



# PLUME NEWS

Maldon's Community Academy

Week Ending 03/3/2023

## Plume Academy makes games console for those living with Dementia



### Reminders

**Parent Voice Meeting**  
at 18:00 until 19:30 on  
Wednesday 8 March 2023,  
which will take place at  
Fambridge Road Campus.

**Year 12 Parents  
Consultation Evening**  
Thursday 23 March 2023  
4.30pm-7.30pm



Year 11 student Kamran Waller and Design Technology teacher Mr James Ayles, together with an organisation called Remap, made a games console designed for those with living with dementia or with a physical disadvantage.

Remap is a charity which produces aids and equipment for people with disabilities where there are no suitable alternatives. The service is free of charge and bespoke items are produced entirely by volunteers. With the excellent help of Peter Livingstone and Bob Richardson, Plume Academy teamed up with Remap to produce a games console with large buttons and programmed with computer games to improve memory retention or a physical impairment.

The funding is provided by Remap and the games console produced will be handed over to Sarah Troop of Maldon District Dementia Action Alliance in due course. Executive Principal Mr C Wakefield said, "he was very proud of Kamran for taking on this complex challenge and to Mr Ayles-Smith for his time and generous support for this fantastic project."





# Plume Careers Fair- Another successful year!



Thanks to the many of our parents and carers and students who ventured out on a cold, windy and drizzly Thursday night to spend time at our annual Plume Academy Careers Fair....and what great support it was! Right from the fair opening at 6pm there was an animated and enthusiastic buzz of questions being asked, demonstrations being carried out and information being shared. The talks on university pathways and apprenticeships were well supported and received. Our exhibitors commented extremely favourably on



how our students and parents/carers engaged with them and how positive they were. Across the exhibition halls we were delighted with our "Made in Maldon" businesses – a chance for many local high tech companies to emphasise the growing opportunities and future prospects in our District. Many of these stands brought along interactive displays to engage students with processes and career pathways they most likely had not come across before. We took this opportunity to highlight our own Plume Academy Business and Education Partnership to further build on local links. It was also great to know just how many parents and former students were themselves representing exhibiting companies and organisations. As a Community Academy we strive to engage, encourage and empower our students to develop an awareness of their own unfolding learning pathway as they look to develop their own employability skills for the future..and being able to count on local support is an integral part of this!

Many thanks to our own Plume Academy Student Leadership Team who were on hand to assist at every stage of the evening from parking to reception duties to helping to clear up! A real credit to the Academy! Well done!

Thanks again to all and further pictures of the evening and details of the Business and Education Partnership together with our "Made in Maldon" project will be available on our website shortly.

For more information on our Careers Information, Advice and Guidance please refer to the Careers section of our website  
Brian Collen *Plume Careers Team*

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I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to our 10X team - My Charm. 10X is a national programme that provides a highly interactive way for our young people to develop employability skills, apply their academic learning and build career readiness, using real money and business experience. My Charm will be hand-making personalised bracelets. Please keep an eye on the Plume newsletter and your email for details of how to purchase if you would like to support our team. If you'd like to place a bulk order for gifts, or favours at your wedding perhaps please email me directly - [z.moss@plume.essex.sch.uk](mailto:z.moss@plume.essex.sch.uk). The team are all Year 9 pupils, they are so enthusiastic and a total pleasure to work with. We are all hoping for national success in the four week competition.

Mrs Moss—Subject Lead Business

# Parent Voice Meeting

We would like to welcome you to join our next Parent Voice meeting at **18:00 until 19:30** on **Wednesday 8 March 2023**, which will take place at Farnbridge Road Campus. Please arrive in reception and a member of staff will be there to greet you and direct you to the hall.

We are inviting you to submit questions in advance to Mr Meadows and Ms Everett via Ms Davis, via [l.davis@plume.essex.sch.uk](mailto:l.davis@plume.essex.sch.uk) by **Monday 4 March 2023 at 12 noon** in order to enable us to manage the meeting in an orderly manner or to be able to provide an answer individually if more appropriate. Please confirm with Ms Davis that you will be attending.

Please note that Parent Voice can be a large forum, and, as such, it is not a suitable place to raise issues that are personal to your child. Such concerns should be addressed to your child's tutor or Assistant Head of Year as soon as it is reasonably practicable to do so, to ensure confidentiality and speed of response.

We very much hope that many parents and carers will be able to join us at this forthcoming event.





Local Rotary Club President Mrs Judy Smith proudly presented, Ben Frost and his mother Mrs Charlotte Frost with £500 to support Ben with his artistic roller skating and his determination to continue to represent and compete for the Great Britain team at the highest level. Ben and his mother were thrilled to receive not only the cheque but enjoyed a two-course meal courtesy of hosts Rotary Club of Maldon.

