

#### **Student Achievements and News!**



#### Benjamin Frost Artistic Roller skating 2023 Youth British

#### Champion

Year 11 student Benjamin Frost competed at the recent British Championships for Artistic Roller skating and is now the 2023 Youth British Champion. Ben has had massive issues with injury this year. However, despite not being on top form as well as having to perform all his spins and jumps on his right leg only, (his left leg is too painful) he still managed to smash his PB. His mother Mrs Charlotte Frost said, "we are super proud of the effort and resilience shown by Ben, despite his injury concerns he achieved a gold medal and the title of British Champion".

#### **100% Attendance Awards**

This half term Mr Wakefield and Mr Stoneman, joined our Attendance Team to recognise our students who have achieved 100% attendance for this academic year for a pizza lunch in the academy canteens.

Bronze, Silver and Gold 100% Attendance badges, were awarded to students who have achieved 100% attendance fo one, two or three terms this academic year. They also received a Satchel One badge and a letter of recognition for their exemplary attendance.

Year group	No. of Bronze	No. of Silver	No. of Gold
7	35	8	129
8	33	8	119
9	43	14	100
10	30	7	107
11	32	15	107



	Year group	No. of Bronze	No. of Silver	No. of Gold
	7	58	5	23
	8	44	3	7
r	9	30	3	8
	10	43	3	12
	11	45	0	15

The Attendance Officers, Mrs Claire Yorston - FRC and Mrs Catherine Frampton-Singh- MRC, have been awarding Satchel One badges to those students who have exceeded our academy target of 95% attendance for the academic year.

Congratulations again to these students!

The Attendance Team



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#### **UK Maths Challenge Junior Competitions**

After the success of students in Years 9, 10 and 11 in the Intermediate Maths Challenge, and Pink Kangaroo competitions in March, we can now offer huge congratulations to students in Year 7 and 8 who competed in the Junior Maths Challenge in April. The Junior Maths Challenge is a national competition which has participants across the country sitting a 60-minute maths paper full of problem solving, puzzles and reasoning questions, which can be a little different to those questions students see in their lessons at school. So, students were prepared for the competition through starters and plenaries using questions from previous years competitions. We entered 220 students and 69 of these scored highly enough to be awarded certificates which were presented to them in their assemblies.

42 students achieved a Bronze Award, 24 achieved a Silver Award, and a special mention must go to Riley B from Year 7 who achieved Gold and Best in School, and to Megan M from Year 7, and Joe G from Year 8 who also achieved Gold Awards. All three sat the follow up Kangaroo competition on 14 June. Megan had great success in this competition, achieving a Merit, which is only awarded to the top 25% of participating students! We are very proud of Megan for this amazing achievement. Congratulations to everyone who participated. We look forward to next years' competitions and what awards they will bring.

Here are a couple of questions from this years' Kangaroo paper...



Nico is learning to drive. He knows how to turn right but has not yet learned how to turn left.

What is the smallest number of right turns he could make to travel from P to Q, moving first in the direction shown?

**A**3 **B**4 **C**6 **D**8 **E** 



The diagram shows a wooden cube of side 3 cm with a smaller cube of side 1 cm cut out at one corner. A second cube of side 3 cm has a cube of side 1 cm cut out at each corner. How many faces does the shape formed from the second cube have?

**A** 6 **B** 16 **C** 24 **D** 30 **E** 36



Year 7 Certificate Winners

Start preparing for the 2023-2024 competitions now, by looking at past papers here www.ukmt.org.uk.

Answers: B and D

Year 8 Certificate Winners



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# Plume Academy would like to give a huge congratulations to the following students...

Fathema Alimah 8JDE, Ava Hart 8CCA, Charlie Baldwin 8AMU, Sophia Brookes 8JDE, Emily Ferguson 9RBA, Eli Mann 7ATE, Aiden Lavender—Mitchell 7BHA

These students have read over 1 million words and Eliza Wheeler 9GDV and Aoife Wainman 9GDV has read an incredible 5 million words!

