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Platanos College commended by Department for Education

The outstanding college has been ranked number one in the Similar Schools Performance Tables

Stockwell-based Platanos College has been congratulated by the Minister for Schools, David Laws MP, for its excellent performance in the new 2012 Similar Schools Performance Tables.

The tables compare schools against those with near identical intakes of pupils, based on academic achievement in Key Stage 2. The figures reveal that Platanos College has been ranked as number one and also that over 10% more of their pupils achieved five good GCSEs including English and Maths than is typical of a school with a similar intake.

Headteacher Judette Tapper said:

'I'm extremely proud of our pupils' achievements. Every single one of our pupils has talents and abilities to encourage and celebrate. At Platanos College we focus on understanding each pupil as an individual to help them develop their skills; these results prove that our approach works.

We believe that every learner can succeed and we challenge and support them to reach their full potential.'

Platanos College was also recently named by the Sutton Trust as among the best in the country after an analysis of the 500 top-performing schools and is a member of the SSAT Leading Edge network of high-performing schools. To find out more about the outstanding college, please visit www.platanoscollege.com.

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About Platanos College

Formerly Stockwell Park High School, the college is 11-16 mixed converter Academy rated outstanding by Ofsted. Judette Tapper CBE is Headteacher and Chief Executive of the college. She has been in post since 2000.

59% of its 988 pupils are eligible for free school meals.

It is a Business and Enterprise Academy which means it has a strong focus on work-related learning alongside excellent extra-curricular activities.

Platanos College caters to every learning ability, with options including a Grammar School Pathway. Taken by the most able students in Key Stage 3 (Years 7 - 9) the Pathway

is aimed at preparing students to apply for top universities and compete on a level footing with young people from every educational background.