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Platanos College awarded the Mayor of London's Gold Club status for exceptional educational achievements

The school becomes a Gold Club member for a third successive year

Platanos College has been awarded Gold Club status under a membership programme set up by the Mayor of London, Boris Johnson, to recognise exceptional schools in the capital. The Gold Club is part of the Mayor's drive to boost standards and raise attainment for all schoolchildren wherever they live in the capital and regardless of background.

London's schools continue to outperform the rest of the country with last year's GCSE results showing the city as the top English region for the sixth consecutive year.

In highlighting and celebrating schools that are 'bucking the trend', especially those that have pupils with previously low attainment, the aim is to inspire even more schools in London to strive for similar academic success and offer them the chance to learn from the Gold Club schools.

The Mayor of London, Boris Johnson, commented: *"Congratulations to Platanos College for its outstanding achievements and for the hard work of its pupils and teaching staff. London schools are going from strength to strength and our Gold Club members are testament to the fact all schools can aspire to attain excellence for all their pupils, whatever their circumstances. The Gold Club is a great platform for schools to share their bright ideas and approaches to enable every one of their pupils to achieve terrific results."*

Since the programme's inception three years ago, Platanos College has been one of a small group of less than a dozen schools to have qualified as a member in every year.

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A total of 113 schools have been awarded Gold Club status in 2015. They are being asked to share their good practice through seminars and hosting visits to their school so that other schools can learn from a range of approaches that have delivered success and achieved extraordinary performance for their pupils.

Notes to editors:

- About Platanos College.
The college is an 11-16 mixed Academy in south London. It is an *outstanding* school that caters for pupils of all abilities with options including a Grammar School Pathway, and provision including scholarships and bursaries for Science, Maths, Art, Music, as well as a work-related provision and bursaries for Business and Enterprise. It recently received its third successive '*Outstanding*' rating from Ofsted in December 2014.
- Gold Club members are schools that have 'bucked the trend' by achieving exceptional outcomes for all their pupils, whatever their circumstances. Funded by the Mayor, the school to school learning programme allows all schools across London to learn from the good practice of Gold Club schools in improving pupils' aspirations and achievements. It is a free opportunity to find out what Gold Club schools are doing to make a difference for their pupils and how they are doing it. The new 2015/16 school year programme will be published for the start of October.
- Seven per cent of London primary and secondary schools are eligible to be Gold Club members. The Gold Club scheme aims to identify the best schools in London by its criteria and member schools across inner and outer London are listed at: <http://londonschoolsgoldclub.org.uk/gold-club-members-201516> .
- Gold Club membership for 2015-16 is based on schools' pupil results in summer 2014. In 2014 London was the top performing region for the two main attainment measures, 5+ A*-C including English and maths (5 percentage points higher than nationally) and the English Baccalaureate (6 percentage points higher than nationally). London pupils' performance and progress at key stages 2 and 4, on which the Gold Club is based, continues to exceed the national average. This is especially the case with the results of pupils from more disadvantaged backgrounds. In terms of its pupils achieving the expected progress between key stage 2 and key stage 4, London exceeds the levels

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found nationally for both English (by 7 percentage points) and Maths (by 6 percentage points).

- For more information about the Mayor's Gold Club programme for schools go to www.londonschoolsgoldclub.org.uk.
- The Gold Club was one of the main recommendations to come out of the Mayor's Education Inquiry in 2011-12, in order to promote excellent teaching in all London schools. The [2015-16 action plan for the Mayor's education and youth programme](#) sets out progress in delivering the Mayor's key priorities including the London Schools Excellence Fund, London Schools Gold Club, the London Curriculum and a unit to help groups find sites for free schools (www.london.gov.uk/priorities/schools-and-education).
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