



E-Newsletter

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Issue 1

AN EXCELLENT START TO THE NEW YEAR 2013

Welcome to our first e-newsletter. As Headteacher, it is a pleasure to start with some positive news. After a good break we have had an excellent start to the New Year.

- We held “**Back to Basics**” assemblies with our pupils and focussed on the need to maintain our high standards.
- Our pupils have returned to school ready to learn.
- Attendance has been excellent although punctuality will be addressed despite the transport problems.

We look forward to a very successful New Year, please God.

Ms J. Tapper
Headteacher

Recent News

Grammar School Pathway (GSP) Tests, December 2012

Our end of term Grammar School Pathway tests were well organised.

- Pupils prepared for the tests and revised with care.
- Pupils approached the tests in a business-like manner.
- Pupils understand the importance of the tests and the need to improve their levels.

We are especially pleased that pupils in Year 7, who were new to the GSP tests, worked very hard and were so well behaved.



Achievement Assemblies, December 2012

The Achievement Assemblies focussed on the **CHABOP** winners (**CHABOP** stands for Classwork, Homework, Attendance, Behaviour, Organisation and Punctuality). They were **Outstanding**.

The following pupils were awarded for their outstanding achievements.

English Year 7

Jason Akbulut
Daniela Lauro
Ana De Lima
Edwin Karter
Andressa Costa-Silva

English Year 8

Julie Joram
Shirmae Elliot
Imran Sankoh
Eiji Torres
Ola Olanrele
Andrew Pham
Edward Adonteng

English Year 9

Melissa Rodrigues
Mawa Julia Bagate
Geovana Soares
Francisca Lopes
Stephanie Sousa
Toni L'Ouverture
Lisa Tham
Genielle Dearne
Salem Koudou



Maths Year 7

Kevin Lam
Jason Akbulut
James Lau
Hannah Bagate
Kawtar Haouache
Nadia Felix

Maths Year 8

Imran Sanko
Torres Eiji
Ayman Abdulrahim
Ahmed Fadumo
Julie Dao
Julia Tomczak

Maths Year 9

Edward Oliveira
Dashiell Lorette-Clapp
Salem Kodou
Lisa Tham
Shayma Mohamed
Christian Goncalves



Science Year 7

Ade Adebayo
Jason Akbulut
Bushra Aftab
Kanyinsola Oladipo

Science Year 8

Jason Tran
Abdulrahim Ayman
Suna Gulen
Jamila Karamoko

Science Year 9

Edward Oliveira
Hassan Abdulrahim
Lisa Tham
Shanice Collins

History Year 9

Jonathan Silva
Raquel Ferrao
Deqa Elmi
Michael Norfield

Spanish Year 7

Kawtar Haouache
Kanyinsola Oladipo
Kwabena Adu-Ntiamoah
Nadia Malik-Ahmed

Spanish Year 8

Yasiin Maxamud
Julie Dao
Ahmed Idris
Tamara Stewart

Spanish Year 9

Shanice Collins
Nadine Manar
Maklit Hannah
Sory Diakite

Geography Year 9

Abdullah Sulaiman
Joshua Williams
Rafiah Mohammed
Natasha Smith



Top 3 CHABOP Winners**Year 7**

Leandro Matias Da Silva
 Ricardo Gordon
 Ryan Aoki

Top 3 CHABOP Winners**Year 8**

Ma Mecco Tesoro,
 Abdul-Bari Mughal
 Nikita Brown

Top 3 CHABOP Winners**Year 9**

Genielle Dearne
 Milena Tekle (Joint 2nd)
 Toni L'Ouverture (Joint 2nd)

Pastoral Manager's Award**Year 7**

Jessica Broadhurst

Pastoral Manager's Award**Year 8**

Julie Dao

Pastoral Manager's Award**Year 9**

Maklit Hannah

100% Attendance & Punctuality Award Winners

Margardia Monteiro
 Ricardo Martins

Pastoral Citizenship Award for Outstanding Contributions to the School Community

Maklit Hannah

Children's University Awards

Mawa Bagate
 Melissa Rodrigues
 Ryan Tsolaki
 Shawn Steer

Macbeth Theatre Production, December 2012

"Is this a dagger I see before me?"