#### Congratulations and keep reading, The Library Team

#### Giselle Henderson once again accepted onto the Cheerleading Generation Next Programme!

Year 10 student Giselle Henderson has been accepted onto the Cheerleading Generation Next programme for the second year running. The Generation Next programme is open to all cheer athletes in the UK and a selection is made from video auditions. This is a highly sought after placement as only the top 50 best athletes get offered a place. These athletes are the best in their age group across the UK and are rewarded with a week's training camp with top coaches from the United States.

Giselle is very much looking forward to this camp and is excited to train with the most talented elite athletes from around the country and the American coaches on this programme. Giselle's mother Mrs Susan Henderson said, "We would like to thank everyone for their support in helping Giselle achieve this success".



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#### **Talented Musicians Play at**

#### Maldon Library

On Saturday 1 July 2023 we were delighted to take some of our talented musicians to play in Maldon Library. Manns Music Colchester, have donated a piano in order for people to have an opportunity to practice and develop their musical talents ,without having to own their own instrument. Fiona Hill (District Lead for Essex Music Service) and I (Mrs Adams) took a group of students to play, sing and demonstrate the piano to the community.

Mrs Adams said, "The music was well received by the public and we had a group of youngsters who had an impromptu lesson from one of our students".

Many thanks to Archie Jones, Amelie Meadowcroft, Alexa Sharp and Mrs Hill.

Further concerts in the library are planned for 7 October and 9 December 2023.

#### Plume Academy wins award for young carer support

Plume Academy has been given a Silver Award for our work to make sure students do not miss out on an education because they are young carers.

The Young Carers in Schools programme helps primary and secondary schools improve outcomes for young carers, and celebrates good practice through the Young Carers in Schools Award. Young carers are responsible for emotional, practical or physical care of a parent, sibling or other family member who requires support through having a physical disability, a mental health condition or a drug or alcohol problem.

The Carers' Trust and The Children's Society in a joint statement said, "to achieve a Silver Award Plume Academy has demonstrated that it supports young carers in many ways, including awareness raising with pupils and staff, and by building links within the local community. Young carers are consulted with, and vital information is made available to pupils and families, letting them know where to go for help."





Congratulations

Plume Academy, Essex

has successfully gained a silver Young Carers in Schools Award







The Eternal Return of art The Eternal Return al Return of Clara H Eternal Return of Cl f Clara Hart The Ete of Clara Hart The E "I absolutely loved this book! I loved the fact that he lived the same day over and over again trying to change the ending. I also loved how each day he learned new ways to change the ending and that each day was different. I also loved how he learned to express himself differently each day and that he forms unexpected bonds with Clara. I definitely recommend this book as it is beautifully written and is similar to Groundhog Day. Yet again it isn't my usual style but I thoroughly enjoyed it and will definatly read more like this."

- Amelia

"This book was great and it was an amazing insight into what life used to be like in Romania. My favourite part was when Cristian was fighting for freedom."

- Robyn

#### WOW! SUMMER SCHOOLS 2023

A works-13s: Mon 14 to Fri 18 August.

A workshop : Mon 21 to Fri 25 August.

Location: Witham Public Hall,

Collingwood Road, Witham

Price £130 (£30 Deposit required to reserve a place)

Two bursaries are available to cover the full cost for those that could otherwise not attend.

For further information www.wow.org.uk/summer-schools



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> "This was a great book and it was quick to read, the description in the book was great and it was also very interesting how the author wrote out the past of the main characters story. This book was a book that I did not want to put down. Although I do think that they could have helped the main character find a path to find her sister or made the main character life a bit easier in a way."

- Sophia



"A story with amazing illustrations, showing an interpretation of the story of medusa. Conveys her thoughts and feeling very well and makes you sympathise with her."

