly valuable. The questions posed were engaging and thought-provoking, providing me with a deeper understanding of the interview process. I believe that honing these skills will undoubtedly benefit me in future interviews, allowing me to present myself more effectively and ultimately enhance my professional growth"

IMAN



ANEZKA

"My mentor was really friendly. I felt like I was having a conversation with someone I knew. I gained an understanding of what makes a good interview. For example, giving eye contact and showing engagement in the conversation. Now I have a better understanding of how to present well in an interview"



WORK EXPERIENCE

As part of National Careers Week, our Work Experience Coordinator offered individualised support to our students seeking various work experience options. Each student was assisted in setting up their accounts with Work Experience providers such as SpringPod and Speakers for Schools, as well as being shown how to search for opportunities relevant to their interests. They were supported in writing applications for virtual and in person opportunities, and received advice on editing their CVs and personal statements. This workshop created a space for self discovery and exploration of the world of work.

STUDENT VOICE

I found the session helpful. I was able to gain support relating to my career choice and discover more opportunities.
Sajid - Year 12 Student

I used the session time to write a CV utilising the different templates provided. I found the templates well laid out. This enabled me to complete my CV which I am pleased with.
Olive - Year 12 Student



COMMITTEES AND SOCIETY NEWS

Students are enhancing their leadership, confidence and self management skills through leading and participating in a range of committees and societies. We are proud to see students take a dedicated role in helping younger students through mentoring, delivering empowering assemblies and getting involved in activities. Our inspiring role models are realising how to create new exciting opportunities for themselves and others whilst making a positive difference.

WELL-BEING COMMITTEE

Starting in April, we will be supporting the secondary students with their subjects during homework club. Recently, we organised an art therapy workshop in partnership with the Baytree Centre in Brixton. This workshop essentially allowed us to express our feelings, and relax with some mellow music. We are inspired to start up a well-being club of our own, and we would love to hear your suggestions and other ideas relating to this. Suggestion forms will be left in the common room for you to share your views.

Ana



UNIVERSITY AND WORK EXPERIENCE SOCIETY

For those interested in attending University we have searched many universities and their entry requirements such as UCAS and LNAT points; when we meet at the next Society meeting, you will receive a firm grasp of the first steps of getting into University. We have also researched open days and entry requirements for different Universities such as GCSE and A-level and the standard expected for entry. There are plenty of dates available for campus tours to get an idea of the University life. In addition, we have a list of suitable work experience opportunities, such as HLM architecture and Kings College Hospital. Please look out on the notice board for key information and the newsletters and emails sent from our Work Experience Coordinator, Amy has signposted students to lots of work experience Opportunities. There are many exciting placements on offer.

Maryam, Anezka and Alarba

SOCIAL EVENTS AND REWARDS

We, the Social Events and Rewards Committee, are excited to inform you that we appreciate all the effort shown in maintaining the values in the Sixth-Form. For this reason, we have gained opinions on how to reward and encourage you in continuing your good work.

In order to receive these rewards, collect as many achievement cards as possible. Then at the end of the month, the student with the highest amount will be awarded 'pupil of the month' and receive a gift. This is on the basis of good attendance, positive attitude, approach to learning and of course, consistency of wearing lanyards. You've got this !

Olive



KEY DATES

HALF TERM AND HOLIDAY

TERM 4
Monday 26 February 2024 – Thursday 28 March 2024
(School finishes at 12pm on Thursday 28th March).
Holiday: Friday 29 March 2024 – Friday 12 April 2024

TERM 5
Monday 15 April 2024 – Friday 24 May 2024
Holiday: Monday 27 May 2024 – Friday 31 May 2024

ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

28th March - 1-1 Career Advise - Smart Action Planning Sessions - East London Connect Mentoring
26th April - Youth Research Workshop - Cambridge University