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Welcome

Welcome to Platanos College Sixth Form, a vibrant chapter in The Platanos Trust's journey. Building upon our success with pupils aged 11-16, our vision now expands to our Sixth Form. Committed to an exceptional educational experience, we nurture growth, curiosity, and success. We believe in the potential of every student, guiding them towards further education and professional life.

Our ambition is to create an environment of innovation and collaboration, offering diverse work-related learning routes. As a Business and Enterprise College, this ethos defines our teaching. Work experience is integral, providing practical insights beyond the classroom.

Our experienced teachers guide and inspire each student. We aim for academic achievement alongside the development of social purpose, self-reliance, and confidence.



Ms T. Williams Head of School

"It gives me great pleasure to see the development of Platanos College Sixth Form come to fruition. It is our desire to create an inclusive environment, one that is safe and allows students to be creative and to help them embark upon an educational experience that will shape them as they prepare for employment, higher education, or apprenticeships. We are truly honoured when students choose Platanos College Sixth Form to begin the next phase of their educational journey with us."



Join Platanos College Sixth Form

- We offer Post-16 learning and experiences
- Exceptional teaching
- Social, sporting, artistic and recreational activities to help ensure a healthy work / life balance
- We have exceptionally high standards with an established tradition of academic achievement

- A diverse programme of enrichment
- Excellent facilities
- A first-rate Careers and University preparation programme
- An ethos and culture which supports and guides all our students in ensuring their time at Platanos is a rewarding one



Our Mission

We believe that there is no limit to what our students can achieve. In fact, we are constantly challenging our students to aim higher than they ever have before. We also want our students to enjoy their Sixth Form experience social, sporting, artistic and recreational activities to help ensure a healthy work / life balance.

We are incredibly proud of what our outstanding students have achieved to date but, with our Sixth Form, we are even more excited by what lies ahead. We encourage talented Year 11 students who share our ambition and appetite for hard work to consider making an application to study in our Sixth Form so that you can become part of the next chapter of this success story.

We want to develop young people who will be highly sought after by higher education and employers who will know that they are the best and most appropriately qualified in the area.

Meet your future at Platanos College Sixth Form



Our Vision

Sustaining excellence, focusing on students, enabling social mobility via a business and enterprise culture

- We are proud of our schools which are inspirational environments at the heart of their communities.
- Our multi-academy trust exists and works for all pupils and learners. We have an unshakeable belief that we can make a difference. We are changing lives.
- A Business and Enterprise ethos underpins the education that we offer in all of our schools. We prepare pupils and learners to take advantage of learning opportunities throughout their lives and to rise to the demands of academic rigour, high standards of scholarship, further and higher education and professional life.



In the Sixth Form we aim to:

- Develop in students the confidence to progress to further study and the world of work.
- Help students become model citizens who will enter the workforce as valued employees.
- Encourage a sense of purpose and ethics in our students.







We will:

- Provide expert teaching in small groups as well as blended learning with high quality online facilities.
- Provide tutor support with regular one-to-one review meetings.
- Provide a comprehensive Induction Course.
- Provide excellent study facilities in specialist Sixth Form accommodation.
- Support students with subsidised office-appropriate work-wear.
- Support students with individual tablet computers and books.
- Provide a range of visits and activities to develop general cultural and workrelated awareness and work experience for all students.
- Provide extensive opportunities for students to develop Leadership Skills throughout the Trust's schools.
- Provide opportunities for students to participate in activities in the Trust.



Student Bursary

We provide a student bursary to **eligible students** to help with educational related costs that may arise during the school year.

These cost may include:

- A meal
- Transport to school/college
- Books for your course
- Clothing or equipment for your course
- Educational visits that are an essential part of your course

An application form must be completed to apply for a bursary. You must be at least 16 or under 19 on 31st August 2023 and in part-time or full-time education or training.

