

First Assembly 2022

Welcome back! It's good to see you all, meeting up again, looking forward to what the year ahead holds and planning for the future. We have a whole year of teaching and learning ahead of us. How should we approach it? The famous Greek philosopher Plato wrote that the art of teaching and the pupil's desire for learning are two very different things. Without the energy of the pupils, the teacher's job was impossible.

Plato said that the good teacher did his (or her) best to strike that spark of desire to learn which would turn into a flame. Success was not guaranteed: Plato had a brilliant turn of phrase – he said he knew students who preferred a suntan education (his actual words). A suntan education involves turning over now and again till lightly educated on both sides.

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