

Platanos College



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INTRODUCTION

Following a successful decade of raising aspirations, attainment and achievement at Platanos College, we converted to Academy status on 1st February 2011 to take advantage of the new freedoms offered in the Academies Act 2010.

We firmly believe that Academy status will help us to continue to transform the lives of all in our community within the framework of a Federation. A Federation is a group of schools who agree to work together collaboratively in order to share best practice, sometimes this includes functions of the governing bodies, staff, resources, training and commissioning of services.

What follows is our Mission Statement and our Vision 2018 for the new Academy and Federation. Our task as governors is to ensure that appropriate strategic and operational plans secure Vision 2018

Akin Alabi
(Chair of Governors)

March 2011

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We are proud of our inspirational environment which is at the heart of our community.

- Platanos College exists and works for all pupils and learners. We have an unshakeable belief that we can make a difference. We are changing lives.
- We have high expectations of all in our community.
- We prepare pupils and learners to take advantage of learning opportunities throughout their lives and to rise to the demands of academic rigour, high standards of scholarship, further and higher education as well as opportunities in creative careers, the service industry and business, accountancy and finance.
- We believe that every pupil/learner can succeed and challenge and support them to reach their full potential. We offer all learners a rounded education to meet the challenges of an ever changing society. We raise the aspiration of learners to ensure that they achieve beyond their expectations and play a valuable role in the world.

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- We celebrate success and encourage pupils and learners to take part in and enjoy learning and life by stretching the abilities of all. All areas of our Federation work together with shared and consistent values.
- We are proud of the cultural diversity in our school and encourage tolerance and respect for each individual. We link our school to other cultures and communities throughout the world.

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SUSTAINING EXCELLENCE

- The school expands its capacity as a Federation leading to the education of pupils from nursery to higher education.
- We cater for a fully comprehensive intake and pupils of all abilities.
- All learners will develop their core skills of reading, literacy and numeracy as well as their creative, academic and their wider social and leadership skills.
- All pupils will be expected to achieve the most that they are capable of. We will measure our success not only in our exam results, but also in how far we are able to develop a love of learning in all our pupils that stays with them long after they have left school.
- We will retain and recruit outstanding teachers and support staff who are skilled, dedicated and have a passion for learning and teaching.

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- We will recruit the right staff to enable us to make the exciting transformation to a Federation, while maintaining a stable and consistent learning environment for all pupils.
- All schools within the Federation will consistently achieve good to outstanding grades.
- Best practice in teaching and learning, innovation and high-quality professional development will be shared and implemented across the Federation.
- All learners are self-motivated and become independent learners in preparation for further education, training, employment and the fulfilment of a productive adult life.
- The behaviour of all adults and young people throughout the Federation is based on being positive about what each of us is capable of, having respectful, supportive relationships, and creating a culture which is well-regarded within the community.
- All schools within the Federation are safe, secure, healthy, supportive and stimulating environments.

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- The Federation is committed to raising standards and improving performance through collaboration and effective partnerships with families and the wider community. We will work to foster a sense of pride and self-belief in what people from our school and local community can achieve. Partnerships with other organisations (eg. further/higher education, business, industry and the public sector) will offer opportunities to enhance learning for all in the community.
- The school's existing specialism of Business and Enterprise and Training continues to be at the heart of sustaining improvements in teaching and learning throughout the Federation. The Federation is fully committed to the 'Teaching School' model of development to enhance its reputation both as centre of excellence for teacher training and as a commissioner of broader educational services within the wider community.
- A much expanded enterprise culture pervades the school and the majority of pupils and learners are encouraged to develop business and entrepreneurial skills through subjects and extra-curricular activities.
- The Governing Body remains resolute, bold and diverse. The Governing Body also includes a broad spectrum of knowledge, expertise and experience with strong strategic leadership, opportunities to review and reflect.

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