



PLUME NEWS

Maldon's Community Academy

Week Ending 11/02/2022

Thank you for your Ongoing Support

As we come to the end of another demanding half term, I would like to thank you, our parents and carers, as well as our team of staff, and of course, our students themselves, for the ongoing support that has without doubt ensured it has also been both a progressive as well as a successful one nonetheless.

All of us have of course had to continue to deal with COVID-19 pandemic playing a major part in our lives, especially when either we, or a family member, has tested positive. Nevertheless, despite these ongoing challenges, especially the post-Christmas surge that was always going to happen when the Government opted not to put in mitigations over the festive period this year, the stakeholders of this academy have coped admirably. The same can be said when it comes to adhering to the ongoing protocols that have been kept in place when the vast majority of establishments nationwide have reduced or even removed them. However, and as evidenced by our numbers never doing anything other than slightly spiking, as well as the fact that despite being such a large academy, we have never had to close a year group or campus bubble due to COVID-19, the bottom line is that your ongoing combined, collaborative efforts have not only kept those numbers down and our students' education free from further major disruption, these have also stopped the academy's stakeholders, and our local community, from becoming ill....



Students return to the academy Monday 21 February

or worse.

As my letter sent out yesterday highlighted, from Monday 21 February, and our return from the half term break, as things currently stand, we will start reducing our established COVID-19 mitigations, starting with face coverings becoming optional. However, those stakeholders who still wish to wear them will only retain my full support to do so of course and we will keep a small supply in all three reception areas until the Easter break. Otherwise, we will not be referring to them moving forward. Again, as yesterday's letter also highlighted, once we've heard more from the Prime Minister on 21 February we believe and with regards the possible final next steps, I will clarify matters from a Plume academy perspective and without delay.

In the meantime, thank you once again for your tremendously important and somewhat invaluable ongoing support, and I wish all of our stakeholders a good half term break.

Mr Wakefield

Reminders

Enjoy Your Half Term Break!

Year 10 Parents Consultation Evening
Thursday 3 March
4:30pm-7:30pm

Canteen Cards

We would like to remind all students that they need to have their canteen cards on them. This card not only allows them to purchase food at the catering outlets, but also allows them access to the building. Replacement cards cost £3. If your child has lost or mislaid their card, please contact the finance office so that the account can be added to your child's ParentPay account .

Well Done!



Last week, the Year 8 Rugby team continued their successful run of form by extending their winning streak to 11 games out of 11. After 3 Essex regional tournaments, this fantastic cohort of students have played 11 games, won 11 games, scored 27 tries along the way and conceded only 4, which makes them undefeated Mid-Essex Champions for this academic year. During the 3 tournaments, their attitude and effort has been exemplary, and they have been a credit to Plume Academy during this time.

In recognition of their efforts, a day out and match has been scheduled for all 18 students who have represented Plume Academy over the 3 festivals. The students will travel to Finborough School, one of the top independent schools in Suffolk. On the day, students will be playing a competitive, full sided, rugby match against Finborough's Year 8 Rugby team, as well as share a meal with their opponents after the game. This will be coupled with the opportunity to be shown around the school and be greeted by a handful of players from Saracens Under-18 rugby side to discuss their development Mr Rose, Mrs Rhodes and Mr Perry are all extremely proud of this talented group of boys and their effort over the past months and are excited at the opportunity that has been presented to all 18 students.



