



PLATANOS COLLEGE SIXTH FORM NEWSLETTER

March 2025

Reflecting on the term and looking ahead

As we approach the Easter break and Eid celebrations, we would like to take a moment to reflect on the term. Thank you to all students and parents who attended our student progress meetings on the 5th and 12th of March. These meetings play a vital role in evaluating and supporting student progress.

This upcoming break is an opportunity to recharge, spend quality time with loved ones, and prepare for the important weeks ahead. Upon our return, students will begin their exams, a significant milestone in their academic journey. We encourage everyone to enjoy this well-deserved rest and come back recharged and ready for the next phase. Wishing you all a joyful and restful break.
Happy Easter!

Speaker's Visit - Inspiring Talk by Dr Henry Carleton

A highlight of the term was an inspiring talk by Dr Henry Carleton, who shared his journey from working in the medical profession to founding his own IT business aimed at supporting doctors. He also shared practical business setup tips and advice, which were especially valuable for our business students.



Student testimonials

"The talk gave me the understanding of the good part as well as the bad part. This was useful because it helps you to take various aspects things into consideration"

"Henry gave an insight of career planning, he has great experience in medical and business, I learned a lot from him"

" Very educational talk, I like that he didn't give up. He went on to create his own

business based on his skills built in the medical profession. Dr Henry doesn't sugar coat things, i like his honesty

Dr Henry Carleton insights and advice have been well received and will make a significant difference to students futures.



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Debate Club, Make your Voice Heard!

The Sixth Form's student lead debate club has gained a lot of interest from the Sixth Form Community. After our first session around social media, we had a challenging debate around euthanasia and its legal and moral implications.

We discussed linguistic relativity, pondering on whether language changes the way that we perceive the world. Debate club is providing some thought-provoking and diverse topics. Discussing euthanasia encourage participants to delve into complex ethical, legal, and emotional considerations, while linguistic relativity enables us to explore and understand cultures.



Do you have a topic that your passionate about or opinions to share; Join us at Debate Club and make your voice heard!

Law Masterclass hosted by White & Case

Law students had the incredible opportunity to participate in a Law Masterclass hosted by White & Case, a renowned international law firm.



Students Testimonials

Halimah - "This masterclass was amazing. To actually experience a working day at a law firm and negotiating contracts really inspired me".

Yasin - "This was a wonderful experience. My favourite part of the day was observing a court case."

Faysal - "This was excellent"

Habiba - "I had a great time seeing the Royal Courts of Justice and I loved the negotiation task".

Ana - "Meeting the trainee solicitors who were in my position a few years ago was very inspiring".

Olive - "The negotiation taught me a lot".



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Career Insights

Employment and Professional Skills Fair

We were honoured that our students received a special invitation from Florence Eshalomi MP to attend an Employment and Professional Skills Fair. This event was organised in collaboration with London South Bank Technical College, providing invaluable insights and networking opportunities.



MP Florence Eshalomi shared;

"We have had positive feedback from employers who were impressed by how engaged the young people were. The students were really engaged and showed Vauxhall and Camberwell Green at its best"

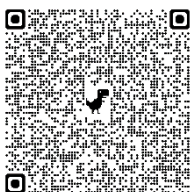
Insightful Event at UCAS Discovery 2025

UCAS Discovery 2025 took place at the ExCeL Centre. Our students enthusiastically embraced the experience, leaving with a wealth of information to support their academic and career aspirations.

Newcastle University

We were delighted to welcome Newcastle University, whose representatives provided valuable insights to students on navigating the next steps of their education.

Student finance for University



Student finance is now open in England. Students do not need a confirmed place at university to submit a funding application. Applications can take 6-8 weeks to process. Apply as early as possible to receive funding in place for the start of university.

Apply Today



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Student Voice

Maria Ramírez, Year 13 shares her visit to Portsmouth University



"My visit to the University of Portsmouth was incredible. I had the chance to explore the state of the art facilities connected to my chosen law course, including the impressive Crown Court replica.

This resource is specifically designed to help students build confidence and gain practical experience for their future careers. I am excited about the opportunity to study at Portsmouth University. Portsmouth, here I come!"

The Spirit of Ramadan: A Celebration of Faith and Culture By Rumaysa Nasser, Year 13.

Ramadan is a sacred month for Muslims around the world, marked by fasting from dawn to sunset. During this time, Muslims refrain from eating and drinking during daylight hours, focusing instead on spiritual growth and self-discipline. Ramadan holds deep significance as it encourages Muslims to strengthen their relationship with God, engage in prayer, and reflect on their actions.



Fasting during Ramadan teaches patience, self-control, and empathy for those who are less fortunate. It is a time of generosity, where acts of kindness and charity are prioritised. Many provide meals to those in need or donate to charitable causes.

A key part of Ramadan is the communal spirit. Families and friends come together to break their fast at sunset with a meal called *Iftar*, and they rise early for a pre dawn meal known as *Suhoor*.

These shared meals fosters love and connection within families and the community.

Ramadan is also a time for kindness, and personal growth. The month concludes with a joyous celebration called *Eid al-Fitr*, a festive occasion where Muslims pray, enjoy meals, and exchange gifts to mark the end of the holy month.



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Welcome, Head Students and Sixth Form Council Chair

Congratulations to the newly appointed Head Students of Platanos College Sixth Form! As the first-ever Head Students, their selection marks a significant milestone, reflecting their motivation and vision towards making a difference.

Best wishes to our Platanos College Head Students as they embrace this pioneering and impactful role! We look forward to the positive changes they will bring to our school community.

MEET OUR HEAD STUDENTS

SAMUEL, YEAR 13

"Leadership is all about responsibility. As head student, I look forward to helping solve the challenges my fellow sixth formers may face"

WEALTH, YEAR 12

"Leadership is about dedication. As head student, I want my peers to feel heard and supported"

REGINA, YEAR 12

"A good leader knows how to guide. As head student, i aim to create more enrichment opportunities for the sixth form"

STEPHANIE, YEAR 12

"Being a head girl is more than just representing the school. I believe it is someone who is a role model for her peers. I will listen to my peers and make sure I represent them well"



The Sixth Form Council Chair, Shanice Williams

As Chair of the Council, Shanice will hold the Head Students to account, ensuring that they carry out their responsibilities and duties to the Sixth Form. Also as a Health and Social Care student, she will take on the responsibility as the Lead for the Health and Social Care Society.

" I will encourage other students and demonstrate a positive example to show integrity and to be successful."



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Dates for the Diary

End of Term Holiday: Monday 7th April 2025 – Monday 21nd April 2025

Summer Job Talk: 23rd April 2025 - 10:00 – 11:00

Apprenticeship Awareness Assembly: 23rd April 2025 - 11:30 – 12.00

Apprenticeship Application Workshop 30th April 2025 - 10:00 – 11.00

Work experience Assembly: 30th April 2025 - 11.30 -12.00

A-Level and Btec Exams: 31st March – 23rd June

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