- Eliza



"In my opinion, this book was extraordinary in terms of character development and sheer emotion alone. I thoroughly enjoyed the way the author (Sita Brahmachari) and the illustrator (Natalie Sirett) used different colour in pages to emphasise the raw feelings it conveys. This book is defiantly worth a read in my opinion and I`m sure the opinion of may others. As a final note I truly appreciate the way it demonstrates teens emotions accurately and shows how even the strongest of bonds can break but aren`t always indefinitely and can bring even people even closer in relationships."

- Tommy



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Plume Academy Year 7 Entry Open Evening Dates 2023

## Plume Maldon's Community Academy

Tel: 01621 854681 www.plume.essex.sch.uk

#### Plume Academy - Year 7 Entry Open Evening

Date:	Wednesday 13 September 2023
Timing:	6.00 pm to 8.00 pm
Headteacher's presentations:	6.15 pm and 7.30 pm

Plume Academy - Year 7 Entry Open Morning Tours

Date:

Monday 11 to Friday 22 September 2023: Tours are 8:55 am to 9:55 am and 9:55 am to 10:55 am. Please refer to the Plume Academy website to book your tour.

#### Plume Academy - Year 12 Open Evening

Date: Timing: Headteacher and Head of College presentations:

6.00 pm to 8.00 pm

Thursday 5 October 2023

6.30 pm

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CHILDREN'S KARATE (6 YRS +) MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY 4:25PM - 5:10PM THURSDAY 6:05PM - 6:50PM

> ALL AGES KARATE (6 YRS +) SATURDAY 9:35AM-10:25AM

> ADAPTED KARATE (6 YRS +) FRIDAY 6:05PM - 6:35PM SATURDAY 11:30AM - 12:00PM

TEEN & ADULT KARATE (14 YRS +) THURSDAY 9:30AM-10:30AM MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY 7:00PM - 7:50PM

#### **KICK BOXING BEGINNERS**

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CHILDREN'S KICK BOXING (6 YRS +) MONDAY, TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY 6:05PM - 6:50PM THURSDAY 5:15PM - 6:00PM

ALL AGES KICK BOXING (6 YRS +) SATURDAY 10:30AM - 11:20AM

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#### Year 9 music students meet Lucky Moyo and take part in a

#### West African Djembe Drumming workshop

Due to the generous support and sponsorship of Colin Baldy pictured far left ,who is the Artistic Director of the long-standing Maldon Festival. Twenty-five students in Year 9 opting to study GCSE Music in the coming academic year (2023/24), were treated to an exclusive educational workshop focused on West African Djembe Drumming, provided by Lucky Moyo pictured centre.



Pictured from left to right Colin Baldy, Mr Barton, Lucky Moyo, Mr Wakefield Executive Principal and Penny Adams Head of Expressive Arts

For Lucky, the process of sharing is the real driving force and at the core of all his work. With this in mind, Lucky works in a variety of settings which includes schools, universities, community centres, theatres, reformatories, prisons and, increasingly arts-based training with staff of various organisations on issues to do with teamwork, cross cultural awareness and cross generation awareness.

Lucky is a firm believer in the role of music beyond just entertainment. He passionately, argues for music as a vehicle/medium for change, communication, dialogue, healing and problem solving.



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The School of Hope in Maldon - Young Creatives

Plume Academy recommends The School of Hope - Where Art meets change.

This project will operate during the Summer break and is entirely free, including lunch.

Dates: 24 - 28 July (10am - 3pm) Lunch is provided free!

Sign up here

https://vimeo.com/828003400/0f39eb0b43?share=copy

What is this all about and why you should get involved...

The School of Hope (TSoH) is a digital, multi-artform project, for young creatives aged 13-25. It is based on the theme of empathy. TSoH delves into what makes us care about other people, especially those who may be very different to us.

Now, we're bringing The School of Hope to YOU in **Maldon**! Across 5 days, you'll take part in creative workshops, watch artwork we have made just for this project, and make art in response.

You can make anything you want in response - a painting, a piece of music, a drama piece, a short film - anything!







