

Platanos College Alumni



My name is **Joao Albuquerque**. I graduated from Platanos College in **2014, with 11 A*/A.**

Awards and achievements at Platanos College:

- Junior Leader in Year 9
- Prefect in Year 10
- Deputy Head Boy in Year 11
- Lambeth Achievement Award in 2012 and 2014
- Jack Petchey Award in 2014
- Various other in-house and school awards throughout the years.

Since leaving Platanos College I went on to study A-Levels at St Francis Xavier Sixth Form College. Where I studied Portuguese, Spanish, Economics and Maths as well as an Extended Project Qualification (“EPQ”). I managed to achieve an A in A2 Portuguese, a B in A2 Spanish, a B in EPQ and a C in A2 Economics.

After graduating from SFX in 2016, I applied for an apprenticeship in KPMG and was offered the opportunity to work for KPMG (one of the Big 4 accountancy firms) as an apprentice. I have been working at KPMG for the last 15 months and I am currently completing my Level 3 AAT qualification and will shortly be moving on to complete my Level 4 AAT qualification. I will hopefully be given the opportunity to complete my final Level 7 ACA qualification, post completion of my level 3 and Level 4 qualification, in order to become a qualified Chartered Accountant.

In the future I hope to become a fully qualified chartered accountant and make my way up the progression ladder within KPMG, hopefully one day becoming a Partner in one of the top 4 accountancy firms in the world. A long term goal for me and my family is to open up our own business within a specific industry.

I have very fond memories of the staff at Platanos College and thank them for all of their support. A memory that stands out for me was in year 8/9, when my mum had to come into school because I was being a “right pain” and had a meeting with my head of year, who told my mum and I that if my behaviour did not change that I would no longer be a pupil at the school – seeing my mum’s face of disappointment was the turning point for me at Platanos college, and that was when my success began.

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