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

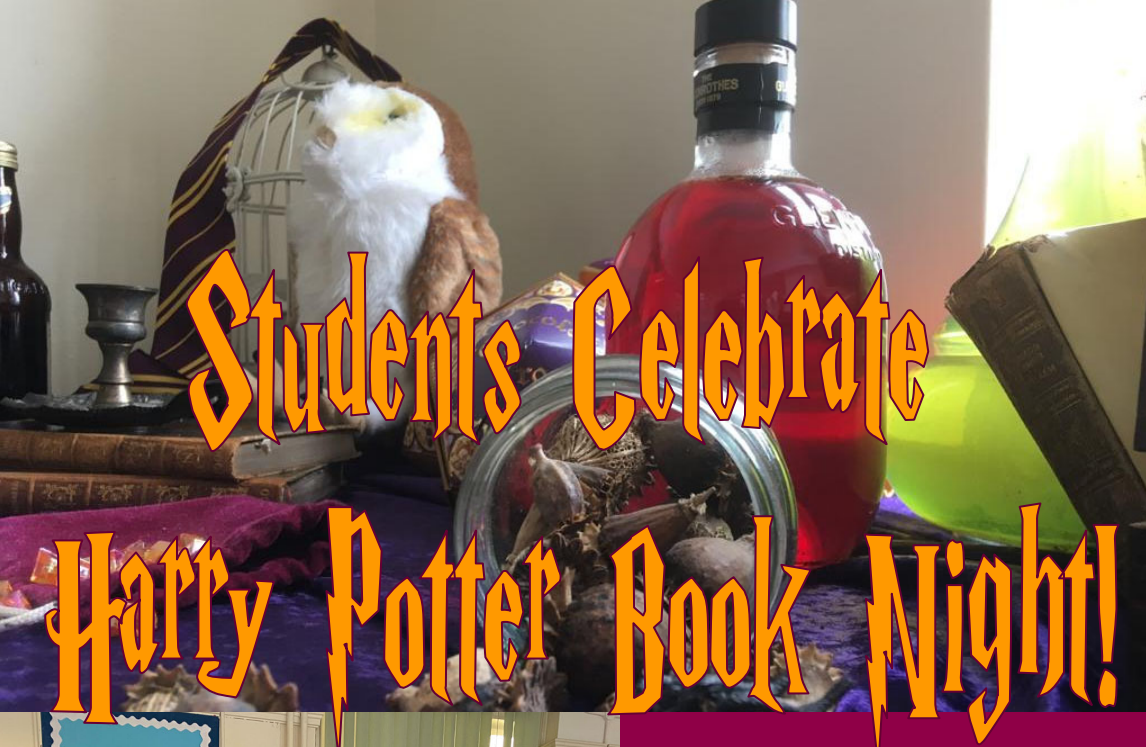
Email:

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 addadda@plume.essex.sch.uk for every member of staff. For example, B.Smith@plume.essex.sch.uk

Safer Internet Day 2022 | Tuesday 8 February

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Mill Road campus LAIC saw a week of activities and competitions to celebrate Harry Potter Book Night. Students were able to watch Harry in the Chamber of Secrets while designing a sock for Dobby, completing quizzes, word searches and writing their own HOWLERS!

We had many entries to choose from and the Winners are Naomi Mayhew 8CRO, Rhiannon Dick 8ADA, Daisy Bruce 7GDV, Sofia Mansfield 7CJO, Ollie Scott 7LCU, Keira Taylor 7DSO and Mrs Caldwell.

All the winners have received their prizes and their work is on display in the LAIC.

The LAIC Team

Willy Russell's Educating Rita

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6TH - 9TH
APRIL

7:30PM



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Jack Petchey's "SPEAK OUT" Challenge!

