

# Platanos College News

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## History Month 2016

October 2016 sees Platanos College celebrate History Month. This year we are celebrating the theme of the *History of London* and in particular how the people of London that have gone before us have shaped this great city that we live in.

We began our celebration on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October when the whole school came together as a community and listened to staff and pupils talk about the history of London. The opening speech asked pupils to consider their surroundings and how London has come to be: the buildings that surround us, the multi-cultural and diverse population that encompasses London, the shops, the cafes and the historic sites. Pupils and staff then discussed key Londoners who have impacted upon the people of London and who have influenced London as it is today: William Shakespeare, Isambard Kingdom Brunel, Alan Turing, Johnny Rotten and David Beckham all highlighted as some of the influential Londoners who have had such a huge impact on the development of London 2016.

We will continue our celebration in the coming weeks with all curriculum areas teaching a historically themed lesson to Key Stage 3 classes, making clear links to how the history of London has impacted upon mathematics, science, English, drama, art, technology, information technology and sport. In addition, a form group from each year group will deliver an assembly to their year on *why London is so diverse*.

Furthermore, the school is running a competition for every year group on '*Who is the most important Londoner in History?*' One winner from each year group will be selected and presented with a prize in the first Whole School Assembly after the October half term. The winners' houses will also be awarded 100 merits!

London is a city like no other. The diversity that we celebrate is what has made London the great city that it is. Platanos College History Month wishes to celebrate all of our staff and pupils' histories. What better way than to consider the city that we share and the friends and families that have helped shape it.