All applications must be submitted with supporting evidence or they will not be valid. Bursary applications have to be reapplied for annually. For more information and to find out if you are eligible speak to the Sixth Form team.



Curriculum

Our A-Level curriculum offers students choices and flexibility to find the right fit for them. We offer a broad and rich curriculum in the following subjects.

- Biology
- Physics
- Chemistry
- Mathematics
- English
- History
- Business Studies
- Art and Design

- Sociology
- Law
- Economics
- Psychology
- Sport
- Health and Social Care
- Engineering
- Computer Science

Biology 💆

The discipline of biology delves into the study of living organisms and their intricate interactions within their surroundings. Our biology curriculum is designed to foster and expand upon students' innate curiosity regarding scientific principles. Emphasis is placed on developing essential skills requisite for all scientists, such as investigative aptitude, ethical awareness, safety protocols, analytical thinking, and the capacity to apply knowledge across diverse contexts.

Chemistry 8



Chemistry is the scientific study of how substances behave. Our aim is to cultivate proficient chemists capable of comprehensively understanding the behavior of substances. We strive to empower our students to not only articulate intricate theoretical principles but also to independently investigate them through practical experimentation. The skills and knowledge acquired here will serve as a foundation for their future careers.



Law is about understanding the role of law in today's society. Law helps to define a society's values and provides the framework which society operates and regulated by. Students learn about the nature of law, the English legal system, private law, public law and legal skills. The expertise and understanding gained here will lay the groundwork for their future professional endeavors.

Mathematics



Mathematics goes beyond calculations, demanding clear thinking and hard work. Covering trigonometry, calculus, geometry, mechanics, and statistics, it cultivates critical thinking and problem-solving skills essential for success across various fields, offering students mathematical proficiency for academic excellence and diverse career opportunities in science, engineering, finance, and beyond.

Physics **



Physics is the scientific study of the laws that govern our Universe from the smallest subatomic particles to the Universe itself. A range of topics including energy, forces, electricity, particle physics, nuclear physics and and quantum physics are all covered. We provide students with a profound grasp of the physical realm, paving the way for academic excellence and diverse career opportunities spanning science, engineering, technology, and beyond.

Health and Social Care



Health and Social Care is the study of human growth and development through the life stages. Students study the unexpected and expected events which can impact an individual's life and how health and social care services can support people's needs. The health and social care sector is a major employer with practitioners working in the NHS, for local authorities and in the private sector.

Sociology 4



Sociology is the study of social life, social change, and the social causes, consequences of human behaviour and societal structures. Our aim is to nurture future sociologists poised to make meaningful impacts within their communities as they progress in their lives. A proficient sociologist possesses a deep grasp of fundamental concepts, enabling them to adeptly apply their knowledge across diverse scenarios.

Economics MI



Economics explores how goods are produced and consumed, along with the wealth transfer involved in obtaining them. This subject encompasses topics such as market systems, government intervention, national and global economy, work and leisure economics, and the UK's economic position within the global context. Economics offers pathways to careers in finance, government, and is esteemed by employers for its blend of mathematical and written proficiency.

Psychology 199



Psychology, the scientific study of human behavior and experience, aims to elucidate the workings of the mind. Our aim is to cultivate future psychologists poised to impact their communities. Through our curriculum, students develop resilience and critical thinking skills essential for tackling psychological inquiries. We foster a pathway for further studies and careers in psychology, while nurturing a broader awareness of related societal issues.

History 😭



History aims to gain a deeper understating of the modern world by studying its past. Historians are tasked with scrutinising individuals, groups, movements, events, processes, and ideas from various angles, enabling a richer understanding of the influences that have molded the present. Students will be researching evidence, asking questions and forming explanations.

Art and Design



Art and Design equips students with both critical and practical skills in order to engage with Art in a meaningful way, using 2D, 3D and mixed media alongside in-depth critical research and art writing to create work which explores their own personal lines of enquiry. Studying Art and Design can lead to further study in Art or related subjects, and fulfilling careers in the creative industries.

