

Platanos College News

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On Thursday 21st September, pupils from Platanos College's Feminist group, 'Shequality', Year 11 Drama pupils and all other KS4 pupils who had expressed an interest in the event, travelled to Waterloo's Young Vic Theatre to see celebrated actress Juliet Stevenson in Arthur Kopit's powerful, thought-provoking play 'Wings'.



The play followed the struggles fought by Emily, a fiercely independent aviator and wing-walker, as she fought to piece back together her life and sense of identity following a stroke. Touching on universal issues such as mortality, identity and gender, the play provoked strong reactions within the audience, not least from our pupils whose engagement and sophisticated responses showed their keen ability to identify symbolism and allegory within a live performance. Notably, theatre staff commented on Platanos pupils' positive reactions as 'the most engaged' they had seen from any of the school groups.



We look forward now to the next play - a trip to watch Shakespeare's Othello. Watch this space!



Syanne Seagal, Year 11 Drama Spokeswoman, said, *"For me, this trip was something completely unexpected and unlike any of the other productions we have been taken to. Visually, it was an amazing experience. The setting and scenography were centred in a surgery, with moving staging mid-scene to create a feeling of being in a fast-paced surgical theatre, around a woman who had had a stroke. The main character, Emily, was in a harness for the whole play to reflect her*

experience as a wing-walker earlier on in life, but in this stage of her life her most adventurous and courageous actions are all about finding a way back to herself after her mind has been damaged. I must say, it was a mind-blowing experience.

This trip will help all of us in Drama achieve much more with our confidence and acting skills. I personally can't wait for the next trip."