Mrs Charlotte Frost commented that "his artistic skate outfits can cost up to £500 a time and that the money is valued and gratefully received, in what at times can be a very expensive sport to compete in without the help of generous organisations such as the Rotary Club." Mrs Smith went on to congratulate Ben for his achievements so far, and on behalf of herself and the members for the Rotary Club of Maldon and wished him "a great deal of luck for the future."

 Accelerated Reader Update  
**Congratulations!**

**Congratulations to Naomi Mayhew 9GDV for reading over 5 million words, absolutely amazing! Naomi will receive her certificate and badge in her next assembly.**  
The Library Team

# MALDON Carnival



## Could you be the next Maldon Carnival Queen Princess Rosebud or Prince?

The search has started to find the new Maldon Carnival Court 2023. We are looking for a Queen, Senior Princesses, Junior Princesses or Prince, and a Rosebud Queen to represent our town around the County.

Being part of Maldon Carnival Court is a great honour, you will be representing your town and raising money for local charities. Your official duties will begin 30th July 2023 when you will be officially crowned for the year ahead.

Carnival week which starts on the 1st of August is an exciting time for the court as well as one of the busiest parts of your year, during the week we have several fun activities for children and families where you will be able to help and sometimes even take part.

Saturday the 6th of August 2023 is our carnival day. You will be welcomed by the crowds of people lining the streets of Maldon waving to them whilst being chaperoned throughout the town on our float. After the procession, there will be an afternoon Queen and Court tea where you will be able to associate with other Carnival Courts who you will be spending lots of time with throughout the year.

The carnival court will visit different carnivals around Essex throughout the year. You will also attend several dances presentation evenings town functions and carnival activities and charitable events. This is a fantastic opportunity to meet new friends and have fun.

Most events outside of carnival week are on a Saturday or Sunday still interested? If you want to be part of something special and be part of our **town's history, build up your confidence, visit other towns and have lots of fun along the way then do not delay apply today.**

Applications are open to boys and girls from the age of 8 -17 Rosebud 5 - 7 you must be able to attend a selection evening with parent or guardian at **Maldon Town Hall on Saturday 13 May 2023 7.00pm**

All applicants must reside within the CM9 Postcode

**If you would like to apply, please contact Carol on**

**077 911 23 612. Or Email [c.banks@maldoncarnival.co.uk](mailto:c.banks@maldoncarnival.co.uk)**





# Rotary Youth Debate

On Tuesday evening March 2, six students from Plume Academy participated in the Rotary Youth Debate regional final at Chelmsford County Hall. This included: Freddie Diddams, Joe Gray and Tyson Jewitt for the intermediate group and Archie Jones, Jasmine Stamate and Matthew Tachauer for the senior group.

Our students represented themselves, our school and Maldon Rotary Club excellently. Although we did not go through to the national final, Joe Gray (8CAA) won the best proposer in the intermediate group and Archie Jones (9JSG) won the best opposer in the senior group.

Above is a picture of the group, along with the President of Maldon Rotary Club, Judy Smith. As well a picture that includes Joel Gray last student on the right.



**Action for Family Carers**

Supporting Carers Across Essex.



YOUNG CARERS ACTION DAY 15TH MARCH 2023

## MAKE TIME FOR YOUNG CARERS PHOTO COMPETITION

To help celebrate this day, we are asking all Young Carers across Essex to take a photo of themselves doing something in their caring role or that they enjoy doing in their spare time.



Let's be imaginative!!!

The photos will be judged and a winner selected. The photos will then be assembled into a collage to be shared and to celebrate Young Carers Day

You can take a photo on any device, a camera or a smart phone.



HAPPY SNAPPING.....

Please email them to [toni.jones@affc.org.uk](mailto:toni.jones@affc.org.uk) & [chris.vince@affc.org.uk](mailto:chris.vince@affc.org.uk)

The closing date is Friday 10th March

# Communicating with the academy

For all **subject specific matters**, please liaise directly with the individual class teacher in the **first instance**. The next level of dialogue would be with the individual Subject or Faculty Leader.

For all **non-subject and pastoral related matters**, please liaise directly with your child's **Assistant Head of Year in the first instance**.

The next level of dialogue would be with your child's Head of Year and after that, your child's Head of Campus. The main channels of communication to use are:

Telephone:

Mill Road Campus for Year 7 and Year 8: 01621 879803

Fambridge Road Campus for Years' 9-13: 01621 854681

Email:

Email with staff whose contacts can be found via our website and through >Parents>Staff Contacts. Email correspondence can be constructed in the following format: The member of staff's first initial followed by a dot, the member of staff's surname, then add

@plume.essex.sch.uk for every member of staff. For example, [B.Smith@plume.essex.sch.uk](mailto:B.Smith@plume.essex.sch.uk)



**Mrs Zoe Moss Plume Academy Subject Lead for Business and keen fundraiser, recently organised a cake sale, raising £170.00 for Sarcoma UK.**

## What is Sarcoma?

Sarcomas are uncommon cancers that can affect any part of your body.

