



PLATANOS COLLEGE

An outstanding school for
pupils of all abilities

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The Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, recognises Platanos College for exceptional educational achievement in new Schools For Success programme

Platanos College has been celebrated under a new programme set up by the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, to recognise exceptional schools in the capital. Schools for Success is part of the Mayor's drive to help tackle education inequality and increase standards for all schoolchildren across the capital, whatever their background.

Schools for Success celebrates schools that are achieving academic success with all their pupils, in particular disadvantaged or vulnerable students who started off behind their peers, or those affected by circumstances that could have an impact on their learning. In 2016 there were more than 39,000 pupils at the end of primary school^[i] and 30,000 at the end of secondary school^[ii] who did not reach expected levels.

The new programme creates a network for these schools to share best practice with others across London through events, school visits and online profiles. More than 100 eligible schools are invited to join the programme, with 27 boroughs represented at this year's Awards. This cohort, refreshed annually, represents approximately six per cent of the capital's schools.

London's schools are outperforming the rest of the country with last year's GCSE results showing the city as the top English region for the ninth consecutive year.^[iii]

Platanos College has been recognised in the Schools for Success Awards for the exceptional outcomes its pupils achieve.

The Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, said: 'Congratulations to Platanos College for its outstanding achievements and for the hard work of its pupils and teaching staff. London has some of the best schools in the country, and Schools for Success shows the huge difference good quality teaching can make to pupils who started off behind in their studies. By sharing best practice with other schools across the capital, we can help every young Londoner reach their full potential, and ensure no child is left behind.'

102 schools have been recognised in Schools for Success, the first year of the programme. They are being asked to share their good practice through seminars and hosting visits to their school so that other schools can learn from their successful approaches.

Notes to editors

- For more information visit www.london.gov.uk/schools-for-success.
- Schools for Success is funded by £26,000 from the Greater London Authority with the remaining costs, such as venues and staff time, being provided free by participating schools, boroughs and Teaching School Alliances.
- Six per cent of London primary and secondary schools are eligible to be members of the Schools for Success programme. Member schools are featured on the Schools for Success website.
- Eligibility for the Schools for Success programme is based on high levels of progress with low prior attaining pupils, strong whole school performance and a willingness to share good practice.
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^[i] Mayor of London's Annual Education Report 2017, p17 -

https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/final_epi_edits_design_final_gla_annual_report_2017_0.pdf

^[ii] Analysis from DfE's SFR03/2017: GCSE and equivalent results in England 2015/16 (revised)

^[iii] In 2008/9 London was joint top region, and then top region for the following years up until after 2016/17