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VISITING SPEAKERS AND SEMINARS AT PLATANOS COLLEGE SIXTH FORM

We welcomed a range of visiting speakers to Platanos College this week to deliver seminars and workshops as part of our Sixth Form students' induction week.

We were pleased to invite one of our alumni members to deliver a talk on her educational journey so far. Rebecca Adebowale graduated from the Platanos class of 2021 and is currently studying Chemistry at the University of Oxford.

The seminar was both inspiring and informative in providing our students with invaluable career advice.





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Our guest speaker spoke about challenges and triumphs. The group also discussed about:

- Learning how to deal with disappointment and losses.
- Learning about oneself and learning styles to maximise potential and opportunities.
- Learning how to balance and prioritise work and social life.

“Rebecca’s career advice was so useful and insightful.

It has given me a lot of guidance and reassurance.

I have learned a lot in the space of one week to prepare me for my Sixth Form journey.”

– Sabir



“It was very useful to hear first-hand information about Rebecca’s experience of Sixth Form and how she made a success of it.”

– Bradley



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RISE FX STUDIOS WORKSHOP

Students also had the pleasure of listening to a presentation delivered by the Director of Rise FX Studios, a visual effects company which works with the likes of Marvel and has won several Bafta awards.

The seminar discussed how the law is involved in the industry, how a career in business links to the industry and how the creative subjects have a major role. Artificial Intelligence was also discussed.

The speaker explained how engineers are also crucial to film and television and that, in 2023, almost all use special effects. We also heard how the FX industry bids for movies, thus needing those qualified in business to assist in the financial aspect of the process. It was an eye-opening presentation for students.

“I really want to become a corporate lawyer, so to hear that such a vast range of companies and industries hire their own lawyers was new to me and very insightful.” – Orhue

“The presentation and discussions were excellent. It was fascinating to learn about an industry at the cutting edge of technology.” – Maria

“I cannot wait to visit the company offices and see first-hand how the movies and special effects are created.

“This has reinforced my decision to embark on this career.” – Mark, who has chosen a creative pathway, had a host of questions for the presenter and was amazed by the workshop.



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HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS AND CONSENT WORKSHOP

Students found the Healthy Relationships workshop particularly insightful. With the myriad of social influences and pressures, it remains important to focus on students' welfare and safety.

Students felt they were very informed by the workshop and was highly relevant for them at this stage in their lives. It is essential that students know what a healthy relationship looks like and that consent is a critical issue which needs to be discussed and understood. Students felt equipped with the relevant knowledge and engaged well with discussions.





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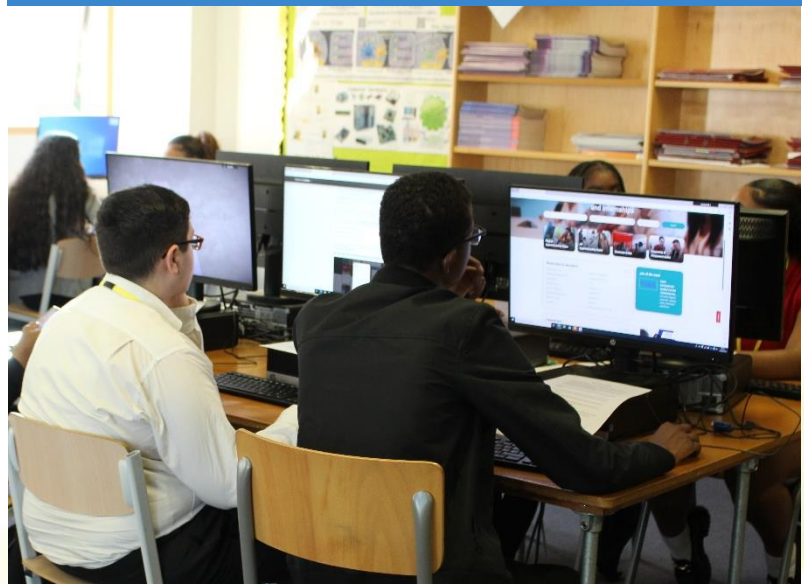
There were also a range of other workshops and seminars on other topics, including diversity, the UCAS process and careers in health and social care and others.

Students were given an overview of the UCAS application process and discussed examples of personal statements. They realised the importance of wider personal skills, being involved in committees and societies that would help their personal development. This created a conversation around new committees that they would like to establish over the coming weeks.

It was an opportunity for students to develop their research skills and there was a sense of determination as they considered their future career options and targets.

“The workshop was very thought-provoking and his story was very inspiring.” – Zoya

“I really enjoyed the session. It is the first week but I have learned a lot already. I can see my journey to becoming a midwife being a reality now.” – Ranaad



“ Attitude Determines Altitude ”