A key symptom of sarcoma is a lump that gets bigger quickly.

Most people get diagnosed when their sarcoma is about the size of a large tin of baked beans.

Sarcoma is a rare form of cancer and Plume Academy staff were very pleased to support Sarcoma UK with a donation of £170 raised through a cake sale organised by Mrs Moss.

Mrs Moss said, "thank you to all those who have donated so generously and to Ms Ellie Booth for being my sous-chef."

**CARERS TRUST**

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**YCAD 2023**  
will be on **15 March**

**YOUNG CARERS ACTION DAY 2023**



**Are you a young carer or do you know a young carer?**  
**Get involved in Young Carers Action Day!**

Find out more about Young Carers Action Day 2023 and how we'll be making time for young carers:

- Visit [Carers.org/YCAD](https://carers.org/YCAD) where you can download our **activity pack** and find lots of fun ideas for activities you can do to take action.



## Who are young carers?

Young carers provide regular care to someone in their family or a friend who is ill, disabled, or has a mental health problem or an addiction.

#YoungCarersActionDay



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# Academic Year 2023-2024

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= School days
  = School holidays
  = Bank holidays
  = Weekends
  = Staff training days

<b>Autumn Term:</b>	Monday 4 September 2023 – Wednesday 20 December 2023 <i>Half Term 23 October – 27 October</i>	73 days
<b>Spring Term:</b>	Thursday 4 January 2024 – Thursday 28 March 2024 <i>Half Term 19 February - 23 February</i>	56 days
<b>Summer Term:</b>	Monday 15 April 2024 – Tuesday 23 July 2024 <i>Half Term 27 May – 2 June, and May Bank Holiday - 6 May</i>	66 days
		195 days



## Essex Music School Maldon Community Music Centre

Tuesdays 5pm – 7.30pm

Come and join us in making and learning music together in Maldon!

We offer 10 weeks per term across the school year including groups and ensembles, as well as offering an inclusive provision for home-schooled students, and bespoke musicianship classes for those starting their first steps in music.

We also offer 1-to-1 lessons in Piano, Guitar, Drums, Strings, Woodwind and Voice.



Maldon Community Music Centre  
Plume Academy, Fambridge Road, Maldon CM9 6AB



Website: [www.essexmusichub.org.uk](http://www.essexmusichub.org.uk)  
Phone: 0333 013 8953

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An evening of popular & uplifting Brass Band Music

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Plume School, Fambridge Road, Maldon

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2023

7:15pm

Tickets £10

For more information

& tickets call

Sue on 01621 853015

*(Tickets available on the door on the night)*



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## Plume Community Teaching Partnership Recruiting for September 2023

We are looking to recruit graduates for our highly successful Initial Teacher Training programme.

Working with other local Essex schools, candidates will receive excellent training from experienced staff working in association with TES Institute.

If teaching is the career for you and you have the drive to make a difference to pupil achievement, please register your interest for a personal consultation with our Programme Manager.

We are able to offer primary and secondary routes.

### Entry Requirements

- Educated to degree level
- GCSE grade 4/C in English and Mathematics
- Additional grade 4/C or above in Science for Primary

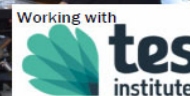
Visits to Plume are always welcome and we regularly host open events  
We also offer taster days and work experience

### WANT TO FIND OUT MORE?



<https://www.plumeitt.co.uk/>

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## TERM DATES

2022/2023

### Spring Term

Tuesday 3 January 2023

Friday 31 March 2023

### Half Term

13 February - 17 February 2023

### Summer Term

Monday 17 April 2023

Friday 21 July 2023

### Half Term

29 May - 2 June 2023

### May Bank Holiday

1 May 2023

### Staff Training Days

Friday 31 March 2023

Thursday 29 &

Friday 30 June 2023

## Calendar March 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
6	7	8 Parent Voice Meeting 7.00-8.30pm	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 Year 12 Consultation Evening 4.30pm-7.30pm	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 Break up for Easter Holiday	31 Staff Training Day academy closed to students	1	2



## Absence Calls

Can we please request that all absence calls are made to the academy's dedicated absence line. The numbers are as follow:

**Mill Road Campus – 01621 854681 option 1 option 1**

**Fambridge Road Campus- 01621 854681 option 1 option 2**

Can parents/carers please note that calls should first go to the dedicated absence line and, if required, the Attendance Office will then forward to the respective Head of Years/ Assistant Heads of Year.

**If a student is unwell and unable to attend the academy, parents/carers should contact Plume Academy and explain the reason for absence**