

Platanos College News

Friday 6th October 2017

What Career Live? Event

On Friday 6th October, a selection of Year 11 pupils attended a 'What Career Live?' event at London Olympia. This event gave pupils the opportunity to consider their postschool options such as apprenticeships, internships, full-time/part-time work, gap year opportunities and undergraduate courses all under one roof. It was a unique chance to meet with some of the UK's top employers and put questions to universities.

Pupils used the Careers Theatre section of the exhibition to find out what it's like to work for some of the UK's top companies. They discovered what companies are looking for in a candidate and explored a variety of industries ranging from tourism and events to business and finance. Pupils thinking about a career in engineering were able to take part in a STEM Challenge. They were invited to put their practical skills to the test so they could get an insight into a career in STEM. There was also a Student Advice Theatre available to pupils for independent advice on choosing careers, exploring apprenticeships and how to improve employability.

It was an incredibly informative event and many pupils came away with a clearer idea of what they would like to do in the future and what they need to do to achieve that. Our next careers event takes place on Wednesday 18th October when we will host a careers fair in school from 4pm to 6pm.





“Our students were very positive about the event and felt it made them aware of school leaver programmes that they did not realise existed prior to the event. Many of our students took advantage of speaking to the universities and for all of them it has made them start thinking about their next step. This trip seems to have given them focus leading up to their GCSE exams; they can now see the value to studying hard as it will open up numerous opportunities for them.”

Mr. Bell, Pastoral Assistant



“I really enjoyed the event. There were such a wide variety of universities and employers there; it was really useful to speak to them and get a better idea of what certain courses and careers are like.”

Year 11 Pupil