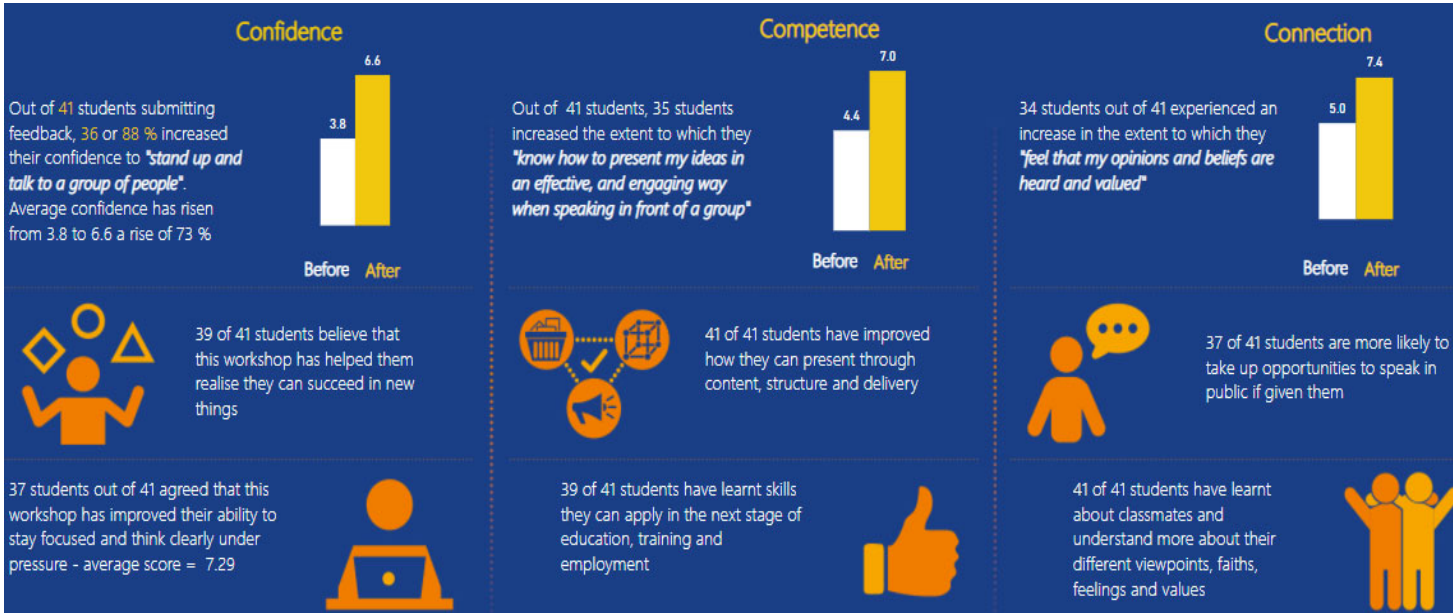
This year, we were delighted that we were able to offer two Jack Petchey "Speak Out" Challenge workshops. This meant that across Tuesday 8 and Wednesday 9 February, over 50 Year 10 students were able to take part in the workshop.

The one-day workshops were led by Johnathan Drew, a public speaking specialist from Speakers Trust, who offered students structured, interactive exercises to develop communication skills and expand comfort zones. At the end of the school day, every student then spoke out on a topic of their choice, focusing on delivering a message with a positive impact regardless of the subject.

Mr Wakefield, Mrs Slade, Mrs Crisell, Miss Theobald and Mr Walker were on the judging panel across the two days and were extremely impressed with the hard work that all of the students put in. It was extremely difficult to decide on who to put forward for the next stage of the competition, where they will be presenting their speeches during a Year 9 assembly. The judges did eventually settle on: **Scarlett Chapman, Oliver Cooper, Benjamin Frost, Ella Mansfield, Charlotte Noy, Paddy O'Brien, Becca Palmer, Mae Pipe, Leo Weller and Molly Welsted.** Good luck to these students in the next stages.

Well done Year 10 – we are proud of every single one of you that participated in the workshop!

Miss Theobald



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Physical Education Faculty Extra-Curricular Timetable

Spring 2 Timetable

Please note: All outside clubs will finish at 4.30pm

Day	Before School (8am)	Lunch Time (1.20pm-1.50pm)	After School (3.10pm - 4.30pm)
Monday		Year 9 Gymnastics (FRC Utility Hall) BME Year 10 Rugby (Sports Hall) JAI Year 11 Fitness Studio (FRC) JPE Year 11 GCSE Revision Clinic – all welcome (PE Classroom) MAR	Sixth Form Fitness Studio (FRC)
Tuesday		Year 9 Table Tennis (FRC Utility Hall) JPE Year 10 Fitness Studio (FRC) MAR Year 11 Volleyball (FRC Utility Hall) JAI Year 10 Basketball Club (FRC Sports Hall) TDU	Years 7 Girls Football (MRC Field) HTA Year 7 Boys Rugby (MRC Field) LST Year 8 Girls Football (MRC Field) JDA Year 8 Boys Rugby (MRC Field) JPE U16 Girls Football (FRC Astro) SPA Year 9 Basketball (FRC Sports Hall) TDU Year 10 Basketball (FRC Gym Hall) JAI Year 11 GCSE Revision Clinic - Invite only (PE Classroom) MAR)
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Thursday		Year 10 Girls Fitness – Fitness Studio (FRC) LWH Year 11 GCSE/ Sports Studies Catch up/ Revision (FRC PE Classroom) MAR Year 11 Basketball Club (FRC Gym Hall) TDU Year 7 Table Tennis (MRC) HTA/JBI	Year 7 Netball (MRC) HTA Year 8 Netball (MRC) JBI Years 7 Boys Football (MRC Field) LST Years 8 Boys Football (MRC Field) JPE/ DRO Year 8 Cheer (MRC Gym Hall) BME Year 9 Boys Football (FRC Astro) TDU Year 9 Netball (FRC) SPA Year 10 Netball (FRC) LWH Year 10 Boys Football (FRC Astro) JAI Year 11 Boys Football (FRC Astro) MAR/RMU
Friday		Year 8 Table Tennis (MRC) DRO/ CME/ LST Year 9 Badminton (FRC Sports Hall) SPA	<u>Every week</u> Year 11 Revision Clinic – all welcome (PE Classroom) MAR/ JAI (PE Classroom) JAI/ MAR Year 11 Badminton <u>Week A</u> Year 11 Climbing Year 11 Trampolining Year 11 Table Tennis <u>Week B</u> Year 10 Climbing Year 10 Trampolining Year 10 Table Tennis