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#### Special guest former West Ham United favourite Anton Ferdinand joins our Sports Award Evening 2023

Plume Academy Sports Award Evening held this year to celebrate the achievements of our very talented and gifted students in all year groups, saw a very special guest in attendance to witness and contribute his thoughts to support the evening.

We were absolutely delighted to host former West Ham United football legend Anton Ferdinand.

He generously gave his time and answered questions about his early career, his family and the highs and lows of playing professional football in the Premier League.

Our PE staff along with Mr Wakefield, introduced and co-hosted this very memorable evening for everyone in attendance. All of our students along with their parents had a thoroughly enjoyable and unforgettable time.





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Maldon Festival Year 8 Art Exhibition St Mary's Church Maldon

"The Green Man"

Plume Academy Art and Design students in Year 8, completed a fascinating and intricate curriculum project using the Green Man as inspiration for their work. Central to the King's invitation to Coronation guests is the Green Man at the -bottom of the design. He is an ancient figure from folklore, symbolic of spring and rebirth, to -celebrate the new reign.

The exhibition of work held at St Mary's Church, courtesy of the very generous support of the Maldon.

Festival organisers: used recycled corrugated card to complete individual responses from our students to the ancient myth of the Green Man.

#### The Flutes & Frets Duo play at our Mill Road Campus to Year 7

The Flutes & Frets Duo, arrived at our Mill Road Campus as part of the Maldon Festival Summer 2023 concert to demonstrate the versatility of the flute, and plucked instruments combination to an audience made up of our Year 7 students.

During the concert they played all types of music on the instruments that were in use at the time of composition. A wide range of music was explored, ranging from the Middle Ages all the way through to the

#### present day.

Plume Academy would like to thank Colin Baldy, Director of the Maldon Festival and The Flutes and Frets Duo for taking time out of their busy festival schedule to play exclusively for us at Mill Road.





#### Silver Duke of Edinburgh expedition to The Peak District in July 2023

Sometimes all you need are pictures to tell a story.

The brilliantly organised trip to The Peak District as part of the Duke of Edinburgh Silver award, was once again hugely successful.

As always, a big vote of thanks must go to the fantastic Mr and Mrs Adams, Mr Power and Mr Robinson for the wonderful experience afforded to our students.

Without their incredible enthusiasm, time and dedication



trips like this simply could not happen. What a wonderful experience and adventure for all to remember.



#### Year 12 A Level Graphic Design students receive £20 voucher each from Maldon Festival organisers

Maldon Festival organisers were so impressed with the graphic design work completed for the event this year that A Level Graphic Design students, Oliver Martinez, Billy Charlton, Dylan Brown, Kaitlynn Rodel and Emmy Hasler received £20.00 vouchers to spend in the Queen Victoria Public House and restaurant with their families. Mrs West who is Head of the Art and Design faculty and pictured above with the students was "really pleased" that the group had an opportunity to work closely with the event organisers on a real and live project. We are very grateful to festival organisers Bobbi Davy, Colin Baldy and of course the generosity of The Queen Victoria public house for donating the vouchers.



# JULY 2023 Newsletter

# EXTRA SUMMER SESSIONS

Thursday 20th July 18:00 - 20:00



#### Supporting a Child with ADHD

interactive session explaining what ADHD is and offering a range of interventions that can make lasting differences.

#### Thursday 27th July 18:30 - 20:30

#### **Anxiety Explained**

Whether it is your anxiety or your children's, what exactly is it and how do we manage it?

#### Thursday 3rd August

18:30 - 20:30



#### Drug Awareness talk for Parents

Cannabis, vaping, ketamine, energry drinks? How much do you know? what are the risks? Increase your knowledge and awareness of the issues.

# Videos to rent for £5

Understanding the Teenage brain Cannabis Awareness Introduction to ADHD

facefamilyadvice.co.uk.

info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk



#### Year 7 Ecology Day

On Monday 10 July, our year 7 scientists swapped the laboratory environment of the classroom to the great outdoors! Almost 300 students, around thirty staff and nine year 12 volunteers all descended upon our Mill Road field and the picturesque Promenade Park.

