



PLATANOS COLLEGE

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PRESS RELEASE

Platanos College

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PLATANOS COLLEGE DECLARED 'OUTSTANDING' IN ALL ASPECTS BY OFSTED IN DECEMBER 2014

**THIS IS THE THIRD 'OUTSTANDING' RATING AWARDED TO THE
SCHOOL OVER A TEN YEAR PERIOD**

- Following an Ofsted inspection visit on 10th and 11th December 2014 (report published January 2015), Platanos College was awarded grade 1, 'Outstanding', the top rating, for all aspects of its work including leadership and management, behaviour and safety of pupils, quality of teaching and achievement of pupils.
- The College was praised by inspectors for its robust and accurate view of its own performance, which is informed by extremely rigorous checks by senior and middle leaders. Outstanding achievement of pupils of all abilities and backgrounds was the result of inspirational teaching and teachers' extensive subject knowledge and is supported by the way that pupils collaborate exceptionally well in lessons to improve their learning. Inspectors were impressed by the way that the pupils are not solely reliant on the teacher for their learning, which leads to excellent progress in their knowledge and understanding.
- Governors of the College were praised for their very effective support and challenge, planning, setting of priorities for the school and for being very knowledgeable about quality of teaching and pupils' performance.
- Pupils benefit from an outstanding range of additional opportunities to enrich their experience such as sports, the arts and visits as well as many activities which enable them to develop their leadership skills and to consider future career opportunities. According to inspectors, "pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is a real strength of the school" and "pupils showed that they had an extremely well-informed understanding of life in modern Britain when discussing their ideas about democracy."

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Notes to editors

About Platanos College

The college is an 11-16 mixed Academy in the London Borough of Lambeth. It is an outstanding school that caters for pupils of all abilities with options including a Grammar School Pathway and work-related learning through a Business and Enterprise focus.

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