LAIC Stationery Shop

Did you know the LAIC operates a stationery shop? Whether you are in need of a pen, pencil, maths set or ruler amongst many other things, we can help!

For your everyday stationery needs please drop by - available at MRC, FRC and College.


Biro (black and blue)	20p
Handwriting pen	45p
Gel pen	70p
Highlighter pen	50p
Pencil	15p
Art pencils 3B	30p
Eraser	25p
Sharpener, single	40p
Ruler 15cm	15p
Ruler 30cm	25p
Popper wallet (A5)	50p
Popper wallet (A4)	70p
Clear Pencil Case	75p
Protractor 180°	40p
Protractor 360°	55p
Pritt stick	£1.20
Revision Cards	£1.10
Maths set	£2.00



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As part of National Apprenticeship Week 2022, we were extremely fortunate to be joined by Chelmsford College on Thursday 10 February as part of their apprenticeship roadshow.

Our guests delivered an extremely informative session to our Year 12 work skills students and following this were available to talk to our Year 11 students about apprenticeship opportunities at the college throughout their lunchtime.

National Apprenticeships Week 2022, 7 - 13 February 2022

National Apprenticeship Week 2022 is the 15th annual week-long celebration of apprenticeships. The week brings together businesses and apprentices across the country to shine a light on the positive impact that apprenticeships make to individuals, businesses and the wider economy. The theme for National Apprenticeship Week 2022 is 'Build the Future'; reflecting on how apprenticeships can help individuals to develop the skills and knowledge required for a rewarding career, and businesses to develop a

talented workforce that is equipped with future-ready skills.

APPRENTICES

Browse apprenticeships

Search to browse apprenticeships based on interest and location.

[Browse apprenticeships here](#)

We will be looking to provide further support for those students seeking to gain an apprenticeship following their time at Plume Academy and as a result, will be joined by AIM apprenticeships Friday 25 February. The AIM group specialise in finding training and employment opportunities for those who wish to pursue an apprenticeship. They work with a range of employers and training providers and have a team of dedicated advisors who are able to help find the perfect opportunity for young people. They will be delivering sessions to our Year 11 and Year 13 students that have indicated an interest in applying for an apprenticeship.



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Virtual Career Events



Stone King Virtual Open Day – 16 February 2022

As part of Stone King's Early Careers initiative to provide more work experience opportunities for school level students, we are excited to announce our first ever Open Day in February 2022.

The Open Day has been designed to give school students the opportunity to gain a real insight into the legal profession and learn more about the possible career pathways into law.

We have lots of interactive sessions planned for the day, including:

- o Careers in law
- o CV workshop
- o Interview workshop
- o Interactive Q&As
- o Networking
- o About Stone King

The Open Day will take place on 16 February 2022 and will be held virtually. We have limited spaces available so if you are interested in attending, please contact our Talent Acquisition Team at recruitment@stoneking.co.uk.



WES are inviting students to accept complimentary tickets to the Women's Engineering Society Apprentice Showcase. The event is on the morning of 11th February and registrants will have access to the recording afterwards if they're not able to make it.