English Literature



English Literature's historicist approach to the study of literature rests upon reading texts within a shared context. Working from the belief that no text exists in isolation but is the product of the time in which it was produced, the study of English Literature encourages students to explore the relationships that exist between texts and the contexts within which they are written, received and understood. English Literature privileges the process of making autonomous meaning, encouraging students to debate and challenge the interpretations of other readers as they develop their own informed personal responses.

Sport 🦃

This course provides an excellent preparation for careers within the sport and fitness industries and can support entry into higher education. It is a vocationally delivered course and therefore develops the skills and knowledge students will need to thrive in a professional sports and fitness environment. Students are assessed through written exams, project practical assessments and assignments based upon real-life sporting scenarios.

Engineering 💨



Engineering, at its core, applies scientific and mathematical principles to design solutions for practical problems and fulfill human needs. This dynamic field offers diverse career pathways within rapidly evolving industries. Our modern campus provides the ideal environment to explore a range of cutting-edge engineering programs, including robotics, ensuring students are well-equipped for the exciting opportunities ahead.

Business Studies



We provide students with the opportunity to gain a thorough understanding of business, explore specific areas in depth, develop essential skills and knowledge, apply theoretical learning in practical contexts. Students will develop transferable work related skills such as marketing, management information, critical thinking and evaluating information data.

Computer Science



A-level Computer Science introduces students to the fundamentals of computing, covering topics like programming, algorithms, data structures, computer architecture, and ethical considerations. Students learn to code in languages like Python, Java, or C++, gaining problem-solving skills crucial for future careers in technology. The course also explores theoretical concepts such as computational thinking and the societal impacts of technology. Through practical projects and coursework, students develop their understanding and application of key computer science principles, preparing them for further study or careers in fields like software development, cybersecurity, and artificial intelligence.

Entry Requirements

A-Level

GCSE grades 5 or above in English, Maths and three other subjects

BTEC

Entry requirements are five GCSEs at grade 4 or above

GCSE RESITS



Student Committees and Societies

As senior members of the college, Sixth Formers are encouraged to take an active role in the Committees and Societies programme. There are many opportunities to develop leadership, team work and critical thinking skills.

Undertaking different roles as head and deputy of a committee or societies provides students with the opportunity to develop essential skills that enable them to implement changes throughout the sixth form and beyond.

Not only will students get to enjoy being apart of these committees and societies, it is also something they can add to their CV's and UCAS personal Statements as well as University Applications.

- Work Experience Society
- University Society
- Reward and Social Committee
- Health and Well-Being Committee





Support and Guidance

We value the importance of providing a nurturing and inclusive environment, therefore we are proactive in Safeguarding and offering Pastoral Care to support all students.

We are committed to promoting a 'can-do' mindset for everyone. While there will be a helping hand, we will encourage you every step of the way to develop your independence. When it comes to studying, embrace the opportunity to increase self-motivation, resilience, and confidence during your independent study periods, build on self management and successfully reap the rewards.





Student welfare

Prioritising student welfare and promoting self-care is at the heart of Platanos College Sixth Form. We value the importance of providing a nurturing and inclusive environment for all students. We can appreciate that sixth-form life can bring an array of feelings and experiences. For this reason, students are provided with a welcoming atmosphere where they feel safe and can be themselves within a culture of openness.

- Mentoring Sessions for personal development
- One to One Careers Advice
- Weekly reflection discussions: to explore challenges, reflect on experiences and develop problem solving skills
- Workshops, talks and seminars
- Enrichment activities



"I am so happy to be studying what I like. The support I get here makes such a difference to my learning journey" Maria Year 12 Student

Work Experience and Career Advice



'I thought Dame Sharon was inspiring.
I am studying Business and
Economics and it was inspirational to
hear from someone who studied
Economics at Cambridge.
Jannat Year 12 Student

At Platanos College Sixth Form you will be given tailored advice, guidance and practical support for academic and employability development. As you move towards the world of further education and work, you will receive one to one mentoring, career coaching, motivational seminars and specialist life skill training.

