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WELCOME BACK

Our students have now begun what we are sure will be another successful half term at Platanos College Sixth Form. Students returned on Monday 26th February ready for their Spring Term Assessment Week. The last half term was filled with events to challenge and inspire.

In the final week of term, five of our Year 12 Law students attended a Boot Camp at an established Law firm in the city. Iman, James, Mohamed, Bradley and Adeife travelled to central London for two days to experience what it would be like to work in a Law firm. We welcomed students from University College London's Grassroots Project to have weekly sessions with our Law students. During these sessions, University students delivered lectures and workshops on several topics such as, Human Rights Law and Public Legal Education. Year 12 students were inspired by the sessions and enjoyed meeting with young people who are mid-way through their University journey.

FOCUS ON ART AND DESIGN

Art and Design

In September, A-level Art and Design students began their course by researching the artist Scott Hutchinson. In January students began working on life size figurative drawings in order to develop skills in proportion and expressive mark making. This followed a mark making workshop where students created drawings using pens on willow sticks as an alternative approach to drawing. Students will continue to focus on their creative practice for the remainder of the Spring Term considering the expressive quality of their work in line with their own personal investigations in art. Students will hold an exhibition of their work in the Summer Term.



Year 12 students Bradley, Adam and Ranaad working on their life size figurative drawings.





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“ Attitude Determines Altitude ”

Samuel Ahibo, Year 12 – Motivational Year 11 Assembly

On Thursday 8th February, Year 12 student, Samuel Ahibo was invited to speak to our Year 11 pupils. For Year 11, it is getting ever closer to their GCSE Examinations. Samuel was invited to speak to them in order to motivate, educate and advise Year 11 to revise, be resilient and to realise that their Attitude determines their Altitude. Samuel is an example of these very traits; his hard work, determination and self-belief are evident in his current academic success. We are very proud of him.

Excerpt from Samuel's speech

‘Today, if there is one thing I'd like to talk to you about, it is about developing resilience and determination. I'm not going to talk about the consequences of not revising, I think at 15 years old, you already know them. What I want you to realise is the potential that you can develop by combining discipline with determination, they always work together.

I'm going to ask you some questions; I want you to answer them in your head.

- Do you know who you want to be in the future?
- Do you think that good school results can help you to better achieve your goals in life?

‘You need to know *why* you are doing what you are doing for you to continue doing it.

I could advise you to work hard to get good grades, but if you think that everything you are learning here is for your parents or your friends, you won't make it. It has to be for *you*!

‘Because if your *'why'* is not clear, you won't dedicate 100% of yourself to improving; you are going to face difficulties, and without determination you may give up and say to yourself, “this is too hard for me”. But this is false. It is false because you are human and all humans have the potential to achieve what they want if they take the decision to do so. It starts...with action. It starts...with you.’

“The assembly was amazing, it is clear that Samuel is a truly resilient person. I think he will go on to do great things with his life. He really did motivate me; I can see that my success in life really is down to me.”

Ahmed – Year 11 Pupil

