

# Platanos College News

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018

## Anne Frank Ambassadors Workshop

On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October, eight of our Year 10 students took part in a workshop organised by the Anne Frank Trust alongside other secondary schools. This workshop was the culmination of a project started during the summer of their Year 9. These students were chosen to be peer guides focusing on the life of Anne Frank (a Holocaust victim) and conveying the importance of tackling discrimination and prejudice in modern society today.



The students that attended the workshop this week are preparing to launch their own social media campaign on an issue of their choice. The students chose to look at classism in our current society and vowed to raise awareness of this issue through using social media platforms supported by the Anne Frank Trust to raise awareness of the issue and highlight the need for change.

Classism is the idea that people within society are pre-judged based on their social class, and that opportunity for all is important. It highlights how society should be mindful of the issues of social class perception and how they can impact negatively on the life of an individual, in particular when it comes to job hunting or police stop and search.



The workshop involved students partaking in a carousel of activities and working with experts in social media fields. This included working with a videographer to make a video on their theme, a photographer who helped them to shoot footage which can be used in the campaign, a graphic designer who is to design a professional logo based on their ideas, and time to organise when and how they would run their campaign both inside and outside of school.

The students showed exceptional leadership qualities in taking ownership of the campaign. Coupled with a strong desire to change the issue of class discrimination in society, this proved to be a productive day which empowered our students to enact change on this issue through raising awareness.

**Their campaign will be launched after the half term break.** It has been a delight to see students grow as individuals through this project. The students involved were given Anne Frank Ambassador badges and a copy of Anne Frank's diary to keep, read and pass on the message that discrimination and prejudice have no place in our current society.



We hope that the project has proved memorable and will stay with the students for life. This means that their own perceptions and actions within the modern world will reflect the values of tolerance, respect, and equality for all. We are very proud of our students and our community, and the Anne Frank Ambassador workshop represented the very best of our values at Platanos College.

Our Anne Frank Ambassadors are: **Phoebe Scott, Teniola Okunrinkoya, Joel Eshon, Tania Ali, Shane Hopkins, Stephanye Martins, Asiyo Mohamud and Sheyma Haouache.**

We wish all our pupils luck in launching their campaign.