We wholeheartly commit to celebrating your uniqueness whilst supporting you towards reaching your potential as you experience opportunities such as work experience, university visits and apprenticeship advice.

Our careers advice is a bespoke programme tailored to the needs of students at different stages of their education. We have a commitment to providing a high quality, impartial, independent careers education, information, advice and guidance (CEIAG) to our students.

We are a member of the Investor in Careers Awarding Body and the Career Development Institute, which ensures quality in careers guidance.

We are part of the Lambeth Careers Cluster working with other local schools and employers to enable students to gain access to a range of career events and opportunities and learn about the world of work in different environments and professions. The partnerships we forge with employers allow our students to receive a holistic approach to a diverse range of career pathways.





Events and Speakers

Explore the dynamic world of Platanos College Sixth Form through our engaging events and speaker series. Each event and speaker is carefully curated to enrich the academic journey of our students. We were honored to host a diverse range of accomplished speakers and thought-provoking seminars, offering invaluable insights to our students.



Healthy Relationships And Consent Workshop

It is essential that students know what a healthy relationship looks like and that consent is a critical issue which needs to be discussed and understood.



Welcome to your vote

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.



"It was very useful to hear first-hand information about Rebecca's experience of Sixth Form and how she made a success of it."

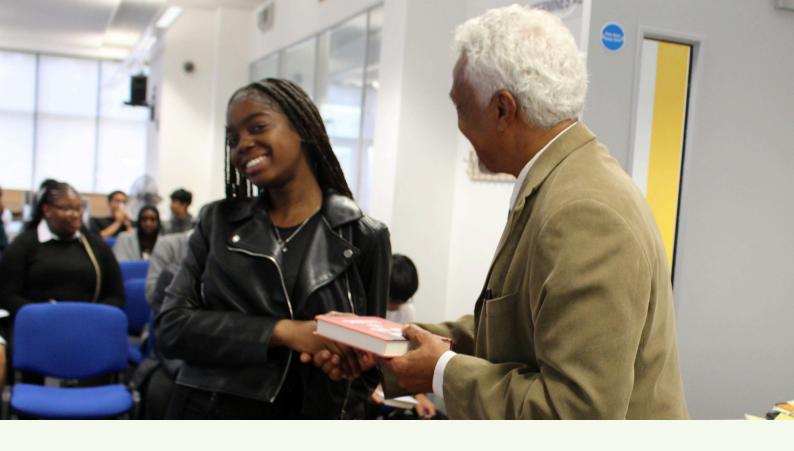
Bradley Year 12 Student

Alumina Rebecca from the University of Oxford Provides Advice for Sixth Form Students



RISE FX Studios Workshop

"I really want to become a corporate lawyer, so to hear that such a vast range of companies and industries hire their own lawyers was new to me and very insightful." Orhue Year 12 Student



2024 NEW STUDENT ADMISSION



NOW OPEN

To apply for a place at Platanos College Sixth Form, there are some requirements that need to be met. These include:

- Individuals must be 18 or under on 31st August 2024
- Complete and submit an application form in full
- Conditional offer is accepted with interview to follow





APPLICATION FORM AVAILABLE ONLINE



Application Process

To begin the application process you will need to download the form and complete all required fields. The information you provide gives us an idea of what you are like at school, as well as some additional information including attendance, additional learning support and recommended course level.

Application forms should be returned directly to the college by post or email.

Post to:

Sixth Form Admissions, Platanos College, Clapham Road, London, SW9 0AL Tel no:

020 7733 6156

Email to:

sixthform@platanoscollege.com

Contact Information

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> Platanos College Sixth Form wishes all students the best of luck with their exams and looks forward to welcoming you to our Sixth Form

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Email: sixthform@platanoscollege.com www.platanoscollege.com

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