The students were immersed in a world of ecology, closely observing the flora and fauna of the woodland, grass and saltmarsh habitats. Students were using real ecological sampling techniques including pond dipping, sweep netting, soil testing, and transect sampling. They were then tasked with identifying the invertebrates that they had collected. New for this year they also experienced a bird survey and ecology bingo! The students conducted themselves well and demonstrated genuine enthusiasm as they fully engaged in the activities.

At the end of a tiring but highly productive day, students were treated to a fascinating presentation by our Head Girl, Harriet Phillips. She spoke with great passion and inspiration as she told the story of her own journey of environmental campaigning though the WWF, and her experience of engaging with big names in environmental protection including Feargal Sharkey and the one and only Sir David Attenborough.

The Science Faculty would like to put on record our sincere thanks to Harriet Phillips and all the year 12 students who gave up their time to assist us, as well as all staff who supported our ecology day. A wonderful team effort!

Science Faculty















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From 10-14 July, 45 Plume Academy students participated in a week-long adventurous activity week to the Skern Activity Centre in Devon. Students enjoyed a range of activities, including surfing. We hope you enjoy these photos, showing all they got up to!

Behaviour was impeccable throughout the trip.

Sincere thanks to Ms Parry for her leadership of the trip, and to Miss Harvey, Mrs Rhodes, Mr Walker and Mr Stuart for looking after the students for the week.

We are already looking forward to next year!





#### Hugely successful first night for our production of Roald Dahl's Matilda the Musical

Roald Dahl's Matilda the Musical is a wonderful adaptation with plenty of positive messages as well as the usual Dahl dark humour. It's based on a stage musical, which in turn was based on the same classic children's book. Plume Academy students performed brilliantly without first night nerves a stunning version of this much-loved production. A huge thank you must again go to the Expressive Arts



faculty for their tireless hard work and dedication. Our students and the audience loved every minute of what they saw and were hugely appreciative as well as very knowledgeable about what goes into preparing such a complex show!



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Exciting opportunities for our Business, Computing and IT

faculty



As we near the end of the academic year, we would like to take a moment to share some of the exciting accomplishments and activities that our Business, Computing and IT faculty has undertaken over the past academic year. Introduction of the 10x Programme. This year, our Business Department launched the innovative 10x Programme, aimed at nurturing entrepreneurial skills and fostering a mind-set of creative problem-solving among our students. The programme has been a resounding success, encouraging our students to think outside the box and develop practical business ideas. The students success has enabled them to fully fund a rewards trip to Adventure Island for the whole team. As part of our efforts to provide real-world experiences, our Year 12 students had the opportunity to visit Park Drive Health Club. This excursion allowed them to witness first-hand how a successful business operates, gain insights into customer service, and learn about the management strategies employed by the health club. We would like to express our thanks to Park Drive for all of their support over the past 2 years. We are also very excited to be working closely with Maldon Coffee Company next academic year.

We are also excited to announce that our Business Department has organised a further enriching visit for our Year 10 students in the coming months. Students will be given the opportunity to visit the Museum of Brands and The Bank of England.



Furthermore, we are also delighted to share some exciting news and extend our warmest congratulations to a group of exceptional students who have recently completed their Level 3 Cambridge Technical qualification in IT. These remarkable individuals have not only demonstrated their dedication and passion for the subject but have also achieved outstanding results, attaining either a Distinction or Distinction\* grade.

We are thrilled to announce that the Year 10 (current Year 9) Business, IT and Computer Science Disney Trip will run from January 14-17 2024. This incredible adventure offers a blend of fun and education for our students. Those that are enrolled, please ensure final balances are paid by December 15 2023. A parent briefing will be held in the next academic year for further details.

