

Platanos College News

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International Women's Day 2018

On International Women's Day, a number of Year 9 girls attended a talk from our librarian, Ms. Marshall. They spoke about the social and economic position of women through history and tried to identify the memories and aspects that still resonate in our multicultural contemporary context. Pupils discovered that from Greece to the present day, many things changed, however, women still struggle to live in dignity in many parts of the world.

Pupils questioned the reasons behind certain inequalities, such as access to education, financial independence, equal rights and wages, sexual discrimination and abuse. Today's landscape is quite different from the one our grandmothers lived in but many old fashioned approaches persist and movements like #metoo are raising awareness concerning many forms of discrimination and abuse towards women and girls. It was wonderful to see the level of insight and curiosity of all pupils, especially those who shared their experiences and reflections on how to improve our lives and change mentalities.





“I thought that the speech given to us on Women’s Day was very inspiring. I learned many things which I could take and use to help me when I’m older. I learned about the things women were not able to do at one time such as have the same jobs as men.”

Reanna Jordon Year 9

“On International Women’s Day, I thought the speech given was inspiring to young girls in society. It was a day where we young females could openly discuss what it is like being and living and talk about our experiences as young girls in a society where girls are usually treated as objects. During the speech I learned many things and felt celebrated as a female.”

Kate Nguyen Year 9