The first session focuses on the pathway to success in STEM careers, with tips being shared by Heidi Moulden, a Graduate and Apprentice Recruitment Team Leader and Lee Nelson, an Apprentice & Skills Development Coach. Attendees will have the chance to ask questions about apprenticeships as a career path as part of the session. In the second session, they'll have the chance to

pose their questions about what apprenticeships are like to current apprentices who've really made the most of the opportunity to fast track their learning and their careers. We have representatives from BAE Systems and The Dyson Institute including:

- Elizabeth Barr
- Amelia Weaver
- Ruzina Jones
- Clare McKernan

To secure your place for the event, a simple registration form is available here: <https://events.hubilo.com/engineering-apprenticeships-showcase/register>

Virtual Work Experience Opportunities



We have developed courses to specifically help students develop, and demonstrate, skills that universities are looking for in potential medical students such as; communication skills, teamwork, problem solving and decision making, all while giving them an opportunity to speak to NHS Doctors.

Courses we offer:

Our NEW A&E Live course takes students to our virtual A&E where they:

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 - Determine management plans for patients
- Discuss patient investigations
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- Interpret pre-ward round observations, notes and medical charts
 - Run a daily review and summary with our ward patients
- Determine management and discharge plans for patients
Suitable for students 15+. Please follow the links below for prices, dates, and full timetables:
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A&E Live: educationprojects.co.uk/courses/ae-live/





Allied Health Professionals Masterclasses

Six Saturday morning Masterclasses for Year 9 Students
Saturday 5th March – Saturday 9th April 2022 10am - 12.30pm

Occupational Therapist

Music Therapist

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Parent Resource



A parents' toolkit for career conversations

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When it comes to education and careers, parents, carers, and guardians are the biggest influence in young people's lives. Talking Futures is a resource created to help you have informed and constructive conversations with your child about the different training and education pathways available to them.



MUSIC MAKES LIFE BETTER!!!

So why not join a choir or play in a group?

PAMS – Plume Adult Music School might just be the group for you.

We rehearse at Plume Academy on a
Wednesday evening – term time.

There is a ladies' choir, a wind band, string group, saxophone ensemble and a steel pans group. We are a friendly group and would welcome new members. We perform for charities and to ourselves once a term but the emphasis is on enjoyment, wellbeing and mutual support of a friendly group.

The music making is very informal and we have lots of laughs but also have a sense of achievement with our music making.

For more information, please contact Fiona Hill at

fionahendersonhill@gmail.com or

Jean Ingram at jeaningram@btinternet.com – 07748666066

TERM DATES

2021/2022

Spring Term

Tuesday 4 January 2022

- Friday 1 April 2022

Half Term

Monday 14 February - Friday 18 February

Summer Term

Tuesday 19 April 2022

- Friday 22 July 2022

Half Term

Tuesday 31 May - Friday 3 June

Bank Holidays

Monday 2 May 2022

Thursday 2 - Friday 3 June

Staff Training Day

Tuesday 4 January 2022

Friday 1 April 2022

Friday 24 June 2022



Maldon Music School & Community Music Centre

We offer a 10 week term 1:1 Lessons:

15min lesson (x10): £85 or 30min lesson (x10): £165

- Clarinet, Flute, Oboe, Recorder, Saxophone
- Drums
- Guitar, Bass Guitar
- Piano, Keyboard
- Violin
- Voice



Ensembles:

1:1 30-min plus 2 x 30-min ensembles: £190

1:1 30-min plus 3 x 30-min ensembles: £200

A FREE mixed instrumental Ensemble [50mins]

- Junior Musicianship & Music Making Ensemble [£30 – 30mins]
- Junior Vocal Ensemble [£30 – 45mins]
- Guitar Ensemble [£30 – 30mins]
- Songwriting [£30 – 30mins]

Sessions on Tuesdays: 5:00pm to 7:30pm at Plume Academy, Fambridge Road, Maldon CM9 6AB.

For more information contact: Fiona Hill [District Lead]: fiona.hill@essex.gov.uk

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Calendar February/March 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
14 Half Term Holiday	15 Half Term Holiday	16 Half Term Holiday	17 Half Term Holiday	18 Half Term Holiday	19	20
21 Return to the academy	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	1	2	3 Year 10 Parents' Consultation Evening	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14

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