

# Platanos College News

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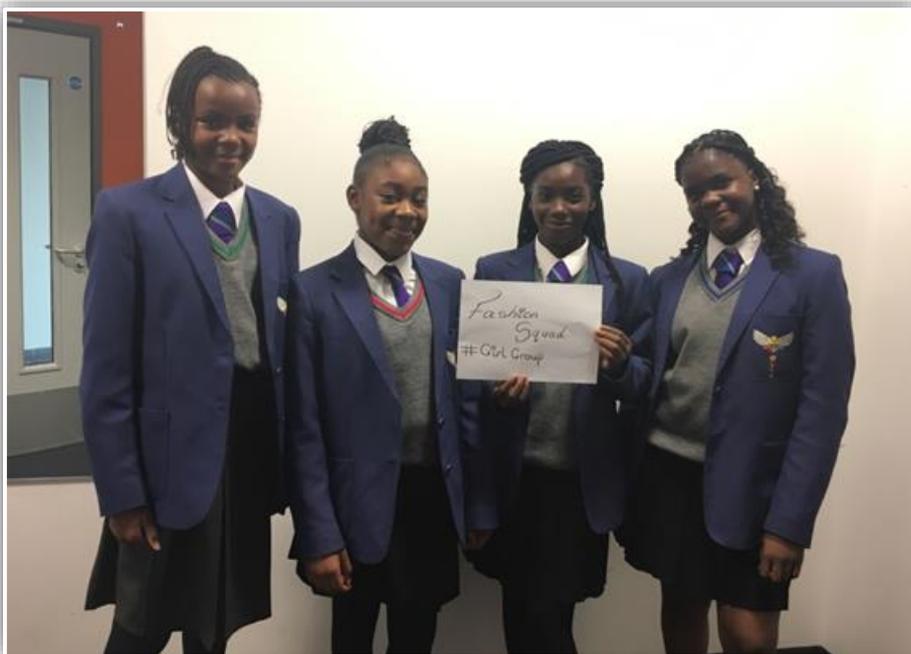
## Tycoon in Schools Business Project

### Platanos pupils' business plan wins project fund

As a specialist Business and Enterprise school, Platanos College aims to deliver high quality innovative learning opportunities for our pupils and prepare them for the next steps of their education.



At the start of the new academic year, a group of Year 7 pupils, "The Fashion Squad", submitted their business plan to the Tycoon in Schools programme which is a national enterprise competition aiming to encourage the UK's budding entrepreneurs to get involved in business by giving them a start-up fund of up to £1000 to run a business whilst at school.



From left to right: **Shannay Walker-Mckenzie, Amiyah Sullivan, Gwelane Biano and Amilah Smith**

Launched in 2012 by Peter Jones CBE and supported by the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills and referenced in Lord Young's 'Enterprise for All' review, Tycoon in Schools was developed as a direct response to repeated calls for a national enterprise challenge in schools. The competition allows pupils to gain valuable hands-on experience of what is involved in running a business.

Our pupils received the good news that the submitted bid was successful and the Fashion Squad have been able to secure an initial startup fund of £500 to launch their fashion business in the coming months. The pupils are incredibly proud of their achievement as the competition was very tough and included primary and secondary schools across the country.

**Amiyah Sullivan**, one of the members of the Fashion Squad cannot wait to get started, *"It is a good idea as we have little experience of business and we have only just joined secondary school. This will give us the opportunity to learn new business skills and to apply it in our day to day life"*.

Congratulations to the Fashion Squad for their successful bid!