Thank you for your support and stay tuned for more information! If you are reading this update as a business owner, or as someone who would love to share their knowledge and experiences of business with our students, please do get in touch by emailing Mrs Zoe Moss, Subject Lead Business, on <u>z.moss@plume.essex.sch.uk</u>





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#### 'LET'S TALK TRASH' FESTIVAL' 2023

A PLUME ACADEMY AND BRAXTED PARK INITIATIVE FOR CLIMATE ACTION AND CULTURAL CHANGE IN ESSEX







Essex, July 18, 2023 - Plume Academy, in collaboration with Maldon District Council, Essex County Council, and Braxted Park Estate, was thrilled to host the launch of the 'Let's Talk Trash' Festival 2023 exclusively for Plume Academy Year 7 students. This fully funded innovative and engaging event aimed to empower young people by providing exciting and participatory experiences that raised awareness of the impact of littering and waste on our environment. The inaugural 'Let's Talk Trash' Festival 2023 saw 300 students in Year 7 students along with representatives from Year 12, provided with an unforgettable experience that is hoped will shape their understanding and actions towards waste reduction and environmental preservation.

The festival featured six fun, educational, and interactive zones designed to challenge attitudes and create meaningful change. Our Year 7 students had the opportunity to explore the following zones at Braxted Park:

1. **Self-Respect:** Focusing on personal responsibility and the importance of maintaining a clean environment.

2. **The 'art' of Recycling:** Unleashing creativity through the transformative power of recycling.



3. Love the Essex Countryside: Discovering the beauty and significance of the Essex countryside and how to protect it.

4. **Essex Wildlife:** Exploring the value of local wildlife and understanding its connection to the ecosystem.

5. What's it Worth: Unveiling the impact of individual actions on the public purse and the collective difference they can make.

6. **Making a Difference:** Encouraging young people to take action, effect change and make a positive impact on their community.









#### Year 7 students enjoy an exciting STEM day at IWM Duxford

From the early days of flight, through to the dramatic days of the Second World War and the technological advances of the Cold War, IWM Duxford has played a central role in some of the most significant periods of 20th century history.

Our Year 7 students discovered iconic aircraft, saw historic objects from the collections and uncovered numerous personal stories of the many lives

impacted by conflict. Students saw Spitfires take to the skies from the airfield where they first flew, got up close to gigantic aircraft and walked in the footsteps of the men and women who served at

#### Mr Stephenson and The Groovy Arts Club Band Charity and Farewell Concert Raise an Amazing £411!

Mr Stephenson and his Groovy Arts Club Band played their latest but hopefully not their final gig in the last week of the Summer Term here at Plume Academy. Mr Stephenson said after the concert "thank you everyone for this great effort and thank you for attending the concert". From gate receipts the homeless charity Shelter will be donat-

ed £211 and £200 will go to the benefit Plume Academy students. Known for their entertaining and energetic sets, celebrating 1960s/70s Art & Music with their original songs (new additions being 'Starla Beads', 'Electric Blue' & 'Turn On, Tune In, Drop Out') plus one or two appropriately-chosen covers. The band have a number of gigs lined up this summer. The audience demanded many encores on the night which the band duly complied with. We hope that this will not be the final concert played here by this much loved and iconic band.





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COP28 LOBBYING WORLD LEADERS TO DO SOMETHING URGENTLY ABOUT OUR CLIMATE



Plume Academy students Harriet Phillips, Caitlin O'Sullivan, Mo Shorney, Nicole Kaczynska and Calum Hayden-Nicholls all appeared on BBC look East last night (18 July 2023) to express their concerns about climate change ahead of COP 28 in December. Harriet Phillips who of course attended COP 26 wanted to make sure that current UK delegate from Basildon Rachel Ojo who is one of four representing the views of young people, carried the right message when she attends the environmental summit later this year.

The interviews with our students took place at the newly opened Chelmer Blackwater Reserve witnessed by Harriet Phillips, Mr Wakefield and Mr Barton on a very hot afternoon on Saturday, 24 June along with invited guests from across the Maldon District.

<u>Please follow this link to the BBC Look East broadcast and see some very confident,</u> <u>assured and impressive students talking about climate change.</u> <u>https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m001ny4q/look-east-late-18072023</u>

