



PLATANOS COLLEGE ARMY CADETS NEWSLETTER



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PLATANOS COLLEGE CADETS GUARD HRH DUKE OF EDINBURGH

On Wednesday 29th November 2023, our Cadets attended the Duke of Edinburgh Future Energy Conference 2023, hosted by The Worshipful Company of Fuellers. This prestigious event was attended by many industry experts and HRH Prince Edward, the Duke of Edinburgh. As Platanos College is supported by the Fuellers' Charitable Trust, our Cadets played a pivotal role as the Duke's Carpet Guard.

“IT WAS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT ENERGY AND MEET A MEMBER OF THE ROYAL FAMILY. HE MADE US FEEL COMFORTABLE” - CADET JENA ABERAA, YEAR 9

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE

The Cadets welcomed Prince Edward, the Duke of Edinburgh, into the building with exceptional military attitudes. His Royal Highness was so impressed that he stopped to speak with our Cadets. After welcoming the Duke into the building, the Cadets listened to a riveting panel discussion centred around Energy Markets. With keen ears, cadets listened to Gareth Ramsay (BP Economist), Richard Nourse (Schroders Greencoat) and Dr Carole Nakhle (Crystal Energy).



“IT WAS GOOD TO MEET THE DUKE AND REPRESENT OUR SCHOOL AT SUCH A PRESTIGIOUS EVENT” - CADET SAMUL MAHMUD SAQUIB, YEAR 9

During the networking and exhibition break, our representatives shook hands and were engaged in conversations with His Royal Highness. Prince Edward was elated as he received a copy of our Creative Writing Anthology, handed to him by Cadet Chloe Pinto.



“I WAS ANXIOUS AT FIRST, BUT ONCE I MET THE DUKE, I FOUND HIM KIND AND INSPIRING. HE WAS VERY EASY TO HAVE A CONVERSATION WITH.” - CADET LIAM HOPKINS, YEAR 10

THANK YOU

We would like to thank The Worshipful Company of Fuellers for giving members of our Contingent the opportunity to be a part of such an enriching event. Cadets who took part in the event were Asma Mohammed-Ali, Chloe Pinto, Evrard Doumbya, Daniel Caneira, Jena Aberaa, Kelly Oliveira, Liam Hopkins, and Samul Mahmud Saqib. Photos taken by Mark Dalton.



“IT WAS FUN AND EXCITING. THE ENVIRONMENT WAS NICE AND THE FUELLERS WERE VERY WELCOMING” - CADET KELLY OLIVEIRA, YEAR 9

PLATANOS COLLEGE CCF'S STEM ACTIVITY DAY



On Wednesday 24th January 2024, the Army Engagement Team paid a visit to the Contingent to engage with our cadets in a series of interactive activities. We had a talk with the Adjutant General's Corps, built a plane with the Royal Artillery and had team building with the Infantry.

“BEFORE THIS TALK, I WAS CONSIDERING JOINING THE ARMY. NOW I AM ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN” - CADET HAMZA ALI, YEAR 9



“BUILDING THE PLANE WITH MY TEAM WAS THE BEST PART.” - CADET BEAU GRITTON, YEAR 9