Pupils at Platanos College acted their hearts out in a way that professional actors would envy. Daniel Ennis's performance as Macbeth was compelling, utterly believable and professionally executed. The school's first production was directed by Head of Drama Mr. Whyte, who condensed the play into thirty minutes. Thirty minutes of sheer delight despite the dark themes and Machiavellian characteristics of Macbeth himself.

It was thrilling to watch the performance as it captured the emergence of Lady Macbeth as a nervous, perturbed woman, whose death was inevitable.

The simple staging forced the audience to focus entirely on the language, which was delivered quite superbly by the cast. The lighting, operated by Drama pupils in Year 11 served to highlight the terror and tyranny of Macbeth.

The Cast

Daniel Ennis, 10A1 – Macbeth

Camila Lonardelli, 10A2 – Lady Macbeth

Patrick Ballisteros, 10A1 – Banquo

Daniel Payne 8D

Marie Derox 8H

Shaniela Lindsay 8H

Hibaq Haji-Ali 7C

Abdulla Suleman 9B

Ridwan Jamir 9B

Harmony Reid 8H

Anisa Hersi 8H

Anabela Costa 8H



Singing Choir appearing in Macbeth Production

ABADI Yoel
AKBULUT Jason
BAGATE Hanna
LAM Kevin
LOURO Daniela
MONTEIRO Margarida
NGO Ang
OTTO Benjamin
PARVEZ Samiha
PHANG Rachel
BESONG Hafsa
BRYAN Jahmi
COELHO Bernardo
DE LIMA ALENCAR Ana
FERREIRA Francisco
HAILE Mohamed Amin
HAOUACHE Kawtar
HERSI Fardowsa
KALIJ Jon
LA Jason

Dancers appearing in Macbeth Production

Dekha Hassan Abdullahi 7F
Yerushah De'Lisser 7F
Chanel Clarke 7F
Tionne Harris 7F
Destiny Campbell 7F
Jessica Broadhurst 7B
Paulo Reis Marques 7C
Walter Goncalves 7C
Linda Daquilema 7F
Ziyi Yao 7F

Accompanying Musicians

Hannah Lee 10A1
Esther Lee 11A4

Sound/Slideshow Projection

Stephanie Corr-Major 10A2

Props

Anthony Daley 8H

Technical Crew - Lighting

Ahmed Riane 9D

CHABOP Day, December 2012

CHABOP Day was well organised by the pupils, especially the Presidents and Vice Presidents.

Year 7 pupils arranged special competitions where pupils were able to gain additional CHABOP points. They also organised a special trampoline event.

Year 8 pupils organised a film event and a games room, as well as an end of term party.

Year 9 pupils organised both a karaoke event and a movie room. They also focussed on preparing for Options Day.



Christmas Concert, December 2012

The Christmas Concert featured many wonderful individual and group performances. There was singing, dancing, music and an **Outstanding** gymnastics performance.

The Concert ended with staff performing a “Christmas Scrooge” for the pupils, which they enjoyed enormously.



Key Dates

Thursday 17th January 2013 Year 9 Options Evening, 4pm – 6pm

Thursday 24th January 2013 Cambridge University School Outreach Visit

Saturday 26th January 2013 Rotary Youth Speaks Debating Competition

Safeguarding Information

Platanos College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our pupils. Our **Designated Senior Person for Child Protection** is **Ms T. Williams**.

There is also an **Anti-Bullying Committee** (ABC) run by a group of pupils who meet every week to discuss any issues that may arise.

The anti-bullying email address for both pupils and parents to raise any issues about bullying is abc@platanoscollege.com.

Severe Weather Conditions

The weather is likely to deteriorate in the coming weeks. This is a reminder that, in severe weather conditions, we will close the school as a (very) last resort if pupils and staff face a significant risk of injury or non-attendance.

If the school is to be closed, we will post a notice on the school website (www.platanoscollege.com) and send a standard text message to all parent(s)/carer(s) before pupils arrive at the start of the school day.

If the weather conditions deteriorate during the school day, we will inform all parent(s)/carer(s) of the situation by text message and via our website.

Uniform Shop Opening Times

Term time opening hours

Mondays: 9am - 12.15pm

Wednesdays: 3pm - 6pm